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MONDAY IN DOMINION HOUSE

A TIME OF QUERY AND ANSWER.

Mr. McLean Wants the Government to Follow Russia's Plan of Dealing Commercially With the United States--Pay of C Battery Men of South African Contingent.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The house met for two hours today and disposed of a batch of business, the whole order paper was gone through and an adjournment was reached at 5 o'clock.

In answer to Mr. Bourassa, Sir Wilfrid Laurier said that the Canadian government or any of its members was not consulted by the British government on the South African question since the first of June last. No opinion was given by the Canadian government or any of its members to the British government in the matter.

Dr. Borden, in reply to Mr. Bourassa, said that some of the Canadian officers were engaged in recruiting the Baden-Powell police force. The officers of the headquarters staff, certain district officers and officers of the Northwest Mounted Police would also be engaged in this work. The Canadian government would not pay them for the work. These officers would get what pay their rank entitled them to obtain. The only men employed in this work who were not now in the service of the government were Capt. Moore, of Charlottetown, and Lieut. Beer, of Nelson, N. C.

Solicitor General Fitzpatrick, in answer to Mr. Laurier, said that the following number of convicts had been conditionally released from various penitentiaries, jails and prisons under the ticket-of-leave act: Kingston penitentiary 55, St. Vincent 24, Fall 54, Dorchester 15, New Westminister 11, St. John's 1, Quebec 1, Penitentiary reformatory 1, Dawson jail 1, Andrew reformatory 1, and Ottawa jail 1.

Seven of these have since been re-arrested and were committed either for the same or other offences. Replying to Sir Herbert Tupper to a question about the government's policy on 20 new locomotives, Hon. Mr. Blair said that the government was attacked by the opposition for buying locomotives in the United States, and whenever the company was organized in Kingston the government felt that it was its duty to extend all the assistance and encouragement within its power, and on the 22nd of December last a contract was executed between the company and the government for the building of 20 locomotives.

In answer to Mr. Wilton, Hon. Mr. Fisher said that the appointment of Hon. Chas. Burpee was made on February 12, 1900. He resigned on July 18th, 1900, and was appointed a commissioner to the Paris exposition on the 9th August, 1900. Mr. Burpee had charge of the office in Ottawa and received \$2,500 per annum.

To Mr. Fowler, Hon. Mr. Blair said that Peter Campbell got the contract for building the new station at Passaic, N. J. Hon. Mr. Sifton, in answer to Mr. Fowler, said that John E. McKeay, postmaster at Lower Millstream, Kingston, was dismissed for active political partisanship, on the report of Lieut. Col. James Donville. No investigation was necessary. A petition was received, signed by 24 parties, asking that Mr. McKeay be retained in office. Col. Donville said that the majority of those who signed did not reside in the district. Henry A. McPhee was appointed in McKeay's place. McPhee did not apply for the position.

Mr. Fisher, in reply to Mr. Clarke, said that the amount paid in connection with the Paris exposition up to 31st January last was \$288,165. Of that amount \$10,444 was returned by the British government for charge of space, leaving \$277,721 as net expenditure. Sir Herbert Tupper moved for a return giving details and expenditures in connection with building telegraph lines in the Yukon and British Columbia. He said it was important that J. B. Charlson should be present when the matter came before the public accounts.

Hon. Mr. Tupper said that when the Hon. Mr. Tupper asked that when the matter came down it would be seen that a question was again won in his statements regarding this matter. There was not 50 miles yet to be built of telegraph line, and when that was done, which he expected on the 1st of July, there would be direct telegraphic communication between Ottawa and Dawson. He considered it very unfair for Tupper to attack officers like Charlson, who had a doing excellent work.

Mr. Clarke, of Ontario, moved for a return of all papers respecting the pay of a number of C battery. He said the grave question was making that the men who had been led to expect. He said it was claimed that a large percentage of the C battery before their departure were assigned their pay to relatives in and this was paid over. The actual nothing from the government. In view of the difficulty in the country in Rhodesia, through the C battery passed with the government on the way to the relief of Maitland government of Rhodesia made a return to the men of the battery.

The annual report of trade and navigation was presented to parliament today. The figures have already appeared in this correspondence. Mr. Carey, of Waterloo, introduced in the house today a bill to permit any one to lay information to allow cases under the alien labor act to be tried by jury. At present the attorney general is charged with the enforcement of the act. Mr. Carey also thinks that a fine imposed for violation of the law shall go to the municipality in which the violation takes place.

CHAMBERLAIN'S DECISIVE SPEECH

IN BRITISH COMMONS MONDAY.

Sharp and Blunt, It Told the Government's Policy in the South African War—First Division in House Almost a Victory for John Dillon—Government Majority Down to 45.

LONDON, Feb. 19.—The first division in the first parliament of King Edward VII which took place yesterday resulted in cutting down to 45 the government's normal majority of 130. The interest caused by this unexpected event was heightened by Mr. Winston Spencer Churchill's first speech at Westminster and by Mr. Chamberlain's heated defence of his own policy. The extraordinary slowness of the impetuosity of this speech, the British government of modern times was the result of Lord Cranborne's refusal to answer questions relating to the government's foreign policy without previous notice from the questioner. Mr. John Dillon seized the opportunity and in spite of an unusually large attendance, almost won a victory.

Mr. Chamberlain's speech came in reply to Mr. David Lloyd George's criticism of the conduct of the South African war, in the course of which he had denounced the burning of farms and the keeping of Boer women and children in British laagers on reduced provisions. These charges created a general uproar and provoked an angry rejoinder from Mr. Balfour, secretary of state for war, that Mr. Lloyd George should offer evidence to substantiate his accusations. Mr. Chamberlain caught the eye of the speaker and castily rebuked Mr. Lloyd George.

He then humorously and half seriously belittled the efforts of the pro-Boer members of the house in behalf of their friends. He maintained that the war in South Africa had been carried on with unusual humanity and he closed with the declaration of his belief that on no distant date there would be an "augmented, joyful, peaceful and prosperous Transvaal."

Mr. Chamberlain, speaking to his feet, signified the speech of Sir Robert Redd as "devoted to abuse of British officers and the policy of ministers and to praise the government and thank the King and Queen." He denied that peace with honor was at any time possible before or after the fall of Pretoria. He said:

"The policy of Her Majesty's government has not varied. Before the invasion of Natal we would have accepted the most moderate concessions, but from the moment the invasion occurred and the Boers had fired the first shot the government determined that

UNITED STATES AND RUSSIA

STAND ALOOF IN CHINESE AFFAIRS.

Will Not Join Von Walderssee's Expedition, Which, However, Will Start Saturday --- Matters Grow Deeper in Interest.

PEKIN, Feb. 18.—The foreign envoys have held a conference regarding the Chinese reply concerning the punishment of the guilty persons named by the Chinese. The reply was considered unsatisfactory and the envoys decided to insist upon a compliance with their original demands.

This decision and the objections urged by the envoys to the latest imperial edict were unanimous and the doyen of the diplomatic corps will inform the Chinese plenipotentiaries that the former requirements must be strictly complied with. Meanwhile great preparations are being made by the various commanders preparatory to the big expedition, especially in the matter of transportation. Apparently the only commanders who have enough of anything for a long campaign are the American, British and Japanese.

The British will rely almost entirely upon pack trains. Any other method of transportation through the mountain passes would probably be impossible, as, according to information received here, the Chinese have prepared for just this contingency and have blocked every possible pass with big boulders in order to render the passage of artillery next to impossible.

Many people in Peking say that Count Von Walderssee is "working a bluff" in operation with the foreign envoys, hoping to compel the Chinese plenipotentiaries to comply with the demands of the powers. The military authorities say this may be the case but the Chinese would never believe the foreigners agree if they failed to send an expedition after Dr. Mumm Von Schwartzstein personally notified Li Hung Chang that it would be done in case the Chinese cont did not accede to the demands of the powers.

Prince Ching and Li Hung Chang are greatly worried. They say the court will blame them. They were attracted, of point out, with the task of pacifying the foreigners and now, as another campaign is imminent, the court will consider that their mission has failed.

Shanghai, Feb. 18.—The Shanghai Mercury asserts that "the allies are preparing a move that will astonish China and quickly bring her to terms." According to the North China News the Germans are planning an expedition on the Yang Tse Kiang.

Washington, Feb. 18.—Mr. Conger's message, touching the subject of pensions, gave it to be understood that the Chinese government has agreed to exile Prince Tuan and Lau, without capital sentences.

NEW FAST FREIGHT.

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ONTARIO'S ESTIMATES.

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CRISIS OF EVENTS.

Consternation Produced by an Article Declaring Serious Outlook.

TO PAY DIVIDENDS.

Crow's Nest Coal Company Declares First Payable April 1.

STEEL SHIPBUILDING.

Carnegie's Dream of Big Plant at New York Bears Realization.

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THE INTERCOLONIAL BOOMED

IN ALL DEPARTMENTS LAST YEAR.

Annual Returns In -- There is Surplus in Particularly All Branches of the Government Service--Passengers, Freights and Income All Gratifying.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special)—The annual report of the railways and canals was presented to parliament today. The gross earnings of the Intercolonial for a year amounted to \$4,552,071, an increase of \$313,704, and the working expenses to \$4,451,040 (including \$164,034.47 rent paid on the extension into Montreal), being an increase in comparison with previous year (when \$210,000 was paid for such rental) of \$755,738; the excess of earnings over expenditure being \$120,667, against an excess of expenditure over earnings in the previous year of \$62,645.23, or a betterment of \$83,322.17.

Comparing the earnings with those of the previous year, the passenger traffic produced \$1,404,469, or 20.85 per cent of the gross earnings, an increase of \$257,095. The freight traffic amounted to \$2,927,700, or 65.09 per cent of gross earnings, an increase of \$561,693, and the carriage of mail and express freight produced \$234,812, or 5.16 per cent of the gross earnings, an increase of \$12,029.62. Earnings per mile of railway were \$3,402.52, an increase of \$0.18.

The gross earnings of all the government roads last fiscal year amounted to \$4,774,161, showing an increase of \$828,344 compared with the preceding year. The gross working expenses amounted to \$4,035,228, an increase of \$738,615. The net earnings were \$738,933. Other interesting figures are: Paid up capital, \$965,288,044, increase, \$33,568,620; gross earnings, \$70,740,270, increase, \$8,406,486; net earnings, \$20,040,472, increase, \$1,592,865; working expenses, \$47,699,798, increase, \$2,856,261; freight carried, 25,046,183 tons, increase, 4,734,430 tons; train mileage, 53,177,871, increase, 2,902,694; passengers killed, seven.

The number of passengers carried on the Intercolonial was 1,791,754, an increase of 188,629 over the previous year. The freight increased by 400,447 tons.

There were 17,657 miles of railway operated in Canada last year, an increase of 417 miles over 1899.

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THE POINT OF VIEW.

As the old saying goes, it all depends upon whose ox is being gored. When a party takes opposition its members and the press who voice its policy look upon partisanship on the part of the government as an iniquitous exhibition of tyranny. They forget the old point of view from which this now iniquitous tyranny was then regarded as exemplifying the loyalty of the party to its workers for past party services.

To particularize, any person with a sense of humor must have been impressed during the past four years with the intense longing exhibited by the Conservative party for a non-partisan administration of the public services. Such a person would, thanks to his sense of humor, have his amens tempered by good natured mirth, at the anxiety now manifested to drive the I. C. R. removed from the place of party politics. Even Sir Charles Tupper's thunders of denunciation on account of I. C. R. dismissals real or fancied would rouse the hilarious part of one's nature, as he remembered the past.

