

THE POWER OF THE PEERS ENGLAND'S GREAT QUESTION

The Struggle Which Began in the Education Bill Debate Will be a Sharp One—No New Election Just Now.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—There will be no dissolution of parliament as a result of the action of the House of Lords in defeating the Government's education bill. Although the rejection of this, the most serious rebuff Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's cabinet has yet suffered, it is not regarded as being sufficiently grave to necessitate an appeal to the country.

SCORE KILLED BY EXPLOSION

Mississippi River Steamer Blown to Atoms

Most of the Victims are Negroes—Captain and Pilot Among the Killed—Many Missing

VIKESBURG, Miss., Dec. 19.—One of the worst accidents in recent history of the Mississippi River occurred today, when the steamer W. T. Scovel, plying in the Vicksburg and Davis Bend trade was destroyed by an explosion. Owing to the large number of negroes on board it is impossible to ascertain the exact number of the dead and injured, but the officers of the boat who arrived here tonight state that no less than ten or more than sixteen were killed. It is believed an equal number were injured. Among the dead is Captain John Quackenbush, master of the steamer, and John Dougherty, the pilot.

TO COMPLETE ORGANIZATION

Large Gathering of Kings Co. Liberals at Rothesay

Addressed by Messrs Scovil and King—Discussion Regarding a Noon Train—Business Transacted

(Special Correspondence of the Sun.) ROTHESAY, Dec. 19.—In spite of the inclement weather a representative audience gathered in the Bellevue Hotel tonight to complete a permanent Liberal organization, elect delegates to the Liberal convention to be held in St. John next week and listen to a rousing speech from O. P. King, M. R. P., and hear George G. Scovil for the first time since he was in the legislature.

MR. KING. Councillor Gilbert was in the chair when the meeting opened, and Mr. Scovil was the first speaker. He was brief, but cordial in his pleasure at meeting Rothesay supporters for the first time. He praised them for their united front, spoke of the difficulties that beset the movement, and expressed his hope that the meeting would be a success.

MR. KING. Mr. King was not talking long before he grappled with the road law and compared the old statute with the new, showing how formerly a man paid three dollars on \$100 assessment and now pays \$2.20, how in the old days he got 50 cents a day for his work and now can't be hired for less than \$1.25 and oftener \$1.50.

PREPARING FOR THE DAYS OF AERIAL NAVIGATION

FIRST THROUGH TRAIN CHEERED

Passed Over Mckenzie & Mann's New Road

Halifax and Southwestern Opened for Traffic—Distinguished Guests Who Made Trip Delighted

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—The first through train over the Halifax and Southwestern, McKenzie and Mann's new road along the south shore of Nova Scotia, arrived at Yarmouth this evening at eight o'clock. Among those on board were Governor Fraser, Premier Murray, Governor Engineer McCord and William McKenna, one of the owners, General Manager Spencer and other officials of the road.

JOSEPH CHAMBERLAIN HAS LOST HIS MEMORY

Overtook His Strength During Birthday Celebration.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from London says: "The long retirement of Joseph Chamberlain owing to Government and other ailments has led to constant assertions and correspondence regarding the possibility of his return. The Chronicle states that he greatly overtaxed his strength at the celebrations in honor of his 70th birthday at Birmingham, with the result that he lost his memory completely. The past became a blank to him and he could not remember what had taken place even a few hours before and although his other faculties were and are unimpaired his memory is gone."

CONSERVATIVE ELECTED IN PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 19.—In the provincial election today in the first district of Queens, for the seat of the late Hon. George Simpson, the Liberal, whose majority in the general election of 1904 was 38, Murtok Kennedy (Conservative) was elected by a majority of 45. Kennedy made big gains at polls where he and relatives had extensive business interests. The Conservatives made a dead set on the district.

BIG SHIPPING COMPANY ORGANIZED IN JAPAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—A despatch from Tokyo to the Times says: "A new shipping company has been formed in Japan. It already possesses a fleet of 100,000 tons. Its capital is \$1,000,000 of which half represents the value of the existing fleet. The remainder is to be devoted to building new ships. The company intends to establish services to Formosa, Hokkaido, Java, Vladivostok, North China, Hong Kong, Manila, Hawaii, America, the South Sea and India."

