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GOVERNMENT STEAMER SUNK IN BATTLE IN HARBOR OF PANAMA

Many Men Killed, Among Them the Government Forces' Leader, General Alban—Six Steamers in the Fight—Alban's Death Deeply Deplored.

Colon, Colombia, Jan. 20—A naval battle, which began at 6 o'clock this morning, is taking place in the harbor of Panama. The revolutionary fleet consists of the steamers Padilla, Darien and Galian, they are trying to force a landing of Sabana. The government ships are the Chilean line steamer Lautaro (commanded by General Alban), the Pacific Steam Navigation Company's steamer Chiriqui (commanded by General Alban) and the Panama Canal Company's steamer Boyaca (also commanded by the Colombia government). As this despatch is sent three shots have just passed over the Chiriqui and she has answered with several shots. They fell close to the Padilla, which is seen to be retreating. The guns at Las Bovedas are also firing at the rebel ships. The government forces are throwing up entrenchments. The United States cruiser Philadelphia is close to the scene of the fighting. Panama, Jan. 20—General Carlos Alban, military commander of this district and the government of Panama, was killed during the fighting this morning. His death is deeply deplored, for he was loved by his soldiers and enjoyed the esteem of the community. It is asserted that the death of the Colombian leader may have the effect of bringing large numbers of men to the revolutionary side anxious to avenge his loss. Some of the men killed on board the government ship Lautaro have been brought ashore, where they are being buried. The Lautaro is on fire. The revolutionary gubatoir Darien, as this despatch is written is approaching the United States cruiser Philadelphia in the harbor, probably for the purpose of a conference. The firing has ceased. It is impossible to locate the revolutionary gubatoirs Padilla and Galian. The crew of the Philadelphia are assisting to put out the fire on the Lautaro. It is rumored here on shore that the firing of the Lautaro is a result of treason.

SENSATIONAL DUEL FOUGHT NEAR PARIS.

Author of "Les Maritimes," a Book Libelling the French Navy, is Wounded.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The duel fought Saturday between M. Diraison, formerly an ensign of the navy, and Lieutenant Viday, was most sensational. Sixteen rounds were fought and the duel lasted three hours. In the middle their swords bent, and fresh ones had to be fetched. Combatants, seconds and spectators took advantage of the interval to take a hearty lunch, then the fight was resumed. Finally M. Diraison was wounded in the eyebrow. His opponent's sword just missed blinding him. This is M. Diraison's fifth duel, and since writing his sensation book "Les Maritimes," by force of practice he is becoming a good fencer. He has a score or more duels on hand. M. Diraison has been deprived of his rank on account of the book. He paints the French navy in the blackest and most libellous colors. The author does not hesitate to put very highly placed personages under the thinnest of disguises.

HOW ENGLAND FAVORED THE UNITED STATES.

Statement in Parliament About Her Part in War With Spain.

ALL EUROPE OPPOSED HER

Austria Had Asked That Uncle Sam Be Called Off—Was Spokesman for the Continental Powers—But John Bull Bluntly Said "No."

London, Jan. 20.—In the house of commons today, amid an absolute silence, which was a striking tribute to the deep interest felt in the matter, Lord Cranborne, under-secretary for foreign affairs, made the first official statement which has ever emanated from the British government regarding its private attitude toward the United States in the war with Spain. The subject of proposed European intervention in the Spanish American war was brought up by Henry Norman (Liberal), in the form of a question asking whether any communication proposing, or concerning joint, or collective action by the United States and other powers, or expected outbreak, of the late war between the United States and Spain was received from the Austrian or any other government, and if so, what was the nature of the reply of her majesty's government. Mr. Norman further invited Lord Cranborne to reply in the papers in the case of the United States.

BOER GIRL KILLED BY MOTHER'S HAND.

Victim of Libels on British Soldiers—Terrible Sacrifice Which Was Unnecessary.

London, Jan. 20.—A pathetic war incident is reported by an officer attached to Lord Methuen's staff in a private letter. He was detailed to search a lonely farm house, but evidently the approach of the British soldiers had become known, for the house was empty, except for a widow weeping over her dead child. Needless to say the necessary search was conducted with as little inconvenience as possible to the poor woman. But, far from being conducted by kindness her grief became uncontrollable. It was then discovered she was the victim of the Boer libels which have been so freely circulated about British soldiers. On her leaving the proximity of the hated English, the mother had killed her little girl to prevent her suffering the brutalities which she had been told were meted out to young girls by British soldiers. The terrible sacrifice had been made without necessity.

BOERS GIVEN TO UNDERSTAND THERE'LL BE NO BRITISH PEACE OFFERS

Joseph Chamberlain Makes Significant Statement in House of Commons—Government's Programme Was Not One of Extermination, However.

London, Jan. 20.—The first important debate of the session began in the house of commons tonight, on an amendment made by Frederick Cavley to the address in reply to the speech from the throne. While the amendment constituted a recognized part of the opposition programme, strangely enough it was not supported by a single front bench. The debate, however, called out Mr. Chamberlain, who vigorously took the field in defense of the war. He made the significant statement that, if, as Lord Rosebery's speech intimated, the Boers believed they could at any time secure a repetition of Lord Kitchener's terms he wished to inform them that they were mistaken. Mr. Chamberlain added, however, that the programme was not one of extermination. The Boers had already been offered terms whose liberality surprised even England's most severe critics. Since they had been rejected the government did not propose to embarrass itself with a further specific offer and certainly would not withdraw the proclamation of August 7, 1901. It would not propose any general confiscation of property. Justice would be meted out for military offences, and other crimes. But there would be a large amnesty and the government expected to extend to the conquered people full political rights so soon as practicable. The government would not be deaf to any reasonable peace overtures it might receive.

BIG BILLS IN VIEW, A LUMBER DEAL ON THE NORTH SHORE.

LIABLE TO BE SOME OBJECTION IN YORK COUNCIL.

Single Smallpox Case Caused Expenditure of About \$1,000—County Health Board Decides to Place Guard on Great Road—Joint Action Hinted.

on Jan. 20.—(Special)—A meeting of the county board of health was held this afternoon. The members were also Dr. Young, secretary of the board, who is doing duty in connection with the outbreak were considered and it was decided to place a guard on the road from the infected district to Madam, to assist sanitary regulations. The board decided to invite the Carleton, Charlotte and Front counties in adopting whatever measures necessary to prevent smallpox being introduced in their county. It is reported to York county that \$3,000 with which to meet an insured during the year, and incurred during the coming year. The expenses in connection with smallpox cases at St. Mary's will be \$1,000, and in addition a considerable sum was expended in maintaining quarantine at Madam and Southampton, because of threatened outbreaks. There is likely to be some talk kicking on the part of the county council when the bills come before them. J. Wesley Hoyt, of Madam, a member of the board for several years, resigned on account of ill-health. He will likely be succeeded by George J. Green, of Madam. The York municipal council will meet tomorrow in semi-annual session. Coun. Grover, of Canterbury, and Robinson, of Harvey, are mentioned in connection with the wardship with odds in favor of the latter. It is understood that Secretary-Treasurer Bliss will have a most satisfactory report on the right side of the county. During the year debentures of \$3,200 have been redeemed and there is still a balance of \$4,000 on the right side of the county. The total debt of the county is now said to be less than \$12,000.

