



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY.

Friends of Mr and Mrs. A. M. Pickett Do Them Honor.

Kans, March 6—On Thursday evening Feb. 25, over a hundred friends of Mr and Mrs A. M. Pickett assembled at their home at Downeyville, Kas., K. C., the occasion being the eighteenth anniversary of their marriage.

A beautiful breakfast lamp for the parlor was given by the following persons: Charles Jones, Leona Garvey, Mr and Mrs H. Jones, Horatio Lawton, John Lawson, Louisa M. Pickett, Edward Pickett, Mrs and Miss M. J. Ughart, Clara Lawson, Bruce Van H. Chas. A. Ughart, Mrs and Mrs G. Brown, and Mrs S. Ughart, et al.

MRS. MACCURDY'S FUNERAL.

Attended by a Concourse of Sorrowing Friends.

CHATHAM, March 7—The funeral of the late Mrs MacCurdy, daughter of Rev James Thomson, (first minister of St Andrew's church, Chatham), and wife of the late Dr MacCurdy, St John's church, took place last Monday, when the remains were buried in St John's public one and after a short service at the house, conducted by Rev Wm Hamilton, who is at present supplying St John's church pulpit.

THIRTY TO TWO.

Senate Amendment Resolution Passed in Nova Scotia Legislature.

HALIFAX, March 7—Attorney General Longley's resolution, of which he gave notice some days ago, calling for reform of the senate on the lines indicated by Sir Wilfrid in Montreal, was passed in the house of assembly here today, after a short debate, by a vote of 30 to 2.

Reverend A. H. Macfarlane, Franktown Ont., advises all men who are weak and who desire a speedy and perfect cure to write to Dr. G. H. Bobertz, 252 Woodward Ave., DETROIT Mich

POISONED HER FATHER.

Put Crocoete In His Chowder and Sulphate of Zinc In Tea.

PAWUCKET, B. I., March 7—Ida Harvey, 14 years of age, a daughter of James B Harvey, an engineer in one of the local industries, was taken into the local court this morning for a hearing on a serious charge, but, as Agent Thurber of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children was not present, the hearing was deferred until tomorrow.

DIED AT LEONARDVILLE.

Mr. W. H. Conley Passes Away at the Age of Ninety.

LEONARDVILLE, March 6—William H. Conley, an honored resident of Leonardville, passed away peacefully on February 18, in the 90th year of his age. Mr. Conley was the son of Joseph Conley, who was born in Jersey City, and was a lieutenant in the king's army in the war of independence; and leaving the United States when that state became independent, came to St. John, and afterwards to Deer Island.

TO HAVE A FISH TRUST.

Canadian Companies on the Great Lakes to Form a Combination.

MONTREAL, Que., March 7—Canada is to have a fish trust. It is said that at the coming session of the dominion parliament application will be made for the incorporation of a limited stock company, which will probably be known as the Dominion Fish Company.

IN A DEATH TRAP.

Joseph Hampell Survived an Electric Shock of 2,000 Volts.

NEW YORK, March 7—Joseph Hampell, an employe of the Lexington avenue cable power house, while working at the switchboard today received and survived an electric shock of about 2,000 volts. The man's body was burned black from head to foot. Every stitch of clothing was torn from him, and he fell senseless through a hole instantly made in the floor by the terrific electric power. Hampell is expected to live. The doctor who attended him says there is no case on record of a man's surviving a similar shock.

ADAM RICHMOND SUES.

Seeks Dower Rights in Stetson Estate.

BOSTON, March 7—Lawyers Albert Bernard Harris and the Hon Joseph J Corbett, of this city, in conjunction with Judge George M Curtis, of New York, entered suit this morning in the superior court on behalf of Adam Richmond, calling herefor Adah Richmond Stetson, formerly of Boston, and now of New York, against John Stetson, sr, father of the late John Stetson, jr, in the sum of \$300,000, to recover her dower rights in the real estate left by John Stetson, jr, at the time of his decease.

Flooded With Counterfeits.

SHAMONKIN, P. A., March 7—Banks, stores and the postoffice were today flooded with counterfeit silver dollars bearing dates of 1879, 1882 and 1884.

FRANCE QUIETLY SUBMITS.

British Threats to Bombard Muscat Was Right.

LONDON, March 7—The parliamentary secretary of the foreign office, Right Hon Wm St John Broderick, answering a question put by Sir Charles Dilke, Radical, in the house of commons today, gave a different complexion to the Muscat incident than the version which the French minister of foreign affairs, M. Delcasse, furnished to the French chamber of deputies yesterday. Mr Broderick said that by the original concession, secretly obtained in March, 1898, France secured land upon which she would build fortifications. Immediately after the proceedings became known the Great Britain declared them to be contrary to the treaty of 1892, and the Sultan was required to cancel the lease, which was annulled. The under-secretary added:

SKIRMISHING AT MANILA.

Rebels Bolt at First Sign of American Advance.

MANILA, March 7—A detachment of General Hale's and General Wheaton's brigades was engaged for two hours this morning, clearing the country in front of their lines on both sides of the river, the enemy concentrating with the apparent purpose of mounting a sortie. The rebels bolted at the first sign of the advance, but they separated into small bodies whenever the opportunity presented itself for a running fire. By a series of rapid advances, followed by flank movements, the enemy was completely routed and almost to Marikina on the left.

DISABLED SCHOONER REPORTED.

It Was the Mary Freehand From a Southern Port for New York.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 7—Captain Jasper of the schooner Annie E Rickerson, which arrived here today from the Ponce, P R, reports that while in lat 38 1/2, and long 76 1/2, he sighted a disabled schooner flying signals of distress. The vessel turned out to be the Mary Freehand, Captain Wood, bound from New York to New Haven, in a sinking condition. Captain Wood and his crew of seven men were taken off by the Rickerson and taken to the yard at West Saturday, the Freehand being abandoned in a sinking condition. The Mary Freehand's home port was South Amboy, N. J.

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HERSCHELL'S OSSUOIRS.

American Marines Attend at the Depot.

NEW YORK, March 7—As the casket was lifted out of the car at the railroad station the American marines presented arms and the drummers rolled the "four rifles," the highest funeral salute excepting that given to royalty. Six British tars placed over the casket the flag of England. Before the march to the depot was made a number of gentlemen who had accompanied the body laid on wreaths of flowers. After the flag of England and the flowers had been deposited on the coffin it was placed on a truck and wheeled to the freight elevator and lowered to the floor below, where another square of British sailors awaited it. Six of them lifted the coffin on their shoulders. The buglers of the navy yard marines sounded "The Call" the marines presented arms, the officers saluted, the civilians raised their hats and the sailors bore the body to the very tomb. The casket was securely fastened to the forward deck and when both American and British marines were on board the tug proceeded to Elm Island, where lay the cruiser Talbot. The snow was falling fast by this time, and before the tug had gone a cable's length from the pier's white wall had settled on the casket, covering it completely.

COMING HOME.

Shaughnessy and Other Canadians Return to Canada.

TORONTO, March 7—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Vice-President Shaughnessy, of the C. P. R., Dominion Public Works Engineer Coote, and N. A. Belcourt, M. P. Ottawa, sail tomorrow. Belcourt, contrary to expectations, did not visit Rome.