FIFTEEN YEAR OLD MURDERER SENTENCED

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Robert Gordon, 15 years of age, was today sentenced to the reformatory for life after pleading guilty to the charge of murdering Joseph Reed, 8 years old. Gordon pulled the Reed boy under a sidewalk, pounded him on the head with a brick until he was unconscious and then dug a hole in the earth in which he placed young Reed. Gordon then heaped the earth over Reed and allowed him to suffocate. The young murderer showed no emotion when he entered his plea of guilty or when he was sentenced.

PARIS, Dec. 20.—So confident is the French government that the day is only a short distance off when aerial locomotion will be practical that several commissions are at work elaborating plans for meeting in the various branches of public service, the solution of any new problems which the revolution will entail. Capt. Ferber of the French army, who is devoting all his time to aerostatics and who conducted the negotiations on behalf of his government with the Wright Bros., agrees with Santos Dumont that flying machines in a few years will be as common as automobiles today. In the next war he is convinced there will be battles between flotillas of airships. "Human mastery of the air," said he to the Associated Press, "is virtually achieved. None of the startling achievements of the past, neither steam, electricity nor the telephone can compare with what the future holds in store for us. Not only will the life of individuals be revolutionized, but governments will be compelled to devise, in almost every department new methods to meet the changed conditions. This change will come with amazing suddenness, and France is taking the precaution to meet it. The customs service present methods of watching the frontiers will be obsolete. Aerial patrols will be necessary to prevent the smuggling of contraband across the border. The police of all cities will have to be provided with flying machines in order to protect the people from the new opportunities for crime which the new locomotion will place in the power of criminals. It would seem that flying machines would enable anarchists to achieve any and by their agents, not only with rifles, but whole cities, with the same rapidity as the train. It is not a matter of time, but of space. It is now on solid ground. In war the intelligence service will be entirely changed, to the aerostatic divisions and armed airships will be given the business of the continent. The French government is the solution of the problem of aerial navigation lies in the question of equilibrium as the principle of flight, that is area of aeroplanes surface and speed. It contends that the doming of the air at present employed by birds was only obtained as a result of slow process of evolution comparable in a way to slow perfection of the present means of flight."

TO ELECT SUCCESSOR TO LATE ARCHBISHOP BOND

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 19.—The Archbishop of Rupert's Land, who is the chairman of the General Synod has summoned a meeting of the House of Bishops of that body to convene in Toronto on Wednesday, January 16th, for the purpose of electing a primate of all Canada in succession to the late Archbishop Bond. The meeting will meet in the morning of the same day to elect an archbishop and metropolitan for the ecclesiastical province of Canada.

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JERKING OF THE LIMBS

"Before using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I could not sleep, had no appetite, hands and feet were cold, my digestion was poor and I had jerking of the limbs. Dr. Chase's Nerve Food has made a radical change in my condition, building up the system and strengthening the nerves."—Mr. Wm. Branton, Victoria St., Stratford, Ont.

TEXAKANA, Tex., Dec. 20.—The Bank of Horatio, Ark., was looted by two robbers yesterday afternoon of \$4,000. Several shots were fired at the fleeing robbers, who escaped.

Buy His Christmas Gift At HARVEY'S

There are so many useful and acceptable Christmas gifts here for men and boys that it would be a real treat to call your attention to them, but you'd do better to see them, then you'll appreciate them fully. A dollar goes farther here. Regular \$6.00 to \$20.00 Overcoats. Now selling at \$4.95, 6, 7.50, 8.75, 10.40 and \$15. J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, 100 to 107 Union St.

