







Fredericton, Feb. 17.—The Gleason says editorially...

It has been the subject for general remark by those who have been observant of events in legislative and executive arenas that at no time in the history of this province has a leader of Government met the House with such a united and loyal following as that which today so heartily supports Premier J. Douglas Hazen at the opening of the third session of the fifth Legislative Assembly.

When Mr. Blair came into power in March, 1888, he was beset with many difficulties, not only in the construction of his government, but in the construction of his followers within and without the legislature. It is a fact that every leader of a political party which has been a long time in the cool shades of opposition has difficulties to contend with on his coming into power.

Mr. Blair's case they were not only numerous, but they were very persistent. In the first importation of horses made by a former Government, 38 horses had been brought in at a cost to the province of \$145 per head, while recent importations made by the present Government of 61 horses had cost only \$50 per head.

But with Mr. Hazen, he goes into the third session with a united and an exceptionally loyal following. He too, has no doubt had difficulties. He has had differences to adjust and a certain amount of dissatisfaction perhaps to remove and overcome.

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Mr. Pugsley repeated his declaration that no public money had been spent on the Albert Mfg. Company's wharf.

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More contradictions: Mr. Pugsley cited Mr. Emerson as having said that many vessels used by Mr. Emerson had been built at the wharf.

The subject this afternoon continued the debate on the Intercolonial branch lines bill. Senator Power opposed the bill and advocated the leasing of the Intercolonial to one of the large companies.

Vineyard Haven, Mass., Feb. 17.—Sd: Schs Ladysmith, (Br.) from St. John for New York; Preference (Br.) from Nantucket for do; Helen Montague from St. John, N. B., for Bridgeport; Minnie Slaussen from do for Greenwich, Conn.

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The increase in the number of agricultural societies throughout the province showed more activity. There are now 87 agricultural societies in the province, an increase of eighteen since last session. He regretted that when Queens county was the home of the Commissioner of Agriculture the interest in agricultural societies in that county waned until they were reduced to only two. There were now seven in the county and it seemed that the farmers of Queens had much to hope for.

Regarding horse importations it might, perhaps, be said that he was talking politics if he said too much. Last year horse importations had received much attention at the hands of the gentleman opposite and probably would again this year, as the importation made since the last session had been about on a par with previous ones.

In making a comparison he regretted it would show a man from his own county of Queens in an unfavorable light. In the last importation of horses made by a former Government, 38 horses had been brought in at a cost to the province of \$145 per head, while recent importations made by the present Government of 61 horses had cost only \$50 per head.

Credit ought to be given where due and somebody connected with the Agricultural Department was doing a lot of work.

There were great possibilities in New Brunswick as a fruit growing country and if the farmers were shown the way to grow fruit, the one who succeeded in getting them interested would be doing a very great service. It was gratifying to know of honors won by the members of the Opposition who had been brought to the attention of the House by the speaker.

Mr. Woods said that great credit was due to somebody for the present situation of the potato trade in this province. If an outlet for the potato crop in the shape of a new market had not been established, the farmers would not be getting more than twenty-five or thirty cents a barrel for their potatoes.

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gratified that there was such a very small attendance at a recent meeting in St. John when an address on the subject of forestry was to be delivered. The people of St. John often did not take an interest in things which they felt were outside their own sphere, but if the forests were properly preserved and there were less fires there would be more money in the provincial treasury in the end.

The matter of fishery awards was so old a question that he would leave that for somebody else to talk about. All were glad of money saved the people of the province on the prices which they now paid for their school books compared with the prices which used to be charged and it showed evidence of wise administration on the part of the government.

Referring to the highway act, Mr. Woods said that it had already brought about great improvement and there could be no better evidence than the state of the roads. There had been rain and freshets from having time until late in the fall last season, and it had been a hard season on the roads.

An important part of the speech from the throne had been references to the Valley Railway. He was pleased to see that the members of the Opposition had pretty nearly the right ring at last and he was glad to notice that the Opposition leader had said that the railway must be built or words to that effect.

Mr. Robinson congratulated mover and seconder of the address on the able manner in which they had fulfilled the parts assigned to them and said he had seldom listened to the performance of duty they had undertaken with more pleasure.

It was not right to ask the province with practically a set income to go too far towards the building of the railway, but if the railway were built members of the house who were instrumental would in 10 years time find that they had accomplished something greater than ever they expected to do.

Regarding the St. John River Valley he thought the words of Dr. J. W. Robertson in this chamber, two years ago, were most appropriate when he said "for myself, even with my present knowledge of all Canada now coming to the Dominion as a new settler I would rather come to the Maritime Provinces to make a home for myself than try the fortune of the West. Here one finds invigorating climate, good schools, law respecting population with high ideals and standard of life, running streams, plenty of trees, fragrance of clover blossoms, fresh fruits and innumerable other satisfactions. In brief here is the sal-

lary place in which to found a home. I have a little more faith in our country, said Mr. Woods, let us realize what we have, let us then do our duty and develop our great opportunities up to date if we can do this there will be better entitled to the name of "the land of comfortable homes."

Mr. Allain, in according the address, said that he felt that timidity which was said to be adherent in those who were called upon to occupy the position which he was filling. It was only natural that it would be found to rapidly disappear the further one got with his speech, and he would crave the indulgence of the house while he made a few remarks in reply to two questions.

With regard to agricultural matters he noted with pleasure that the formation of eighteen new agricultural societies indicated considerable development and progress in the welfare of that industry. In binding themselves together farmers were actively engaged in bettering their own conditions by getting more acquainted with each other and by trying to cooperate the better it would be for their future progress.

With regard to the export of potatoes he was no doubt that much benefit had been derived from the opening up of the Cuban market and without waiting for the construction of the Valley Railway he had little doubt that the members of the Opposition were in the valley of the Miramichi, and while he did not begrudge the St. John valley people all the transportation facilities that they require, he hoped that other parts of the province might get their share.

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It was most satisfactory to find that the condition of the province was so satisfactory and people prospering. He was glad to hear that the Government was going to be done towards providing teachers with pensions and he trusted that some adequate measure would be carried through in this respect.

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might be done on larger lines than the Government was at present following out. With regard to territorial revenue for an increase in which the Government took so much credit, while he was glad to see this increase it could however, be more properly put down to natural growth. He had some doubt as he had at the forestry convention three years ago, as to whether the province was actually receiving all that was due to it in way of stumpage and he would give the Government credit for honesty in the matter of its collection.

He was willing to give credit to the government for their share in the development of the Gloucester Iron Mines all the more so because in this respect they were only carrying out the methods of their predecessors who had done a good deal in this line in the hope of seeing smelters established at an early date.

With regard to tuberculosis he thought the government was proceeding on the right line. The subject was one which must be grappled with seriously and the government should come to the assistance of the medical men in every way possible.

Speaking of the highway act the mover of the address had been good enough to admit that there were good roads and bad roads and both of them were liable to be affected by the weather. The former highway act possessed good provisions which were largely due to the suggestions of the Opposition.

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Every man who lives in any of the river counties realizes what Sir Wilfrid Laurier's offer means and is most anxious to see it carried out. He was glad to hear that the Government was going to be done towards providing teachers with pensions and he trusted that some adequate measure would be carried through in this respect.

The last speaker had made reference to the fact that only one vacancy had occurred in the House since last session and he was very glad to note that this was not occasioned by the death of any member but by the elevation to an honorable position of a gentleman who had been in active public life for many years.

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year 1903 the majority was upwards of six hundred. In 1908 when nearly every other county in the province returned supporters of his "St. John county" was still steadfast by a majority of four hundred but in the by-election of last June of which his friend had made so much to the Liberal majority was cut down to fifty and if the electors went on changing their opinion at the same rate in the future that majority would soon be a minority. Of such a victory he never heard for he seemed to him that the government had done almost everything that was usual to him.

If the government side of the house were not satisfied with what had been done by his honorable friend they must indeed be hard to please. If what he had said could be described as criticism it was the mildest he had ever heard for he seemed to him that the government had done almost everything that was usual to him.

When he was called upon to form an administration he had been adversely criticized for appointing as head of the agriculture department a gentleman who, although he was not engaged in farming pursuits for a living, he had sufficient confidence in his ability to feel perfectly safe in trusting him with the office. When the present commissioner took up his duties he found stagnation to be the leading characteristic of the department. He set about the reorganization in which he had been most successful and it was entirely due to his energy and progressive methods that no less than twenty-seven new societies had been formed since he took office.