We are and have been in favor of freedom of conscience and regard a public enjoiner as much entitled to the liberty of the franchise as any other elector. And no one can honestly say that this important reform in Canada which allows the free exercise of the franchise to civil servants has ever received anything but support from the Liberal party. It was and ever has been a principle of Liberalism, and the party, both from 1874 to 1878 and from 1896 to the present, has held true to its belief in this vital principle. In fact the party leaders have been tolerant of treachery on the part of civil servants, and it was better so, for it has established on a firm foundation the liberty of the public employe to vote as he pleased so long as he does not become a politician, rather than a public servant.

But it was not over this with the Conservative party, nor if we can judge from the past would our opponents be so generous in their dealing with civil servants when they come to power again. The remembrance of the clean sweep which they made of Liberal appointees in 1878 would be revived by a repetition of the good old Conservative doctrine, "to the victors belong the spoils." Even ten years after the first lustre of office had been satisfied by the wholesale dismissal of Liberal office holders, there was still a clamor for the remnant. On February 23rd, 1887, just after the general elections in which Josiah Wood, Esq., now a member of the senate, had defeated Mr. H. R. Emmerson in the county of Westmorland, the Moncton Times contained the following enunciation of the Conservative doctrine:

"During the past month, while the campaign was in progress, several railway employes, mostly mechanics in the I. C. R. shops, have been attending the meeting, and it is known that they supported the defeated Liberal candidate. The policy of the great Liberal-Conservative party is to be loyal to its friends and party workers, and in view of this fact, there is only one course open for the local committee on patronage to pursue, and that is to recommend to Mr. Wood the dismissal of

all traitorous I. C. R. employes. Let their places be filled by local Conservative electors." The Times in 1887 and the Times in 1901 do not share the same point of view on this important question. But that paper, in common with the other exponents of Conservative doctrine, has lulled itself into temporary forgetfulness of its political principles as expounded in the good old days when it was a power in the land.

GOVERNMENT OWNERSHIP.

The public opinion in Canada seems to be drifting back in favor of the government ownership of railways, telegraphs and other public easements. In the earlier days this principle was quite popular in this country, but the experience in connection with the Intercolonial Railway and other public works was for many years so disheartening as to educate the people into the idea that no public work could be conducted either economically or efficiently under government control. In this matter, therefore, public opinion has been swinging like a pendulum from one extreme to the other, each being a fallacious conclusion. Government ownership as such is not necessarily fatal to sound economical and progressive management of public works. Neither is it the panacea for all our national ills as some would have us believe.

The difficulty in the way of the successful conduct of a state owned railway or telegraph system at present is that, except under the strongest guidance, political and political considerations are apt to exercise a paramount influence. For example, if there have been clever railway men developed on the I. C. R. in the past it has been largely the result of chance, for up to very recently no one ever heard of a man who had made a good record on some other railway being brought to the government road. It is no disparagement of the cleverest of the I. C. R. heads of departments to say that the recent introduction of men like E. G. Russell and E. Tiffin is a business move in the right direction. A government control to be successful requires the very best men in charge to make it so, for it is hampered by questions of equity which find no place in the management of a private and competing corporation. For example on a private road the freights from St. John to Sussex would be probably higher than those from St. John to Moncton, although the distance is twice as great between the latter points as it is between St. John and Sussex. Why? Because there is water competition between this city and Moncton which is not present in the former case. Yet it is not an equitable principle to carry freight twice as far in one case for the same or a lesser price as is charged for the half distance in the other.

If government ownership could be robbed of its political character, at least so far as the choice of the heads of the various departments are concerned, it is a great move in the right direction, and makes possible the success of state owned railways, telegraph lines or any other public works. As we have pointed out, very much has certainly been accomplished in this direction, for whatever fault can be found by hostile critics with the management of the government system of railways and canals, at least it will be admitted that the men chosen in the past few years to fill the important positions have not been picked for political considerations, but for their real or supposed proficiency in the particular branch of work to which they were assigned. Much chukking was indulged in by the political opponents of the present Minister of Railways because of the failure of Mr. Harris to adapt himself to the local conditions of the Intercolonial Railway, but these people failed to see that the appointment of Mr. Harris was a big step in the right direction, namely in the attempt to run the government road as a business concern, and to have it managed by men who knew the business of railroading, rather than to follow the precedents of the past by the appointment to office of useful party hacks. The Minister of Railways acted as the head of any private corporation would have done, and when he found his appointee was not the expected success he removed him and appointed some one else. The people are watching the business experiment on the I. C. R. for the success of its operation will still further incline the public mind to the lesser evil of state owned public works of general utility to the country.

BRITAIN IN EGYPT.

A year ago the world was startled by the announcement that the British authorities in Egypt intended to construct an irrigation work which would dwarf into insignificance anything of the kind ever before attempted. It implied nothing less than the construction of an enormous dam of solid masonry across the river Nile at Assuan, and the creation of a huge reservoir for the storage of the surplus water during the flood period to be used later on for irrigation purposes in the dry months. Many were the comments, and not a few regarded the story as a newspaper fable and this latter idea was borne out by the subsequent silence on the subject. It is Britain's way to work in silence.

Sir John Aird now telegraphs the first information as to the progress of the work to reach the public. The last channel of the Nile has been successfully closed by the great dam, and one can now walk across the various channels of the river

which at Assuan is about a mile broad. The dam is 6,000 feet long, built of Ashlar granite, and is broad enough at the top for a carriage road. Its cost in round figures is \$10,000,000. The effect of the dam is to create a lake 144 miles long, and one billion tons of water will thus be stored up for fructifying the agricultural lands of Lower Egypt. The sluices are capable of carrying through 800,000 tons of water a minute. The level of the river will be raised about 66 feet. The work includes the construction of a canal with numerous locks for the passage of the Nile steamers and market boats.

The government engineer estimates that this greatest piece of modern engineering will add 600,000 acres of the barren land of Egypt, and that an area of 5,000,000 acres more of land now under fall cultivation will be transformed into farm land of the very first quality. In addition, certain other districts which are now in danger of floods and droughts at the different seasons of the year will be relieved from these risks. The average increase of value to the land is estimated at \$30 an acre.

Two great credits cannot be given for such reclaiming of waste land, and in addition to such a considerable degree of the productiveness of Egypt. It is a complete answer to the crying foreign critics who have been so bitter in their judgment in regard to the British occupation of the land of the Pharaohs. This latest piece of British engineering skill is only another illustration of the old truth that when the empire occupies new lands its coming is a blessing to the people. No more striking comparison could be made between the beneficence of British civilization as compared with the cruelty and selfishness of barbaric grandeur than is seen in this new Assuan dam as compared with such wonderful engineering works as the pyramids of an old time greatness. The dam is a work of reclamation, which in the years to come will save thousands of lives from actual starvation, and bring comfort and plenty to the thirty farmers on the hundreds of miles along the lower stretches of the Nile. The pyramids, in their way a work of equal engineering skill, were and are of no earthly use to the millions of lives were sacrificed in their construction for the selfish aggrandisement of a Pharaoh now forgotten.

The constructive work of British genius along the various lines of industry has fully justified Britain's occupation of Egypt, and none can realize that so completely as the people who are now and will be for all time benefited by these evidences of British civilizing effort.

POLITICAL HYPOCRISY.

The Moncton Times has been very much exercised of late over the dismissal of employes from the I. C. R. shops at Moncton. Our esteemed contemporary rises to a high state of political indignation at what it deems to be a dismoral act for political cause. But the Times of today has had a change of heart. There was a time when that journal of the freeds rejected the extermination of its political enemies and was thoroughly convinced that no Liberal had a right to place in the public service. He might be a valuable man to the I. C. R. but if he were a Grit that settled the question, he must resign or go. If we mistake not the Times was in 1887 the organ of the Liberal-Conservative party then in power, and during the election campaign in February of that year, the Times warned the railway employes of the I. C. R. of the wrath to come if they should persist in being other than Tory in their political views. Here is a sample of the warning:

"The railway employes who are just now attending Grit conferences and Grit political meetings, may rest assured that just as soon as the elections are over they will be asked to send in their resignations or be served with a notice of dismissal from the service. Make no mistake in the I. C. R. shops here have made themselves particularly offensive to the Conservative party, and the friends of Mr. Wood (the Conservative candidate) are turning and demanding that they be dismissed forthwith. The Times has on several occasions given its views on this subject. We believe that railway employes who will persist in opposing the government should not be retained in the public service any longer than it would take to get men to fill their places who would be in perfect sympathy with the great Liberal-Conservative party which has done so much for the working men of Canada."

We commend to the Times a careful perusal of its own files, which will lead it to the conclusion that if dismissals have been recently made for political cause that the powers that be must have taken to heart its editorial teaching of the long ago.

NULLS AND COMMENTS.

The New Brunswick House of Assembly meets on the 28th inst.

Chief whip Taylor is happy. The auditor-general's report is in his hands.

Mrs. Carrie Nation evidently has not buried the hatchet yet.

The town of Sackville has been seized with an ambition to get incorporated.

The county rejoices in the promise of short sessionary speeches at Ottawa.

A tin can trust is the latest consolidation. It ought to be a tight combination.

The ladies of Europe will please take notice that Oom Paul Kruger wants no more bouquets.

Time and trains wait for no man, but most men have to wait a long time for trains just now.

The Conservative party has not been

wholly freed from the "degenerates." Chief Whip Taylor is still left.

Russia was not long in retaliating against Uncle Sam for his treatment of Slav's beet sugar.

If Hon. Wm. Mulock nationalizes the telegraphs of Canada it will be a step in the right direction.

Rev. C. McKinnon, of Halifax, finds the bars of that city do a roaring trade after hours.

Mr. Mosham entertains the opinion that Sydney will rival Pittsburg. We hope that his opinion will be sustained.

Warden McGoldrick will rank as an authority on tuberculosis when he returns from the conference at Ottawa.

The Yankees are agitated about arsenic in glucose. If the glucose does not find its way into the molasses Canadians will not worry.

R. L. Borden will deserve the thanks of a united Canada, if he prevents Sir Herbert Tupper from inflicting any more nine hour speeches on a suffering people.

Mr. J. D. Hazen, the modern Moses of the local opposition, is evidently not destined to enter the promised land. He can, however, discern it a long way off.

Mr. W. F. McLean, the little M. P. who represents the Toronto World, is bound to keep himself before the public. As a newspaper man he recognizes the value of advertising.

"How long, O Lord, how long," exclaims Oom Paul Kruger to his friend and confidant, W. T. Stead, formerly of the Pall Mall Gazette. W. T. might try his powers with his old chum the Tsar.

The C. P. R. is marshalling all its forces for the railway war. Its press and hirelings are shouting loud and long of the possibility of Hill's combination owning Canada. How long has the C. P. R. dominated the west?

Hon. George E. Foster's name has been mentioned in connection with vacancy in North Bruce. His friends advise him that it is a close constituency, and the Scotch would be too much for him.

The action of a New York audience in hissing the name of the late Queen Victoria is one of the regrettable events in contravention of a world wide respect for a splendid career.

The new traffic manager of the I. C. R. evidently means business. His idea of a fast freight leaving Montreal for maritime province points every day at midnight to be run through on schedule time will be a winner.