I.C.R. SHOULD NOT BE SOLD SAYS MAYOR OF HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 19.—Mayor McIlreith, who has just returned from Ottawa and Montreal, where he has been discussing steamship mails and railway matters with the Government, the C. P. R. and the Grand Trunk of Canada, made a special report to the city council tonight. In view of the action taken by Deputy Mayor Johnson, who, in the absence of Mayor MacIlreith presented a message to the council advocating the sale of the Intercolonial, one feature of the report is significant. Mayor MacIlreith says, "After as full consideration and study as I have been able to give to the matter of railway transportation at Halifax, and after discussing it with both our friends and those who are unfriendly to us, I am clearly of the opinion, in which opinion I may say the president of the Board of Trade agrees, that the Intercolonial Railway should not be given to the control of any one company. It should be kept as a government line for the purpose for which it was originally intended, namely, leaving not only the interest of Halifax, but of the other portions of the Maritime Provinces as fair and reasonable passenger and freight rates; and for the further purpose of enabling other lines of railway to run trains over its rails under fair and proper traffic arrangements. We must realize that the Intercolonial Railway must be looked at from the standpoint of all the towns and districts which it serves. The question is not merely a Halifax question, nor even a provincial question. Everything considered, therefore, it seems to me that our proper course is to ask the department to retain control of the Intercolonial railway, to reduce its curves, to lower its grades and double-track the line between Moncton and Halifax so that when the rapidly increasing business of the great West makes it necessary to find other outlets for the great export of the country we will be in a position to meet the demand to take our place as one of the ports of Canada and the I. C. R. will be in a position to provide facilities for traffic on reasonable terms for all railways seeking an outlet for their business at Halifax."

WORK ON THE G. T. P. FIVE TEAMS IN CAPE BRETON HOCKEY LEAGUE

Mr. Morse is Satisfied with What Has Been Done. Big Plans for Next Year—The Labor Situation—Plans for Entering Port Arthur at Winnipeg.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 19.—Mr. Frank W. Morse, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, arrived in the city last night from the east. In an interview he said: "We are all well satisfied with the work done during the past summer. During the year we completed eighty per cent of the work which we set out to complete. Plans for the year contemplated very large accomplishments in the way of construction and still larger and more important work in the engineering department. Of the actual work of construction eighty per cent has been done, and preparations have been completed for still larger undertakings in 1907. There are naturally countless matters of minute detail which have received attention, and I am in the city at the present time in connection with certain of these matters."

THE EDWIN HUNT IS REPORTED SAFE

She Has Been Four Months on the Passage from Boston to Chester.

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BOSTON, Dec. 19.—Shipping men in this city were much relieved today to learn that the Bath, Maine, schooner Edwin R. Hunt, which sailed from this port on August 16th bound for Chester, Pa., by way of St. Ann's, Cape Breton, had been spoken in the vicinity of Bermuda slowly making her way back to the coast after being missing since October 20th. The Hunt has been a trifle over four months in making her voyage of less than two thousand miles, which is about the time of an ordinary trip from New York to San Francisco. The run from the city to St. Ann's last fall required 45 days, while this Hunt has been 17 days in her voyage down the coast and is still at sea some where off the Delaware Capes. Captain Sergeant of the Hunt reported that his chronometer had been broken and that he had had difficulty in working out his position. As there have been strong offshore gales in the vicinity of the Delaware Capes during the past few days it will probably be some days yet before the Hunt's anchor touches bottom.

JEFFRIES DRAWS THE COLOR LINE

TONOPAH, Nev., Dec. 19.—James J. Jeffries today was selected as referee of the Gans-Herman fight. The articles of agreement gave the Casino Athletic Club the right of selection if the principals could agree. Jeffries has accepted. LOB ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 18.—James J. Jeffries today said that he would agree to fight Tony Burns if a \$50,000 purse was provided. It would not, he said, make a match with Jack Johnson, a colored pugilist, for any sum.