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Special to The Standard.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The suit of the Hon. George E. Foster against Dr. J. A. MacDonald, editor of the Globe, commenced in the jury room at the city hall this morning before Mr. Justice Mague. Mr. E. F. B. Johnston, K. C., and Mr. N. W. Rowell, K. C., appeared for Dr. MacDonald and Mr. I. F. Holmuth, K. C., for Mr. Foster. The court room was crowded with spectators and the largest corps of newspaper men, some of them from a distance, that have attended a trial in Toronto for a long time. Up to the adjournment for lunch, most of the time of the court was taken up in a discussion whether the defence should be allowed to amend its statement of claim. Technical and legal points of more than usual interest are involved. The suit for \$50,000 damages for alleged slander during the elections of 1908.

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LONDON SEEKS DANGER IN NEW TRADE PACT

London, Feb. 17.—The Standard's Berlin correspondent says:—"The new provisional agreement with Canada is likely to affect Canadian imports from Britain considerably. Germany will invade Canada, and German commercial travellers will sell their goods at cost until an inroad has been made on trade with Britain. Germany hopes in the course of time even to be able to persuade Canada to discontinue her preferential treatment of British goods. A scheme will be developed to woo Canada by devoting German capital towards the development of mines and industries in Canada, and increased German immigration to Canada, where representatives of the German race already number nearly half a million. Large German shipping companies are now preparing plans for a regular line of fast steamships to carry emigrants and goods to Canada with the object of breaking the monopoly now held by British ships. The Standard, referring to the possibility of further negotiations between Canada and Germany, says it relies on the sagacity of Canadian statesmen to delay much longer, as it would create an uneasy feeling in London financial circles if the Dominion should be complaisant now that Germany has abandoned her rather high-handed methods.

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SAINT JOHN, FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 13, 1910.

FOR WANT OF A THOUGHT.

Mr. Robinson, the Opposition leader, is a mild humorist. In an interview he complains that Mr. Hazen has lost too much time over the Valley Railway. Mr. Robinson's party was in power some twenty-five years. He was himself in the Legislature ten years as a supporter of the Mitchell, Emmerson, Tweedie and Pugsley administrations, and for nearly a year as premier. During that time the ministry accomplished nothing and Mr. Robinson did not even say anything for the Valley Railway. It will be seen that the ex-premier has suddenly developed an impetuous disposition.

Mr. Robinson remarks that "years ago the Liberals were willing when in power to guarantee the bonds to the extent of \$15,000 a mile and passed legislation to that effect. Had it been thought then that the Dominion government would have been willing to operate the Valley Railway as part of the Intercolonial, I have no doubt the road would have been completed and in operation today."

Think of that now! For years and years the provincial government could not find out that the Dominion would operate this road. Mr. Blair was Minister of Railways, but he did not happen to mention it. Mr. Emmerson followed, and he did not tell even his close Westmorland friend and associate, Mr. Robinson. Mr. Pugsley and the other ministers and provincial leaders, could not find time to raise the question. Or if they did, the government at Ottawa ignored them and their proposition. So the matter dragged on for years with nothing done or doing. The federal and provincial ministers went their ways like ships that pass in the night, and the Valley waited. One consequence is that there is no road where, as Mr. Robinson admits, the railway might have been built if he and his friends had only thought. The other consequence is that the province must now guarantee \$25,000 per mile whereas one thought more would have secured the railway for \$15,000, saving the credit of the province some two million dollars. This is where, by taking thought, Mr. Robinson might have added some hundreds of miles of railway to the Intercolonial.

But the queerest thing of all is that Mr. Robinson should blame Mr. Hazen for last year's delay. Mr. Hazen had the thought that Mr. Robinson missed. He at once proposed Intercolonial operation of the Valley Railway. There was no hesitation on his part, no struggle for a thought that refused to appear. Mr. Hazen sent the delegates off at their first visit with the very idea which Mr. Robinson was so unhappy as to miss, and which would have built the whole railway long ago had he not missed it. But unfortunately Ottawa was not so prompt. Eleven months passed before the Dominion government could say whether the Valley Railway would be operated as part of the Intercolonial. Even now the announcement is rather ambiguous and circumlocutive. This is not the fault of Mr. Hazen who has done what he could to hurry up the reply. It is not due to any lack of information for the government at Ottawa had the same data last April which it had this month. But after all these delays are relative. Eleven months seems a long time for the Laurier government to use in making up its mind on this matter and making the conclusion partly known. But it is a short time compared with the years and years that the late provincial ministers waited and found out nothing at all. On the whole Mr. Robinson ought to congratulate Mr. Hazen on the fact that in less than a year he has got information which he himself sought in sorrow for many years, and that the Valley Railway may be completed in less time than Mr. Robinson expended in a vain chase after a thought which eluded him to the last.

MR. HAZEN AND MR. ROBINSON.

The Attorney General would be hard to please if he desired an easier chance than Mr. Robinson gave him in the debate on the address. On the way to Fredericton the Opposition leader gave an interview to the Telegraph which shows a disposition to be hypocritical. In the sympathetic presence of the friendly reporter, Mr. Robinson was disposed to condemn the government for many things. But his ardor was chilled by the atmosphere of the legislative chamber, where a man is held to account for his words, and Mr. Robinson's native hue of resolution was toned down. The Highway Act, which Mr. Robinson and his friends assailed so bitterly in the St. John by-election, has apparently ceased to trouble him, for he found no place for it in his comments. He has evidently found out the truth about the financial statement for last year since his unfortunate misunderstanding at the time it was issued. Mr. Robinson is glad that the present Surveyor General is able to collect a good deal more stoppage than the late government. He seems satisfied with the Clydevale horses, though he cannot understand why the government did not follow the former custom and get a picnic trip for some politicians out of it. In the matter of teachers' pensions, horticulture, potato export trade, mineral development, the Valley Railway, immigration, forest conservation, reduction in the price of school books, Mr. Robinson offers commendation, qualified with the suggestion that the government should have done the things sooner, or done more of them. It is a long time since an opposition leader in this province, speaking in the House, has found so little to condemn in the conduct and policy of a government. Mr. Robinson's speech recalls the explanation of the Viscount of Walsfield's son who said that he acquired his reputation as an art critic by following

two rules, always to say that the painter would have done better if he had taken more pains, and always to praise the works of Pietro Perugino.

Mr. Hazen had little to answer in the speech of Mr. Robinson, but he dealt forcibly with the attacks that had been made on the government through the press, and by Mr. Robinson and his friends when they addressed meetings of their own party. It is impossible to publish a full report of Mr. Hazen's speech, the close of which was received at a late hour, but it covered all the matters on which the government has been attacked and was a vindication of the course of the administration. Note might be made of the Gloucester iron mines railway. Mr. Hazen has been assailed for the encouragement by the government to this enterprise. He is able to show that the government will almost immediately begin collecting royalty whether the mines are operated or not, and that in all probability the guarantee will not cost the province a cent.

MOVER AND SECONDER.

Mr. Woods crowded a good many interesting facts into his practical speech on the address, and while he did not go out of his way to make party capital, he recalled some matters that the remains of the late government would like to forget. He represents the same county which in previous elections returned the former Minister of Agriculture. It was a rather significant fact that while Mr. Fawcett was head of the Department of Agriculture, interest in the farmers' organizations died down in Queens county until there were only two left when the government was defeated. In less than two years the number has grown to seven. The situation in Queens was typical. When the government went out the Department of Agriculture was a corpse going round unburied. The position of the commissioner was a sinecure, and his organization was an object of ridicule where it received enough attention to make ridicule possible. We have now a department whose influence is already felt in every district. Mr. Woods referred to the stock importations, the orchard movement, the start that has been made in immigration and colonization, and the enterprise of shipping potatoes to Cuba. It is true that these things are just beginning. The horticulturist has just been engaged. This is the first year for the potato trade with Cuba via St. John, though there have been exports from Eastern New Brunswick by way of Halifax. Mr. Wilmot is only beginning his colonization work. Something has been accomplished in all these directions, but the main thing is that there has been an awakening and an infusion of energy into the public service. The government machinery is no longer devoted to the interests of private adventurers, but is doing something for the people.

Mr. Allain is one of the bright Acadians who came in with the new regime, representing a county which never before returned an ex-French speaking representative. His contribution to yesterday's discussion referred to educational and agricultural matters and to local questions of transportation. As a former teacher the member for Northumberland welcomes the teachers' pension act.

CHANGED PLACES.

The position of Mr. Asquith is decidedly disagreeable. He has been in daily conference with Mr. Redmond, as if the Nationalist leader were a member of the cabinet. The consent of the Home Rule party is necessary to every step that the government takes. There can be no budget unless Mr. Redmond consents, and none which he does not approve. Mr. Redmond is an able man and there would be no humiliation in consulting him if Mr. Asquith and Mr. Lloyd-George did it voluntarily. But before the election the government did not trouble itself about the opinion of the Irish party. Mr. Lloyd-George drove his budget through the House when he knew that the whole Nationalist party hated it. They voted as a body against the second reading, but the Liberal majority was so large that the opposition of Mr. Redmond's party did not matter. The Nationalists might ask for concessions, but they asked in vain.