OBJECTION RAISED TO QUALITY OF BEEF.

Investigating Standard of Tinned Corned Beef Sent by Canadian Merchants to South Africa.

Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Special)—A board of inquiry is investigating at the agriculture department the quality of certain shipments of corned beef to South Africa by Canadian firms in fulfillment of orders entrusted by the war office to the department of agriculture, but when the meat reached its destination objection was raised to its quality. The department asked that samples of the tin be sent back for test and the tin reached here a few days ago. The investigation board consists of Dr. Montzambert, director general of public health; Lieut. Col. Biggar, of the army medical service corps; Mr. Thomas McFarlane, chief analyst of the internal revenue department, and Newell, Bates, of Bate & Co., grocers.

CANADA SENDS MOST CHEESE.

Interesting Statistics of British Dairy Imports Last Year.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The London cable today says: Revised official figures show that in British dairy imports Canada continues easily first. In 1901 Canada imported three times as much as the United States, which has second place. Canada received \$3,607,780; the states received \$1,214,001. The London Times recalls the fact that the states lost their trade by the unscrupulous methods of the makers of filled cheese who removed natural butter fat from milk and inserted inferior cheaper fat. Denmark is easily first in butter, supplying 43 per cent. of the British imports. Australia is second, Siberia is third.

SAY BOERS CANNOT SHOOT.

Returning Scouts from South Africa Have a Poor Opinion of Them.

New York, Jan. 20.—Two Canadian scouts and member of the Kaffir Rifles, who have been serving in the British army in South Africa fighting the Boers, arrived here today on the Germanic. The Canadians are James A. Patten and James R. Pape, of Toronto, the other man being a New Yorker, Neville Sherwood, of No. 78 West Ninety-fourth street. The three men have been with the army for nearly two years, and are here on leave. It is their opinion that the war will not end for some time yet, although they say that the Boers are being killed and captured in large numbers. Contrary to the general opinion of the Boers, they are a good shot, the men say that it is very seldom that a Boer hits anything he aims at the first time. The men have a very poor opinion of the British officers, and say that their inferior operations is the reason for the war not ending sooner. Britishman Sherwood said that the Imperial Yeomanry, who are supposed to be as good as the American Rough Riders, were, are no earthly use, and that when Gen. Kitchener finds a Boer once more, a letter of which she is very proud. It is from King Edward VII.

CHILDHOOD FRIEND OF QUEEN VICTORIA.

Old Lady of New Jersey Has Letter from King Edward.

New York, Jan. 20.—Mrs. Sarah A. Levi, of Woodbridge, N. J., who returned recently from a visit to England, brought a letter of which she is very proud. It is from King Edward VII. When Mrs. Levi was 12 years old she met Queen Victoria, then a young and lonely girl. The memory of the meeting and the graciousness of England's gentle ruler have been dear recollections ever since. Mrs. Levi is now in her 83rd year. A little more than a year ago she decided to visit, and, if possible, to renew her acquaintance with the queen once more. She received the following in reply: "Buckingham Palace. The private secretary in command by the king to express his majesty's thanks to you for your kind and loyal letter of sympathy. To Mrs. Sarah A. Levi. "February 8, 1901." Mrs. Levi has been for many years one of the best known residents of Woodbridge. Her son in England urged her to reside in America proved too strong, so she came back.

CARRIED HERO FROM FIELD.

DR. FARRELL, CANADIAN SURGEON, BACK FROM SOUTH AFRICA.

Ottawa, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Dr. Farrell, of Belleville, Ont., who has been in South Africa, is in Ottawa today. He was first attached to the Canadian Mounted Rifles, for the last year has been in the Royal army medical corps. It was Dr. Farrell who carried Lieut. Borden off the field after the latter had been fatally wounded, and he was the first surgeon to dress the injuries of Trooper Malloy, of Winchester, who lost his sight as a result of a wound. Dr. Farrell says that contrary to the general idea here, the war does not seem to be near an end. There is fighting going on every day in almost every section of the war area. There are not any great battles but every day sees a more or less serious battle in progress, and it is hard to estimate when the struggle will end. Dr. Farrell says the despatches which have reached Canada have not given any adequate idea of the amount of fighting that has been in progress. He says there cannot be any doubt of the ultimate result, but the struggle may continue for a considerable time.

CORONATION BABY NAMES FOR PANAMA CANAL.

President Roosevelt Turns Down the Nicaraguan Project.

Washington, Jan. 20.—Today the president sent congress the supplemental part of the Isthmian canal commission, in which it is unanimously recommended that the offer of the new Panama Canal Company to sell all of its rights, property and unfinished work to the United States for \$40,000,000 be accepted. The president accompanied it only with a note of transmittal. The senate ordered that the report be printed in the Congressional Record and in document form.

WOODSTOCK COUNCIL IN OFFICE.

Declared Elected Yesterday—Returned Soldier Dangerously Ill.

Woodstock, Jan. 20.—(Special)—The people of Woodstock appear satisfied with the management of civic affairs for today there was no opposition to the old board and the following were declared the city fathers for the ensuing year: W. B. Belyea, mayor. J. T. Allan Dibble, R. B. Jones, A. E. Jones, John A. Lindsay, Geo. E. Baldwin and H. E. Burt, councilors. Robert Hughes, a member of the second Canadian contingent to South Africa, is dangerously ill at his home here from pneumonia and rheumatism, the latter was probably contracted at the front. Dr. Hand and a trained nurse are in attendance.

SABBATH PROTECTION.

New England League, at Annual Meeting, Hears of Seven Years' Work.

Boston, Jan. 20.—At the annual meeting of the New England Sabbath Protection League Senator Hoar, of Worcester, was re-elected president, Rev. M. D. Knorr, general secretary, and James G. Buttrick, treasurer. More than 20 anti-Sabbatarian laws were defeated. Letters were read endorsing the work from Governors Hill of Maine, Jordan of New Hampshire, and Kimball of Rhode Island.

MONTEAL CIVIC NOMINATIONS.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Four nominations for the mayoralty were made today, this being nomination day for the civic contests, February 1. The four are: Mayor Prefontaine, Dr. Lachapelle, R. Wilson Smith and James Cochrane. Out of 34 seats, 13 aldermen were elected by acclamation.