GRAIN ELEVATOR IN WATERBURY BURNED

Less is \$55,000—Big Lumber Yard Had a Narrow Escape

WATERBURY, Conn., Dec. 19.—The feed and grain elevator at the Platt Mills Co., located on Benedict street, was practically destroyed by fire which started in the top of the structure from some cause not yet explained. The loss to building and stock, it is estimated, will be about \$55,000, with insurance of about \$30,000. The entire city department was called out to cope with the blaze, which was located in the heart of the wholesale district and adjacent to large lumber yards. The firemen worked desperately to prevent the spread of the fire, and their efforts, aided by the fact that there was practically no wind, were successful in confining the flames to the building in which they started. It was an hour's fight to bring the fire under control and three hours from the time the alarm was sounded in before it was deemed safe to send part of the fire fighting force from the scene. The stock in the elevator consisted largely of hen food and grain and this, though not to be replaced for less than \$15,000 or \$20,000, while the building suffered damage of about \$40,000. Mr. Camp's son George stated that when he left the building tonight shortly before the fire broke out everything was all right, so far as he knew.

Hockey Sticks

should be bought where you find the greatest variety and largest stock, namely, at our Sporting Goods Department, the most attractive and interesting spot in town for all sporting characters and everybody else.

Table listing various hockey sticks and their prices, including models like 'SECOND GROWTH', 'SPALDING GOAL', etc.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited Market Square, St. John, N. B.

Advertisement for 'ORIA' shoes, featuring the text 'You Have Bought ORIA' and 'In Use for Over Years ORIA'.

Advertisement for 'STATIONS FOR GIFTS' listing various gift items like 'Slippers', 'Over-Nice Evening Slippers', etc.

Table listing various items and their prices, including 'Grove Hill District', 'James A. Barnesville', etc.



FREE... advertisement for a medicine or service.

FREDERICTON... news snippet from Fredericton.

Dec. 16... news snippet dated Dec 16.

concluded the... news snippet about a conclusion.

BARNEY ON... news snippet about Barney.

negation Declined to... news snippet about a declined negation.

St. N. Dec. 17... news snippet from St. N. dated Dec 17.

CHES BEFORE... news snippet about chess.

Rev. W. B. Clark... news snippet about Rev. W. B. Clark.

COUNTRY MARKET table with columns for Wholesale and Retail prices for various goods like butter, eggs, and fish.

FISH table listing prices for various types of fish.

Table listing prices for various types of meat and poultry.

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GROCERIES table listing prices for various grocery items.

Table listing prices for various types of sugar and other food items.

FRUITS, ETC. table listing prices for various fruits and other items.

PROVISIONS table listing prices for various types of provisions.

FLOUR, ETC. table listing prices for various types of flour and other items.

Bone Spavin advertisement for a veterinary product.

Pot barley... advertisement for pot barley.

STRANGE LIGHT IN BAY OF FUNDY... news snippet about a strange light.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 13... news snippet from Digby.

CHATHAM NEWS... news snippet from Chatham.

CHATHAM, Dec. 12... news snippet from Chatham dated Dec 12.

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LITTLE BRAINED CARRIE NATION... advertisement for a play.

This is What Magistrate Kay of Moncton Calls the Temperance Orator... news snippet about a temperance orator.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 13... news snippet from Moncton.

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SERIOUS FIRE AT LONDBERRY... advertisement for a fire insurance or related service.

Damage Done to Extent of \$25,000 or \$30,000... news snippet about a fire at Londberry.

LONDBERRY, Dec. 13... news snippet from Londberry.

ANNUAL SEED FAIR AT WOODSTOCK... advertisement for a seed fair.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 13... news snippet from Woodstock.

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SURPRISE SOAP advertisement with an illustration of a woman washing clothes.

MONCTON NEWS... news snippet from Moncton.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR XMAS GIFTS advertisement.

RANDOM, Russian... news snippet about a Russian.

GET OUR PRICES ON... advertisement for prices.

WHOLESALE LIQUORS... advertisement for wholesale liquors.

NOTICE OF SALE... advertisement for a notice of sale.

To Lydia A. Scott... news snippet about Lydia A. Scott.

ALL that certain leasehold lot... advertisement for a leasehold lot.

BERLIN, Dec. 16... news snippet from Berlin.