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FOUGHT TO DEATH.

British Seamen Battle Till One Fell Down a Hatch.

BOSTON, March 7—"O, they're fighting fair, and what more do you want? Let them settle it." Thus did an English fireman on board the steamship Chicago, lying at her docks in Charlestown, admonish, early yesterday afternoon, a dozen or more of his companions who eagerly watched two of their own number fighting like desperate bull-dogs within a foot of an open hatchway, the bottom thirty feet away.

STEAMER GASPSIA.

May Be Rescued From Her Perilous Position.

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SAN SALVADOR.

Waiting's or Columbus' Land Fall.

COLUMBUS, of great and illustrious name, The great navigator of historic fame, Who crossed the wild ocean through scenes dark and drear, Firm in his convictions that land would appear.

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DAIRY AND CREAMERY

JERSEY RECORD.

Milk and Butter Accomplishments of Costa Rica.

James E. Dodge, herdsman of the Hood farm at Lowell, Mass., writes as follows to Hoard's Dairyman: I inclose two years' record of Costa Rica. She has a weekly test of 31 pounds 6 1/2 ounces...



COSTA RICA. Milk average Babcock test 6.06 per cent fat, which is an average milk yield of 27 pounds 11 ounces...

SOIL OF COAL ASHES.

A Flower Lover Tells of His Experiences With Various Plants.

When we came into possession of our present home the side yard sloped precipitously toward the east and was overgrown with weeds during every rainfall...

DAIRY CREAMERY

WINTER BUTTER MAKING.

An Iowa Correspondent Writes From His Own Experience.

S. P. Brennan of Iowa writes interestingly in The Creamery Journal as follows: "My way may not meet the approval of all, but it gets the best result...



POWER BUTTER WORKER.

which, of course, is done in the usual way, but when the churning is done then I have a way somewhat different from any now...

COSTUME BALLS.

Fancy Dresses in Old and New Styles.

The season of fancy balls is in full tide, and there is the usual rivalry with respect to costumes. There would seem to be variety enough to afford a choice to everybody...



SATIN COSTUME.

based on an elastic foundation. The belts are perhaps an inch and a half wide, and have a buckle to match...

DIRECTOIRE GOWN.

from a well known book is one of the most satisfactory to adopt provided the appropriate costume is striking and characteristic...

HOUSEHOLD NOTES.

Pretty Illuminations For the Dining Room.

Women who are interested in novelties in little fancy articles—and many women are interested either with reference to home decorations or with an eye to some mercantile sale...

Bad Flavors in Cheese.

This is a very important question to every patron of a cheese factory, for it means a serious loss in revenue to every man...

Experience With a Pit Silo.

Quite a little has been said lately with regard to the danger of using pit silos, says a correspondent of Hoard's Dairyman...

VELVET TOLLET.

decoration of the dining room and drawing room or ballroom. Now that electric lights are so commonly used there are many pretty ways of utilizing the glowing many ornaments as well as for illumination...



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An illustration is given of a costume of black velvet with white dots. The top of black velvet with white dots form a band of white satin embroidered with black spangles...

CLOTH COSTUME.

of all candy. Glove or handkerchief boxes of wood or leather or covered with hand painted glassed linen are favorite receptacles, while silk bags, prettily made and protected from damage from the bonbons...

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SPRING FASHIONS.

Interesting Novelties Prepared For Warm Weather.

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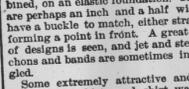
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CHILDREN'S STYLES.

Attractive Spring Fashions For Young People.

Among the spring styles shown for children's wear are very attractive waists for little boys. The waists are of chambray of a solid color—pink or blue—and have a wide collar edged with a ruffle, turn back cuffs to match and a double ruffle down the front.



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A Cheese Lesson.

A leading grocer in an eastern city gives the following experience and draws a lesson from it for the benefit of New York cheesemakers. It would seem that this lesson is equally pertinent to every cheesemaker in the country.

Pullets Win the Prize.

Comparative results of last year's poultry experiments at the Utah station are graphically shown by the two illustrations.

Complicated Separators.

There are a great many dairymen and farmers who are constantly adding separators to their conveniences, and although each manufacturer sends a book of instructions, many purchasers fall down and declare the machines are more work and trouble to care for than the gain of having them.

Slow Ripening Cheese.

The anxiety of cheesemakers to have their cheese come early into market induces them to make a soft, porous cheese into which air easily enters and which consequently ripens early.

Winter Dairying.

Winter dairying is no business for a lazy man or one who will neglect it for any reason.

Canadian Oatmeal.

The value of the oatmeal imported into Great Britain in 1896, was \$1,610,701. Of that Canada contributed to the amount of \$267,500.

Heart Beats of Animals.

The heart of an adult horse beats 30 to 40 times a minute, of an ox 45 to 50, of a pig 70 to 80, and of a sheep 70 to 80 times.

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THE WORLD'S SHIPPING.

As recently published statistics of the world's shipping are of great interest at the present time, because they afford a measure of the progress of each of the great nations in sea-going tonnage, which is a very good way of measuring the growth of a country. These figures are brought down to the close of 1898. The number of sailing vessels of fifty tons and over now in existence is 28,885, of an aggregate tonnage of 8,993,769 tons. The number compares with 29,315 ships, and the capacity with 8,994,732 tons, in 1897. Of steamships of 100 tons and over, the number is given as 11,881, against 11,576 a year ago, and the gross measurements as 18,827, 132 tons, against 17,889,006 tons, an increase of 306 vessels and of nearly 1,000,000 tons. In steam tonnage all the chief maritime countries of the world show a gain when the two years are compared except France, which shows a loss of about 50,000 tons. The gain of the United States tonnage was about 138,000 tons. The comparative figures of steam tonnage for the two years in the largest merchant navies were as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Country, 1898, 1897. Rows: Great Britain, Germany, France, United States, Norway.

It will be seen by the above that Great Britain has a very long lead over all other nations. The steam tonnage of the United Kingdom is almost seven times as large as that of Germany, twelve times as large as that of France and twenty times as large as that of the United States. The tonnage of Germany increased last year less than half as much as that of Great Britain, so that the ambitious empire has great deal of leeway to make up. It is a significant circumstance that the tonnage of France declined so much in spite of the large tonnage paid to shipping.

The sailing tonnage of the most important countries for 1898 is as follows:—

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All of these countries except Norway show a falling off in sailing tonnage during the year, and the tonnage of Norway is kept up by the purchase of old vessels which other nations find unprofitable. The doom of the sailing ship seems to have been pronounced. It is clear from these figures that Britannia never ruled the waves more completely than she does at present.

WARLIKE PREPARATIONS.