WANT SUBSIDY FROM BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Montreal, Jan. 20.—(Special)—Daniel Mann, of MacKenzie & Mann, will leave for British Columbia tonight with J. N. Greenhills, counsel for the firm. It is understood the object is to arrange with the British Columbia government, as to a subsidy for the extension of the Canadian Northern through the Rockies to the Pacific.

PORTIA KNIGHT ACCEPTS \$15,000.

London, Jan. 18.—The action of Miss Portia Knight against the Duke of Manchester for breach of promise of marriage has been settled for \$15,000 exclusive of \$3,500 costs.

SERIOUS MILL ACCIDENT.

Belfast, Jan. 20.—Thirteen persons were killed and 50 injured at a mill accident which occurred today.

LEYS IS STILL ALIVE, ANYWAY.

Brussels, Jan. 20.—Dr. Leyds, the European representative of the Transvaal, has addressed a protest to the powers against the execution of the Boer Commandant Scheepers, whose death sentence was confirmed by Lord Kitchener, which Dr. Leyds describes as an assassination, justifying retaliation on the parts of Generals Botha and DeWet.

PRINCE OF WALES WILL GO TO SPAIN.

London, Jan. 21.—The Prince of Wales will represent King Edward at the approaching coronation of King Alfonso of Spain.

FRENCHMEN TALK ABOUT THE WAR.

Paris, Jan. 20.—The session of the Chamber of Deputies today was devoted to interpellations concerning the attitude of France on the American question and the Transvaal war.

STRONG RESOLUTION.

Toronto, Jan. 20.—The executive of the Ontario League of Nations is tonight passing resolutions protesting against a three-fifths amendment upon that subject.

LIBERAL CANDIDATE IN KINGSTON.

Kingston, Ont., Jan. 20.—(Special)—The Liberals of Kingston tonight selected a candidate for the Ontario legislature in Edward B. Pense, editor and proprietor of the Windsor Post, who is at home, but through a deputation he announced his acceptance of the candidature. It is said the writ will be issued at once. Nominations on January 30 and election February 6.

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OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

CURRENT OPINION.

FOR THE TOLLERS OF THE SOUL.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 16.—The houses at Hopewell Cape, which were quarantined on account of smallpox in the village have been released, with the exception of the infected house.

CHARLOTTETOWN.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Jan. 19.—(Special)—Another case of smallpox has developed in Georgetown. The patient, a little boy, has been removed to the emergency hospital.

HAMPTON.

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 17.—Contractor Smith has men shingling and lathing Mrs. J. Dan's new building in the five block.

GREENWICH.

Greenwich, Jan. 17.—Mr. and Mrs. O. A. Mewell, of Oak Point, gave an at home last Wednesday evening to the many friends.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Jan. 18.—A large number attended the annual meeting of St. John's church Wednesday evening.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 17.—(Special)—At the regular communion of Sussex Royal Arch Chapter, at the Masonic Hall this evening.

FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Jan. 17.—(Special)—The government held a lengthy session tonight.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Jan. 17.—(Special)—The strike of the Record Foundry & Machine Shop is mauling the business.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, Jan. 17.—(Special)—A son of Rev. H. D. Worden, of Oxbay, formerly of York county, is seriously ill with pneumonia.

WOODSTOCK.

Woodstock, N. B., Jan. 21.—(Special)—He broke out at 2:40 o'clock this morning in the large wooden building in the alley block adjoining the town hall.

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, Jan. 20.—Albert Trice and his sister-in-law, J. Fernie, E. C. who are here, spent part of last night at the guests of Mrs. McRobt.

REURGAM.

Reurgam, N. B., Jan. 20.—Ice cutting began on the lower Hudson today.

NEW YORK.

New York, N. Y., Jan. 20.—The annual horse races at Clifton, postponed on account of the unfavorable condition of the ice on New Year's.

AMERICAN OPINION ON BRITISH PARLIAMENT.

Parliament will be asked for more money hereafter to prosecute the plan of conquest. This will be forthcoming in spite of the protests of those who would surrender the nation to a season.

THE KAISER'S METHODS.

Persons who attribute the rapid growth of the German mercantile marine to the patronage of the government, and to the emperor personally, will have some difficulty in explaining why it is that the Kaiser's navy is not in the same condition as the German mercantile marine.

THE COTTY NIAGARA ROUTE.

There is one point in favor of the Panama route for the people of the United States are not going to lose sight of, namely, the annual estimated cost of maintaining and operating the Nicaragua canal is \$1,200,000 greater than the corresponding charges for the Panama canal.

TAMMANY'S "PURIFICATION."

But in trying to show how beneficial Mr. Nixon's appointment will be, Mr. Croker showed how odious his administration has been.

WATER PROTECTION OF BEES.

Bees in winter must be kept dry and warm. Honey is their food as well as their food. The colder they get, the more honey they will eat.

WITCH HAZEL IN AGRICULTURE.

Agriculturally the witch hazel plant has no value, as it hardly grows large enough for fuel, but makes a bushy clump full of branches.

EFFECT OF FERMENTED MANURE.

Fermented manure gives good results, as it contains more soluble matter than that which is not decomposed.

ODORS ARISING FROM MANURE.

When odors arise from the manure, gaseous ammonia is escaping. This should not be allowed. Sprinkling the floors and gutters with dried mud, road dust, plaster or super-phosphate will help absorb the liquids.

STICK TO ONE BREED.

If farmers would take one good breed of fowls and carefully study their characteristics, they would make more profit than if they kept trying to originate some new breed.

CARE OF THE BROAD SOW.

After pigs are born the litter in the sty should not be changed for several days unless the sow is a very placid disposition.

SLITS ON MARKETING TURKEYS.

If turkeys are well fattened and are sent to market in a dirty, shabby, cramped coop they are apt to be left until late in the day.

LIGHT IN POULTRY HOUSES.

According to my observation, most poultry houses have too many windows, or rather too much window space.

STOP UP THE CRACKS.

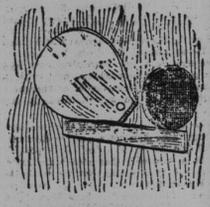
As the weather begins to get colder, especially if it is increasingly important that the birds shall be snugly sheltered from winds and storms.

CHICKEN COOP DOOR.

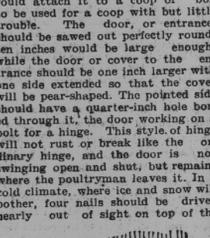
So simple in construction that any Farmer Handy With Tools Can Improve This Good One.

STABILING COWS.

A Clean, Comfortable and Safe Stall for Dairy Cows—Explanation as Originally Given in Hoard's Dairyman.



CHICKEN COOP DOOR OPEN.



CHICKEN COOP DOOR CLOSED.



THE HOARD STALL.