But now it is Mr. Lloyd-George who has to ask. Mr. Redmond has control of the tariff and he will allow the chancellor to have only so much of it as suits Ireland. This situation seems to have greatly modified the defiant tones of the British finance minister. He roars now even more gently than a sucking dove. Mr. Redmond is the man who is privileged to be defiant.

THE TWO WHARVES.

Mr. Pugsley says that he is not extending Mr. Osman's private wharf, but is building a government wharf at the outer end of Mr. Osman's private wharf. When the wharf is completed it is to be used by Mr. Osman free of charge while other people pay, just the same as happens with the end that belongs to Mr. Osman. The minister states that Mr. Osman gives a right of way over the end that belongs to him, which means that Mr. Osman gives himself a right of way over his own property to his own vessels, the government giving him the same favor. Both ends of the wharf are alike to Mr. Osman, except that the government pays for the part where his vessels lie. Mr. Pugsley is the divinity that shapes both ends to Mr. Osman's advantage.

A NEW SAWDUST INDUSTRY.

The discovery of a process that transforms sawdust into food, nourishing and palatable for beef if not for man, as described by Mr. Snowball in the Natural History rooms Monday evening, must compel the Government's critics to take back all they have said against the payment of \$5000 for the Richbucko sawdust wharf that Mr. O'Leary sold a few days before for \$700. The quantity of sawdust on the premises does not seem to have been accurately reported by the Government engineer, but it is likely that it is to be found in the confidential report rendered to the minister. A food factory on this wharf site will, no doubt, be established.—Chatham World.

In a burst of frankness, Mr. Robinson welcomed and commended the federal government's policy of selecting members of the provincial opposition for high judicial positions, and expressed the hope that the system would be continued. The impression was general that Mr. Robinson was tired of his job, of his company, of his political record, and of his prospects. An appointment to the bench would separate him from them all. But perhaps the opposition leader only meant that he would like to be rid of Mr. Copp.

Ottawa boasts that it has fewer liquor licenses in proportion to population than any other city except Brantford, London and Toronto. Toronto has one license for each 3,600 people; London one for each 2,300; Brantford one for each 1,900, and Ottawa after recent reductions one for each 1,500.

We shall next hear of Mr. Pugsley building a government extension at the end of one of Mr. Moore's dredges.

Mr. Hazen's definite assurances respecting the Valley Railway will give general satisfaction in the River Counties.

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AVOIDING EVIL BY TROUGHT Continued from page 3. had progressed beyond her introduction, and she cried softly through most of the address. "I do not care to do my life's work alone," began Dr. Sears. "Perhaps we can each do us be great in our own way, and it is that I may be greater and stronger in cooperation that I invite you to come here this afternoon and every Tuesday afternoon in the future, in order that the music I hold in my heart may be known unto you and through you to all the world."

AVOIDING EVIL BY TROUGHT Continued from page 3. "Simple enough," answered Dr. Sears. "Your vibrations are crossed. Get together." After that there were five minutes devoted to silent self-searching and spiritual contemplation. The audience sang the song "I'm healed," and went out to face the discordant vibrations and automobiles and surface cars of Broadway.

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### News of a Day

#### To Visit Canada.

London, Feb. 17.—Lady Dudley will visit Canada soon to obtain information in reference to a nursing organization in connection with the suggested scheme in Australasia.

#### Wages Advanced.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 17.—Engineers of the Michigan Central Railway have been notified that commencing February 1st their wages will be advanced 20 to 25 cents per hundred miles.

#### Railway Contract.

Victoria, B. C., Feb. 17.—The Canadian Northern Railway contract will be brought down early next week. Following the delivery of the budget, speech and the granting of at least some supply, it will be the principal feature of the session.

#### Rabies in Ontario.

St. Thomas, Ont., Feb. 17.—A dog frothing at the mouth and supposed to be suffering from rabies was discovered on the Wardell farm, four miles from here. It was killed with an axe and several other dogs it had bitten were also despatched.

#### To Form Schools.

London, Feb. 17.—Miss Blanche Clark, lady farmer, hopes to raise \$20,000 from women to form schools of agriculture for women on sections in Canada. She suggests that the difficulty of obtaining sufficient reliable labor could be overcome by

training women in the handling of farm implements. She urges the establishment of government elevators in every wheat town.

#### Hope Abandoned.

Washington, Feb. 17.—All hope that the missing U. S. navy tug Nina, which left Norfolk, Feb. 6, bound to Boston with 22 souls aboard is still afloat has been abandoned by the navy department and today the warships which for five days have been searching for the Nina were ordered to discontinue their hunt.

#### Denies Statement.

Edmonton, Alberta, Feb. 17.—President Clarke of the Alberta and Great Waterways Railways, has made a statement denying that two sets of specifications of the railway had been ordered in order to judge the road's finances. One set has been referred to the government, and the other only plans are amended plans of Deputy Minister Stokes.

#### Treaty Negotiations.

Toronto, Feb. 17.—The World's Ottawa special says—Members of parliament were being watching with interest the progress of the boundary waters treaty at Washington. Newspaper dispatches tonight are meagre regarding the situation on Lake Huron and the Georgian Bay and politicians are non-committal, but there is a disposition to believe that Canadian interests have been conservatively

## ENGLISH WOMEN AND POLITICS

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canvass the unpolluted voters. Lady Carleton and other great Whig ladies followed her example.

The Tories took fright, and hastily summoned their own womenfolk to the field to counteract the influence of Fox's allies. Among those who came forward were Lady Salisbury, who was fated more than fifty years after to be burned to death in a fire at Hatfield—and Lady Buckleham, who was fated more than fifty years after to be burned to death in a fire at Hatfield—and Lady Buckleham, who was fated more than fifty years after to be burned to death in a fire at Hatfield.

An equipage exactly similar was obtained and two ladies made up to represent Mrs. Berney and her friend as closely as possible, but with this important difference that they sported the Whig colors—drove out in it to parade the city. When the Tory mob discovered the deception their fury was great, and the two countess ladies narrowly escaped serious maltreatment. As it was, their carriage was hacked to pieces.

Nowadays no married candidate in England would think of fighting an election without the help of his wife. At the general election of 1832 the late Mrs. Darby took a leading part in the contest. In 1834, when her husband, Major Leonard Darwin, was returned, at one meeting of miners which was being addressed by her, there was a good deal of interruption, but the lady was undaunted.

"You think, perhaps," she said, "that because I am a woman I am easily frightened and put down, but I am not. I am afraid of a cow, I confess, but I am not afraid of a miner."

During the Warwick and Leamington by-election of 1865, when Alfred Lyttelton was indisposed, his wife took his place on the platform with satisfactory results. Nor is the capacity for making a speech the only valuable quality in a candidate's wife. The late Mrs. Arthur Brand sang her husband, so it was said, into Wilsch.

## ANNUAL MEETING OF VICTORIAN ORDER OF NURSES YESTERDAY

The annual meeting of the St. John branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses was held in the Trinity church schoolroom yesterday afternoon. In the absence of Judge Forbes, the president, Hon. R. J. Ritchie occupied the chair. Those present were: Mrs. D. McLellan, Mr. Robert Thomson, Mr. W. H. Tuck, Miss MacLaren, Mrs. James Dever, Mrs. Thomas Walker, Dr. Thomas Walker, Dr. J. S. Bentley, Mr. F. B. Francis, Miss MacPherson, Miss Sparkhall and Miss Rogers.

The report of the board of management showed that the number of visits paid by the nurses during the year totalled 3,822, a falling off of 881, from the previous year, which was explained by Miss MacPherson as being due to a different system of counting. Night visits, however, increased.

The collections during the year from the patients amounted to \$570.30, as against \$425.00 in 1908. Subscriptions amounted to \$221, as against \$162 in 1908.

The financial statement showed that the receipts, including cash on hand last year, totalled \$2,106.26, while the disbursements were \$1,624.10, leaving a balance on hand of \$482.16.

The order continues to serve a useful purpose in that it ministers to the poorer classes, who otherwise would lack proper attention.

The question of assisting in the work of the society for the prevention of Tuberculosis was endorsed. A resolution had been adopted at a previous meeting, pledging the support of the order when a definite programme had been formulated.

The board of management for the ensuing year was elected as follows: Mrs. J. P. Smith, Mrs. J. V. Ellis, Major Bullcock, Judge Forbes, Hon.

## SUCCESS IS SURE IN 30 DAYS DR. MacPHIE

Organizer of Simultaneous Campaign Tells of Progress Made So Far—Singing a Feature and Finances Promising—Big Meeting for Aged People to be Held Monday.