The cable letter from London by Postley Bigelow is rather of an alarmist character, and if it be really true, it is a very serious matter. Russia and Germany are in alliance against Great Britain with a prospect of France also joining the combination the prospect cannot be regarded as a pleasing one. Mr. Bigelow, however, expresses the belief that the British army and navy are in a better state of equipment, organization and fighting spirit than at any time since the days of Cromwell. This is encouraging at least, and the confident attitude of the British people is another good sign. There are not at present any signs of an alliance between Russia and Germany, indeed the signs are the other way, and the recent increase in the German army is understood to be directed against Russia. Germany has certainly nothing to gain by a war with Great Britain, for the world lies all her colonies immediately, and could not possibly make up in Europe what she had been deprived of in Africa. The Germans do not like the British, but they will think twice before going to war with the Mistress of the Seas. In connection with Germany's warlike aspirations it may be proper to state that they do not intend to improve German credit. The recent German three per cent. loan did not realize as good a price as the last Canadian two and a half per cent loan now commands.

THE LOSS OF THE LABRADOR.

The Montreal Gazette goes out of its way to administer a severe rebuke to THE TELEGRAPH because of our comments on the loss of the Labrador, and on the judicial finding of Captain Smith of the Royal Navy Reserve. The Gazette's article is very solemn and very impressive, but we fail to see that it contains much argument or any fact of particular value. It speaks of the Bay of Fundy, as if this much-talked-of sheet of water belonged to a foreign country, and did not concern Canada at all. As the Montreal Gazette has always been the mouth-piece of the Grand Trunk Railway, which is now under the management of a foreigner and is hostile to the winter ports of Canada, no surprise need be felt at the Gazette's slighting reference to the Bay of Fundy, and its statement that "it can do itself or the Bay of Fundy any service by going out of its way to cast a slur on a highly respected Canadian official." It is an advocate of Portland, Me., which speaks this, and no doubt the "highly respected Canadian official," Capt. Smith, holds the same views with regard to the Bay of Fundy and the harbor of St. John that are held by the people of Portland, Me., the Grand Trunk Railway and the Montreal Gazette.

When supporters of foreign seaports, like the Montreal Gazette, treat the Bay of Fundy and the harbor of St. John as things in which no one in Montreal need take any interest, they naturally awake feelings in the breasts of the people of the maritime provinces which had better be set at rest. We shall say nothing against the city of Montreal or the dug out channel which leads to it, or the shoals and dangers of the lower St. Lawrence, through which Montreal must be reached, but we have a right to speak out on behalf of our own port and the waters which lead to it. The reason of THE TELEGRAPH'S reference to the Labrador disaster was that the loss of the Assaye and Warwick at the entrance to the Bay of Fundy two years ago was made the text of an attack on this port, and given as a reason by the proprietors or managers of the Dominion line why their steamships should not come to St. John. Now one of the steamships of that same line, after navigating the Bay of Fundy in safety, goes ashore on the coast of Scotland at a point fifty nautical miles north of her proper course. That surely is a matter in regard to which it was proper to make some comment, not only for the purpose of vindicating the Bay of Fundy, but also to show that the masters of ocean steamships are as liable to error as other men. Capt. Erskine may be a first class man, and we have no desire to prejudice his case, but he certainly was very far astray when he carried his ship to the Skerryvore Light. He will, as we have already said, receive a fair trial, and his judges will not be men who are afraid to do right for fear of the attacks of British shipping papers, some of which, we regret to say, write as if their opinions were for sale.

When the representative of the Dominion line was in St. John a year or two ago it was difficult to make him believe that the rock on which the Assaye was wrecked was quite as much a source of danger to steamships going to Portland, Me., as to St. John. Last winter, however, a steamship from Portland went on the same rock and gave a practical illustration of the fact which we have stated. As a matter of fact a steamship that is going from Portland to Europe is in much greater danger from the rocks about Cape Sable than one going from St. John. Yes in the case of the Assaye, as in that of the Warwick, an attempt was made to blame the Bay of Fundy, and to discredit this port for an accident which was not due to any cause that could not have been guarded against.

As for Capt. Smith, in whose interest the Gazette's article appears to have been written, he should be the last man to seek publicity through the medium of the press. His verdict in the Warwick case was so ridiculous that the minister of marine set it aside, and although, owing to a clause in the British Merchant Shipping Act, this reversal of the verdict did not avail the universal voice of shipping men on this side of the Atlantic approved of what Sir Louis Davies has done. Capt. Smith may have been a good master of an Atlantic liner, but in his present position he is a decided failure.

THE SENATE AND THE LEGISLATURE. The Sen is ralling at the legislature of Nova Scotia, passing, by an almost unanimous vote, a resolution endorsing Sir Wilfrid Laurier's plan for Senate reform. This plan was first put forth in a speech made by him at Montreal on the 3rd January last, in which he said:—"The reform we could make would leave the senators the same in number as they are today, namely, 22, and the mode of appointment the same. The reform we propose is this: When there is a conflict between the senate and the popular house then there should be a joint vote, and the majority should carry. That, gentlemen, is the reform that we have to propose to the people of Canada."

and also the government of Great Britain as to how they should frame their commercial policy. It makes a great deal of difference with the Sun whose views are so, but this deficit, whatever it may amount to, will not last long for British finance does not encourage deficits. At the most it will be only a nominal deficit for under the existing scheme of appropriation the national debt is being paid off at the rate of about \$32,000,000 a year. As the expected deficit will only be about \$7,000,000 there will be actually a surplus on the year's operations of about \$25,000,000. Great Britain has been forced into large naval and military expenditures by the attitude of the continental nations towards her, but her revenue increases so fast that these extra expenditures can be met with ease without imposing undue burdens on the people.

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THE SUN DID IT. The awful effects on the human mind of being a constant reader of the Sun are very well illustrated by a letter which appears in this paper from some person in Chatham who appears to have been steadily reading its editorials on political matters ever since the Moncton convention. The object of most of these productions appears to be to prove that black is white, and if this can be done successfully there seems to be no good reason why a reader of the Sun should not try to prove that ninety-nine years are equal to one hundred. The Chatham man writes as follows:—

I claim the answer to the second question. When does the 1st century end? About the 1st moment of the year 99, and the 2nd century begins with the first moment of the year 100. Also that the 19th century will end with the last moment of the year 1899, and the 20th century will begin with the first moment of the year 1900. When a child receives his first birthday it is a full year and completes that year of his existence. Also that the second year will end with the first moment of the year one (1), viz., the end of 1899 nineteen hundred and one, and the next year (1900) the next century begins.

Our readers will perceive that the unfortunate reader of the Sun who writes the above has been totally deprived of his reasoning faculties, and the world will hold the editor of the Sun responsible for the last day of the year one (A. D. 1) completes the first year of the century. The last day of the year A. D. 50, completes fifty years or one-half of the century, but the last day of the year A. D. 99, completes the century; that is to say one hundred years, for has not the Sun proved over and over again that 99 years are equal to 100. If any one thinks that this argument is ridiculous we respectfully refer him to the Sun which every day undertakes far more impossible feats than are involved in the attempt to prove that ninety-nine is equal to one hundred.