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SPECIAL NOTICE. As a great number of our subscribers are interested in the Census Guessing Competition, for which prizes were offered to the persons coming nearest to the correct enumeration of the population for the Dominion of Canada, a given out by the Minister of Agriculture from the results of the recent census, we wish to advise the readers of THE TELEGRAPH that no announcement had yet been made by the Minister of Agriculture.

As soon as the Hon. Mr. Fisher has made the official statement showing the results of the Census, the coupons will be sorted out by the Press Publishing Association of Detroit, and the announcement made of the prize winners in the SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH for several issues, so that all may know who the successful competitors were.

This will save our readers and ourselves any trouble of correspondence in regard to the competition.

THE TELEGRAPH PUBLISHING CO. OTTAWA, Ont., Aug. 16. TO PRESS PUBLISHING ASSOCIATION, TORONTO: Official figures are Five Million, Three Hundred and Thirty-eight Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty-three, but they are not final. A. BLUE, Director of Census.

As soon as final figures can be obtained, the awards will be made. PRESS PUB. ASS'N

BY ACCLAMATION. The election of Dr. Robert C. Ruddock by acclamation on Saturday to the vacancy in St. John county, caused by the death of the late member, Mr. John MacLean, was not a surprise to local politicians. Our morning contemporary would have the people believe that the reason opposition was offered to the government candidate was that the leaders thought it advisable not to contest the election in view of the near approach of the general elections. This course may have been expressed by some, but it is certain that gentlemen quite prominent in the local opposition ranks made desperate efforts to obtain a nominee, and for this purpose these persons were quite willing to accept anybody, even an independent government supporter, so long as the seat was permitted to fall to the government by default. Several of these active politicians were busy making combinations which were to work destruction to the government and defeat Dr. Ruddock in the county.

It is quite evident that the local opposition in this province is in the same sickly condition that the Tory party is in throughout the Dominion. The leaders have no strength and following and the same men who are shouting for purity in local matters are the self-same gentlemen who were heard loudly supporting the late Tory administration of Canada, one of the most corrupt governments any country has ever seen. Before the leader of the local opposition and his followers can appeal to the people of this province on the purity cry, they must wash themselves

clean of the Langwin-McGregory and Curran-Isidore scandals, the Harris deal and numerous other equally corrupt acts of the last Tory governments. The men who are now leading the local opposition in this province supported and condoned those corrupt acts at Ottawa and with such a record it is hardly conceivable that the electorate of New Brunswick will give much attention to their empty rantings. The provincial opposition have no policy, neither economic, industrial, or otherwise, to offer the people of this province. It simply appeals to the electors to put it in power and trust it to conduct an energetic, economic and honest administration.

But the record of the past is against the leader and his followers. Men who did not employ their talents and powers to prevent corruption at Ottawa are not likely to have the force of character and ability to stop the same thing at Fredericton. There can be no doubt as to the result when the general elections are held. The return of Dr. Ruddock is but one of the forerunners of a fresh renewal of power to the present administration.

A SICK PARTY. Our morning contemporary is very anxious to divert public attention from the terribly demoralized condition of the Tory party in Canada. The excuses which are being offered by the Conservative press for the defeat of Wednesday last show that the party is in a disorganized and dazed state. There is no unanimity of opinion among them as to the reason for their disaster. Some say that they were due to the unorganized condition of the party, but this view is not entertained by the Quebec Chronicle (Cons.) which says:

The by-elections that have just taken place were not sprung as surprises on the country and the party had plenty of time to prepare for them. We have heard a great deal about Conservative unpreparedness since as far back as 1896, and it seems to us that the party has had time enough since then to get ready. We take no stock, therefore, in stories of defective organization. It would be folly to expect the country to support a party which will not take the trouble to support itself.

Mr. St. John and other supporters of Mr. Wallace are endeavoring to excuse their defeat in West York on the ground that the Conservative poll workers did not do their duty and permitted impersonation. This tale of woe of blustering Mr. St. John will hardly be believed by other than the very credulous Tory who is anxiously looking for some plausible apology for Mr. Campbell's victory. One anyone imagine that the horrid Grits could deceive and do as they like with the Conservatives of West York? The Toronto Telegram (Conservative) speaking of the pitiful wall of the routed leaders in Toronto that the election was won by purchase and personation, says:

But the purchase and personation of votes would not have sufficed to elect the Liberal candidate at the Mail and Empire and its echoes on Conservative platforms had not killed off enthusiasm by their lack of ideas, and the dull, sordid paragonship of their appeals to mere prejudice. West York Conservatives have cherished the idea that all they had to do was to unloose the thunder of Mr. J. W. St. John's voice and start the Mail and Empire and its Junior Josiah screaming "Tarte, Tarte," and victory would necessarily perch on their banners.

The government victories of last Wednesday have caused the thoughtful Tories to think of the general conclusion arrived at by them some time ago, that the condition of the party in Canada is so low that it is almost impossible for it to become lower. The Tories throughout the Dominion are sick. The party is like a derelict ship, without a helm, drifting about hoping against hope that it may reach a haven sometime in the future. The chief Tory organs, such as the Mail and Empire, Montreal Gazette, Sun, Halifax Herald and other journals devote any energy they possess to cynical criticism, misrepresentation and appeals to the racial and religious passions of the people hoping that the party may make some political gain by setting race against race and creed against creed. The whole ambition of these Tory journals is to regain power at any price, even if it be the disruption of the confederacy. The Conservative party today is devoid of ideas and its only ideal is to return to the seals of office. The rank and file of the party is sick at heart and has neither confidence in the leaders nor its press. The Conservative workers have been deceived so often by the Tory journals that they no longer have any confidence in them nor enthusiasm to work for the cause. They also find that the people of the country are well satisfied with the administration of affairs as conducted by the Laurier government and that much of the criticism of their organs is of a captious nature. The Tories find that the Liberals not only possess a man they can cheer for, but also a government with an economic and progressive policy.

TORIES SINGING OUT OF TUNE. Nothing so thoroughly illustrates the disorganized and disheartened condition of the Tory party in Ontario so well as the differences of opinion expressed by its members regarding the Liberal victory in the Conservative stronghold of West York. The blow was such a severe one to the Tory bosses that they had to intimate that West York was carried by the Liberals only by means of the grossest bribery and personation. Their press, at the moment unable to account for the crushing blow which had been dealt to the Tory cause in Ontario, echoed these opinions. The Tory leaders could not realize that the rank and file of the party

was indifferent and sullen and would not respond to the old call to arms. As has been already stated in these columns the greater mass of the Tory party is sick at heart and have no faith in the ability of the present bosses to lead them on to victory. The Tory press of Ontario is now realizing the fact that the defeat of Mr. Wallace in West York is one of the greatest blows the party has had since confederation in Ontario. The crushing provincial election in that province, causing Mr. J. P. Whitney, M. P. P., leader of the opposition, and his lieutenants considerable anxiety and giving them matter for mature thought. The Toronto Tory press, which had the characteristic cry-baby explanation of defeat-bribery and personation-is now beginning to realize it was the people who did the trick. The Toronto News, Conservative, says:-

The figures show that Archibald Campbell was elected in West York by the Conservative voters renouncing away from the polls. He secured the seat with 76 votes less than he received in the general election, when he was defeated by over 800. The satisfactory feature of the contest is that there does not appear to have been much purchasing of votes. It is possible, as it is rumored, that men were bribed to refrain from voting, but we cannot believe that this accounts for Mr. Wallace's defeat. There seems to have been no enthusiasm among his supporters except at the public meetings, and meetings are not good barometers of public sentiment. The Mail and Empire blames the defeat of Mr. Wallace in West York to the activity of the Liberal machine. The returns indicate that the result was due rather to the inactivity of the Conservative organization. The 600 Parkdale votes that were not cast would, if counted, probably alter the result.