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MONCTON FRIENDS BID FAREWELL TO REV. E. B. HOOPER... advertisement for a farewell event.

MONCTON, Dec. 13... news snippet from Moncton.

TRAGIC DEATH OF AN INDIAN WOMAN... advertisement for a story or play.

NEW GLASGOW, Dec. 15... news snippet from New Glasgow.

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INTERCOLONIAL SAYS THE C. P. R. WAS RESPONSIBLE... advertisement for a story or play.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17... news snippet from Moncton.

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CASTORIA... advertisement for Castoria.

DEFENDANT IN THE ADNEY ASSAULT CASE... advertisement for a legal case.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 11... news snippet from Woodstock.

AT WOODSTOCK DEFENDS HIMSELF WITH SKILL... advertisement for a story or play.

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# ARGUMENT IN CLARK CASE

## Court Will State When Decision is to be Rendered

### Mr. Baxter Claims Judge's Charge to the Jury Was a Misdirection in a Number of Instances

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—In the supreme court this morning the crown case reserved of King vs. Wm. B. Clark was taken up.

The chief justice presided and the full bench with the exception of Justice Barker were present.

Before proceeding to argue the attorney general called the courts attention to the fact that the judge's charge reported by the stenographer was erroneous in several important particulars. Some of the mistakes were most extraordinary ones.

Judge Landry said he had read over the charge sent by Mr. Devine. It contained several errors, and the chief justice said he had the charge read in a few words to make it plain.

Mr. Baxter, who appeared for Clark, called the court's attention to the fact that the judge's intention made quite an important change in one part of the charge. The reporter had it in his honor's directions to the jury regarding the prisoner's evidence, this sentence: "The fact of his coming on the stand and testifying to his innocence is not to be taken that he was not guilty." The judge had inserted after the word "take" the word "conclusive."

Whether this correction should be allowed to be made by his honor led to a lengthy discussion between the court and counsel. Judge Landry said he certainly intended to say as he had corrected and he could not believe that he had made the statement as reported.

The chief justice said that Judge Landry said the report should be corrected that they would accept this.

Mr. Baxter then began his argument, moving for the prisoner's discharge and was stated addressing the court on adjournment at noon.

He is arguing on the inadmissibility of certain evidence and particularly as to the calling of the prisoner's wife in answer to Officer Greer as to the whereabouts of the prisoner at the time the crime was committed.

Argument in King against Clark, the crown case reserved, was concluded before the supreme court this afternoon. Mr. Baxter addressed the judge at length on the evidence and certain evidence and claimed that the judge's charge of the jury was a misdirection in a number of instances. In support of his argument he cited authorities. The attorney general replied.

The court adjourned at 2:30, the jury will tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, when it would state what their decision would be rendered.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—The death occurred this morning at his residence, Charlotte street, of Ida Jones, widow of the late James S. Jones, in the 75th year of her age, from congestion.

The deceased was a native of St. John and a daughter of the late John Hammond. She was married to James S. Jones, in the 17th year of her age, from congestion.

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# RECORD NUMBER S. A. IMMIGRANTS

## Nearly 30,000 Will Come From British Isles.

### Eight Special Steamers Have Already Been Chartered for Their Transportation—Com. Coombs Talks

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 18.—During the coming year we shall bring to Canada from the British Isles between 25,000 to 30,000 people, of whom about one-half will come to Ontario. Eight special steamers have already been chartered for their transportation, in addition to arrangements which have been made, and which we are continuing to make for the passage of a large number of people on the ordinary steamers.

This was the statement made by Commissioner Coombs of the Immigration Service today on his return from a journey from Newfoundland to the coast of British Columbia, made mainly in the interest of the Army's immigration work.

During the western portion of his tour he was accompanied by Brigadier General Howell. "I am trying to get General Booth to come to Canada early in the year," continued the commissioner, "and if he does it will be a splendid 'fillip' to our immigration propaganda for 1907. The message from him gives me considerable encouragement in that hope."