BLOATED ARMBANDS. The other day the strength of the German army on a peace footing was increased, and now the French army is also to be increased. The information communicated to the members of the German budget committee showing the necessity for an increase in the German army was of a confidential character, no statement being made public as to the enemy against whom these preparations were being made. But in the French Chamber of Deputies there was no hesitation in indicating the enemy whose attacks were to be guarded against, for Germany was pointed out as the nation against which it was necessary to be fully prepared. These preparations and counter preparations are likely to go on in both countries for an indefinite period, or until both nations are bankrupt. Germany has now on a peace footing an army of 885,000 officers and men, and there are in addition armies in Algeria and Tunis, which bring up the total to 916,000. On a war footing the French claim to be able to place as many men in the field as Germany. These two nations have been facing each other, in an attitude of scarcely veiled hostility, for almost thirty years, and the expenditures of both for military purposes have enormously increased in that time. France is the richer country, but the expenditures forced upon her are becoming too great to be borne. The debt of France is about \$8,200,000,000 or twice as large as the debt of Great Britain, and it takes not less than \$250,000,000 a year to pay the interest and other charges upon it. Germany has a comparatively small debt, but it is rapidly increasing, because the expenditures of the country are larger than the income. That is a part of the price which the French and German peoples are paying for their bloated armaments. Another part of it is the loss of two or three years of his life by every able bodied young man, which has to be given to service in the army.

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THE TALBOT SAILS. For London with the Remans of Lord Hersholl.

New York, March 8.—The British cruiser Talbot, which is conveying the body of Lord Hersholl to England, passed out to sea this afternoon.

The forts at Hamilton and Wadsworth saluted the Talbot as she passed. The cruiser passed out Sandy Hook at 8:45 p.m.

Danger of Smallpox. In several towns of Maine smallpox is quite prevalent and some of the customs authorities fear it may be introduced into this province. Cases have been reported from Auburn, Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Winslow, Augusta and Waterville, although the authorities of these places have been at some pains to keep the existence of the disease quiet. From such a terrible and deadly scourge people have always fled, and it looks as if the emigration had begun. In times past similar stampedes have proved the most effective means of spreading disease. Customs authorities noticed a great increase in the amount of Maine baggage they have been called upon to inspect. Collector Seal was notified and came to the conclusion small pox was the cause. He called upon Dr. Bayard, chairman of the provincial board of health, and informed him of the increase in travel. Dr. Bayard said there was a possibility of the disease being introduced from Maine, but he was powerless to prevent it, as there was no statutory provision for inspection or vaccination of immigrants from Maine. Statistics collected by the local board of health show that at the present time not more than ten per cent of the citizens of St. John have been vaccinated, and that year by year the number is growing less. The local board of health has on hand a supply of vaccine lymph, and that is about the only protection we have against an epidemic at the present time.

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The Dowager Empress of China appears to be a genuine Tory of the ancient British pattern which our Canadian Tories are trying to imitate. Here is an English translation of her recent decree with regard to the press:—

Since newspapers only serve to stir up the people and tend to overthrow the present order of things, and since writers of newspapers are the dogs of the literary class, the existence of such dangerous implements can not result in good. We hereby order, therefore, the complete suppression and cessation of all newspapers that have heretofore appeared in the country. All publishers and editors will be arrested and punished with the utmost severity of the law.

The above sounds rather ridiculous to modern ears, but at the beginning of the present century English judges were practically carrying out the law in the spirit of the Dowager Empress.

The defeated and demoralized opposition, which was so effectually snuffed under a couple of weeks ago, seems to desire to guide the policy of the government, and is giving Mr. Emmerson its orders through its organ, the Sun. This paper is in a sad state over the fact that we are using the same kind of ballot in provincial elections that was adopted by Sir Leonard Tilley forty years ago. There has never been any demand for a change in this ballot until the last defeat of the opposition, and it is quite likely that Mr. Emmerson will think that there is no real demand for such a change now.

It appears that Hon. Edward Blake is not leaving the British parliament after all. The story first appeared in the Montreal Star, and it appears to have been invented by that paper which has allowed its political spite to destroy its value as a newspaper. The Star thought that the return of Mr. Blake to public life in Canada might provoke jealousy among the present leaders of the Liberal party, but so far was that from being the case that there was not one of them who would not welcome his return.

The Talbot, in which the remains of Lord Hersholl are going home to England, is one of the new second class vessels of the Eclipse type. She is 5,600 tons displacement and has a speed of 20 knots. The Talbot, like all the vessels of her type, is armed with quick firing guns, five of 6-inch, six of 4-inch, and several smaller guns. She is the largest vessel in the British North American squadron with the exception of the flagship Renown.

The Montreal Star contains an excellent portrait and a well-written biography of Bishop Sweeney, who is now the dean of the Roman Catholic hierarchy in Canada. The venerable bishop is now in his seventy-eighth year, and in the enjoyment of excellent health, a blessing which it is to be hoped he may long retain.

LAST SAD RITES. Howard Douglas Clark's Funeral Largely Attended.

The funeral of the late Howard Douglas Clark took place Wednesday afternoon from his late residence, Union street, and was attended by a very large number of friends. The Carleton Cornet band headed the procession, and was followed by Golden Rule Lodge, I. O. O. F. and the True Blue Lodge of Orangemen followed—a body guard of Orangemen and Old Fellows walked beside the casket. The services at the house and grave were conducted by the Rev. Mr. Ponna. Interment took place at Cedar Hill. The funeral was the largest seen in Carleton for a long time.

THE TALBOT SAILS. For London with the Remans of Lord Hersholl.

New York, March 8.—The British cruiser Talbot, which is conveying the body of Lord Hersholl to England, passed out to sea this afternoon.

The forts at Hamilton and Wadsworth saluted the Talbot as she passed. The cruiser passed out Sandy Hook at 8:45 p.m.

Danger of Smallpox. In several towns of Maine smallpox is quite prevalent and some of the customs authorities fear it may be introduced into this province. Cases have been reported from Auburn, Lewiston, Livermore Falls, Winslow, Augusta and Waterville, although the authorities of these places have been at some pains to keep the existence of the disease quiet. From such a terrible and deadly scourge people have always fled, and it looks as if the emigration had begun. In times past similar stampedes have proved the most effective means of spreading disease. Customs authorities noticed a great increase in the amount of Maine baggage they have been called upon to inspect. Collector Seal was notified and came to the conclusion small pox was the cause. He called upon Dr. Bayard, chairman of the provincial board of health, and informed him of the increase in travel. Dr. Bayard said there was a possibility of the disease being introduced from Maine, but he was powerless to prevent it, as there was no statutory provision for inspection or vaccination of immigrants from Maine. Statistics collected by the local board of health show that at the present time not more than ten per cent of the citizens of St. John have been vaccinated, and that year by year the number is growing less. The local board of health has on hand a supply of vaccine lymph, and that is about the only protection we have against an epidemic at the present time.

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A GOOD MEETING.

ANNUAL SESSION OF THE GOOD ROADS ASSOCIATION—WHAT HAS BEEN DONE AND WHAT WILL BE DONE—THE PREMIER'S PROGRESSIVE POLICY—SOME INTERESTING RESOLUTIONS

The annual meeting of the Good Roads Association was held Thursday in the B & A Club's rooms here and was very successful. Mr W F Burditt presided, and among those present were Hon H R Emmerson, Hon A T Dunn, Dr J H Seaman, Col Markham, R B Emmerson, D B Jack, Dr J W Daniel, G A Williams, Capt J W Keast, Andrew Jack, James Jack, G A Henderson, G F Fisher, Richard O'Brien, John K Storey, W Watson Allen, Dr Thos Walker, Dr T D Walker, Dr John Berryman, Aid A W MacEas, George Robertson, M P P, G Gordon Boyne, F A Dykeman, George E Fairweather, F A McGilgan, F O Allison, F A Foster, J D Patterson and others.