Sir W. Van Horne says that Premier Roblin's deal in connection with the railways of Manitoba means the bankruptcy of that province. Had the C. P. R. got the railway it would have meant prosperity to the railway.

Mr. Bergeron, ex-M. P. for Beaubarnois, wrote to the committee on debates that he was missing his copy of the Hansard and could not do without it. This reminds one of Pears' "aid." "He won't be happy till he gets it."

Major McBride is satisfied that if he had been in command of the Boer forces there would have been no doubt of the result. We are inclined to agree with the gallant major. There would not even be guerrilla warfare now in South Africa.

The Telegraph suggests that the scope of the soldiers' memorial be extended to include all the New Brunswick heroes who died at the post of duty in South Africa. The people of St. John would, no doubt, be glad to contribute freely for the erection of such a monument.

W. F. McLean, M. P. of the Toronto World, true to his newspaper instincts, is looking to extend circulation, and refuses to make his railway speech in parliament unless there is a good sized audience.

The Tories at Ottawa were divided on the wisdom of a short debate on the speech from the throne. The wise heads thought a quick termination of the debate would leave the government without any business. But they were disappointed as the Hon. W. S. Fielding moved that the next day the estimates be taken into consideration.

The board of underwriters are in a difficult position, standing as they do between the late citizens and the disgruntled fire insurance companies. Whether their suggestions are wise or not, it should not be forgotten that the underwriters are honestly trying to adjust the conditions so as to make them satisfactory to all parties.

It is amusing to notice the mark of interrogation attitude which the Conservative press exhibits in regard to the new railway deal made by Premier Roblin, of Manitoba, with the Great Northern Railway. They are equally fearful of adverse criticism by the only Conservative politician in Canada, by condemning the deal and of arousing the wrath of the C. P. R. should they commend it.

The opening scenes of the Austrian parliament would indicate that the body politic of that unhappy country is likely to be torn asunder with the strife of the various nationalities for supremacy. The Czech, Hungarian and German elements seem unable to merge their nationalities, nor can they even agree what language should be used in parliament. The result was riot and disorder, resulting in the adjournment of the house.

Men's Trousers.

You don't need a plumb-line to discover that the trousers you got with your suit some months ago are a little out of kelter. The trousers always go first. And so we sell enormous quantities of separate Trousers. February is a great month for trousers business.

At \$1.25—An All-Wool Canadian Tweed, light and dark greys and browns in stripes. Strong and serviceable.

At \$2.25—A nice neat Stripe in browns and blueish grey—a good business trouser.

At \$1.50—A heavy All-Wool Canadian Tweed in neat stripes; also, a line of Tuff Trousers. These make exceptionally fine working pants, and an extra value for the price asked.

At \$2.50—Fine All-Wool Canadian Tweed in neat stripes and patterns, an extra large assortment.

At \$1.75—All-Wool Grey and Brown Homespun in stripes of various widths. They are durable and would be cheap at twice the money.

At \$3.00—An English Hairline of good quality in fine stripes. You have paid \$5.00 for trousers not as good.

At \$2.00—All-Wool Tweeds in browns and greys, with a smooth finish, and can be worn for business or dress-up occasions; also, a line of finest quality of Eloff, and a line of extra heavy Homespun hard twill with a smooth finish.

At \$3.50—Another line of Trousers of English Hairline Cloth of exceptional value. Extra heavy weight for winter wear.

At \$4.00—At this price we can give you a fine Striped Waxed Trouser, and a very fine all-wool Tweed. These you will find really first class value. A large assortment.

GREATER OAK HALL, SCOVIL BROS. & CO., King Street, Corner Germain. St. John, N. B.

UNITED STATES CONGRESS.

Day Wasted in the House—Senate Opposition Will Not Permit Vote on Shipping Bill.

Washington, Feb. 15—Under the leadership of Mr. Cannon, chairman of the appropriations committee, a long filibuster consumed the time of the house today. Mr. Cannon desired the house to proceed with the sundry civil appropriation bill, but was caught napping by the Democrats, who desired to devote the day to the consideration of private claims. It was the last day under the rules which could be devoted to claims at this congress and the Democrats to be in their seats today. As a result, Mr. Cannon was outwitted, but he kept up the fight all day, forcing roll calls for three hours and later filibustering in committee of the whole and winding up by making the point of no quorum against two small bills favorably acted upon in committee. The net result was that the whole day was wasted.

As to speed, the wires are going with 33 words a minute each way in America. "Efficiency is insured by Wheatstone's instrument, which is absolutely correct, and recent improvements having ousted it. "It makes secrecy certain, for we can tell the moment the wires are tapped, while the wireless system is open, and can be interfered with by any apparatus on the route of the message."

RUSSIAN BARRIER. Re-arrangement of the Afghan Frontier by India's Viceroy.

Calcutta, Feb. 14—Lord Curzon, of Kedleston, viceroy of India, has made an arrangement of the Afghan frontier. He was taken away from the province of the Punjab the division of Peshawar and the district of Kohat, Bannu and Dera Ismail Khan, and formed them and the tribal country beyond their limits, along with the Sufi, Chitral, Khyber and Kurram valleys and North and South Waziristan, into a new frontier province, presided over by an agent of the governor general. The new "scientific" province, which may be supposed to act as a barrier to Russian aggression, is thus brought under direct rule and observation of the government of India.

The Westmorland Road. To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir,—In The Telegraph of January 23, 1901, under the heading "Good Roads," among other remarks you say: "Last year and the year before some good work was done on the Westmorland road, but that was by the city authorities and only extended to the city limits."

The work done by the city only extended to the city limits, but the work on the Westmorland road extends to the hill east of the road to Silver Falls and was begun at the time of the St. John exhibition of 1899, when the provincial government's stone crusher was taken from the exhibition grounds and put to work crushing stone for the road referred to. Work was continued part of the season of 1900 and reflects credit on the provincial board of works, the county members and all who were connected with its building. Trusting you will make the correction, I remain, Yours truly, TRAVELLER.

Wentley's Liniment cures pain. In the future there are to be no women nurses public in Arkansas. To cure headache in ten minutes use Kaminof Headache Powders—10 cents. The Suez canal cost \$800,000 a mile, the North Sea cost \$25,000. Chatham's well known Barber, T. N. Murphy, writes June 22, 1900. "I can cheerfully recommend Wentley's Liniment, which I find is better than any other."

The largest bottle in the lot is Bentley's Liniment, 25c. size.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.

Anglo-American Company Manager Does Not Fear Competition.

London, Feb. 14—The managing director of the Anglo-American Telegraph Company does not believe that wireless telegraphy will ever supersede the wire telegraphs or beat the latter in respect to speed, efficiency, secrecy or economy. Interviewed by the St. James Gazette, this official said: "Expenditure is the first drawback in the Marconi method. Owing to the earth's convexity, boat receiving stations will have to be kept up, while the cost of telegraphing by wire is infinitesimal. "As to speed, the wires are going with 33 words a minute each way in America. "Efficiency is insured by Wheatstone's instrument, which is absolutely correct, and recent improvements having ousted it. "It makes secrecy certain, for we can tell the moment the wires are tapped, while the wireless system is open, and can be interfered with by any apparatus on the route of the message."

RUSSIAN STUDENTS ARRESTED. Government Likely to Condemn More to Military Service.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 14—The government is enforcing drastic measures against continuation of the student troubles. Eighteen students of the St. Petersburg University were summoned Sunday to a police station, and were there arrested and immediately tried, summarily by a court under the presidency of Curator Somov, of the St. Petersburg educational district. They will probably receive the martyr's crown in the form of military service.

THE CLERGYMAN SHOOTING CASE. Prisoner's Counsel Demanding Report as to Rev. Mr. Keller's Condition.

New York, Feb. 17—Marshall Van Winkle, counsel for Thomas G. Barker, who shot the Rev. John Keller in Arlington, said today that he was informed that the physicians attending the Rev. Keller had assured the patient's friends that he was out of danger. Mr. Van Winkle said he could prove that this assurance had been given last Thursday. If the physicians do not make an early report to the court on Mr. Keller's condition, Mr. Van Winkle will ask the court to send the county physician to see Mr. Keller and report on his condition in the court so that Mr. Barker may be admitted to bail when the clergyman is reasonably sure of recovery.

A vision test was made on Rev. John Keller this afternoon and it shows the minister is not entirely blind. He can distinguish between light and darkness and also tells what objects are when held close to the eye. The tests were not severe. The doctors feared to strain the weakened eye and did not resort to any distance test.

The right eye of the patient is destroyed. The sight of the left eye has been most seriously impaired. The physical condition of the injured man remains satisfactory and the doctors are greatly pleased at the steady improvement.

Rheumatism in all its forms is promptly and permanently cured by Hood's Sarsaparilla which neutralizes acidity of the blood. It is said an oyster is not fit to eat till four years old.

"Balm of Hurt Woods" no Shakespearean terms sleep, but irritated breathing tubes prevent sleep through desire to cough. Balm in this sense word, as balm, and the balm for wounded lungs is Johnson's Botanic Cough Balsam. 25c. All Druggists.

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places An' Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

Saturday. Edwin McPeake, while working in the Allan foundry, Carleton, yesterday morning, was caught in the machinery but escaped with slight injury.

Chas. H. C. Pines died at his home, Fleet street, Moncton, yesterday morning. Deceased was an Englishman, 61 years old, a widower, and leaves no family.

J. Douglas Hazen has been appointed a member of the senate of the University of New Brunswick, and Hon. Ambrose D. Richard a registrar of deeds in Westmorland county.

The North End W. C. T. U. beg to return thanks for the following subscriptions in aid of the fountain fund: Unitarian Alliance, \$1; Very Rev. M. J. Carduke, C. S. S. R., \$5.

Quarters for the sorting and distribution of the influenza mail have been fitted up in Mr. David H. Nasse's store, Main street, and today Mr. Nasse will formally take charge of the office.

The blockade on the St. Martins end of the Central railroad still continues. No trains have reached the village for some 10 days. As the weather moderates it is hoped they will get through in a short time.

Mr. Leonard Tilley, of St. John, who is a brother of Miss Tilly, of Simcoe street, has come to Toronto to take a short course of instruction at Stanley barracks.

A Winnipeg paper announces the engagement of A. J. Baxter, formerly of St. John, and the daughter of a Manitoba judge. The prospective groom was once engaged here in newspaper work and was a prominent athlete.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Frank A. McPherson, Hampton, N. B., Ryan, Peticodiac, and Giddland, Rochey, Jas. Reid, Hampton, and W. Carey McPeters, Sussex, as the Hampton Tailoring Company, Ltd., capital \$10,000, divided into 400 shares of \$25 each.

Letters patent have been issued incorporating Simon Jones, Ltd.

Messrs. Charles Purcell and B. F. Peabody, who are in the city in connection with the Masquash pulp mill enterprise, visited the city yesterday. The necessary documents for the transfer of the Knapp property are about completed, and the transfer will be made in a few days, while negotiations for the Sealy and Knowlton as well as other adjoining properties, will terminate shortly into a purchase.

The construction of the mill will commence early in the spring.

Monday. A case of fever was detected among the passengers who arrived Saturday on the steamer Lake Superior.

Mr. J. Morris Robinson, banker, opened a hand-home new office in the Hanington building, Prince William street, Saturday.

Mr. T. T. Lantulum arrived home Saturday from Sydney where he has been for some time. He will locate in St. John again.

The train on the Hampton & St. Martins railway will run regularly on and after Monday, the 18th inst., and until further notice.