During the past two years the commissioner said that the Army has brought out 100,000 men from the old land, and of that number there have not been returned as unsuitable at a port of entry or unsatisfactory afterwards more than twenty.

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# Statesman Named in Western Land Frauds.

## High Court I. O. F. JOHN A. EDWARDS TO MEET IN ST. JOHN

### Next Annual Meeting to be Held in July —High Standing Committee Held Session Here Saturday

#### During the U. S. government's investigation of the methods by which railroads acquired valuable coal lands in Wyoming and Utah, one witness testified that friends of both these Wyoming senators tried to prevent the facts from becoming known.

The high standing committee of the High Court of New Brunswick, I. O. F., met at the Royal Hotel last night. There were present H. W. Woods, of Welsford, high chief ranger; D. G. Langley, P. H. C. R., and Reverdy Steeves, H. V. C. R., both of St. John; F. W. Emerson of Moncton, high chief secretary; E. P. Eastman of Petitcodiac, high treasurer; R. E. Hanson of Fredericton, high councillor.

Arrangements were made for the meeting of the next high court in this city during the first week of July next. Committees were appointed to make all necessary arrangements, a considerable amount of routine business was transacted.

The following resolution was unanimously passed: "Resolved, That this meeting place on record our continued confidence in the honor, ability and integrity of our beloved supreme chief ranger, the Hon. Dr. Oronhyatka, and that we most earnestly desire that the I. O. F. may long have the benefit of his wise and valued services."

During the evening the committee attended in a body the meeting of Court La Tour.

The case of George M. Pick v. John A. Edwards in equity court here yesterday morning, Mr. Justice Barker gave judgment for the plaintiff with costs.

The plaintiff filed a suit against the defendant to show accounting for business transacted in connection with certain properties in Fredericton belonging to plaintiff, for which defendant has been agent and trustee since 1880.

The defendant claimed he was not agent and trustee for plaintiff but owned the property in question, consequently he had no right to render an account.

The case was tried at the November term of the equity court held at Fredericton, and involves the ownership of the building and lot on Queen street, occupied by Duquand McCartherine. The property at one time belonged to the late James Mount and afterwards to his daughter, Miss Sarah Mount. The latter died in 1880 without a will, and since that date Mr. Edwards has looked after the property, collected the rents, etc. Mr. Pick claimed that Mr. Edwards was merely acting as his agent and was able to prove at the trial that he had executed a power of attorney in Mr. Edwards' favor. His honor in his judgment evidently holds that the property rightfully belongs to Mr. Pick. The amount involved besides the property is in the neighborhood of \$4,000, which represents the accrued rentals for twenty-five years.

Mr. Edwards said yesterday that he would certainly appeal the case.

JOLIET, Ill., Dec. 18.—The U. S. Steel Corporation announced today that of its 3,000 employees in the Joliet mills will be increased Jan 1. Common laborers will receive ten cents a day additional and the other grades will be benefited proportionately.

Of the total land area of the earth less than one-sixth has been as yet accurately surveyed; and on this small fraction of the globe Europe accounts for the greater part. Nearly 4,000,000 square miles of the British Empire are still unmaped, in addition to such immense areas as Canada, Australia and India; but, according to the last report of the Indian Survey Committee the completion of the one-inch topographical map of all India only awaits a survey of the Rajputana Desert. The Indian Survey has also accomplished no less than 58,000 square miles in Tibet and 6,000 in South Arabia. In South Africa the Rhodesian survey is being actively carried on, only three stations now remaining south of the Zambesi not fully connected with the main triangulation.

Much of the work of the Indian Survey, says the Westminster Gazette, has only been made possible by the unselfish devotion of native members of the staff, a typical instance of which is that of Sheikh Mohidin, who died of thirst in the Sistan, Persian desert, his native assistant—who on his officer's death had taken the plane sheets from the board and wound them around his body, being found insensible in a distant pool of water. For the past five years eleven French officers and 25 soldiers of the Service Geographique de l'Armee have been engaged in measuring the great area of Peru, and many of them succumbed to the terrible privations to which they were exposed in the wilds of the Cordillera. From Africa, where British survey officers are slowly creeping northward from Rhodesia and southward from Egypt, come similar records of hardships endured, and, indeed, wherever the theodolite is following the explorer.