On the wall hung notices, "Prosperity Rides on Good Roads" and "Inducement Sticks in the Mire."

Messrs E O'Brien, J D Patterson, G E Fairweather and G F Fisher were appointed a nominating committee, and while they were making a selection of officers for the year opening, the report of the executive was read by the chairman.

The report of the executive committee was submitted by President W F Burditt and Secretary J A Armstrong. In reference was made to the publication of the report of Mr A W Campbell, O. E. in regard to the provincial road. Finding that it was the intention of the city authorities to have printed only 50 copies of the report in full in the Saturday Globe Supplement and then in pamphlet form. About 900 were distributed in the city and others sent elsewhere.

The report then refers to the very successful convention held in Fredericton under the auspices of the provincial association last year. "The provincial government, without whose co-operation and aid the convention could not have been a success, is entitled to the thanks of all who are interested in the improvement of our highways."

The meeting of the board of the association with the civic board of works in April of last year was told. The chairman of the board of works thanked the delegation for their attendance and replied that it was the intention to macadamize a portion of Union street in accordance with the plan recommended by Mr A W Campbell.

The report then goes on to say: "As there has been a good deal of discussion in reference to the work done upon Union street last summer and as the results are not likely to prove satisfactory, your board deems it proper to point out in this connection that although reporting to be done in accordance with Mr Campbell's recommendations and as a test of his methods, his recommendations were disregarded in some important particulars with the result that the work done is not so good as it might have been."

Beginning with the foundation, Mr Campbell writes as follows in reference thereto: "The first step in constructing a macadam roadway is for the engineer to take a series of levels on the street so that a suitable grade may be decided upon and the street properly levelled as regards both cross-section (from side to side) and from end to end."

A firm, say, for example, is an absolute necessity for any kind of pavement. This is one of the chief defects in roadways in St. John. All road coverings, whether broken stone, asphalt, stone blocks, vitrified brick, wooden block, form merely a wearing surface. The weight of the load is borne by the foundation beneath.

The natural soil if kept in a dry state will support any load. For this reason drainage is necessary. The practice in St. John appears to have been an effort to cover and fill up places by dumping into them loads of broken stone rather than by removing the water from the drains.

Good drainage for a macadam road is obtained by drainage of the roadbed and thoroughly consolidating it with the steam roller.

Consolidation is essential for all classes of pavement, and none more so than macadam.

Now, what was done in the case of Union street? We are not prepared to say to what extent the services of an engineer were employed in determining the grade, cross-section, and the necessary depth of excavation, but certain it is that no steps whatever were taken to provide for drainage of the foundation on the other hand, after removing the old hard surface and exposing the clay subsoil, the excavation being carried to irregular depths, the foundation was left for several weeks subject to further derangement by a heavy traffic. During a portion of the time the weather was wet and the result was that the clay became thoroughly puddled, forming a foundation almost as sensitive to softening as an earthenware basin, yet at the same time so soft and yielding that no other result could follow than that the broken stone when spread and rolled, would be pressed down into the clay, while the clay would be forced upwards to fill the interstices of the broken stone, preventing proper bonding of the stone. As to the formation of the foundation, instead of being graded to true lines, with the proper crowning, similar to that determined for the finished street, it was in some parts lower at the centre than at the sides, and was generally uneven, with lumps and hollows, according as the soil had been excavated, to a greater depth at some points than others, or had yielded more or less to the pressure of the roller and the weight of traffic.

Mr. Camp's recommendations that in certain cases, especially in clay soil, and for the most durable class of broken stone roads, a foundation layer of large stones may be placed on edge, the projecting points being clipped off and wedged into the interstices. The work done during the summer and fall by the city on the old Westminster road was spoken of. The report

said of it: "Although a good part of the work was necessarily, we presume, of a temporary character and the more permanent part of the work still remains to be completed, a vast improvement has been effected. Here again, however, lack of judgment or lack of information was, we think, displayed in the selection of material."

The report expresses a hope that Douglas Avenue and the Beach road will receive attention during the coming season. Referring to the selection of Montreal, the report says that among the conditions which stand most in the way of more economical and better results in our road making are lack of knowledge or lack of judgment in the selection of material and lack of system in the handling of material and carrying on the work. As an instance of the latter, the hauling of unbroken stone a long distance to a portable crusher and hauling it back again over the same ground, cannot be too strongly reprehended as adding unnecessarily to the cost. As to the selection of material it would no doubt be possible to obtain expert advice upon this subject.

In conclusion the report says that while much is still to be desired the association and the public at large may be congratulated on the fact that, as a whole, the street work done in this city during the past summer shows a material improvement over previous practice. The report was adopted. The chairman drew attention to a map he had prepared showing the chief geological formations in the city and vicinity. It was found that much had been said to be the best for macadamizing, there was a great quantity of Blue Flint, Canada, and a smaller quantity of Kansas coal. He showed samples of the several kinds of rock.

The nominating committee at this juncture returned and reported the following choice of officers, which choice the meeting ratified: President, W F Burditt; Vice-president, Richard O'Brien; Treasurer, G E Fairweather; Secretary, J A Armstrong. Additional members of executive—R B Emmerson, John Lee, Dr J W Daniel, White and J D Patterson.

The treasurer reported receipts of \$42 during the year, which added to a balance of \$48.15, made total receipts of \$90.15. The expenditures were \$30.87, leaving a balance of \$59.28.

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LOCAL NEWS

At VANCOUVER—S S Empress of India arrived at Vancouver March 7th, from Hong Kong.

LUMBERING—Mr C F Woodman refuted the story that he had sold his mill at Pleasant Point to Stetson, Cutler & Co.

VERY LOW—Mr Henry McCready, of Shannon, Q C, is very low from cancer in his throat, and his death is momentarily expected.

ESTATE SALE—Yesterday Auctioneer Gerow sold the undivided interest in the estate of Henry Howland to Edward Hickson for \$240.

A BRANCH—Messrs J Vassie & Co, the local wholesale dry goods firm, intend opening a sample room in Halifax. Mr E B Elliott will be the representative.

DAMAGES AWARDED—The sum of \$3,000 has been awarded Mr D M Dickie, with interest from September last, to the owners of the Garman steamer that collided with the barque Athlon.

THE HOSPITAL—The commission of the hospital was to have a modern heating and ventilating plant installed in the institution and will ask the legislature for money to issue \$5,000 debentures.

RELATIVE IN FREDERICTON—The John Lucy referred to in The Telegraph's Montreal despatch yesterday as heir to a million dollars in the chancery court is a cousin of Mr Daniel Lucy, of Fredericton.

At SUSSEX Last week Dr J H Ryan and family returned from California and will locate permanently in Sussex. His residence and office for the present will be in the McLean building near the station.

To THE WEST—Mr Joseph Quinlan on the eve of his departure for Nelson, B C, was presented with an address Monday by the pastor of St Luke's church, and teachers and officers of the Sunday school.