"The unity, sympathy and hearty cooperation of all the churches and all the people must prove an unshakable blessing to your great city. The people are loyally supporting the meetings in their own groups and the leaders in a very hearty fashion. This is the statement of Rev. Duncan MacPhie, D.D., organizer of the simultaneous evangelistic campaign, who was asked to speak yesterday of the progress of the revival which has now reached the half-way mark.

"The choruses and singers are manifesting a splendid spirit of helpfulness," he continued, "and the high standard of the music has been a marked feature. The evangelists are making strong appeals for the surrender of the heart that is men and women to the service of God and the response has been general in the different groups where the meetings have been held. The evangelists are using sane and sensible methods, entirely free from emotionalism.

"While taking no personal part in the meetings, Dr. MacPhie is busily engaged at headquarters in St. Andrew's church in arranging the details for the special meetings, receiving reports, etc. He keeps his eye on the finances and reports that the offerings have been generous. The prospects are bright, and that the guaranteed fund will not be drawn upon.

**Monday a Big Day.**

Next Monday will be a big day for the campaign. In the afternoon at 2:30 o'clock there will be held in St. Andrew's church a special service for all aged people. The singing will be in charge of Chas. F. Allen. The old hymns are being hunted out and will be sung by the people and by the evangelistic singers. Every pastor will be asked to furnish a list of the persons in his congregation who will require a conveyance to the church. The committee have already received offers of sleighs from private leading owners and the livery men. The committee will be sent every person over seventy years of age with a suitable floral tribute.

This afternoon at 3:45 o'clock a meeting for boys and girls will be held in St. Andrew's church. The north end group will meet at the same hour in Main Street Baptist church and the west end in Carlton City Hall.

At 3:30 in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church a meeting will be conducted by Rev. W. A. Cameron. Miss Margaret Conrad will sing. The ordinary evening services will be held as usual.

### CENTENARY GROUP.

Rev. Chas. A. Byker speaks on Salvation, the Free Gift of God—Singing a Great Feature.

The Terms of Individual Salvation, was the theme of Rev. Chas. A. Byker's earnest discourse in Centenary church last evening. Salvation is offered as the free gift of God, but the receiving of it costs. It costs in an inner renunciation of all else. It costs in a repentance that involves a complete change of purpose and relation to God, it costs in the bearing of the cross.

Is there reward? Yes, "Men," said Carlisle to his soldiers as they asked them what he had to give them, "you will have night marches and bloody marches, poverty, hunger, peril, death. To shall have all this, but Italy shall have more."

And so there is reward for the disciple of Christ manifold more in this present time and in the world to come.

The singing is becoming more and more a feature of the services. Mr. Naftziger sang two solos last evening: "Pass It On, and Jesus Only." The attendance was large.

### ST. LUKE'S LENTEN MISSION.

Bishop Richardson Preaches on the Conversion of Zachaeus—All Who Answer Christ's Call are Chosen.

The Bishop of Fredericton last night continued his mission services, when St. Luke's church was again well filled. He took his text from the story of the conversion of Zachaeus. He made special reference to Christ's own statement of the necessity of conversion as exemplified by the text: "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, you shall not enter into the Kingdom of Heaven."

Many are longing to become Christians, but think they are unable to overcome their difficulties. We should remember that the Lord is not slow to promise, but quick to fulfill. Poverty is less hindrance than riches, towards conversion; the tendency is for the poor to trust in God.

"Our personal peculiarities often offer many difficulties. Fear of being unconventional. If you really want to give up your sins, you must give up these conventionalities. Choose ye that which lasts or passes away: 'The world passeth away, and the lust thereof; but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever.'

The dislike of becoming conspicuous before men, will I confess before my Father in Heaven. It is not difficult to believe all. You all believe some things. Will you try to live by that? Don't discourage a person trying to live right by reminding him of his past. Set the good that is in every man—forget the bad. Be repentant, make restitution—Christ is call and all who answer are chosen.

Tomorrow's services: Holy Communion, 8 a. m. The children's services, which have been a very successful part of this mission, takes place at 4 p. m. Meeting for prayer and intercession, 7:15. Song service, 7:45. Mission service, 8 p. m.

### NORTH END GROUP.

"Prepare to Meet Thy God," Subject of Stirring Address by Rev. A. J. Smith—Many Ask to be Prayed For.

Last night's meeting in the North End was the largest and most enthusiastic of the campaign so far. Rev. A. J. Smith preached from the message of the shepherd—"Prepare to meet thy God."

There is a God, declared the preacher, and before Him the sins of the night and the day are open, the sins of the thought as well as of the word and deed.

Some people are making preparation to meet God by being so busy, by going to church and saying prayers. This is not preparing to meet God. Taking the sacraments is no guarantee of salvation. Some people try to meet God by trying to keep the Golden Rule. But while this is most praiseworthy, no man can keep it fully.

By leading good moral lives is another way by which some men try to prepare themselves. But morality alone is not sufficient. It is a fearful thing for a man to spend his life in making preparations to meet God, and not to be accepted. Christ is the end of the law of righteousness for everyone that believeth. The only way of preparation is the way of the cross.

A feature of the meeting was Mr. Lamb's solo—"My sins are forgiven—ye yours?" Many of the audience rose and expressed a desire to be remembered in Mr. Appel's closing prayer.

### ST. ANDREW'S GROUP.

Rev. Ora S. Gray Speaks on Death—Man's Threefold Outlook When the End Comes—Many Converts Come Forward.

To a very large congregation in St. Andrew's church, Rev. Ora S. Gray, before commencing his sermon for the evening, announced that he would take for his subject tomorrow night, "Future Punishment in the Light of Modern Thought," and stated that he would like to see a number of the professional men of the city there to whom he might impart some of his views.

Mr. Chas. F. Allen sang effectively "On Jordan's Banks" and "Saved By Grace."

Dr. Gray took for his text—"How vain is the boasting of men, in saying, I will not be troubled; for I am rich, and I will not be moved." His sermon was on the subject of "Death." Rivers about which gathers civilization may be taken as a symbol of death, because first, the rising of the waters in the spring time is as certain as the return of spring. There is something certain and inevitable about the death of everyone. It appears to every man to die, but after that the judgment.

If death itself is certain, the time is most uncertain. Youth and age, each pass the portal. Not only so, but the Angel of Death makes no distinction. The great financier may have the greatest surgeons of the world tugging at his bedside against death, but ultimately death always wins. The sweetest words, which can be heard in the funeral service of any one is that he, or she was prepared.

Professor James of Harvard agrees with the testimony of practical and medical men, that at death man has a three-fold outlook. To the past with his memories, to the present with the friends that gather about him, to the future with the unknown. But there is here anything but sadness in this outlook to the man who has neglected Christ and his calls? What a contrast to him for whom Christ is a personal friend and savior. For him in the eventide there is light. The aged man being heard to say with his dying breath: "Bring forth the royal diadem, and crown Him Lord of all."

At the conclusion of the service a number again signified their intentions of beginning Christian lives.

### S. A. CITADEL.

The Fate of Those Who Believe But Harden Their Hearts—William Matheson in Earnest Address.

At the Salvation Army Citadel, evangelist William Matheson gave a stirring address from the text, Proverbs 29:1. "He that being often reproved, hardeneth his neck, shall suddenly be destroyed, and that without remedy." He went on to say that this did not mean annihilation. Many would be glad if it did, convince a man that he was sick and he would seek the aid of a physician. Many say they believe in God, Heaven and Hell, but they will not stir hand or foot. The devil beat that for the Bible says the devil believe and tremble.

God sometimes has to lay people down in order to raise them up. Some people thought that preachers were posted about their lives. He told a story of a man who would not speak to his wife because he thought she had told a preacher about his evil ways.

Many thought that it was a mark of weakness to be acquainted with sin.

### FAIRVILLE GROUP.

Most Effective Meeting Yet Held—Rev. Mr. Greenwood Touches Hearers' Hearts in Powerful Address.

Last night's meeting in Fairville was one of the best yet held in the campaign. The singing under the leadership of Mr. Peters was the heartiest in the whole series of the Fairville meetings. Rev. Mr. Greenwood spoke with telling effect on the subject of "The Way of Life as Revealed in the Story of Blind Bartimaeus."

He said, he was blind in the directions, towards themselves, towards others, and towards God. He showed the dignity of man as made in the image of God but the tragedy of life is that man so often falls so far short of his proper glory. There is no ruin in the world like the ruin of the heart.

Often men who knew all about stocks and mines and trains and literature know nothing about God. Only when they find Christ do they discover what it was that all along they lacked. Parents are often blind to the spiritual interest of their children.