Mr. Geo. Pattison was buried yesterday afternoon from his late residence, Church street. Service was held at the house and Rev. Dr. Read officiating. Many friends and relatives attended.

Yesterday afternoon the remains of Miss Ella May Earl were laid to rest in Cedar Hill cemetery. The funeral was held from her late residence, Duke street, West End, with Rev. Miles Trafton officiating. Many friends and relatives attended.

The following persons have been registered to solemnize marriage: Revs. Wayland J. Deers, of St. John; J. S. Sutherland, of Sussex; Kings Co., and A. A. McKenzie, of St. Stephen, Charlotte Co., who have removed from the province.

Judge Forbes, grand master of the F. & A. M. of New Brunswick, has received from Lord Stratford of the grand lodge expressed by His Majesty King Edward VII for the message of sympathy and loyalty from the Masons of this province.

Mr. E. G. Russell, assisting general manager of the I. C. R., went to Moncton Saturday to take up his new position. It is his intention to shortly return to St. John accompanied by Traffic Manager B. Tiffin and they will go thoroughly into the business at St. John station.

Rev. John White arrived in this city on Saturday from Toronto and is conducting a week of evangelistic and song service in Main street Baptist church. There were three very successful services held yesterday. At each service Mr. White played the organ and sang with sweetness and talent.

His Lordship Bishop Kingston confirmed 16 female and eight male candidates in the church of St. John, Sunday morning. The session was assisted by the Rev. F. E. Scott, Bishop Kingston's representative. In the evening he confirmed in Fairville church.

The death occurred early yesterday morning of Mr. Jeremiah O'Connor at his home in Lanester. He was one of the oldest residents of the western side of the harbor, being 99 years of age. He was well known to the older people of the

city, who recollect him as gardener for years for the late William O. Smith. Deceased is survived by his wife and daughter, Mrs. O'Connor is verging to 100 years of age.

Steamer Canada will be ready today or tomorrow to sail for South Africa with supplies for the imperial army. Two other steamers are coming to St. John to take similar cargoes.

The Tourist Association has received the following subscriptions: R. P. & W. F. Starr, Ltd., Kerr & Robertson, \$10 each; Schofield Bros., \$15; G. S. Forrest & Son, \$10; E. S. Stephenson & Co., J. S. Gibson & Co., Maritime Spice & Coffee Co., H. Finley, W. MacLeod Daye, E. C. Scovill, R. Sullivan & Co., C. F. Kinneer, T. S. Simms & Co., Ltd., R. A. Carder, \$5 each; Chas. K. Short, J. S. Frost & Co., \$2 each.

On Saturday G. W. Gerov sold the Ellen Jenkins property, Adelaide street, to E. R. Chapman for \$400. F. L. Potts sold two 500 share blocks of Big Eye Gold Mining stock at 10c and 14c per share, also 200 shares of Gold King at 63 cts. Mr. D. Burke sold two lots belonging to the estate of Conrad J. Hendricks, in Carleton, to Hugh Sloan at \$300. The Thos. L. Burke property, Water street, was purchased by Mr. Burke for \$3,000.

Saturday morning a case of attempted suicide occurred in the North End. Lloyd Andrews, a carpenter, residing at 130 Adelaide street, made several razor cuts in his throat with a razor while suffering from a fit of dementia. Dr. Wm. Christie was summoned and called the ambulance and Mr. Andrews was removed to the hospital. Dr. Morris found that the thyroid cartilage had been cut but the jugular vein and larger blood vessels intact. Last night his condition had not become any worse, but there is a possibility of pneumonia setting in.

On Saturday about noon a westbound I. C. R. freight arrived at Torryburn, where it was intended it should cross Torryburn siding was filled with loaded cars and there was no room for the freight. The accommodation was signalled and the freight was backed to Rothney, where the train crossed. It is the intention of erecting a new station at Torryburn and it seems necessary that it should be made a telegraph station under the circumstances.

A letter of an interesting nature from the department of agriculture, Ottawa, reached here recently addressed to the secretary of the board of trade. It deals with the exhibit of Canadian products and manufactures at the coming Glasgow international exhibition. Inquiry is made of any members of the board of trade here who wish to send an example of Canadian manufactured goods. Canada has been allotted 20,000 square feet in which to place her exhibits.

There will be a designation service in St. Andrew's church on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock when Rev. H. H. Morton will be designated to the mission field of Trinidad, where he will assist his father, the Rev. Dr. Morton, in that work. The appointment of Mr. Morton to the work was made by the foreign mission board of the Presbyterian general assembly. Rev. L. G. McNeil will preside over the service. Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison will preach. Rev. T. F. Fotheringham will pray and Rev. D. J. Fraser will address the missionary effort.

Tuesday. The North Brookfield Mining Company show a 335 ounce brick of gold for last month's work.—Toro News.

Dr. A. E. Emery took the oath of allegiance yesterday before the first coroner to sign the new role.

The blockade on the southern end of the Central Railway has been broken. The train reached St. Martins on Friday evening and will now be able to make regular trips.

Mrs. J. M. Barnes will give a twilight recital in St. David's church lecture room next Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock in aid of the church piano fund. Misses Alice G. Hea and Jennie Truman will assist. There will be a silver collection.

The Harmony Club minstrels are contemplating a trip to Moncton about the 8th of next month and if arrangements can be made they will give a good performance at the railway town under the auspices of a local organization.

G. B. Vincent, clerk of the peace, will be at his office at 11 o'clock a. m. each day, for the purpose of administering the oath of allegiance to coroners, parish court commissioners, justices of the peace and other persons required by law to be sworn.

A representative of a city wholesale house which recently snow-bounded on Sunday in a town in one of the northern counties assisted in a church choir at the morning service where the choir numbered nine and the congregation but two.

A large and appreciative audience assembled last evening in St. John's school room to listen to the Rev. Heber Hamilton's lecture on Japan. The lecture, which from beginning to finish was interesting all the extreme, was illustrated with line-drawings of the country, people, etc. Mr. Hamilton is to remain in the city and province for two weeks, during which time he will do department work for the Canadian Church Missionary Association.

HEROIC ACT

Three Lives Saved by Man Who Lived in St. John Last Year.

New York, Feb. 15.—Michael McQuade, a young man from Bangor, Maine, made a brave rescue of a woman and her two children from a tenement house fire today at 1888 Second avenue. McQuade, who was employed in the building, started to arouse all the people in it when the fire was discovered. He found Charles Bossa's printing shop locked, but knowing that the printer's family lived in the room he broke in the glass door. He found Mrs. Bossa hysterical from fright and with her child in her arms. McQuade carried her to the open air, where she cried that her children would perish. McQuade took off his coat, wrapped it around his head and plunged into the flames and smoke. He returned in a few moments. His coat was not over his head this time, but around the two infants held in his arms. His face and hair had been exposed to the fire for the open air, where he employed his hand and his feet. He staggered to the sidewalk, put the babies down at his mother's feet and fell in a faint.

In regard to the above Mr. William H. McQuade, proprietor of the Grand Union Hotel, was seen last night and says that as far as he knows his brother Michael is the only man by that name who resided at Bangor, although he had not received any word from him about the affair. He, however, believes the man to be his brother.

Mr. Michael McQuade resided in St. John last summer and was employed as a clerk in the Grand Union. He is a well-built young man and became quite popular before leaving St. John last fall for Bangor. He afterwards removed to New York.

To BUILD A STEAMER. One to Succeed the Miramichi—Votes Without Tax-paying in Chatham.

Chatham, Feb. 14.—The annual meeting of the Agricultural Society was held last Thursday. As shown by the reports the society is in a flourishing condition financially. The necessity of having a building in which to hold exhibitions was discussed and it was decided to secure a lease of the Lohan property and erect an exhibition building. An exhibition will be held here next fall. The building which is to be erected is expected. The following officers were elected: Geo. Seale, president; John O'Brien, M. P. P., 1st vice-president; Geo. J. Dickson, 2nd vice-president; D. G. Smith, chas. Robinson, A. G. Dickson, A. Munkel, Wm. Kerr, H. Flanagan, James Paulkner, W. C. Stothart, C. E. Fish, M. P. P., Thos. Keating, R. A. Snowball and Alex. Dickson, directors.

Besides two or three heavy storms at least a sprinkling of snow has fallen every day this morning. The roads are covered with a heavy coating of snow. Great indignation is daily expressed by many of the ratepayers at a resolution passed by our town council to petition the legislature to permit all persons whose names are on the tax lists to vote without the formality of first paying their taxes. This resolution is to be put on the order of four to three, one of the new aldermen being absent. The non-paying tax-payers will probably show by their votes that the council has erred in its condemnation of the resolution.

At a meeting of the shareholders of the Steam Navigation Company held this afternoon President Barrhill was instructed to call for tenders for a steamboat 10 feet in length and 23 feet beam and nine feet in depth to replace the steamboat Miramichi which is to be out on the route between Chatham and Newcastle after the new steamboat is built.

A turkey supper under the auspices of the ladies of St. John's church was held in the Masonic hall tonight. Ice cream, home-made candy and fruit were served during the evening. Music was furnished by the orchestra. The proceeds are to be added to the church building fund.

ALBERT COUNTY NEWS. Died Suddenly in Boston—Mill Starts Again.

Hopewell Hill, Feb. 13.—Word has been received here of the sudden death at Boston of Joseph Daniels, a former resident of this place. Deceased was about 75 years of age and was a son of the late Joseph Daniels and a grandson of William Daniels, a United Empire Loyalist, who took up one of the five large grants into which Hopewell parish was originally divided, the others being the Dixons, Calhoun, Paine and Peck grants. Mr. Daniels has been living in the United States for a great many years. He leaves one son and one daughter, Mrs. Martha Smith, a sister of deceased, is living at Lower Cape.

The Hicks steam mill, which has been shut down for a few weeks, has again commenced sawing for John Sikes at Chatham Road. The Floyd mill, which is saving for B. & R. Milton, has finished one large haul and will move to another place to saw for the same firm.

Sheddy bay is free of ice for this season of the year. Jas. F. Russell, lightkeeper at Grandstone Island, visited the mainland this week.

A donation is to be tendered to Rev. J. K. King, pastor of the Methodist church, at the parsonage at Albert on Wednesday evening.

Medical Book Free. "Know Thyself," a book for men only, sent free, postpaid, to any man who mentions this paper, or for postage. The Science of Life, or Self Preservation, with the Head Medical Treatise, the best medical book of this or any age. Elegant Library Edition, cloth, full gilt, 75 pp., with engraved plates and prescriptions, only \$1.00. Paper covers, 50c. Address the PEABODY MEDICAL INSTITUTE, No. 4 Balfour street, Boston, Mass., the oldest and best in this country. Write today for these books: the keys to health, vigor and happiness. A perfect Yawt Miasm.

The Peabody Medical Institute is a fixed fact in the medical phenomena of this country and it will remain so.—Boston Herald.

The Peabody Medical Institute has many initiators, but no equals.—Boston Herald.

When a man gets lonesome he begins to realize what poor company he is.

DETAILS GIVEN OUT.

The Railway Arrangements of Manitoba.

PREMIER ROBLIN TELLS. He Gave Out a Statement Last Night—Lease for 99 Years at Graduated Yearly Rental—Option of Purchase at Any Time—The Guarantee of Bonds.