PLANTY OF DEER—That Charlotte county is becoming a great deer park is readily proved by those who will take the pleasure of a ride over the Shore Line railway as these animals can be seen from the car windows.

AT CARTER'S POINT—A number of the Fairville people went to Carter's point Saturday and gave a concert in aid of the Methodist church there. The concert was an excellent one and greatly enjoyed by the goodly number present.

VICTORIA RETURNS—In the publication of the Victoria county election there was a slight error. The official returns showed: Porter, 270; ...

SHIP THEODORE H. RAND—A despatch from Barbados on the 20th February states that the ship Theodore H. Rand, from Mobile for Havre, put into Barbados on the 20th in distress, under the command of Capt Brownell, and was repaired, leaking and topicals needing caulking.

TROUBLESOME CREW—Capt Brownell, of the ship Kambara, has been having some trouble with his crew at Nassau. The Kambara, which was bound from Rio Janeiro for Norfolk, put into Nassau on the 20th. The report to the ship has been completed.

DIED IN IRELAND—Mr Hugh Anderson, only brother of Mr John Anderson, of St Andrews street, this city, died recently in Coleraine, Ireland, where he was a member of the firm of Anderson & Stewart, distillers. He is said to have been very wealthy. His wife, Mrs Anderson, he visited St John about 25 years ago.

CHATHAM CIVIC ELECTION—Quite an interest is being taken in the civic election which takes place in April at Chatham. Among those mentioned as the probable candidates for the mayoralty are W O Winslow (the present mayor), B B Hadden, M S Hocken and W B Snowball.

DEATH OF OLIVER LEMONT—Gilbert Lemont, the oldest member of the city constabulary, died about 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon. He was born in this city and once conducted quite an extensive grocery business. Faring his latter years he has been a city constable. He was 81 years of age and leaves a widow, four sons and six daughters to mourn his demise.

THE LONG WHARF—Mr F E Sayre is claiming \$100,000 damages for his property, which he claims to be expropriated in connection with the Long wharf work, and for the inconvenience resulting to him in his business. The valuator took the evidence of Messrs Henry McCarthy and Walter Holly in this case. Mr Robert Carson's claim is also under consideration.

THE SEAL QUOTA RETURNED—The seal escape which was seized by United States Custom Officer Brennan at Vancouver recently from Mrs. J. E. Moore, of this city, was returned yesterday to the owner. The incident is said to have been wholly a mistake with no blame on the officer, who was simply doing his duty. A letter from Mr. Moore to the authorities at Washington said that the officer simply did his duty. Officer Brennan, who made the seizure, is a thorough gentleman and as an officer strictly attends to his duty.

THE VALLEY RAILWAY—Word has been received from Mr. J. E. McIntire of the St John Valley Railroad. He says that, as previously stated, their New York syndicate has purchased the St John Valley Railway, and will begin the arrangements for the transfer of all rights and privileges some time during the present month and commence the work of construction as soon as the weather will permit. The syndicate is represented by George A. Evans as trustee.

BIRTHS.

CAWING—At Springhill, on Feb. 26th, to the wife of Wm. Cawing, a daughter.

CARBY—At Amherst, on March 7th, to the wife of G. E. Carby, a son.

DORLING—At North Williamton, on March 3rd, to the wife of William Dorling, a son.

FREEMAN—At Amherst, on March 7th, to the wife of George Freeman, a son.

MOLAREY—At Moncton, on March 3rd, to the wife of M. Molarey, a daughter.

MOLAREY—At Moncton, on March 7th, to the wife of L. B. Molarey, a son.

ROSS—At Springhill, on Feb. 27th, to the wife of Samuel Ross, a son.

SPENCE—At Springhill, on Feb. 27th, to the wife of Samuel Spence, a son.

DEWIS—At the residence of D. A. Dewis, St. Paul, Minn., on Feb. 25th, by Rev. Wm. H. Dewis, a daughter.

FORZES, B. O., to Miss W. only daughter of the late C. L. Conroy, of New York, N. Y., by Rev. Wm. H. Dewis, on March 1st.

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BRITISH PORTS.

ARRIVED. Queenstown, 7th inst, stmr Cephalonia, from Boston for Liverpool and proceeded. Liverpool, 7th inst, stmr Gallia, Stewart, from St John; Dominion from Boston, Scoville, 8th inst, stmr California, from St John via Halifax for Liverpool, Cardiff, 8th inst, barque Angolia, Crocker, from Queenstown.

COAST TOWN, 8th inst, ship William Law, Abbott, from Portland, O—84 days.

COAST TOWN, 8th inst, barque Queen Margaret, from New York via Cape Town to load for San Francisco.

London, 7th inst, stmr London City, from St John via Halifax.

Antigua, 7th inst, stmr Brundell, King, from Halifax.

Liverpool, 8th inst, stmr Cephalonia, from Boston.

Liverpool, 8th inst, stmr Britannia, from New York for Liverpool and proceeded.

London, 8th inst, stmr Barrowmore, from Boston.

Glasgow, 8th inst, stmr Grecian, from Boston.

Barbados, 14th inst, stmr Allan A. McInrye, from St John via Halifax for Liverpool.

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All Over New Brunswick

CARLETON WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, March 8.—The last carnival of the season was held in the roller rink last night, and was a decided success in every particular. This was the carnival held here this winter and the interest seemed to grow with each event. The costumes on the floor last night were numerous, and some exceptionally good representations and originality were displayed. There were six prizes, in all amounting to \$20, distributed to the winners: Dr. G. B. Manser, Sadie Gibson, Harry Lee, Nellie Maleson, Ed Manser, Charles Donnelly and Fred Buck.

The manager of the roller rink has written to Ed Dalton of St. John to try and arrange a race between Dalton and Harry Hascall, of this town, but as yet has not received any reply. Colonel Boyer and officers of the 67th battalion have issued invitations to a supper at Hartland on Friday, the 16th inst.

The Ladies' Aid Society of the Methodist church met at the residence of H. P. Baird on Monday evening and a very enjoyable time was spent. The gentlemen are included in these gatherings, which will be held every Monday evening. Mr. A. D. Holyoke will be the next issue of meeting.

Dr. T. Gordon and J. O. Gibson, who went to Montreal to consult specialists last week, have returned. Both are much better in health.

HARLOTTE CO. ST. STEPHEN

St. Stephen, March 6.—Mr. Hugh McDonald, of Calais, an old and respected citizen, died on Sunday evening at his home on North street, after a short illness. He grieved very much over the death of his son William, who died about three weeks ago. Mr. McDonald was for many years a successful surveyor for the firm of H. F. Eaton & Sons.

Mr. W. C. McKay, wholesale grocer of Calais, made an assignment this morning for the benefit of his creditors. Liabilities about seven thousand dollars, assets probably two or three. F. V. Fickard, attorney, is the assignee. Mrs. Fred Hill, jr., died on Saturday morning, at their home in Calais after a short illness, having a husband and three small children, the youngest about our week's age, to mourn their loss. Mr. Hill has the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Funeral services were held this morning at St. Stephen's church at a high mass of requiem celebrated by Rev. Father Doyle. The members of the A. O. H. attended the funeral in a body, as well as a large number of friends with whom young Smith was a general favorite. His father and family have the sincere sympathy of a large circle of friends.