### HOTELS.

Royal.  
R. J. Sharp, Montreal; Mrs. P. Johnson, Vancouver; Mrs. Parry, Victoria; Capt. C. C. Horn, Alberta; S. A. Finch, Vancouver; B. C. Mrs. P. C. Allen, Mrs. J. J. Winslow, Mrs. A. J. Thompson, Fredericton; P. R. Eaton, Fitchburg; Thomas Wheeler, Condon; W. E. Johnson, New York; Mr. and Mrs. McWilliam, Halifax, N. S.; Thomas Bruce, New Glasgow; Mr. and Mrs. P. Wilson, New Glasgow; Mrs. C. Roush, St. Catharines, Ont.; G. W. Anderson, Toronto; W. A. Bremner, P. E. Island, Victoria.

C. S. Clark, Montreal; T. W. Johnson, Truro; W. M. Lister, McAdam Junction; A. Macrae, Winnipeg; C. H. Clarke, A. Bidulph, Montreal; W. R. Vincent, J. W. Morrison, Montreal; A. J. Johnson, Halifax; W. Lambert, Theford Mines; J. L. Towse and wife, Port Elgin; R. C. Lacks, New Zealand.

### DEATHS.

Lynch—in this city, Feb. 17, Beatrice M., wife of David E. Lynch, and daughter of J. J. Sealey of Mount Pleasant.

## DARING HOLDUP

Another daring holdup and attempt at robbery took place on Wednesday evening about 10 o'clock when John Anderson was attacked on St. Andrew's street by two unknown men and an effort made to remove the contents of his pocket.

Anderson, who has not been in the city any great length of time, and is unacquainted with the streets, was returning to his boarding house from Reed's Point, went up St. Andrew's street by mistake. He says that while going past a corner he noticed two men standing against the side of a building. He had scarcely gone a few steps past the men when he felt himself roughly grasped from behind. He was drawn backward by the sidewalk with such force that the blow on the back of his head almost rendered him unconscious.

One of the men was proceeding to reach his inside coat pocket when apparently thinking that someone was approaching, the thieves became frightened and beat a hasty retreat.

Mr. Anderson had about \$5.00 in change on his person at the time, and also a silver watch. He describes the men as being of stout stocky build, but was unable to notice their features.

He is now in the hospital, but is recovering and is expected to be home in a few days.

## BRUSSELS ST. GROUP.

Singing a Great Feature—Address on A Few Commandments.

Every available spot was taken in Brussels street church and the meeting was one of the most interesting yet held in the group. Mr. Wood has quite recovered his voice and led and sang with real effect, Miss Margaret Conrad as a Gospel singer is a distinct addition to the working force.

Rev. W. A. Cameron preached on A New Commandment. The sermon was a simple and effective setting forth of the central message of the Christian religion. An appeal to which a number responded, concluded an impressive service.

## ST. STEPHEN'S GROUP.

Rev. A. B. Winchester Speaks of Sin as the Great Tragedy of Life—Will Speak Particularly to Men Tonight.

There was a good sized audience in St. Stephen's church last evening when Rev. A. B. Winchester spoke on the tragedy of life. Sometimes, he said, you see men toiling and looking up to God when suddenly a great misfortune swoops down on them and their lives are desolate.

Sin is the great tragedy of life. Paul in the seventh chapter of Romans gives us an idea of the way this tragedy is wrought out, and pictures the great strife between good and evil for the possession of the soul.

The word profane literally means the sodden ground before the temple and the tragic part of life lies in the fact that many who are accustomed to holy things become hardened and lack the inspiration of Christian service.

This evening Mr. Winchester will speak more particularly to men.

## CARLETON GROUP.

"Is There a Hell?"—The Question Expounded by Rev. Milton S. Rees—God the Only Source of Authority.

There was another crowded house at the West side meeting and deep interest was manifested in the proceedings. Rev. F. A. Robinson of the singing. The subject that Dr. Milton S. Rees chose for his sermon was "Is There a Hell?"

This had been a fruitful source of discussion, he said, in all ages and among all classes. In answer to the question there was only one source of authority and this was God in the Bible. Some people said "we do not believe the Bible," but even if they do not, they must face the question as to where they are bound for eternity.

It was argued that the doctrine of future punishment was not compatible with the teaching that God is love. He disputed this because if the judgment of God was according to works, it would not enter into the Christian's calculations.

That hell was a scriptural doctrine, Dr. Rees sought to prove by quoting from a number of texts in the New Testament. "If we stood by the truth," he said, "we must admit that the word of God teaches eternal punishment."

From the principle of cause and effect, it is reasonable to count on hell. Cause is sin, effect is death. Cause is sinning to the flesh, effect is reaping corruption. It is easy to drift. God cannot sweep the carnal and the spiritual together into heaven.

Where is hell? was often asked, just outside the door that swings into eternity and life with Jesus Christ. Not this hell, Separation is hell. How sad to be left in the world without friend or relative but what about living through eternity separated from friends and relative and most of all, Jesus.

## PRICE OF BROOMS NEARLY DOUBLED

Failure of Crop Has Advanced Raw Material—Manager of Simms Brush Factory Interviewed Gives Some Interesting Particulars—St. John Beating Out Ontario Firms in the West.

Mr. G. F. A. Anderson, vice-president of T. S. Simms Co., Ltd., when asked by a Standard reporter yesterday why brooms had increased so much in price during the past year, said that the advance was due to the failure of the broom corn crop in the United States. Where a year ago they could secure broom corn for \$100 per ton, today they were paying \$210.

Up to the present year they had imported their broom corn mainly from Illinois and Oklahoma; but recently they had received some shipments from Hungary, where prices, though high enough owing to the competition of American buyers, were not so high as in the States. On orders made up from the Hungarian material they were able to quote a reduction of 20 per cent, on present prices—in fact they had been giving quotations in Winnipeg which have provoked a storm of protest from Ontario manufacturers.

"Our factory," said Mr. Anderson, "is able to compete with the Ontario firms in almost any part of Canada, and that in spite of the fact that the city of St. John imposes upon us nearly double the tax rate that similar concerns in Ontario cities are required to pay.

A Big Western Trade.

"Last year we sold over \$58,000 worth of brooms and broom heads west of Montreal; and judging from the orders coming in we will do a much greater business in the West this year. Of course, if our factory was not better equipped with machinery than any other brush and broom factory in Canada, we could not hope to pay the long railway haul, and compete successfully with the Ontario firms."

The company uses large quantities of beach wood, practically all of which is obtained along the St. John river. But its other raw materials, broom corn, bristles, and various kinds of fibres, have to be imported from foreign countries. It is impossible to grow broom corn in Canada, because it is planted in March or April and takes about seven months to mature.

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PUBLIC NOTICE By Order of the Common Council of the City of Saint John.

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a Bill will be presented for enactment at the next Session of the Provincial Legislature.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Table with columns: Shares, Bid, Asked, High, Low, Close. Includes Amalgamated Copper, American Beet Sugar, American Car and Foundry, etc.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET

New York, Feb. 17.—Flour—Steady with a fair inquiry. Receipts, 15,545; shipments, 2,064.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE

Table with columns: Ask, Bid. Includes Asbestos, Bell Telephone, Canadian Pacific Railway, etc.

COTTON RANGE

Table with columns: High, Low, Bid, Ask. Includes March, May, July, September, October.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YESTERDAY'S TRADING ON WALL ST.

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YESTERDAY'S GAINS BUT PARTLY HELD

New York, Feb. 17.—Prices of stocks rose further today although it was a noticeable fact that Reading, which made up more than one-third of the aggregate volume yesterday.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER

New York, Feb. 17.—A furtherance of the advance in prices was evident in our market from the opening of the session until late in the day.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Cattle receipts, 8,000. The market was neutralized by the large buying for foreign accounts which went hand in hand with it.

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Bowling  
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## The World's Greatest Sprinter, Says Duffey

"ERNIE" NELSON.

Boston, Mass., Feb. 17.—This is the boy Arthur Duffey has picked as the probable 9-2-5 sprinter. And Duffey ought to be a good judge, for in his day he was the fastest thing at 100 yards that ever laced spiked shoes.

Duffey says Australia may boast of A. B. Postles, South Africa may claim her R. E. Walker, and Canada "Bobby" Kerr; but in Nelson the United States has a man—or, rather, a boy—who bids fair to eclipse the best performances of the foreigners.

"Nelson," says Duffey, "combines all the requisites of a world beater. There is no reason why he shouldn't do better than all former American champions. He is built right, with a stride that makes the late Bernie Wefers' step seem slow. Everything is in his favor. His starting method is crude, but carefully coached for a few months, he should defeat the world at 100 yards."



## NEWMAN'S THE NUMMERS

Defeat Rubber Company in City Bowling League—Even Break in Commercial League—St. John the Baptist Win.

The Newman's went to the head of the "class" in the City Bowling league last evening by administering a decisive drubbing to the Dunlop Rubber Co. hardwood pounders. The Rubber men were simply losing each string by goodly margins. Wilson was some class for the winners, as was also the veteran "Chip" Olive, while the way Hurley and Jones tumbled 'em down was a caution.