Winnipeg, Feb. 15.—(Special)—At a banquet given Hon. Mr. Davidson, provincial treasurer, at Neepawa last night, Premier Roblin announced the details of the government's railway arrangement with the Northern Pacific and Canadian Northern Railway Company. In brief it is as follows: The government leases for 99 years all the lines owned and operated by the Northern Pacific in Manitoba, at a yearly rental of \$210,000 for the first 10 years, \$225,000 for the second 10 years, \$250,000 for the third 10 years and \$300,000 for the remainder of the term, the government having the option of purchase at any time for \$7,000,000.

This lease and the option of purchase the government transfers to the Canadian Northern line, the latter in return giving over to the government absolute control of the line in Manitoba and of all freight rates in Manitoba and of Port Arthur.

The government on its part agrees to guarantee the bonds of the Canadian Northern branch, from Port Arthur to Rainy River, to the extent of \$300,000 per mile.

Toronto, Feb. 11.—(Special)—To a reporter who caught him while waiting for a special at the Union station today to take them to Chicago, Sir William Van Home said: "Premier Roblin's deal will bankrupt the province of Manitoba; that's my opinion of it. It makes no difference to the C. P. R. A strong guarantee bank, however, it is a blow at the C. P. R., and as well as other business interests in the province."

MAKING MASONIC HISTORY. First Consecration of Roy, I Arch Chapter in New Brunswick.

St. John, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Grand High Priest John A. Watson and officers of the Royal Arch Chapter paid an official visit to Sussex and consecrated Sussex Chapter, No. 9, R. A. M., this evening. They installed the following officers: J. R. McLean, high priest; D. H. Fairweather, king; J. R. Decker, secretary; Murray Huestis, secretary; C. W. Stockton, C. of H.; Harvey Mitchell, P. S.; Robert Morrison, M. of 3rd V.; Geo. M. Sullivan, master 2nd V.; H. P. Robinson, M. of 1st U.

This is the first royal arch chapter consecrated in New Brunswick, the ceremony for this reason being of more than ordinary interest. The new chapter starts out with a membership of about 30, who promises in the near future to enlarge.

After the installation, the visiting committee and members of the chapter were invited to dinner at the home of the ladies of Sussex, where a very enjoyable hour was spent, ample justice being done to the good things provided in the most attractive manner, for which the ladies of Sussex are celebrated.

The visitors left on the midnight train for St. John, having spent the evening at the best wishes of their Sussex brethren. Just before the departure of the train the handsome man of the visiting companions took a souvenir which he greatly appreciated.

EXPLOSION AT DIGBY. Fortunately Little Damage Done—Wild Cat and Dog Fight.

Digby, N. S., Feb. 15.—(Special)—The County Court commenced yesterday and closed today. There was only one case tried—that of Hunt vs. Smith. Judge Savary reserved judgment after hearing the counsel and a number of witnesses were examined and much contradictory evidence has been produced.

The people in the neighborhood of the electric light station were aroused this morning about 3.30 o'clock by an explosion followed by escaping steam. The escape, it will be noted, was from the break-up of some glass in the windows of the building.

The freight train last evening on the D. A. Road derailed here broken here which delayed it for some time.

A terrible fight took place between Mr. William Oud's dog and a wild cat about 2 o'clock, near his barn. When his son got up and called the dog in he was surprised at the condition he presented from the sharp teeth and claws of his terrible antagonist, which partially dismembered the poor dog which may die from the wounds received.

Death of Edward P. Johnson. The death of Edward P. Johnson occurred at the home of his mother, Mrs. Lydia Johnson, in the settlement, Sablebury county, on Tuesday, February 5. He was 22 years old. He leaves a mother and one brother, George W., and a large number of friends and relatives to mourn their loss.

STOPPED JUST IN TIME.

Head-on Collision Near Peticodiac Narrowly Averted.

A head-on collision between two I. C. R. express trains came very near happening yesterday afternoon about 5 o'clock two miles this side of Peticodiac. The Atlantic express from Montreal for Halifax there the express from Halifax for St. John were the two trains.

The Halifax express had orders to cross a freight train at a siding between Peticodiac and Annapolis and should have made a crossing with the Atlantic express at Peticodiac. But, through some misunderstanding, the Halifax express left Peticodiac to cross the freight at the siding and intended crossing the Atlantic express further west. Both express trains were bowling along at a good rate of speed. Fortunately the line between Annapolis and Peticodiac is very straight and the engineers of the trains saw the approaching trains about the same time.

There was a shrill scream from the whistle of each locomotive, a signal for the application of the brakes. The brakes were put on hard and the engines reversed. The engineers were cool and men in the right place, and in a few minutes the two large locomotives were brought to a standstill and stood panting on the track, their cowcatchers being within a few yards of each other. The passengers in the trains hearing the blast of the whistles and the hard application of the air brakes looked out of the windows when the trains stopped and were astounded to see the two trains so close together, and to use the words of one of the passengers: "We had a very narrow escape and were indeed thankful that the stretch of track was so straight that the engineers could see the train ahead of us."

The Halifax express was backed up to the station at Peticodiac and side-tracked to allow the Montreal express to continue her journey east.

Had it so happened that there had been a curve at the place or had there been a snow storm or many wrecks there is little doubt but that there would have been a very bad collision. It was not known last night officially just who is to blame and investigation will be completed the conductor Millican was in charge of the C. P. R. and Conductor Rainnie of the Halifax express.

NEWFOUNDLAND DISASTER. Government Steamer Sighted Nothing to Clear Up the Mystery—The Second Wreck.

St. John's, Nfld., Feb. 15.—The agent of the British steamer Lucerne has returned from the scene of the wreck and furnished portions of a charred plank, leading to the conclusion that the vessel's cargo was on fire before she struck, and that the shipwreck was due to her running at full speed through a fog in an effort to make some port before the fire had obtained mastery.

The government dispatched the steamer Ingraham at daylight to visit Baidon in the hope that some of the survivors of the disaster may be ashore there.

The Ingraham reached Peticodiac this afternoon, having completed the circuit of the coast. She reported that she had sighted nothing which would throw light upon the mystery.

The police who had been working along the shore at the same time were equally unsuccessful. Many dangerous cliffs could not be examined, owing to the raging seas. A lot of miscellaneous wreckage was seen but this might have come from any steamer.

A piece of ship rail with brass ends, found near Black Head, adds to the mystery of the second wreck.

THE CARNEGIE DEAL. Reported to Have Been Closed Yesterday.

Pittsburg, Pa., Feb. 15.—The Pittsburg Leader will say this afternoon that from a reliable source it was learned that the deal with Andrew Carnegie would be closed today by the payment to Mr. Carnegie of \$2,200,000 in cash. He is to receive in addition \$1,200 per share for his stock and was paid in bonds. The minority stockholders will be paid in stock in the new company, receiving 19 per cent each of the common and preferred shares. The same authority says the officials of the other companies have submitted financial statements and the syndicate will determine from these the basis they will be taken into the great combine. If the statements are acceptable in the new company in exchange for the old one.

New York, Feb. 15.—The World to-morrow says: Charles M. Schwab, president of the Carnegie Steel Company, was formally selected yesterday as the head of the big steel combination.

Fredericton News. Fredericton, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Judge Wilson is ill, threatened with pleurisy.

Mrs. George Kiffin, of Boston, is in the city because of the serious illness of her mother, Mrs. George Elliott, King street.

Senator Walk expects to leave for Ottawa early in March.

The remains of the late Rev. Joseph Barker, whose death occurred at Bonaventure, Quebec, were taken last evening and were arrived to his former home at Sheffield.

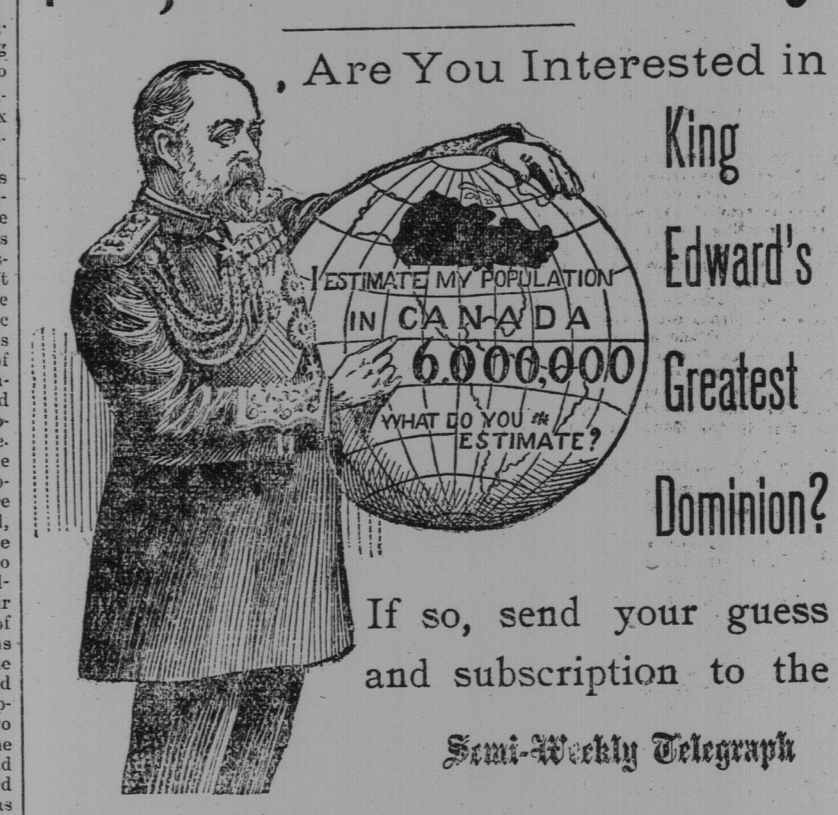
Councillor Alanson McNally, of Queensbury, has sold his property which he placed to his son, Alexander, and will remove to this city and reside with his son, D. G. J. McNally.

It is reported that Dr. W. C. Crockett will be a candidate for the mayoralty.

CAPTURE OF THREE MEN. Thought to Be Those Who Robbed Internal Revenue Office.

Chicago, Feb. 17.—Secret service officials declared they are confident they have captured three of the men who robbed the internal revenue office at Peoria on the night of Jan. 30 of \$35,000 in stamps. The men under arrest are John Delahanty, James McVey and John Reagan, who have been placed under bonds of \$10,000 to await the action of the federal grand jury.

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FOUR KILLED. HIS MOTHER'S DEATH.

Express Train Wrecked Saturday Night. News Thought to Have Made Italian Insane.

San Francisco, Cal., Feb. 17.—The Southern Pacific's eastbound limited express train was wrecked at Mills City, Nev., last night. The fireman and three passengers were killed. The conductor, engineer and one brakeman, two postal clerks and one passenger were injured.

The dead: Adolph Bessinger and wife, San Francisco; Clinton R. Coulter, San Francisco; P. L. Whitaker, fireman.

The injured are: Conductor Markle; Engineer George Abbey; Postal Clerk J. C. Corrie.

Mrs. Bessinger, whose parents were among the killed, was slightly injured. All the passengers were slightly shaken up. The train ran into a washout which had been caused by a cloudburst. All trains east and west were abandoned for 48 hours.

Elder-Dempster Steamers Chartered. Boston, Feb. 18.—A cablegram has been received from Liverpool stating that the British admiralty has re-chartered the Elder-Dempster Company's Milwaukee and Montague, to load niles at New Orleans for South Africa during the last half of March, and that the company expected that several other steamers of its fleet would be chartered for a similar purpose.