Mr. B. Knowles, broommaker, 588 Main street, St. John, N. B., writes: "For years I suffered from kidney and liver disorders. I had pains in the back and they caught me especially when I stooped over. I was also troubled with indigestion and severe headaches."

"I began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and cannot speak too highly of this medicine, for it has done me a world of good. The back pains and headaches have been entirely cured and my digestion is good."

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# JAMES REYNOLDS DIED TUESDAY

## He Was One of St. John's Most Honored Citizens.

### Foremost in Charitable and Public Work —Had Only Been Ill a Short Time

(Wednesday's Sun.) One of St. John's oldest and most esteemed citizens passed away yesterday afternoon in the person of James Reynolds. The deceased gentleman was eighty-seven years of age, and had enjoyed good health until last fall, when he resigned the chairmanship of the Board of Health because of a slight illness, which increased slowly.

Last Sunday he was stricken with paralysis, and he lingered until four o'clock yesterday afternoon.

James Reynolds was born in this city October 1820. He was the son of Bernard and Mary (Broome) Reynolds. His father was a native of Galway, Ireland, while his mother was born in Manchester, England, and Mr. Reynolds without doubt inherited the best characteristics of the two races from which he sprang.

Bernard Reynolds resided for a time in England, where he married, and after his arrival in America in 1818 he opened a merchant tailoring establishment in St. John, which was carried on under his name for upwards of fifty years. He was the father of seven sons, all of whom are now dead.

James Reynolds was educated at the St. John Grammar School, then under the direction of Dr. Patterson, and at the Baptist Seminary, Horton, N. S., where in addition to other branches of learning he pursued courses in Latin and Greek under Dr. Pryor. His business life was begun in the shipping and mercantile house of I. & I. G. Woodward, with whom he remained for two years, and afterwards for the same length of time he was employed in the dry goods business by S. Nichols. For the purpose of assisting his father, he later went to New York with a view of perfecting his knowledge of the tailoring business, and when he returned to St. John he succeeded his father in business, which he conducted successfully for many years, and employed an apprentice of his own hand.

Having accumulated a fortune, he retired in 1871, and had since then devoted his time to looking after his investments.

In 1865 Mr. Reynolds married Miss Charlotte Emma Waddington, daughter of E. C. Waddington, formerly of Liverpool, England; her father came to St. John in the interest of his brother, who were extensive merchants and shipbuilders, having a branch in this city. Mrs. Reynolds became the mother of eight children, namely: Mary; Alice Gertrude, wife of P. Charles Millett of Buffalo, N. Y.; Susan Broome; Emma C.; Margaret; Hester; now Mrs. F. D. Payne; Charles; James and Frank Lucas, deceased.

Mrs. Reynolds died in 1884. Mr. Reynolds was one of St. John's foremost public spirited citizens, and his private services were being pertained with the same industry and ability as that which characterized his business career. He was actively concerned in organizing the volunteer fire department, in which he served for many years as a fireman, and was at the same time secretary of the No. 5. He was appointed president of the Fire Relief Society, formed when the greater portion of St. John was burned in 1877, and had for many years been chairman of the Board of Health, now Mrs. F. D. Payne; Charles; James and Frank Lucas, deceased.

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# TWO MEN WHO WILL OWN A TRANSCONTINENTAL LINE

The banquet given to the notable railway builders, Mr. William Mackenzie and Mr. Donald C. Mann awakened renewed interest in the remarkable enterprise these gentlemen are prosecuting. That two individuals should set out to construct and own a railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific is a marvel; that they should have built nearly 4,000 miles within the space of twenty years is more extraordinary still. The history of railroad construction furnishes no parallel to this achievement.