For the losers Power fought hard against defeat and was responsible for the downfall of 204 sticks. The scores were:

Newmans.	
H. C. Olive	78 88 94 260—86 2 3
Wilson	97 86 90 273—91 1
M. Hurley	81 82 85 268—89 1 3
W. Dean	77 91 82 250—82 1 3
O. Jones	99 86 80 265—82 1 3
422 433 441 1316	
Dunlop Rubber Co.	
Power	98 90 77 264—88
Riley	78 83 104 260—86 2 3
Lawson	79 82 88 249—83
W. Gunn	77 82 80 239—79 2 3
J. Johnson	76 85 86 247—82 1 3
403 422 434 1259	
Knights Loss.	
St. John the Baptist	411 417 421 1249

St. John the Baptist put it all over the K. C.'s on St. Peter's alleys, last evening, in the society bowling league to the tune of 5 to 1. Low scores were the order of the evening and the South End pin pickers certainly cannot attribute their win to any superior exhibition of stellar qualities as bowlers. Littlejohn was their big noise with an average of 86. For the knights McGraw was in good form while McCafferty who graduated from the newspaper league, rolled his typical score.

St. John Baptist.	
Griffith	67 86 77 230—76 2 3
McGuigan	77 59 88 224—74 2 3
Hennessy	77 71 72 221—73 2 3
Wilson	71 85 71 257—85 2 3
Littlejohn	83 75 96 258—86
391 374 425 1190	
K. of C.	
McCafferty	81 76 98 255—85
Morris	82 79 69 216—72
Morris	77 64 58 199—64 1 3
McGrath	80 100 81 261—87
McClusky	67 59 73 199—66 1 3
381 400 388 1169	

Even Break.

Last night's match in the commercial league was perhaps the most remarkable exhibition of the fortunes of bowling that has been witnessed on Black's alleys for some time. Although the I. C. R. thin pin professed annexed the first string with the tiny lead of 9 precious little sticks, it was sufficient to give them the grand total of the match, notwithstanding the fact that they lost the remaining two strings. It is held that any team monopolizes two points with two lonesome pins, but—well—just look at the score.

I. C. R.	
Oillard	76 74 83 246—82
Nugent	100 73 84 258—84 2 3
Doherty	77 64 58 199—64 1 3
McCafferty	70 72 59 201—67
Nichols	89 81 89 269—89 2 3
412 376 381 1169	
C. P. R.	
McGowan	77 74 83 234—78
Griffiths	84 67 75 226—75 1 3
McLeod	76 65 72 213—71
Johnson	73 77 73 243—81
McKean	79 92 75 246—82
403 377 382 1162	

Some great scores were made in a forfeited game at the Y.M.C.A. when the Newman's piled up one string of 456 and very respectable total of 1285, their opponents, the High Rollers, failing to show up. Smith rolled 116 on the first string and finished with an average of 99 2-3.

The scores were:	
Pug	75 77 88 240—80
Bent	78 73 82 243—81 2 3
Tapley	86 81 90 257—84 1 3
Leatham	73 81 82 246—82
Smith	116 89 94 299—92 3
428 401 456 1285	

## ST. ANDREW'S LADIES WIN AT CURLING

St. Andrew's and Thistles lady curlers engaged in an interesting match on the Thistle ice yesterday, resulting in a victory for the former.

Three risks competed and the score stood 4 to 17.

The St. Andrew's ladies were victorious in every rink. The score was as follows:

Thistles	
Miss MacLaren	Mrs. Schofield
Skip	4 Skip
Miss B. MacLaren	Mrs. E. A. Smith
Skip	5 Skip
Mrs. Thorne	Dr. Margaret Parks
Skip	8 Skip

## LOGAN CLIPS THE WORLD'S RECORD

Does 100 Yards 2-5 of a Second Faster Than it Has Ever Been Done Before in Remarkable Exhibition—Toronto Skater Downed by Local Speed Man in All But the Hurdles.

Over 500 cheering spectators saw Logan, the local speed marvel, clip two fifths of a second off the world's record in a spectacular 100 yards dash in the Victoria ring last evening. He also romped away from Fred Robson, the clever Torontonian in the half mile, capturing the event by about 30 feet in the fast time of 1:23.

In the mile event "Len" Coleman also took the measure of Toronto's best in one of the fastest and most exciting races seen here for some time. The men were abreast of each other for the greater part of the distance, when Coleman, with a brilliant spurt, about thirty yards from the tape won out by not much more than three feet. In the 220 hurdle race Robson demonstrated his superiority by defeating Coleman about twenty feet, in the fast time of 27 seconds.

That Logan is skating in better form at present than at any time in his career is the opinion expressed by many who saw him in his remarkable performance last evening. In the 100 yard dash he apparently got a poor start and not one of the spectators expected his record was going to be established. His backers confidently assert that the little wonder can even better his wonderful feat of last night.

The half mile was the first event on the programme and Logan and Robson faced the starter. At the crack of the pistol Robson took the lead, but Logan was better prepared for the race, he should set the pace. The outsiders

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## SOME TALL NOTIONS OF SCORING IN THIS GAME

A record score was established in a basketball game at the Y. M. C. A. yesterday afternoon in the Class C series, when the Moose defeated the Captions by the crushing score of 1-0. This means one penalty and great credit is due to the hero who saved the day for his team. The line-up in the game was:

Caribou.	
Moose	Forwards
Dean	Forwards
Hazen	Centre
Dunlap	Defence
Fletcher	Defence
Crosby	Whittaker
Emperors.	
Climo	Forwards
Bennett	Forwards
Dow	Centre
Burton	Defence
Belyea	Defence
N Lovitt	N Lovitt

## Y.M.C.A. THE WINNER IN BASKETBALL

Y. M. C. A. won another victory over Millidgeville in the Independent League series at the Y. M. C. A. gym last evening, the score standing 31-9 after a fast game. Giggie had his shoulder hurt in the second half, but was able to resume play. The score at half time was 14-7 and in the second half the triangle men warmed up a trifle.

The teams were:

Y. M. C. A.	
Leatham	Forwards
Thorne	Forwards
Stone	Centre
Babson	Defence
Burton	Defence
Giggy	Giggy

## HORSES FROM ENGLAND FOR BIG CAMPAIGN

Boston, Feb. 17.—An interesting experiment in light harness racing is that of Louis Winans, the American sportsman who resides in London. He has shipped to this side eight of his crack trotters for a campaign over the grand circuit. Three of these are American-bred trotters, purchased by Mr. Winans at great expense and sent abroad to race. The eight trotters arrived in New York yesterday in charge of A. C. Pennock, formerly a Cleveland trainer, who has been racing Mr. Winans' horses on the Continental tracks for several seasons.

In the lot which has come here are three of America's best bred and most famous horses. They are Allen Winter, famous as the winner of the \$50,000 Readville handicap, at the Readville track in 1908, and which made a record of 2:06 1/2 against time at the Glenville track at Cleveland. Mr. Winans paid \$50,000 for Allen Winter; Silko, winner of the Futurity and purchased from John E. Madden for \$30,000 after showing a mile at better than 2:05 at Lexington in 1907, and Icon, 2:10, which cost Mr. Winans \$10,000.

At the Grand Circuit races probably the greatest attention will be attracted by the trotters Dora and Willy, the largest winners on the European turf and reported to be the fastest of European-bred horses. They have shown extreme speed in all forms of races on the Continent and will be pitted against the best of the American-bred trotters at the Grand Circuit meetings. Three other European-bred horses are in the string. They are Bessie Brown, Sallie Spencer and Bachelor's Maid.

The string arrived in New York in fine condition and after a short rest will be shipped to Cleveland, where they will be trained until the opening of the light harness season. They will be heavily staked in the big events. This is the first time that European-bred horses have been brought to this country to race and their presence should add a great deal to the interest in racing this season.

To Meet Zbyzsko.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Feb. 17.—Karl Albers, who evaded Frank Gotch for an hour several months ago, in a handicap match in Buffalo, has been picked to meet Stanislaus Zbyzsko, the Polish wrestler, here on Feb. 26.

## HOME TEAM IS DEFEATED

Intermediate Ramblers Defeat St. John by Close Score in Fast Game at Amherst—Simpson in Goal.

Amherst, Feb. 17.—That the recent developments in hockey circles in Nova Scotia has caused a decided slump in the interest in the game was clearly manifested by the attendance at the Aberdeen rink tonight, when the intermediate Ramblers crossed sticks with the St. John team. There were not one hundred paid admissions to see the game which was decidedly interesting from start to finish. The Ramblers put a team on the ice of amateurs pure and simple, which was a credit to the town. The St. John team was weaker than was anticipated but they put up a good game of clean and rapid hockey. They were without their goal keeper and Simpson, of the Ramblers, went into the nets for them and played a game that was entirely satisfactory to the visiting team. Hughes of the Ramblers, referred and while seven penalties were served out to the members of the home team for minor offences not a single St. John man was put off the ice. It was 8:50 when the teams lined up as follows:

St. John—Goal, Simpson; point, McKay; cover point, Phillips; rover, McQuarrie; centre, Gilbert; left wing, E. Mooney; right wing, Parker.