Advertisement for 'One Dose' and 'Hood's Pills' with text: 'Tells the story. When you feel aches, and you feel bilious, constipated, and out of tune, with your stomach sour and no appetite, just buy a package of Hood's Pills. And take a dose, from 1 to 4 pills. You will be surprised at how easily they will do their work, cure your headache and biliousness, tone the liver and make you feel happy again. 25 cents. Sold by all medicine dealers.'

OVER THE PROVINCES.

A SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

What is going on Among Ourselves—The Daily Doings of Our Neighbors Talked About—People you know or of Whom have heard.

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The exchequer court will sit in St. John May 21.

Moncton, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Seven cases, supposed to be examples of mad type, are reported in a grotesque village, near Memramouc.

Toronto, Feb. 16.—(Special)—Rev. J. P. McEwen, superintendent of the Baptist Home Mission board, died suddenly today of apoplexy. He was 56 years of age.

Georgetown, Ont., Feb. 16.—(Special)—Fire this afternoon completely gutted the Presbyterian church. The roof fell in and the edifice is practically a ruin. The loss is \$20,000; insurance, \$8,000.

Fredericton, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The death occurred last night of Mrs. Anne Fenney, mother of Thos. Fenney, proprietor of the Waverly House. She was aged 78 years.

Fredericton, Feb. 14.—(Special)—The death occurred suddenly this evening, of Kathleen, daughter of W. H. Gaven, the well-known druggist, aged six years.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Francis Quahary, a prominent citizen of Sydney and native of Halifax, died here yesterday.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 15.—(Special)—A telegram to A. J. McCallum, druggist of this town, yesterday from St. George, N. B., conveyed the sad news of the death of his mother, aged 93 years.

Quebec, Feb. 16.—(Special)—A clearing house has been formed among the banks. The arrangement will take effect May 1, a representative of each bank taking charge for a month alternately.

Ottawa, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Lady Minto has been appointed treasurer of the fund for the purpose of decorating the graves of men of the Canadian regiments who lost their lives in South Africa.

Charlottetown, Feb. 15.—(Special)—Elias Stephenson, collector of customs, who formerly resided in Kent in the dominion parliament and for years published the Chatham Planet, died today of pneumonia.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Stipendiary Peiton commenced an investigation today into the cause of the fire in Queen's Row Wednesday night. Sufficient evidence has been already given to show that the fire was the work of an incendiary.

Moncton, Feb. 17.—(Special)—It is understood that the cat extended to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church of Rossland, N. C., to Rev. J. M. Robinson, of Moncton, has been favorably entertained. The matter will be held before the Presbytery at St. John.

Deseronto, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The Baker block, occupied by J. J. Kerr, dry goods; Hall & Stuart, tailors; H. Nellor, amusements; and the Rossland Hotel, Opera House, was destroyed by fire this morning. The loss is heavy.

Meaford, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Sparring's glass door factory was burned this morning. The loss is \$6,000.

Kingston, Jan. Feb. 15.—A letter received from Cartagena, Colombia, says the Colombian rebels are particularly active in the interior of that department with the result that business is seriously handicapped. No coffee could be shipped from Cartagena up to a week ago.

Quebec, Feb. 15.—(Special)—News from Grand Mere says that a Great Northern engine which had taken water at that station and was just about proceeding, had afternoon suddenly exploded and two men, Engineer Roberts and Fireman (name), were so badly scalded that both may die.

Yarmouth, N. S., Feb. 15.—(Special)—Mrs. Eliza Allen, widow of Mr. J. N. Gardner, died of heart trouble Wednesday at the residence of her daughter, Mrs. Anne Crosby, of Yarmouth, aged 76 years. She leaves four daughters and two sons, George T. of St. John, being one of her sons.

Dorchester, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The county council passed a resolution today letting the \$12,000 of accounts incurred in recent smallpox epidemic be over for consideration till the July session. A committee was appointed to confer with the local government during interim to make some arrangement as to the proper bearing part of the expense.

Halifax, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The death occurred at 107 North Street this morning at the residence of Mrs. Elizabeth Gordon, wife of James Gordon, formerly of the firm of Gordon and Keith. Mrs. Gordon had been ill for some time and her death was hastened by a severe cold contracted recently. Mrs. Gordon was 72 years of age.

Fredericton, Feb. 15.—James R. Gilmere, of Prince, died yesterday from pneumonia in the 64th year of his age. He leaves a widow, five daughters and three sons.

Quebec, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Mrs. Reason, aged 87, was burned to death last night at Bourgeois. She had been left alone and her clothes caught fire. She was discovered some hours afterwards by relatives.

Joseph Hudson, intercolonial agent at Trois Pilettes, died this morning as the result of burns incurred in endeavoring to rescue his mother-in-law, who perished in the fire which destroyed the railway station a week ago.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Special)—Walter S. Doull, who was until a couple of years ago, a law clerk with the department of railways and canals, was found yesterday in a semi-conscious state at the exhibition grounds early yesterday morning and on being removed from there died in a hack. Heart failure is given as the cause of death. He was a son of the late John Doull of Halifax, who was president of the Nova Scotia bar. His remains will be forwarded to Halifax to-morrow.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—(Special)—John B. Eager, representative of Book Bros. &

Co., from Winnipeg west to the coast, has been removed to the smallest hospital. Mr. Eager, a Winnipeg merchant, a week ago last Friday and on Wednesday took ill. Yesterday the medical health officer pronounced his disease smallpox. The case is supposed to be another development of the Sully contagion.

Toronto, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Donald McLaren, until last fall a resident of Perth, Ontario, died here today aged 100 years, 2 months and 17 days. He was born in Scotland and came to Canada in 1824.

Wood Lake, N. B., Feb. 14.—On Monday the 11th, Miss Maude E., fourth daughter of Mr. R. Hosford, fell on the ice at her home at Wood Lake and sprained her wrist and arm, which will confine her to the house for some time. Her friends hope to see her out soon as she will be greatly missed in this community.

Brussels, Feb. 17.—Dr. Leyds, the Transvaal minister returned here last evening from The Hague. His baggage was placed for a moment in the vestibule of his residence and shortly afterwards it was ascertained that thieves had entered the house by false keys and stolen a value containing diplomatic papers.

The annual convention of the King's Daughters will be held at the Hotel de Ville, when delegates from many parts of the dominion are expected to be present as well as ladies from the Central Council of New York. At a meeting Saturday night the local branch details in connection with the convention were considered.

Montreal, Feb. 18.—(Special)—At a meeting of the city council today, Mayor Fontaine called attention to the fact that as the date of coronation is approaching it is necessary to make arrangements should be made at once for the city voting \$10,000 for the entertainment. This sum cannot be voted without consent of the provincial legislature. The finance committee was instructed to take action.

London, Feb. 18.—The Danish government, says the Copenhagen correspondent of the Daily Mail, "has evidently broken all dealings with the Danes regarding the sale of the Danish West Indies. This is due to a satisfactory offer made by the Danish East Asian Steamship Company to assist in the maintenance and administration of the islands. The American government has been notified as to this decision."

Newport News, Va., Feb. 16.—The U. S. transport Ravdin, with the first battalion of the 10th U. S. infantry aboard, reached here from Santiago this afternoon. The four companies of the 10th U. S. infantry are under command of Lt. Col. Lincoln. Tomorrow morning the troops will leave for the west on a special train and the Ravdin will return to the road. The transport had a smooth voyage and brought several ladies, wives of officers.

Charlotte, N. C., Feb. 16.—Four hundred and fifty thousand spindles were represented at the meeting of the Southern Cotton Spinner's Association held in this city today. The meeting was called for the purpose of effecting a cartelment in the production of cotton yarns and the result is that for four months from March 1st the production of cotton yarns will be restricted to the amount of the cartelment. The meeting was held at the residence of Mr. J. E. McDonald, brother of the bridegroom, at St. John and Montreal on their wedding trip. They will reside at Maccan.

Farlington, Me., Feb. 17.—The February term of the supreme judicial court closed here yesterday after a ten day session which was considerably interrupted by the big storm. No civil cases were tried by jury. Five criminal cases were tried, resulting in a verdict of guilty in two instances and acquittal in three. There was \$785 paid in fines and costs for violations of the liquor law and eleven divorces were granted.

H. G. Cutler, a book agent, arrested yesterday upon the charge of obtaining money under false pretences, will have a hearing tomorrow.

Ottawa, Feb. 17.—(Special)—The lead miners of British Columbia are pressing upon the government for a bounty on lead to encourage the Canadian industry. What they want is \$5 on a ton, but not to exceed 100 tons per day, or in all \$32,500 per year. They want the bounty for only one year.

Hon. H. R. Emerson has returned from South Ste Marie where he was attending a banquet to H. Clegg.

Sir Louis Davies has returned from the island to the mainland on an ice boat. Victoria, B. C., Feb. 15.—Good progress was made today by the men who are searching for the bodies of the unfortunate men killed by the explosion at the Union mines. Fires have been put out and the inspectors have penetrated through No. 5 mine to No. 6, expecting the men as they proceeded and last reports were within one hundred yards of where they expect to find the first bodies. No. 5 mine was not badly damaged by the fire, but No. 6 is a complete wreck.

THE NIGHT CASE.

The State Senior Counsel Opposition Unreadiness Pre-vents Business.

A NEW SENATOR.

Dr. Landerkin Appointed to Vacancy Caused by Mr. McKindsey's Death—Delegation Heard Against the Tuberculin Test—Story Contradicted.

Saco, Me., Feb. 15.—The work of many months of diligent search for clues that might lead to the identity of a tacit murderer were today summed up in a most systematic and thorough manner by Attorney General Seiders, senior counsel for the state, in the trial of Edwin H. Knight for the murder of Frank Sprague, the occasion being the plea of the accused.

The address of the attorney general occupied the entire day, but the forceful method with which it was presented, the clear and concise arrangement of the complex threads of evidence made interesting a repetition of the revolting facts which were gathered from a host of witnesses.

The supreme court has completed the tenth day of its session and the question of the guilt or innocence of the prisoner remains before the jury to decide. Powers will deliver his charge in the morning and it is probable that by noon the 12 men will have the momentous question before them for judgment.

The trial has been a supremely contested one on both sides. No estimate of the length of time the jury may take to find a verdict can be given, but it seems probable that the conference will be a long one. A great volume of evidence has been submitted and for this reason it is not for the first time that the jury has not had a hasty verdict is probable.

The court room was again crowded and a number stood during a greater part of the day. The defendant did not give evidence of any undue emotion during the trying ordeal and listened attentively to the word of the attorney general. Mrs. Knight, who for the first time since the trial commenced, absent from beside her husband.

THE PHILIPPINES. Further Incriminating Charges Against Contractors.

Manila, Feb. 17.—Eighty men of the 3rd United States Infantry and a detachment of scouts surprised the insurgent leaders, Ylcamon and Alejandro, near Papania. Villamor was wounded.

There have been further incriminating charges against the contractors of the Philippine Islands. G. D. Carman, the American contractor, who with his partner, Theodoros Carman, a Spanish merchant, was arrested February 6, charged with furnishing supplies to aid the insurgents. Proof has been secured of his dealings with the rebels showing that he supplied them with magazines, revolvers, ammunitions and arms. The investigation will be continued.