These are the expressions of opinion of an out and out Conservative organ. It repudiates the explanation of the Mail and Empire regarding the cause of the defeat of Mr. Wallace as being due to the activity of the Liberal machine, bribery and personation. It attributes the election of Mr. Campbell to the utter indifference of the once Tory voters to the fate of the leaderless and policyless party. The Conservatives have alienated the silent independent vote and they have created discussion in their own ranks through the incapacity and avarice of the leaders and bosses.

The Quebec Chronicle, Conservative, very truly says: "It would be folly to expect the country to support a party which will not take the trouble to support itself." This is exactly the position of affairs. It must be remembered that the victory in West York was in Ontario and not in Quebec. There can be no claim that the Conservative loss was caused by the leaderless and policyless party. The Conservatives have alienated the silent independent vote and they have created discussion in their own ranks through the incapacity and avarice of the leaders and bosses.

WHO WILL BE LEADER? The Conservative party today is practically leaderless. This condition was well exemplified during the recent by-elections. To those who had followed the campaign in Ontario and Quebec it must have been very apparent that no two candidates had the same policy. Further, the absence from the constituencies of Mr. R. L. Borden, M. P., who was selected leader last session, was most pronounced and it was repeatedly remarked that his name was hardly ever mentioned from the Tory platforms. The opposition in place of discussing public questions on their merits resorted to all kinds of personalities and class issues and as a result the party has sunk into perfect insignificance in the eyes of the public.

The absence of a leader like Mr. Borden from a constituency of such importance as West York was significant. It may have been possible that he had some hint as to the probable result, but that is scarcely likely. Mr. Borden, if he is the leader, does not appear to know his own mind and did not actively direct the contest recently waged in the different constituencies upon any general concerted plan. It is quite evident to the most superficial observer that the selection of Mr. Borden as a leader was a mistake from a party standpoint. He lacks the magnetism and personality to enthuse the Tory party. In the words of Mr. Wm. F. MacLean, M. P., he is not a man that the party can cheer for. Another session is in sight and it is pretty certain that the question of the Tory leadership will come before the party in caucus.

The Ontario Tories are dissatisfied, but at the same time the leaders among them are jealous of one another. There is Mr. Wm. F. MacLean and Mr. E. F. Clarke. The Albany Club (Conservative) of Toronto, the Toronto members, the Mail and Empire and the other organs controlled by the Southern Syndicate would strenuously oppose his elevation to the leadership. The man with the knife, MacLean, is most obnoxious to the Toronto Tory clique. Mr. E. F. Clarke hopes to be selected to the leadership of the Orange or as successor to the late Clarke Wallace. It is hardly probable that he could hold both leaderships. The next possibility is of Mr. F. D. Monk, M. P. He appears to know his own mind. He has conducted an active crusade against imperialism in Quebec and it is quite possible with the disappearance of the South African war he may come to the front and dominate the Tory party. He

can now point to the fact that the ultra-Liberal and French domination cries in Ontario are not taken seriously by the people, as evidenced by the recent elections, and that his anti-imperialistic utterances in Quebec are better vote winners than the cry of Tarte in Ontario.

The attitude of Mr. Monk would almost indicate a change of plan of campaign of the Tories in the future. But who will be the leader? Time alone will tell. For the present the party is drifting without any man at the helm.

BOERS AT BERMUDA. A pro-Boer preacher from Boston has been investigating conditions among the Boers in Bermuda and his report is a fearful tale of woe. What about the Libby and Anderson prisons?

The investigator states that the prisoners are kept within their enclosures by barbed wire fences. This was surely a kindness on the part of the British authorities, as barbed wire ought to make the Boers feel at home, in view of their records with it in South Africa. The investigator complains that a fleet of battleships ride at anchor among the islands and flash searchlights on the camp throughout the night. Perhaps he was previously unaware that Bermuda is the regular winter headquarters for the British fleet. Some discerning people who claim to know the Boers assert that it will require more than searchlights to enlighten them. The investigator alleges that in the mild and hazy climate of Bermuda, where even a single coat is often a burden, the Boer prisoners are short of clothing. Some, he says, had not a change of underwear for sixteen months. The question arises how many changes such gentlemen would have had in their native wilds? The investigator says he was permitted to visit all the camps on six different islands and talk at will with the prisoners, that some were paid by the government for work and that all are at perfect liberty to amuse themselves as they please. This surely does not represent a very terrible state of captivity. The prisoners, he admits, have libraries, reading rooms and schools, with regular school masters and every facility for holding religious and other meetings. No disease or loss of life is reported among them. Yet the investigator makes an appeal for luxuries of food, clothing and money for these prisoners. It may be noted that he permits his reputation to be traded upon for such a purpose, it is surely an indication that he is not as young and vigorous as he used to be.

THE COST OF ARMY HORSES. A contribution by Captain T. T. Pitman in the January number of the Badminton Magazine, has some interesting facts concerning the number of horses which have been used by the British forces in South Africa. He estimates that from the opening of the war until the end of June, 1901, there were issued from the Transvaal, Orange River Colony and Cape Colony, 12,700 artillery horses, valued at \$235,000; 52,000 cavalry horses valued at \$1,788,000; and 140,000 cobs and ponies valued at \$2,380,000. In addition to these there were issued in the Natal district, 64,200 horses valued at \$2,118,000. This makes the total number and value of the horses issued from the commencement of the war until June 30th, 1901, as being equal to 288,900 horses valued at \$6,901,000. Between July 1st and October 31st he estimates that there were 32,000 horses imported, which he values at \$1,056,000, which makes the total number of horses issued 300,900 valued at \$7,957,000. This, however, does not represent the cost of the horses delivered in South Africa, and he estimates that the extra charges for this purpose are about \$16 per animal, which would be equal to \$4,814,400. This would place the total cost of the horses employed in the South African campaign at \$12,772,000, or nearly \$63,000,000. The figures given by Captain Pitman evidently do not include mules which have been imported by the British authorities in large numbers for transportation and other purposes. These figures give great force to the recently issued instructions of Lord Roberts to the officers of mounted troops as to the particular importance of giving proper care and attention to army horses.