Ramblers—Goal, Neil Curry; point, Christie; cover point, McEwen; rover, Black; centre, Lowther; left wing, Fraser; right wing, Staples.

Immediately after the faceoff the play went into the Ramblers' territory and Curry was kept in goal throwing aside shots at the Ramblers' nets. By good combination work the home team eventually got control of the puck and after some play about the St. John goal Lowther scored. A minute after the faceoff Gilbert carried the rubber down to the Ramblers' end and passed to Mooney who slipped the rubber into the net tying the score. For some time after this play was equally divided when Lowther from a mixup added one more to the credit of the home team and a few minutes later repeated the trick. McQuarrie, who was playing a stellar game, made good combination play with Gilbert and Parker and landed the second score for St. John. Lowther shortly afterwards secured another for the Ramblers and just before the half terminated McQuarrie again did the trick for St. John, the half closing 4 to 3 in favor of the Ramblers.

In the second half the play was about equally divided the Ramblers adding two more to their credit and the St. John one, victory resting with the home team by score of 6 to 4.

Penalties—Gilbert, 7; Staples, 2; Fraser, 2; McLean, 1.

The penalties were, however, for slight offences, the game was clean from start to finish and no delays of any kind occurred. The gentlemanly playing of the St. John team elicited many favorable comments from the spectators.

New Bowling Record.

Boston, Feb. 17.—A new world's record for a three string candle pin game was made last night by the Carth team in the Boston City League, the total being 1622. The old mark was 1619, made by the Imperial team, Lynn in the Greater Boston League last season.

## DEADLOCK CONTINUES

No Way is Seen Out of Existing Difficulty Over National League Schedule—Fogel Disappears.

New York, Feb. 17.—After four days of endeavor, National league club owners were unable tonight to adopt a schedule for the coming season and adjourned until tomorrow. Up to night Horace Fogel, president of the Philadelphia club, was still confined to his room, ostensibly suffering with gout, but at 9 o'clock he quietly left the Waldorf, climbed into a taxicab and was off, presumably for Philadelphia. All week the magnates have been waiting for Fogel before acting on the claim of Wm. J. Murray, former manager of the Philadelphia club, who asserts that he was dropped when his contract has 2 years to run. Fogel's departure forestalls any action in the matter.

With Fogel in his room; Stanley Robson of St. Louis, ill in bed; C. H. Ebbetts, of Brooklyn, also on the sick list, the adjourned meeting which was to have been called at 2 o'clock this afternoon, did not take place until 4 Ebbetts by that time was able to attend but it was somewhat of a gathering of invalids, former President John Brush of New York, was also ailing and had to be assisted to the meeting. Only one vote on the question of adopting the long schedule of 165 games or the short schedule of 154 games was taken. With the proxies of Fogel and Robson held by Chas. Murphy, of Chicago, it was announced that the vote of yesterday was unchanged. Cincinnati, Pittsburgh and Boston being for the short schedule and the others for the long one. Heated argument arose over the fact that both schedules assign six conflicting dates to St. Louis and two to Chicago. Both Robson and Murphy are insisting that there must be a change. This complicates matters so that it looks like a hopeless deadlock.

Barney Dreyfuss is utterly discouraged with the outlook. He had intended leaving for Pittsburgh tonight and it is probable that he will depart in the morning leaving his short schedule vote with Hermann.

Baltimore of the Eastern league, sold Jim Maroney, the left handed pitcher, to the Philadelphia nationals. This makes seven left handed pitchers the Philadelphia has.

Fogel's hasty departure tonight for Philadelphia occurred after four days of virtual imprisonment in his room. If he had appeared at the league meeting the other club owners would have properly felt bound to consider Murray's \$15,000 claim. But as it is their preference and Fogel's to test the matter in a civil court, this attitude is explained.

Murray has been at every one of the meetings hoping to have his case heard. Fogel caused considerable amusement today by sending down from his room a story that he had purchased an elephant for \$15,000 to do the work of twenty horses in covering the diamond with canvas.

When President Murphy, of Chicago, had voted a salary of \$25,000 a year heard today that the American league

## URGENT ENGLISH SPORT LAWS

Cape Breton Hockey Association Will Ask M. P. A. A. to Sanction Semi-Professional Sport.

Sydney, N. S., Feb. 17.—The eagerly awaited meeting of the Cape Breton Amateur Athletic Union, to discuss the recent decree of the M. P. A. A. A. that Murphy, Morrison, Stewart and Dunphy, of the North Sydney Victorias, had been professionalized was held yesterday afternoon, but proved stale and uninteresting.

At the meeting of the Cape Breton Hockey Association Monday, Charles Thompson gave notice that he would professionalize the Sydney Hockey Club, at this meeting of the union but whether Charlie has the goods or not he failed to put in an appearance. The following motion was unanimously adopted: "That all players in the Cape Breton League this season be suspended pending investigation as to their amateur standing, and that affidavits for reinstatement must be filed with President Curry, of Sydney and F. B. A. Chipman, of Glace Bay. The managers of the teams must all take affidavits that as far as their knowledge goes the men in the charge must be bona fide amateurs."

It was also unanimously carried that: "The M. P. A. A. A. be asked to consider the idea of having all sport semi-professional."

The consensus of opinion of those present was that the English system of playing professional and amateurs together is far superior to the system in vogue in Canada and the United States.

M. J. Dryden, for a long time closely identified with sport at Glace Bay, said that when baseball was popular here he knew of men from St. John, Fredericton and Moncton, who had received \$24 a week for their services on the diamond. The people who patronized the sport were also aware of this, but evidently didn't care, they wanted fast ball and showed their appreciation of the professional game by giving lavish support while the amateurs played to empty benches.

Another Break.

Memphis, Tenn., Feb. 17.—Veteran Ed Greers, dean of harness drivers, suffered what is said is said to be his seventh break of a limb as he was returning from the daily duty of training his horses yesterday. Greers was riding a saddle horse, a "family pet," when it slipped at a goat. He will be paid up for two months. His leg is broken above the knee.

To Ban Johnson, he said: "That's pretty hot press agent work."

Dreyfuss said tonight that the National league club owners were acting like a "lot of jealous chorus girls" riding a saddle horse, a "family pet," and that he was going home to attend to more important business.

President Lynch said tonight that he thought that after this season the national commission would pass upon the schedule.



THE WEATHER.

New England Forecast. Washington, D.C., Feb. 17.—Forecast for New England: Rain or snow and much colder Friday; Saturday, fair, high east shifting to northwest winds.

AROUND THE CITY.

Natural History Lecture. Mr. A. Gordon Leavitt gave an illustrated talk on natural history before a large audience at the Every Day Club, last evening. He exhibited a fine series of large drawings of birds, insects, fish and reptiles and specimens of fossils and minerals, giving some interesting facts about each object.

Lecture on Canterbury Cathedral. At St. James' church schoolroom last evening, Rev. G. F. Scovill delivered an interesting address on 'Canterbury Cathedral.' He reviewed the early history of the Church of England and the important position occupied by the Cathedral in its development. The lecture was illustrated by a number of fine lantern views, and was evidently greatly appreciated by the large audience.

No Crowding in Church Aisles. When asked with reference to a complaint that the aisles at some of the churches where revival meetings are being held, were filled with chairs, Chief of Police Clark said last evening that he had made some inquiries and had failed to find that this was being done. Such a proceeding would be directly against the law and if it occurred he would certainly report those responsible.

Lively Tiffs Between Counsel. In the matter of the estate of Theresa Coholan, further hearing was continued in the probate court yesterday afternoon before Mr. J. B. M. Baxter, K. C. One witness, Miss Gertrude Donovan, was examined. The proceedings were enlivened by several lively tiffs between Mr. Allan O. Earle, K. C., counsel for two heirs, sisters of deceased, and Mr. Daniel Mullin, K. C., counsel for a brother. The court adjourned until Saturday at 10 a. m.

Junior Woman's Auxiliary Organized. Yesterday afternoon about forty girls gathered in the schoolroom of St. James' church and organized a junior woman's auxiliary. Mrs. G. F. Scovill, the organizer, addressed the gathering, giving a happy description of the objects of the society and explaining the details of its work. Miss Riddell was elected president, Miss Edith Keith, secretary, and Miss Ethel Perley, treasurer. Meetings will be held every Thursday between 4 and 5 p. m.