Many insurgent officers are surrendering. St. George, Bermuda, Feb. 17.—The United States army transport, Wright, commanded by Lieut. H. A. Webber, which has been in this port since January 20, making 10 trips to damage sustained on the trip from St. George, has been ordered to supply of coal, proceeded on her voyage to the Philippines via Gibraltar today. The vessel has been detained a number of days awaiting favorable weather.

Washington, Feb. 17.—General MacArthur has issued regulations to govern the issue of the Philippine Islands. The regulations are in force from January 1st. Such bills of health are required in the case of vessels bound from any port in the Philippines to the United States or to any foreign port. These bills are not required in the case of vessels engaged in coasting trade in the Philippine Islands.

Officers have been appointed with salaries as follows: Governor, Prefecto Sison, \$2,000; secretary, Ramon Barrios, \$1,700; treasurer, Captain Haden, \$1,500; adjutant, Captain Villamor, \$1,500. At the close of the present session of the legislature, the new governor and other natives. The list of all the utterances were such as follows:

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Wetness timber is composed almost entirely of conifers. Forests of the western coast probably are the densest and heaviest on earth. They may be compared with those of tropical regions, such as the forests of the Amazon and Congo basins. While the jungle of the tropics may be denser, the trees are by no means as large, nor do they contain as much lumber.

CURED A BAD CASE OF DEAFNESS. St. Thomas, Ont.—I have used Cattaraugus hearing aid and have been benefited by its use, so much that I can now hear quite well. I am recommending it to my friends. Thos. Riddle.

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Lameness in the muscles and joints indicates Rheumatism. Oak, chony and mahogany are the three best known woods which are heavier than water.

PARLIAMENT.

Opposition Unreadiness Pre-vents Business.

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Ottawa, Feb. 15.—(Special)—The opposition was not ready to go on with the business of the house today, the excuse being only ill-health and that they had not time to study it. Just what this report had to do with civil government, which Mr. McKindsey's death caused, the government consented to the objections put forward and adjourned, after sitting a few minutes.

Mr. MacLennan, of East York, said that he was not ready to go on with his legislative resolution.

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THE TUBERCULIN TEST. A deputation of gentlemen holding opposite views on the tuberculin test, and other regulations affecting tuberculosis, met at the meeting of the committee of agriculture today, with a view of having made some regulations more acceptable to all.

Mr. C. Edwards, championed the present regulations, requiring a rigid tuberculin test in quarantine of all imported cattle, while Mr. David McCrae, of Guelph, advocated the abolition of the test, and only in quarantine large all over the country.

Hon. John Dryden, minister of agriculture for Ontario, was prevented from being present by the snow blockades, but he writes in support of Mr. McCrae.

Senator Fisher is not in favor of abolishing the test, but a compromise was agreed upon, which will be the result of the test. The test will be made. It was agreed that legislation should be introduced abolishing the law that now prohibits selling the hides of tuberculous steers.

Scientists agree that there is not the slightest danger of contagion from the hides of tuberculous steers.

The mayor of Ottawa wants \$5,000 to entertain the Duke of York when he arrives here next summer. The matter will be submitted to the city council.

Notes. The delegation of beetroot sugar men that waited on the government this afternoon, asked for a bounty to encourage the Canadian industry. What they want is one cent per pound for the first two years, and two cents for the third year, and one cent for the fourth year, and one cent for the fifth year, after which it is to be abolished. Hon. Messrs. Mulock and Peterson met the delegation.

An order-in-council has been passed appointing Dr. Landerkin, of St. John, to the vacant seat on the Senate of the Dominion, caused by the death of Mr. McKindsey. Everybody, Grit and Tory alike, will be delighted to see his general continuance in the upper chamber. The doctor is a man of the highest caliber who has been called to fill. That the doctor was to be appointed has already been announced in this correspondence. 600 members of the militia give an official denial to the report published by the Montreal Gazette this morning that another Canadian contingent of 600 men is in addition to the recruits for the South African constabulary.

THE HACKING COUGH. One of the most annoying things to get rid of is a hacking cough. There is apparently no cause for it. No soreness, no irritation at the throat, no inflammation of the throat, no redness of the throat, no difficulty in swallowing, no hoarseness, no loss of voice, no difficulty in breathing, no difficulty in sleeping, no difficulty in eating, no difficulty in drinking, no difficulty in walking, no difficulty in running, no difficulty in jumping, no difficulty in dancing, no difficulty in playing, no difficulty in working, no difficulty in studying, no difficulty in thinking, no difficulty in feeling, no difficulty in knowing, no difficulty in understanding, no difficulty in remembering, no difficulty in forgetting, no difficulty in dreaming, no difficulty in waking, no difficulty in sleeping, no difficulty in living, no difficulty in dying.

RECOVERING BODIES.

The Vancouver Disaster entails great Suffering.

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Vancouver, Feb. 16.—Hope has been almost abandoned for the 63 miners entombed in the Union mine by an explosion of gas. The men are known to be in shaft No. 6 and consist of rocks and debris block the way. After-damp renders the work of boring through this mass of wreckage extremely dangerous and although relays of thirty men each are changed every fifteen minutes many of the rescuers are brought back to the surface almost dead from the effects of the deadly gas.

A later dispatch says the rescuing party failed to reach the miners, the officials have decided as a final resort to flood the mine. Another slight explosion took place at 4 a. m. today, but there was no damage.

Ploenix, Ariz., Feb. 16.—In the flooding of the Santa Rita mine in the Ploenix mountains, 200 miles south of Hermosillo, Mexico, four miners were drowned, including the superintendent. A blast had opened a vein of water. The mine tunnel was flooded and while miners in the upper end escaped, the workers in the lower end were caught like rats in a trap. Miners outside made desperate efforts to rescue their fellows but without avail.

Vancouver, B. C., Feb. 17.—Additional details continue to come from the Union mine at Vancouver, B. C., where the terrible fatality occurred Friday. The Canadian Pacific Railroad Company's steamer Tartar arrived at Vancouver this afternoon from the coal field station at Union, 12 miles from Cumberland. She brought two passengers, H. R. Raymond and Geo. Bennett, both coal miners. Neither had any memory as to the cause of the explosion. They say the cause is not known and that it will never be known. When the Tartar left Union this morning the late news from No. 6 shaft was that the flooding process was still being continued. The fire was still burning, although not so fiercely as during the dock and other facilities and is gradually performing the desired service and by tomorrow it is expected the fire will be extinguished. It will be several days, Raymond says, before the bodies of the miners can be recovered, because after the fire has been put out it will be necessary to pump the water out of the mine before a rescuing party can hope to get at the corpses now lying at the bottom of the shaft.

Chiefly before the morning, the Union this morning the steamer Jean James left, having on board Premier James Dunsinuir, of the British Columbia government, who is one of the owners of the Cumberland mines.

The families of the dead miners require financial assistance which will be several times as much as last year for the mayor of Vancouver has already taken steps to aid the bereaved families and other relatives of the late miners. Dunsinuir has ordered the storekeepers at Cumberland to give the distressed families what supplies they may need.

DOCTOR DRUGGED AND ROBBED. New York Physician Wounded and His Money Taken.

El Paso, Texas, Feb. 14.—Drugged with knockout drops, seriously cut with a knife or dirk, and robbed of all his ready cash, amounting to \$1,000 or more, was the fate which befell Dr. Alfred E. Meyer, of New York, last night.

Dr. Meyer has been spending a week in the city with a patient for whom he has been caring. He ventured out alone this night to see the town by daylight. He was brought back to the Sheldon Hotel a few hours before daybreak, bleeding profusely from half a dozen severe knife wounds, with his clothing and watch gone, and his money and watch gone. He was in a semi-conscious condition and extremely weak from loss of blood.

Dr. Meyer was last night visited some resort. He thought the row started about a woman, or that a woman had taken a hand in it, but he was not certain. All he remembered was that he had been viciously assaulted with a knife, and when consciousness returned he found himself in his hotel with the physician attending him.

"My financial loss was heavy," said he, "and it is a hard blow to me. I was relieved of many hundred dollars which I had on my person."

Dr. Meyer came here about a week ago with August Moxius and the latter's wife. Mr. Moxius is said to be a wealthy retired banker, who is suffering from some brain trouble. His physician ordered him to travel and rest, and Dr. Meyer was engaged to accompany him.

Albert County News. Howsell Hill, Feb. 11.—Reviews at this place of Mrs. Thomas E. Bray, have received intelligence of her death at Vancouver, B. C., where she has resided for a number of years. Deceased was daughter of the late Theodore Carlisle, of Hillsboro, and was very highly respected by all who knew her. She was about 55 years of age, and leaves a husband and one son, Edward Carlisle, of Vancouver. Also two brothers, George and James Carlisle, of Hillsboro, and one sister, Mrs. Page, who is living in the western states. Deceased was a member of the Hillsboro Methodist church, of this place.

The Salisbury and Harvey train is not running below Hillsboro at present, and the mails are brought to this section of the county by teams. This system is far from satisfactory.

Alexander Rogers entertained a number of his friends at a birthday party at his residence here on Tuesday evening. A very enjoyable time was spent.

Oak, chony and mahogany are the three best known woods which are heavier than water.

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KILLED AT SYDNEY. LABORER HAD SKULL FRACTURED AND NECK BROKEN.

Sydney, C. B., Feb. 18.—(Special)—Frank Moriart, a laborer employed by the Dominion Iron & Steel Works, was killed this afternoon. He fell from a concrete wall 15 feet and struck on his head and shoulders on some railway ties. His skull was fractured and his neck broken. Death was almost instantaneous.

The Italian, who intends bringing action against several parties for false confinement in the insane asylum, was arrested again today.

The owners of the Rosslyn Rink have decided to form into a joint stock company. They will erect an opera house on the site adjoining the rink.

Today Mayor Crowe, President Harman of the Board of Trade, Secretary Hearn and Alderman Kimber met Mr. Richards, representative of G. A. Bowring & Co., New York, and talked over the proposed direct steamship line from Sydney-New York. Mr. Richards inspected the docks and other facilities and is a strong advocate of the line. He will make favorable report.

Another New York company has written the Board of Trade for information regarding the prospects of trade between New York and Sydney. If a favorable reply be sent the company, a steamer will be placed on the route.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Government Meeting Last Night.

Fredericton, Feb. 18.—(Special)—Hon. Messrs. Tweedie, Dunn, Ferris, La Bilon, McKewen, and Hill attended a meeting of the local government this evening. Only routine business was transacted. Hon. Wm. Pugsley was absent in New York. His honor, Lt. Governor MacDonnell, was not able to attend on account of snow blockade.

Ald. W. E. South and Dr. W. C. Crockett will be candidates this year for the office of mayor. There is not a probability of either candidate offering. It is understood that ex-Alderman Rossborough will offer for the vacancy at the head of the ticket. Alderman Smith endorsing the majority field. All the other aldermen will offer for reelection, and the only talk of opposition is in St. Ann's ward, where the friends of Mr. John Scott are urging him to offer.

Mr. A. P. Homer, of Halifax, representing the Canadian General Electric Light Company, is in town preparing plans and estimates for installing an electric light plant in the factory and stores of R. Chestnut and Sons.

The Glemer says: There are on exhibition at Hall's bookstore a number of pen and ink drawings which indicate unusual talent in their direction upon the part of the artist, Miss McFarlane, of St. John, who has for several weeks been visiting her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Barbour, George street. Miss McFarlane is an enthusiastic admirer and student of Gilbert, whose drawings are "the thing in the artistic world at present. Art students speak in highest terms of Miss McFarlane's pen and ink work."