A VERY CLOSE CONSTITUENCY. The election of Mr. Carboneau by a small majority in L'Islet has been the subject of much comment. Many persons thought that he, as government candidate, would have been elected by a substantial majority. Mr. Caron, the independent Liberal, received the entire support of the Conservatives of the district and the latter entertained the hope that he might get a sufficient number of Liberal votes to ensure his election and thus strike an indirect blow at the government. L'Islet is probably the closest constituency in Canada. In 1878 a Liberal was elected by 59 of a majority; in 1882 by 65, and in 1887 by 40. In 1891 the Conservatives carried the constituency by 6 of a majority and in 1896 the Liberals won the seat by the same majority. Squator Dechene, however, in 1901 had the largest majority obtained at any contested general election since 1872 when he received a majority of 100. In the provincial elections the member chosen also had small majorities. For example, Hon. F. G. M. Dechene was returned by 14, 7, 3, and 1 in his last four electoral contests. The election therefore of Mr. Carboneau by 22 of a majority is about the normal. The

derousness that they must be lifted by machinery, as compared with the craft of the days of the Spanish armada; by the ease of machine-tending in manufacturing compared with the painful hand labor of the centuries gone—such contrasts are no more startling than is the possibility of a ship in the coming days of general wireless telegraphy and from the benefits which accompany and flow from it compared with the typical hardness of the sailor's life which has formed such a fertile topic for strenuous song and story. Under the manifold conditions which wirelessness unfolds to us, may it not be possible, instead of a crew of horny-handed, hard-driven mariners, unable to participate in the good things of this life in either education of luxury, to find our modern freighters manned by a very small but select company of men, each one of whom shall have been required to pass an examination in science, who will hardly be required to expose themselves to the elements, and whose wireless ability may enable them even to eliminate from their duties the necessity of observing the solar bodies for latitude and longitude? Such a materialization seems like that of a Jules Verne dream, but when the transatlantic passenger liners shall become submarine vessels, the different routes at different depths to avoid collision, as has been proposed by a submarine inventor, it is possible that more wonderful things shall come to pass in ocean transportation than even Jules Verne or Marconi have dreamed of.

NOTE AND COMMENT. Ontario had a surplus in the last fiscal year of \$435,000. St. John county returns the government candidate, Dr. Ruddock, by acclamation. Congratulations. The Tory press is now explaining away the result in West York. One organ says the people could never have done it. Why certainly not. How could they be so cruel to a sick party? It is reported that Mr. J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., leader of the opposition, forgot the number in the combination in St. John county. Probably one of the new leaders in this district took to the country with him. The government has at present a majority of 57 in the House of Commons. After the general elections it was 33. Elections are still to be held in Victoria, B. C., Lisgar, Quebec West and Terrebonne or Maisonneuve. The Sun says: "St. John county has lately been rather a hot ground for the opposition, but there are signs of a change." Why didn't our contemporary try it and see if the signs of a change were not, as usual, highly imaginative. The only comment that the Ottawa Citizen (Conservative) had on the by-elections was that "there were several Conservative candidates who were snatched under."

The results of the election in Ontario are having a rather depressing effect upon Mr. J. P. Whitney, M. P. P., the leader of the opposition. He sees the handwriting on the wall—four more years of opposition. The Tories comment is not using time they are complaining of Hon. J. P. Whitney's management of his department. La Veri Tory orgs Conservati This intus Angers, Quebec T Hon. G lating his nomiatist would be former ultramontane the opinion that the s are political fakirs, all shock Hon. A. R. Landry and the other Foster is now congratulatory he did not receive the West York. The defeat laid at his door First

genuine piece of luck Hon. George E. had since 1896. Our morning contemporary says: "Quebec county lost and others very close." L'Islet returned the Liberal by a small majority of 32, St. James by 60, 1, jortia and Beauce by acclamation. Where were those others that were very close. The nerve protoplasm of our contemporary has evidently assumed the gelatinous condition and it is in the irritable state. The Montreal Gazette (Conservative) says: "The result of the by-elections will be disappointing to the Conservatives." Our morning contemporary is doing a lot of whistling to assist in keeping up the courage of the rank and file. At heart it agrees with its Montreal contemporary. Dr. Montzambert was severely taken to task by some critics for his asserting that anyone who takes smallpox should be sent to jail. He is not alone in his opinion, however, for we find that Dr. H. M. Bracken, secretary of the Minnesota State Board of Health, gives utterance to exactly the same sentiment, stating that anyone found afflicted with smallpox ought first to be cured and then sent to jail for ninety days. A Serious Defect. Paderewski Josephy Fortissimo Lee Was the greatest pianist you ever did see. He rendered fantasias, gavottes and canzons, Chaconas and overtures, fugues and sonatas. He could play like the sweep of a rushing cyclone. Or as softly and low as the south wind's faint moan. He knew all the works of Beethoven and Of Wagner and Chopin—not one had he missed. He had all honors and laurels wherever he went. And he knew he deserved them, so he was content. But his pride had a fall, for one summer day he sent to a girl came to hear his mat play. And she said, as he turned politely to greet "Please sir, can you play 'Peter, Peter, pumpkin eater'?" He was deeply chagrined and he felt very blue. But he modestly replied, "No, I can't, dear 'Can you?" "O yes," she responded. She flew to the piano. With her two fat forefingers she played it with ease. And she afterward said, "I would rather be than Paderewski Josephy Fortissimo Lee."—Judge

Sunshine in January. Let's all return. Let's all reform. There comes a zephyr soft and warm To soothe the January day. There shines a mild and genial ray, Which makes us hope that this old party Which showed of old so great a death Has found a philanthropic mood And now is trying to be good. No doubt 'twill now and then relapse To ruthless ways and sad misdeeds, But 'twill reform and at last be all you wish ere May is past. So let us help the task along And join the effort to be strong. And conquer strife and still the storm. Let's all reform. Let's all reform. —Washington St

Boys' Clothing--Big Reductions.

If we hadn't such peculiar notions as to how new and fresh a Clothing stock should be at the beginning of every season, we'd sell all we could of these Clothes at full prices and keep the rest till next fall and winter. But we've got that peculiar notion, and besides we want the trade of Men and Boys who want good clothes, but haven't found out yet where they are, and so we are willing to lose some money on the balance of stocks. You will need to take quick advantage of such pricings as these.—

Vestee Suits—These suits are for boys 3 to 9 years old, and are made in tweeds, serges, chevrons and worsteds. We have grouped them into three lots, with a full range of sizes in each lot, and priced them as follows: Lot 1—Former prices, \$2.50, 2.75, 3.00; Your choice, \$2.00 Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.50; Your choice, \$3.00 Lot 3—Former prices, \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Your choice, \$4.00

Two-Piece Pleated Suits—There are over 200 Suits in this lot, and are for boys four, five and six years old, and are made in Tweeds, Serges and Worsteds. We give you your choice of \$2.00. Former prices were \$2.50, 3.00, 3.50, 4.00, 4.50, 5.00. Exceptional bargains in this lot of suits for some one.