ST. ANDREWS

St. Andrews, March 8.—Mr. Robert A. Stuart, jr., son of Sheriff Stuart, has gone to St. George to enter into the granite business, with a view to obtaining a knowledge of the practical part of the industry. George J. Clarke, barrister, of St. John, was in town yesterday on professional business and went this morning to St. John. Mr. E. B. Billings has returned home from Boston, where he has been taking a course in law for two weeks. S. S. Clark, the bustling merchant of Le Lang, and Mr. Hassan, proprietor of the Arden Hotel, here, drove over from the granite business yesterday and returned last evening.

The Algonquin hotel people intend having another session well sunk before the opening of their hotel this year. The supply of water from their present well has proved inadequate in the past. Councilor A. H. Hanes and Mr. Wm. E. Conley of Deer Island were in town on Tuesday.

KINGS CO. NORTON

Norton, March 6.—A very unusual occurrence took place last night, when we were treated to a winter thunder storm of about an hour. The claps of thunder were very heavy and were accompanied by very bright lightning. There is a great deal of sickness in the village. Miss Laura Smith, teacher of this place, spent last Sabbath in Fredericton with her friends. Miss Mabel VanWart of Hamstead, Queens Co., has been visiting Rev. G. W. Foster and family for the last two weeks. Her brother, Mr. Arthur VanWart of Hamstead and Mr. James Bell of Upper Hamstead, were the guests of Rev. G. W. Foster over last Sabbath. They returned to Hamstead on Monday, accompanied by Miss Mabel VanWart.

Robertson, of this place, died on Tuesday of last week. His remains were followed to the grave by a large number of people. He was buried in the River spring ground.

W. H. Heine, who has been confined to the house for the past three weeks from relapse of a gripe, is able to be around again. The rain of yesterday and last night has removed the snow from the woods and wheels will now have to be used.

NORTHUMBERLAND CHATHAM

Chatham, March 8.—The many friends of Mr. George Dean, who has held the position of accountant in the Bank of Montreal for the past seven years, regret that he is about to be removed to Halifax. Mr. Jarvis, of Toronto, is to take Mr. Dean's place here. The many Chatham friends, were sorry to hear of the demise of Mr. John Mills of Hardwicke, which occurred on Tuesday.

On Tuesday evening the members of the Natural History Society had the privilege of listening to a very profitable talk by the president, Dr. Baxter, on the great divisions into which birds are classified, viz: Aquatic birds which spend most of their time in the water. This class includes all web-footed and some birds with lobed feet. Terrestrial birds, which spend most of their time on the ground. Have not web feet but their feet are fitted for perching and to a certain extent for climbing. Some waders belong to this class, and some birds which spend most of their time in trees. This is the largest division and includes all the smaller birds. The speaker explained that the vast difference of birds of the same class necessitates the sub-dividing of these classes into groups of birds of similar minor types.

WESTMORLAND DORCHESTER

Dorchester, March 6.—Miss Katie O'Brien went to Fredericton some days ago to attend the Business College there. Saturday evening a man from Sackville, named Bower, was arrested for breaking a door in the Windsor Hotel. He was tried before Magistrate Wilson and Chapman and fined \$10, or 20 days in jail. Two or three years ago a number of the citizens proposed building a rink here. They succeeded in doing so, but alas, the usual fate of Dorchester enterprises attended the project, it was neglected and now seems as if from some started as ever. There can be no doubt seeing the great number of young folks around here who would attend, that the rink would prove a decided success. It is rather hard for those who enjoy skating in that delightful sport they have to leave the town and go to Sackville or Moncton. It is to be hoped that the rink promoters will endeavor by next skating season to have a rink constructed in this town, a heavy rain storm, attended by thunder and lightning, occurred.

Mr. Raymond Landry, of St. Joseph's college, spent the day with his parents. The March session of the Westmorland County Court opens here tomorrow.

MONCTON

Moncton, March 8.—Mr. R. P. Gamon, who has been filling the position of teller in the Bank of Montreal here for the past year or two, has been transferred to Kingston, Ont. Mr. Gamon left for his new field of labor last night. Mr. W. W. Bruce, discount clerk, has been promoted to the position of teller. The handsome residence of Capt. J. W. Carrier, of St. John, was destroyed by fire last night. Most of the furniture was saved. The fire caught in the upper part of the house and had gained some headway before being discovered. A peculiar feature in connection with the fire was the appearance in the field of five members out of the eight school trustees. The chairman, Mr. Grant, is running for ward two, while the other two candidates announced here yesterday are Dr. E. O. Steeves and F. O. Robins, who are running at large and G. L. Harris for ward one. T. B. LeBlanc was fined \$50 and costs yesterday for Scott act violation. Ald. J. E. Martens left today for New York and Boston on a business trip, to be absent ten days. The Moncton Orioles defeated the Sussex hockey team at the latter place last night in a league game by a score of 9 to 1. Mr. J. L. Miller, of Miller & McDonald, music dealers, Halifax, is in the city and will remain here for a few days. Miss Harper, of Shediac, is visiting friends in the city.

YORK CO. STANLEY

Stanley, March 6.—Mr. Robert Diggs and Sons are busily engaged in making axes. Mr. Diggs' axes are of superior quality, and he has lately received an order for one hundred and fifty dozen. Mr. Stanley Douglas has opened his mill for the spring work. MOUTH OF KESWICK

Mouth of Keswick, March 6.—A social party and dance was held at the Glendale House in this place on last Thursday evening, but was very slimly attended. Miss Laura Smith, teacher of this place, spent last Sabbath in Fredericton with her friends. Miss Mabel VanWart of Hamstead, Queens Co., has been visiting Rev. G. W. Foster and family for the last two weeks. Her brother, Mr. Arthur VanWart of Hamstead and Mr. James Bell of Upper Hamstead, were the guests of Rev. G. W. Foster over last Sabbath. They returned to Hamstead on Monday, accompanied by Miss Mabel VanWart.

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HIS EIGHTH ANNIVERSARY

REV. E. BERTRAM HOOPER, Rector of St. George's, Moncton.

Moncton, March 6.—Rev. E. Bertram Hooper, rector of St. George's church of England, celebrated the eighth anniversary as rector in this city yesterday. His sermon in the morning was appropriate to the occasion, reviewing the work that had been done in the eight years. Eight years ago, when Rev. Mr. Hooper succeeded Rev. J. H. Talbot, there were 122 communicants in the church. During his pastorate nearly \$19,000 had been raised for the various church purposes by the congregation. The entire debt on the church had been wiped out and \$300 spent recently in repairs and improvements to the church buildings and grounds. Mr. Hooper's rectorship at Moncton had indeed been a successful one. Not only is he personally popular with his own congregation, but he stands very high in the estimation of the citizens generally, who wish him many more successful years in St. George's church here.

IS IT A TRIFLE?

HEAT COMMON TROUBLE, ACID DYSPEPSIA OR SOUR STOMACH.