Orderly room clerk, Sergt. Class J. Johnson, of the R. C. L. I., has been promoted to staff sergeant and clerk in the D. O. C. office.

Lieut. Ralph Markham, of St. John, is in the city, a guest at Queen Hotel. At the Victoria General Hospital Friday Mrs. Vanvart and G. J. Murray performed a successful operation for appendicitis upon a young girl, A. J. Murray, of Fredericton Junction.

W. D. Vandine, an employe of Tabor and O'Neil's factory, had the fore finger of his left hand badly lacerated by a circular saw this morning. Dr. Vanvart deemed it necessary to amputate the member.

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Two More Lynchings. Mon. Miss. Feb. 15.—Two negroes were lynched six miles east of this place last night. Two months ago a barn belonging to M. F. Cole, six miles from Mason was burned. The evidence incriminated Isham and Henry Rod, two negroes of the neighborhood, who were shot to death.

It is a poor widow who can't remarry. Rich ones are soon plucked up.

THE BROKEN BUTTERFLY.

BY JAMES NOEL JOHNSON.

Old Ben Madden was one of the richest men on Bonaville Creek. He had not always been wealthy, however. Twenty years ago he was quite poor. He was a big, fine-looking mountaineer then, always rody a good horse, and in spite of his poverty, he was considered a great catch, even among the well-to-do girls. He was sober, industrious and thrifty.

One day he stopped at the house of old George Lettmer to look at a yoke of steers that latter wished to sell. When he entered the door he was greeted by a young girl of about 16, who stood in the middle of the room, and, blushing shyly, bade him "take a seat."

"Pap is not in just now," said the young girl, "but he'll come soon—he's out to the new ground field 'xins' some gaps in the fence."

Ben didn't care whether the old man came or not. The beauty of the young girl astonished him so that his mission was forgotten. It was strange he had never before known old George had a pretty daughter. He lived within three miles of him. In passing he had often seen a beautiful child sitting on the fence or playing in the yard. But that was only a few days ago, seemingly. Now, here was the bud in full, luscious, odorless bloom!

He was always, before, instantly ready to start conversations with girls, whether acquainted with them or not, when chance threw them in his way. But now, for the first time, he felt a flush of embarrassment. The girl sat down, and occasionally timidly glanced at him, but ducked her head like a bird when her eyes met his.

It was a case of love at first sight. The young people had few words to exchange. Their hearts were too busy with the first delicious sensations of love.

Time went on, and Ben became a weekly visitor at old George's log house. One day the lovers were sitting on a rude bench up in the orchard. Birds sang love songs up among the waving foliage. Ben looked in the cliver, and butterflies dotted in the air with many fast-changing hues. Soft breezes whizzed slowly about them, half swooning with delicious odors. Like a rose overblown with dew, the young girl rested on a leaning shoulder. A small hand, like a little brown bird, nestled in a big strong palm. All the joys known before, all the blisses the future promised, seemed to gather and commingle in that sweet hour. The couple were speechless, awed into silence by what they heard, felt and saw.

One golden butterfly, on warbling wing, zigzagged to their harbor. It flapped about their heads for a second or two, then hesitatingly rested on the twisted hands of the lovers. "Not knowing what he did, Ben let fall his free hand and crushed the butterfly. Its frail wings fell in Flora's lap. "Oh, poor thing!" she exclaimed, looking at Ben with eyes of soft rebuke. "It didn't aim to do that," said Ben, remorsefully.

The next Ben Madden received an order from a Cincinnati factory for a half million staves. The price offered convinced him instantly that this could be the requisite capital to begin filling the order, a small fortune awaiting him within a few months. The money-making spirit seized him, and drove love into the rear. He rode here and there, trying to borrow the money, but failed.

But he wouldn't let that fortune go by, after knocking so loudly at his door. The widow of the late John Armstrong, had \$20,000. He instantly wooed, won and wedded the "widder."

Flora, while yet a young girl closed her empty heart against love forever. In the hot, blighting heat of everyday life her dawn-dream melted away. Handsome young men came a-wooing, but she laughed at their pleadings and sent them away. "Here is my heart, my love," she said one day to a young man who was tearful in his pleadings, and she showed him the wings of the dead butterfly.

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They married. After the birth of a daughter (Osborne died, and then the widow learned that the estate of her late husband was in such wreck that only a pitiful sum could be rescued. Her father soon died and left her the "home place," where she lived alone with her little daughter thereafter. The child grew, and as she neared the exact image of her mother at her age.

ing. Now, you are getting up in years, and are poor, and I've come to tell you that if you will give me your daughter in marriage, your new lean board shall creak with plenty the balance of your days. I'll take away the mortgage and put a new house in its place. The old lady shall have fair admittance, so that old widowers from afar will hear of her, and hasten to place their wags and kneel at her feet—oh! Flora! He-he-he!"

The widow's face caught flame, but he took it for the same-line thing. At first she was tempted to order him from the house, but prudence, engendered by thought of the mortgage he held, restrained her righteous indignation.

"You should be ashamed," she cried, almost choking with anger and humiliation. "I see nothing to be ashamed of in the offer of a rich man to divide all with the needy."

"Ben," strangely spoke the widow after a long pause, "let me show you something." And she went into the room and returned to the porch and showed below Ben's eyes the wings of a dead butterfly.

The old fellow at first smiled in a silly way; then he understood, and his face turned pale. "Now come out and walk with me to the rear of the house." The old fellow, wondering followed.

"Look," she said, "what do you see sitting on that bench yonder?" Ben's eyes almost started from his head. On a bench, on the same spot, at the same season, where he and another had sat just twenty years ago, he beheld a tall, handsome young fellow, and beside him a beautiful girl. In their love's sweet dream they were blissfully unconscious of the hard, practical world that beat on the highways near them. Soft breezes flowed about their bowed, happy heads, drenching them with nectarine odors. Birds above flashed in the sweet, fish foliage, and chattered their love. Butterflies betweaked the air with swift, changing hues.

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GERMAN CABLE.

Relations With Britain the Chief Topic.

Berlin, Feb. 16.—Emperor William's friendly conduct towards Great Britain recently and, presumably, the motives which induced it, still form the favorite subject for discussion here. Therefore unusual interest was taken in Germany at the opening of the British parliament. But the speech from the throne and the address in reply to it were thoroughly disappointing causes of the same official reference pointing out the closer Anglo-German relations. Mr. Thomas Gibson Bowles' interpellation about the alleged German seizure of a portion of the Belgian Congo was seized on by the press today as proof that the British people's hostile and meddlesome feeling towards Germany remained unchanged. The Tagblatt ironically says:

"The harmony between England and Germany is evidently largely overestimated by nothing but ill-will and spite." In the meanwhile, the emperor's pro-British sentiments and actions are still unreservedly condemned. The semi-official press, since his majesty's return, has been doing everything to counteract this all-prevailing anti-emperor sentiment, but rather unskillfully and unsuccessfully. It is believed that the strongest opposition to Emperor William in this connection comes from the Conservatives, which party usually claims loyalty to the monarchy as a monopoly.

The Munich Allgemeine Zeitung (National Liberal) inquired, announces that Count Von Buelow, the imperial chancellor, assumes full responsibility for Emperor William's pro-British acts and that he will seize on an early opportunity to show the nation that his majesty had good and sufficient reasons for his conduct.

The winter trip which Gen. Wever is to undertake to Russia has been interpreted. Gen. Wever is not undertaking any diplomatic mission, as reported here and elsewhere. He simply goes to Russia as the private guest of the Russian ambassador at St. Petersburg. However, it is not officially denied that Russia, including the czar himself, is deeply interested in the emperor's visit. A Russian friend of St. Petersburg, however, it is not officially denied that the Russian ambassador here, Count Osten-Sacken, during several conferences with the Count, has been discussing the emperor's actions were simply due to his impulsive nature and strong family feeling.

It is no doubt that the German nation is heartily tired of the China war. This is shown not only by the attitude of the press but by the utterances in the Reichstag and Prussian diet. It is true the China expenses for 1900, amounting to 183,000,000 marks, were finally appropriated, but the opposing Socialists' speeches and resolutions were heard by the Conservatives and contrasted almost without reply except in connection with the mission. Baron Von Hildebrandt, secretary of the Reichstag, is decidedly marked on this subject that the necessity of affording higher and more effective protection to the German colonies has been pointed upon. Dr. Mumm von Schwarzenstein, the German minister at Peking, at a point to be realized in the final peace negotiations with China. He is reported by Herr Beyer, the Social-Liberal leader, proving that Bishop Anzer has been frequently interfered with in Chinese international affairs, has been left unopposed.

The Berliner Neueste Nachrichten (Conservative) has printed, widely circulated, a cable making a strong argument that Germany has no need to fear a tariff war with the United States even if large agricultural duties are imposed, because American exports here are two and one-half times those of Germany to the United States. It cites a despatch saying the treasury department in Washington is overwhelmed with telegrams on the subject of additional sugar duty, adding: "This shows that American business is opposed to a possible tariff war with Russia. How much more will it oppose a tariff war with Germany, whose business is worth 10 times to the United States that of Russia."

A painting supposed to be a genuine Raphael of 1490 will be sold at auction here Feb. 23. It is claimed that the Prof. Nicola discovered the painting in Lusanne and that Mr. Vin. K. Vanderbilt offered \$200,000 for it. Washington, D. C., Feb. 17.—It will be celebrated next Friday in the usual way at the Hotel Savoy.

ROOSEVELT AS A HUNTER. They Have Been Inventing Tales of Proxets Colorado Springs, Col., Feb. 17.—Governor Roosevelt will be in Colorado Springs today, the guest of P. B. Stewart, who was one of the members of the hunting party in Rio Blanco county. A public reception will be tendered Mr. Roosevelt in this city tomorrow afternoon. Governor Roosevelt is much annoyed over the stories that have been circulated concerning his hunting party in Rio Blanco. He has issued a statement to the effect that he has never been in Rio Blanco.

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St. John Markets.

Table listing various market items such as Beef (butchers), Pork, Mutton, Lamb, Veal, Chicken, Eggs, Butter, etc. with prices per unit.

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A BOY'S BODY. Startling Discovery Made by Thomas Wade.

Waterbury, Mass., Feb. 17.—The lifeless body of James Monahan, the seven-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Monahan, of Vineyard street, Cambridge, who mysteriously disappeared from his home on Feb. 9, was found early this afternoon in an empty ash barrel in the rear of the Waterbury Starch Factory on Pleasant street, Waterbury. How the unfortunate had met his death is a mystery, and while there were no marks of violence on the body, there are many who are certain that the boy was the victim of foul play.

The contract for the work was given to the Detroit Bridge Company last week and work was commenced on the Adam's side. A large force of iron work was employed to United States Inspectors. That official has investigated the case and has concluded that there was no violation of the law. An union has engaged an attorney to probably carry the case either to local authorities at Washington or to the courts.

FREDERICTON-NEWS. A Soldier to Pay an Election Bet—Coming to St. John.

Fredricton, Feb. 17.—Mr. George H. Johnson of Campbellton, is visiting St. John, Mr. Chaucey Coleman, Mr. Johnson served in South Africa with the 1st Buffs and made the reputation of being one of those of a trivial nature. The conditions of the bet were that the loser should wheel the gun in a wheelbarrow from the parish building to Victoria hospital by way of Queen street in Fredericton. Tibbit course, won the bet, and it is said Mr. Johnson is prepared to carry out his part of the bargain.

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