Boys' Ulsters—Our full stock of boys' ulsters are placed in two lots, and priced as below: Lot 1--Former prices, \$3.00 to \$4.50; Now \$2.30 Lot 2--Former prices, \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00; Now \$3.40

Two-Piece Pleated and Norfolk Jacket Suits for boys 7 to 12 years. We have made three lots of these suits and priced them as below: Lot 1—Former prices \$2.25, 2.50, 2.75; Your choice, \$1.90 Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.25, 3.50, 3.75; Your choice, \$2.90 Lot 3—Former prices, \$4.25, 4.50, 4.75, 5.00, 5.25; Your choice, \$3.90

Boys' Three-Piece Suits, for boys 9 to 16 years, made from all the popular fabrics. We have priced them to clear as below: Lot 1—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00; Your choice, \$2.95 Lot 2—Former prices, \$4.50, 5.00, 5.50; Your choice, \$3.95 Lot 3—Former prices, \$6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Your choice, \$4.95

Boys' Reefers, for boys 3 to 16 years, in Beavers, Naps, Friezes and Curly Cloth. Prices are now: Lot 1—Former prices, \$2.50, 2.75, 3.00; Sale price, \$2.00 Lot 2—Former prices, \$3.50, 3.75, 4.00, 4.50; Sale price, \$3.00 Lot 3—Former prices, \$5.00, 5.50, 6.00, 6.50, 7.00, 7.50; Sale price, \$4.00

You can't afford to miss this sale if your Boy needs Winter Clothing for this season or next.

GREATER OAK HALL, King Street, Cor. Gormain. SCOVIL BROS. & CO

LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

fourth blast furnace at Sydney is now in operation.

Albert Circuit Court opens at Hopewell Cape on Tuesday. Justice McLeod presiding.

The United States postal authorities have discontinued fumigating the mails from St. John at Vancouver.

Pickford & Black have chartered the steamer Delmore to replace the Benedict on the West Indian service.

Ernest V. Gergens, a brother of F. H. Gergens, of Sault Ste. Marie, died of heart failure on Thursday night in Chicago.

The local government has decided to sell the fishing rights on the ungranted Crown lands of the province at public auction.

The provincial executive met here Saturday and heard a committee from the Exhibition Association in reference to a grant for an exhibition.

R. S. Ritchie has been appointed general agent for the Quebec Fire Insurance Company for New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island.

Mr. W. A. Steiper has been awarded the contract for supplying the galvanized iron work for the tenement house being built for J. Colwell on Metcalf street.

Ivan Thompson brought in yesterday from E. & C. Thompson's mine at New 50 ounces of gold, the result of last month's crushing of 50 tons of quartz—Halifax Herald.

An insane person named Anthony Dear, arrived in the city Monday afternoon from Shediac in charge of Constable Gilman. He was conveyed to the asylum.

The inland revenue department has issued orders for a weekly test of voltage by electric light inspectors in different parts of the cities in which they reside and as often as convenient in other localities in their district.

On Wednesday night a special service in celebration of the first anniversary of King Edward's accession to the throne will be held in St. John's (stone) church. The mayor and members of the council have been invited to attend.

Ned Dalton has received word from Roxhe, the Halifax alderman, that he is contesting with the St. John man before the court of the month.

Day vs. Linton, which has been on trial in the Kings county circuit, at Hampton, during the past week, resulted in a verdict for the plaintiff of \$625. R. G. Murray for the plaintiff and A. W. Baird, defendant. The court adjourned sine die.

Rev. Dr. Wilson of Zion church, who was taken suddenly ill last night, died at the age of 70 years, the result of a long illness. The funeral will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning. The bereaved gentleman, however, recovered sufficiently to take all his last wishes.

Mayor Daniel received on Saturday a communication from James Beaman, secretary of Andrew Carnegie. It stated that a library will be held for the city pledge support of \$5,000 a year and turn a site.

Letters under Halifax date, formerly of Indianapolis, now of the Field Hospital Corps, C. M. R. He has been placed in the transportation department as driver. He is in good health and regards the life with considerable favor.

The reports to Registrar Jones for the past week were three marriages and 23 births. Ten burial permits were issued as follows: Heart disease, 2; pneumonia, 1; angina, 1; premature birth, 1; tubercular disease of hip, 1.

Sackville is to have a new newspaper, the first issue of which will appear early in February. The paper will be published weekly by the Tribune Printing Company, in which a Sackville man and a Moncton man are interested. The venture is being warmly received by the business men of the town and there seems good prospects of its success.

A soldier returned from Africa described one of the places where Boers kept their prisoners as an enclosure fenced with barbed wire so as to make it a "devil's contrivance." Yet at Boston missionary criticized the barbed wire enclosure in which they were guarded there, although he was freely admitted to them.

A. Chubb's corner on Saturday Auctioneers sold the freehold property on Marsh street known as the Calhoun mill property to Henry Lee for \$405; also the leasehold lot adjoining with dwelling house, to Geo. A. Kimball for \$600. A property on Elliott Row, occupied by A. H. Ellis, was withdrawn by Auctioneer Gerow at \$2,150.

The Ladies Auxiliary, S. P. C. A., has elected Mrs. Thos. Walker, president; Mesdames Prescott, R. C. Skinner, Albert, Tuck, G. McLeod, D. McLean, Alice, Eliza and Miss Harriet Peters, secretaries; and Miss Margaret Peters, secretary-treasurer. The delegates to the Woman's Council are Mesdames Wardrop, W. W. Allen, Almon, J. MacLaren and S. Merritt Wetmore.

The C. P. R. will open their new yard at Bay Shore this morning. The office at Bay Shore has been furnished and in future all trains arriving and departing with mail instead of at Fairville at the Bay Shore. The trains with freight for and from the west will be handled between the shore and Sand Point by the shunting engines.

Two prominent Canadian families were united yesterday by the marriage of Dr. Robert Bruce Shaw and Miss E. L. Rogers, both of Charlottetown, P. E. I., at the residence of Rev. Dillon Bronson, pastor of St. Mark's church in Brookline, Mass. Saturday's Boston Transcript. The bride is the daughter of Hon. Benjamin Rogers, member of the executive council of P. E. Island.

The new boat built at this place last

summer has been taken to Kingsport from there to St. John to have her machinery put in. She will take the place of the Leaver in the harbor. It is expected that her speed will average seven knots an hour making the trip in six hours. She will be fitted with first-class cabins capable of holding 100 persons. Mr. Spicton, the popular purser, will, in his pleasing manner, wait on the travelling public as he has done for the past five years.—Kentville Advertiser.