Now Recognized as a Cause of Serious Disease. Acid dyspepsia, commonly called heartburn or sour stomach, is a form of indigestion resulting from fermentation of the food. The stomach being too weak to digest it, the food remains unfermented, begins, filling the stomach with gas, and a bitter, sour, burning taste in the mouth is often present. This condition soon becomes chronic and being an every day occurrence is given but little attention. Because dyspepsia is not immediately fatal, many people do nothing for the trouble. Within a recent period a remedy has been discovered prepared solely to cure dyspepsia and stomach troubles. It is known as Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets and is becoming rapidly used and prescribed as a radical cure for every form of dyspepsia.

Stuart's Dyspepsia Tablets have been placed before the public and are sold by all druggists for 50 cents per package. It is prepared by the F. A. Stuart Co., Marshall, Mich., and while it promptly and effectively restores a vigorous digestion, at the same time it perfectly loosens and will not injure the most delicate stomach, but on the contrary by giving relief to the digestion, it relieves the stomach, improves the appetite and makes life more enjoyable.

WESTMORLAND COUNTY COURT

March Session Opened at Dorchester on Tuesday. DORCHESTER, March 8.—The March session of the Westmorland County court opened here yesterday afternoon. A large number of barristers were present. Three criminals were brought before his honor, two of whom elected to be tried by jury, the third, Ferdinand Cormier, of Sackville, who was charged with arson, asked to be tried under the Speedy Trial act, and when so brought before the court pleaded guilty to the charge.

The judge then presented the facts of the other two cases to the grand jury, who, after an absence of some 30 minutes, returned true bills in both cases. While the grand jury were out the civil docket was made out. There were eight or nine non-jury cases, all trivial and on promissory notes and the like, and in most cases were undefended, but some were settled. After the return of the grand jury his honor took up the first case, that of the Queen vs. William LeBlanc, who was charged with having one night last month entered the store of Calhoun's, at Calhoun's mill, and taken various articles of clothing, money, etc. The prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge.

The case of the Queen vs. Harriet Noyce, a quarrel charged with having on the 18th of January last willfully stabbed another squaw at the camp of Harriet's sister, Mrs. Mary, was then taken up. Several Indians were heard in the matter, and after an able address by Prosecuting Attorney Chapman, the jury returned a verdict of guilty. The squaw was sentenced to the penitentiary for two months in jail. The other prisoners were then brought before the court and sentenced. LeBlanc to eight years in penitentiary and Cormier to two months in jail. The cases before the court having all been settled or disposed of, it adjourned at 11 o'clock this morning.

DECLINED THE CALL

Rev. Mr. McLeod Will Not Go to Chatham. CHATHAM, March 9.—Word has been received that the Rev. E. D. McLeod, of Orwell, P. E. I., has declined the call to St. John's church, Chatham.

COFFIN TRIMMING COMBINE

NEW HAVEN, Conn., March 9.—According to a statement made by the head of the Strong Manufacturing Company of Winsted, the oldest and largest manufacturer of coffin trimmings and undertakers' dry goods in this country, at least 80 per cent of the profit is absorbed by the capital stock and the remainder is divided among the shareholders. The Strong Manufacturing Company of Winsted, the oldest and largest manufacturer of coffin trimmings and undertakers' dry goods in this country, at least 80 per cent of the profit is absorbed by the capital stock and the remainder is divided among the shareholders.

DEATH OF E. S. GARDINER

ST. ANDREWS, March 9.—The announcement of the sudden death in Boston of Robert S. Gardiner, vice-president of the Rand Avery Supply Company, was received here today. The deceased, with Mr. Crum, was the chief promoter of the St. Andrews Land and Hotel companies. He also owned a very pretty summer cottage here. It is feared that his death may seriously affect the summer interests of St. Andrews. His wife died last fall, and since then his own health has been failing.

NOT GUILTY OF BRIBERY

FLYMOUTH, Mass., March 9.—The trial of John L. Mitchell, chief of police of Hull, and John Smith, chairman of the Hull board of selectmen, who were charged with bribery by accepting money from persons for the privilege of selling liquor and carrying on gambling at Nantasket Beach, came to an abrupt termination late this afternoon, a verdict of not guilty being given.

DEATH OF REV. H. DOUGLASS

BATHURST, March 9.—Rev. Hilarion Doucett, parish priest of Jacques River, died at his residence at 11 o'clock last night, aged 48 years. The deceased was suffering from an attack of a gripe, which developed during the last few days into pneumonia. Father Doucett was a son of the late Edward D. Doucett of Bathurst.

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COURTS TODAY

YORK COUNTY AND SUNBURY EQUITY CASES.

FREDERICTON, March 7.—Judge Barker held the March session of York County Court this morning. The following common motions were made: In the matter of Trustees of Church of England Hall, parish of Fredericton—G. W. Allen moves for leave to trustees to mortgage hall to the extent of \$3,400. Ordered accordingly. Josiah Wood vs. Catherine Sillies—O. E. A. Simonds moves to take bill pro confesso and for foreclosure and sale of mortgaged premises; leave to take bill pro confesso at hearing pending motion for foreclosure and sale refused. Mary Isabella Sharp vs. George Campbell, her next friend, vs. Herbert Fawcett—F. S. J. Blue moves to take bill pro confesso at hearing against Laura Fawcett and Milton Sharp and for order for appearance of infant defendants; granted.

Judge Wilson is holding the March session of the Sunbury county court today. There were three criminal cases to be dealt with, viz: Queen vs. Fred Day, on complaint of Isaac Stevenson for three counts of assault with intent to murder; Queen vs. William Edin, on complaint of Charles Barce for theft; and Queen vs. Edmund Smith, on complaint of Charles Brown, for assault. It will be remembered that the estate of the late James H. Collin, for the purpose of discharging a mortgage, Mr. S. M. Skinner, proctor.

The last will of James Mullin, of Simonds, was admitted to probate and letters testamentary granted to James Simpson and Isabel Mullin. The estate consists of \$4,000 real and \$300 personal property. The sum of \$300 is left to the youngest son of the decedent and the rest is divided equally between his two unmarried daughters. Mr. A. C. Fairweather proctor.

The accounts in the estate of Jane Dibble were passed. Mr. Bowyer S. Smith for the executor and Mr. H. O. Hamilton, of Moncton, for the residuary legatees.

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COURT NEWS

Very Important Judgment in the Eschequer Court. Judgment was given at Ottawa Monday in the case of Collyer vs. The Queen, which was a case for damages arising out of the despoiling of an Imperial train in 1897 at Palmer's Pond, near Dorchester, N. B.

In his judgment Justice Burbridge ruled that railway companies are not liable to passengers they carry for injuries they may receive unless there be negligence of some kind. They did not insure the safety of their passengers. Companies undertake to do all that can be reasonably done and are expected to prevent accidents. In other words, it is upon the suppliant to show that the injury which he complains resulted from the negligence of an officer or servant of the company while in the discharge of his duty. The court therefore declined to entertain the claim for damages against the government in the present suit, and ordered that the action be dismissed with costs against the suppliant.

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SCHOONER ABANDONED AT SEA

LONDON, March 9.—The schooner De-light, from St. John's, N. F. Jan. 23, for Poesambuco, has been abandoned at sea. The captain and six of the crew have been landed at Lisbon by the barque Neptuns. It is not considered derogatory to his character when a horse is driven to drink.