Winter Port Notes. S. S. Tunisian, Captain Fearful, will sail for Liverpool, via Halifax, at 6 a. m. today. She will embark here 50 saloon, 63 second-class and 220 steerage passengers, who will arrive on the train today. Others will join her at Halifax. The Tunisian will have a full cargo consisting of meats, box meats, cheese, lard and grain. S. S. Grampanin on leaving here on her next trip will take over the crew recently relieved from H. M. S. Egria, stationed at Esquimaut.

Address and Jewel Presented. At the regular meeting of York Lodge No. 3 L. O. A., last evening, St. John district lodge paid an official visit. The lodge presented an address and past master's jewel to Mr. Isaac Morcor, past master and one of the veterans of the lodge who had served two years as master. Mr. N. J. Morrison, grand secretary, made the presentation. Other speakers included Col. A. J. Armstrong, P. G. M.; C. M. Lingley, D. M.; R. A. C. Brown, P. C. M., and Mr. Chas. Stevens.

Foot And Leg Crushed On Salacia. Andrew Hall, of St. Patrick's street, while at work in the hold of S. S. Salacia yesterday afternoon, had his left foot and leg jammed against the steamer's side by a sling of angle irons. He was rendered semi-conscious, and when raised to the deck on a coal board, and taken to the emergency hospital, Dr. Kenney found that the leg and foot had been badly crushed. After medical assistance had been rendered him, the injured man was placed in the ambulance and removed to his home on St. Patrick's street.

Women's University Club. The monthly meeting of the Women's University Club was held yesterday afternoon, at the residence of Mrs. J. Willard Smith. The club was organized a year ago with about twenty members, only university graduates being eligible for membership. The following colleges are now represented by lady graduates: King's Law School, Windsor; Acadia, Dalhousie, McGill, Toronto, McMaster, and the N. Y. Medical College. The club has been studying Browning and sociological questions, alternately and yesterday the Ring and Book was the subject of the study, which was in charge of Mrs. Oscar Gronlund, assisted by Dr. Margaret Parks. The next meeting will be held at the residence of Dr. N. R. Colter, when the same study will be continued under the leadership of Mrs. A. Whittaker.

Scenery in Maritime Provinces. The fifth lecture in the free course being given by the Ladies' Association of the Natural History Society, was given in their rooms, Union street, yesterday afternoon. Mrs. J. W. Lawrence was the speaker taking for her subject 'A Glimpse of Nature.' In her opening remarks Mrs. Lawrence referred to the fact that Canadians are inclined to the belief that the finest scenery is to be found in the Rockies of the West. The people of the Maritime Provinces are prone to forget that some of Canada's grandest and most magnificent beauty spots are to be found in these provinces, on the Restigouche, the Metapedia, the Bale Chaleur and along the coasts of the Gaspé Peninsula. With the aid of stereoscopic views the lecturer led her hearers and gave a graphic description of scenery along the Gaspé coast. Views were shown of the celebrated Peron Rock and of Mount St. Anne, which rises 3100 feet from the level of the water, of the picturesque Bonaventure Island and several other places more or less famous. At the close of the lecture a hearty vote of thanks was extended to the speaker.

Fielding Quits Work For Halifax Dry Dock

Dominion Government's Costly Toy Retires Temporarily From the Dredging Business to Undergo Repairs—Some Facts Regarding the Cost and Equipment.

That expensive pet of the Minister of Public Works, the famous dredge W. S. Fielding, is at present laid up in the mud near the St. John Foundry works, Lower Cove, and is being dismantled preparatory to going to Halifax for repairs. It will no doubt be months before the dredge is able to resume operations here. This dredge was supposed to be built for the special purpose of deepening the approaches to the harbor of St. John. Nine years were required to build it, and the cost of construction, according to the auditor general's report, was \$650,000, though there is evidence to show that the government really paid over \$700,000 for this splendid craft. That sum would have built and equipped five good dredges of the dipper type, which is the best type for the kind of work to be done in the harbor of St. John. When the Fielding was finally handed over to the department, it was put to work at Yarmouth, and during its first year of operation did twice as much work as any other government dredge employed in the Maritime Provinces. But as the Fielding's operations cost the country, if we take account of interest, and allow 3 per cent for depreciation, 51.5 cents per cubic yard of material dredged, or about double what the same work would cost by private contract even when there is a little graft involved, not much can be said of the efficiency of the department's methods of conducting public business. According to the department's engineers the Fielding is able to load a scow with a cubic capacity of 800 yards in thirty minutes, and it may be that when dredging on a bottom of soft mud, it is capable of accomplishing that amount of work. But certainly it has not given proof of its ability to do that amount of work since coming to St. John. The Fielding's buckets are too small to pick up boulders of any size, or are so arranged that they go around the larger ones. Often the buckets are broken by colliding with the boulders—so often in fact that while deepening Sand Point slip the dredge was idle most of the time, while big detachable buckets were used with the help of divers to raise the boulders that prevented it from continuing its work. A proper dipper dredge would have readily lifted any of these boulders. At any rate, that is the testimony of experts, who watched with amusement the costly experiments. No doubt if the government's expenditures on this famous craft to date—cost price, interest, depreciation, expenses for operation and repairs, and the hire of the two tugs in constant attendance upon it—were divided by the number of cubic yards it has actually dredged, the result would startle badly. One type of the most stable and efficient of ocean going craft, which is said to have cost over \$60,000. Their expenses run on whether working or not. The J. E. Moore Dredging concern has been using one of the large steel scoops owned by the government and supposed to be attending upon the Fielding, for a week or more. Some of Mr. Moore's men across are leading badly. One turned turtle the other day, owing to the rapidity with which it filled with water.

PILOTS' CHARGES TOO HIGH

Representative of Steamship Company Contends Rate for Mooring Steamers in Harbor is Excessive.

A statement in The Standard yesterday giving the views of St. John pilots in opposition to the movement to reduce the pilotage charges for moving steamers from one wharf to another in the harbor, has brought a reply from a representative of one of the steamship companies. The charge of \$25 for a steamer of 5,000 tons, he maintains, is altogether out of proportion with the dues at other ports. A strong protest will be made at the next meeting of the pilotage commissioners to obtain a lower rate. It was true the steamship representative said that the rates had already been reduced but the companies most interested maintained that the charges were still too high. In support of his agreement he submitted the following comparative statement of rates for transporting a steamer of 5,000 tons register from one wharf to another: St. John \$25; Halifax \$10; Montreal \$5; Quebec \$5; Boston \$4; New York \$3. The statement, he said, showed clearly that the charges in the harbor of St. John were altogether out of proportion with those at other ports. The contention that the tides and currents warranted the pilots in making a higher charge was not borne out by facts. In Montreal as an example, not only were there strong tides, but steamer in moving from anywhere below the improved harbor had to negotiate St. Mary's rapid. At Quebec the tides were quite as difficult as at St. John, yet the charge at both the St. Lawrence ports was only \$5. Several of the pilots, he added, had offered to do the pilotage on a basis, which would be reasonable. As matters stood at present he understood that one steamship company, the Donaldson Line, refused to employ pilots in the harbor. Practically every steamer of the line had to cross from one side to the other while in port, and they would not pay the rate.

WHERE WOMEN VOTE

R. E. Sachs Here from New Zealand Says Fair Sex Take Greater Interest in Politics Than Men.

Mr. R. E. Sachs, from New Zealand, was at the Victoria yesterday, in conversation with a Standard reporter last evening he declared that while New Zealand was not exactly a terrestrial paradise, it was undoubtedly the finest country for the workman on the face of the earth. Although his home was in Scotland and he had travelled through many countries, he preferred New Zealand to any place he had seen.

Board of Trade Council Urge Company to Come To Terms With Both Governments—Oppose Sale of Wharves.

The Board of Trade at a lengthy session yesterday morning considered a number of important matters. A resolution disapproving of the transfer of the West Side wharves to the C. P. R. was adopted. It was also decided to urge the taking of more active steps towards putting the harbor in commission.

The Valley Railway was also under consideration and after some discussion, a resolution of approval was adopted. The proposal to have the city and the Provincial and Federal Governments contribute to the cost was also endorsed and the resolution also calls on the company to have an agreement entered into with the two governments which will state clearly the character and magnitude of the work for the information of construction companies.

New Zealand had the best climate in the world. Its women, having votes, took a greater interest in politics than the men. They went in greatly for outdoor exercises and girls hockey teams—they play on roller skates out there—often defeated the men's teams. The government controls all their has been increasing rapidly of late.

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In a very short space of time at an early hour this morning, the building on North Market wharf owned by Mrs. E. Wilson and occupied by J. Johnston and Co., was badly gutted by fire. The damage to the stock of groceries and ship supplies is estimated at \$1500 and the building was damaged to the extent of \$500.

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