In connection with the discussion of fruit growing at the meeting of the Farmers and Dairyman's association in the city council chamber, Fredericton, on the 28th, 29th and 30th, there will be an interesting display of New Brunswick grown fruit. All fruit growers are invited to bring samples of apples to add to this display. Anyone who has new varieties, or kinds that they would like to have identified by the fruit experts who will be in attendance, will have a chance to have an opinion passed upon them.

Ralph S. Eaton, of Hillcrest Orchard, Nova Scotia, returned on Saturday from a vacation to the United States where he visited the great peach orchards of J. H. Hale, of Connecticut, the Connecticut State Agricultural College at Storrs, the Massachusetts Agricultural College at Amherst, the New York State Agricultural College in connection with Cornell University at Ithaca, the New York State Horticultural Society meeting at Syracuse, the New York State Experimental Station at Geneva and the large orchards and nurseries in the vicinity of the latter town.

Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison are preparing for a great year of business. With a greatly increased frontage on King street and enlarged show room capacity provided by the building now occupied by Messrs. C. McLeod & Sons, M. R. & A. will have the finest dry goods establishment in the lower province. Speaking to The Telegraph, a member of the firm stated that the announcement of the firm taking over the three upper floors of the Sears building was premature. After looking over this profitable and interesting territory, the lease has not been closed, and the Sears building will remain in the hands of the present tenants.

Although the tariff between the United States and Canada is fairly well known there is nevertheless considerable objection being raised, particularly on the part of some St. John people, who claim they have been unfairly dealt with in the matter of duties levied by Uncle Sam on Christmas gifts passing into his dominions. Canada, they who send several small tokens to relatives in Washington Territory received word Saturday, to the effect that although the articles were valued at \$2.75, they will be taxed as if they reached \$8.40. In consequence the American customs in that territory is higher than two silk hosiery, knit wear, etc., which are sent to us as Christmas gifts. The goods are valued at \$2.75, but the package is valued at \$8.40, and the tax is levied on the latter value.

Saturday morning Judge Trueman delivered judgment in the matter of the estate of the late William McLeod, deceased. He has been before the Probate Court since his death. His estate is valued at \$10,000. The duties still remain to be settled by the attorney general as the estate amounts to more than \$10,000. By the judgment reached in the estate will be the widow Sarah (Black) and the other half of the next of kin of the deceased. A commission of five per cent. to the administrator, Dr. Earle and Scott E. Morrell, was allowed, and the usual order was made as to costs. Dr. Silas Abward, K. C., was counsel for Sarah (Black), the widow, and John R. Armstrong, K. C., appeared for the next of kin.

The store of W. H. Fairall, 17 Charlotte street, is just now the centre of activity in St. John. Mr. Fairall has been in the business in this city since before the fire and has always carried a very large stock of excellent quality. He has accepted a position with a New York wholesale house and must leave his store. Hence the sale which has been crowding his store for some weeks. This week he has placed on his shelves 3,000 yards of Turkey red quilting at three cents per yard. It formerly sold at ten cents. His own make of men's working shirts, which had a ready sale at \$1.50 each, are sold at 75 cents; men's caps are reduced from \$1.25 to 37 cents and from \$1.00 to 60 cents. These are a few of the bargains. Shiny at the bargain. Some hand knitting machines will be sold very cheap.

Biggest Cargo to South Africa. The steamer Mincos sailed from this port for South Africa Tuesday morning with the biggest cargo of supplies for the imperial army ever taken from here. It comprises 8,000 sacks of flour, equivalent to 500 tons; 9,835 bales of oats, equaling 537 tons; and 77,876 bales of hay weighing 3,475 tons—a total of 4,332 tons. Up to this, the record was held by the Allan liner Merchants, which took 3,997 tons. The Mincos has 3,000 less cubic feet of space than the Huronian. The quality of the hay, which is stowed and built of the vessel is lent to the putting away of so much cargo and the cargo was supplied by the agricultural department.

The Mincos is a liner of the Hogon line, New York. It is commanded by the unimpaired Alex. McLeod, who, although but 33 years old, is one of the fleet after 10 years at the line.

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IMPORTANT DECISION.

Chief Justice Tuck Says There Can Be No One Enlisted in Canada Under 18 Years.

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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived. Friday, Jan 17.
Manchester Trader, 225, from New York.

CANADIAN PORTS.

St. John 17-Ard, ship Dillon Hall,
London, from Liverpool via St. John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

St. John 17-Ard, ship Maria, from
London, via Liverpool.

COLORED BROTHERS GET MAD
ANIMATED MEETING IN ST. PHILIPS
CHURCH MONDAY NIGHT.

Discussion About the Ferric Fund Elicits
Brilliant Repartee—A Lady in the Case
Debates a Diversion—Cred and Dignified
Create Interests-Crowded Audience

OBITUARY.

William McGovern.
The death occurred Saturday morning
at the residence of his sister, Mrs. An-

Mrs. Jeremiah Sullivan.
The death occurred yesterday morning
at her home, Queen street, of Mrs. Geo-

Elisha H. Robinson.
Hopewell Hill, Jan. 17.—Elisha H. Rob-
inson, a well-known farmer, died last

Walter Beckett, Died at St. Stephen.
St. Stephen, Jan. 19.—(Special)—The
death occurred at the Queen Hotel this

Hon. Dr. James Farrington.
Rochester, N. H., Jan. 19.—Hon. James
Farrington died this morning, aged 80

Capt. W. Horace Lee, Ottawa.
Ottawa, Ont., Jan. 19.—(Special)—
Captain W. Horace Lee, who was an-

Frederick Kendall Blatch, formerly of St.
John.
Ottawa, Jan. 19.—(Special)—Fred Ken-

Death of McAdam Junction.
McAdam Junction, Jan. 19.—Mrs. B. A.

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Edward Walsh.
The death occurred Monday, at his
residence, Rockland road, of Edward

Other Deaths.
Peter Goulin, the oldest resident of
Fredericton, died suddenly on Saturday

Infanta Maria Christina.
Madrid, Jan. 19.—The infant Maria
Christina, widow of Don Sebastian, is

The Baby Sick?
Then probably it's a cold.
Babies catch cold so easily
and recover so slowly.

Once upon a time there was a princess so
very beautiful that every one who saw her
said she was just the most perfect image of

The Princess Alice, or the Kind-Hearted Dragon.
By Raymond Fuller Ayers.

The next morning the dragon was sitting
out in his accustomed place picking pieces
of armor out of his teeth, when another

One day this magician, whose name was
Skeezicks, invented a new kind of baking
powder, that he said, was better than any

"This is just what she is," said his friend;
"and what is more, she is the most beauti-

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