### WHO ARE THE MEN?

While the undertaking and success with which it is being carried through challenges public attention, much interest must also be experienced touching the men themselves. What of the individuals who are working to own a complete transcontinental railway and who will yet be able to boast the proprietorship of a road extending from end to end of the Dominion and branching out in many directions? In the year 1848, and in the village of Kirkfield, Victoria County, was born of Highland parents William Mackenzie, and in Kirkfield he received his schooling. Five years later, or in 1853, there was born in another Scotch family living between Acton and Rockwood, on the Grand Trunk Railway, and in the County of Wellington, Donald C. Mann. At Rockwood Donald, a barefooted boy — for it seems that all successful railway magnates are barefooted when young — went to school. What were the intentions of the Mackenzie family regarding William is not recorded; but it is known that the boy selected the teaching profession as his first step in life.

### INTENDED FOR THE PULPIT.

The aspirations of the parents of Donald C. Mann are better understood than are those of the Mackenzie family. Mr. Mann's father, a deeply religious farmer, designed his son for the ministry and proposed to send him to college with graduation and ordination in view. It is related that while Donald would have made an excellent pastor, his ambition was rather towards business. And so, packing his little possessions, he left home when school days were over and became initiated into the mysteries of hard work of the lumber trade. His labor continued in several of the great lumber centres for years, taking charge of gangs of men and seeing that the work was put through. Meanwhile William Mackenzie passed from the school to the store and made his way to become a comfortable country storekeeper.

### LURED TO THE WEST.

At different periods Mr. Mackenzie and Mr. Mann made for the West. Mr. Mann was first on the ground. Being an expert in the getting out of lumber he secured a contract for the first railway from the frontier to Winnipeg. Further contracts of a similar nature were entered into for portions of the Canadian Pacific both east and west of Winnipeg, and later on Mr. Mann undertook the construction of section after section of the C. P. R. Mr. Mackenzie in the meantime had abandoned the idea of presiding over either a school or a store, and had taken contracts on the Credit Valley and Midland Railways in Ontario.

### St. Stephen.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 16.—The church of the Holy Rosary this evening was the scene of an interesting event, Monday being the twenty-fifth anniversary of the ordination of the pastor, Rev. Father Lavery, sung a solemn high vespers in honor of the event. Father Doyle of Milltown, assisted. Father Lavery, being averse to any public demonstration in his honor and being an impromptu affair so far as he was concerned, no outside clergymen were invited. A committee of the congregation with his knowledge had taken the matter in their own hands and concluded with his consent to present him with an address. The services this evening D. T. Dwyer, on behalf of the congregation present, read the following address:

To the Reverend Thomas Lavery, Pastor of the Holy Rosary, St. Stephen, N. B.: Beloved Pastor,—On this, the eve of the twenty-fifth, so anniversary of your ordination to the sublime dignity of the priesthood, we, the people of your parish, feel that a great honor has fallen to our lot, and we esteem it a privilege to extend to you our most sincere congratulations.

Divine Providence has indeed been kind to us in sending one to preside over us who is so zealous in visiting the sacraments, so assiduous in visiting the sick, and so faithful in preaching and expounding the Word of God. We can bear evidence to your kindness and zeal for our spiritual welfare. You have indeed oftentimes overtaken us with strength with its exhortations, exhortations and good advice. As a small token of our appreciation, we beg of you, dear father, to accept together with this address the accompanying testimonial of our esteem and love for you personally, and we earnestly hope that you will be spared for many years to administer to our parish. The committee appointed to arrange for this testimonial seize this opportunity to thank in a public manner each and every member of the parish for the courtesies extended and good will shown to them. They found all eager to contribute, and the general

### REGENT DEATHS.

#### MRS. JOAN A. BEATTY.

Catherine, wife of John A. Beatty, a former employe on the Carleton ferry, died at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., last Wednesday. The family removed from St. John about fifteen years ago and have been living at Bridgeport since then. She was 67 years of age, and is survived by her husband and nine children. Mrs. James Keelth of Kennebecasis Island is the only member of the family residing in the province.

#### MRS. RUTH AVARD.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 17.—The death of Mrs. Ruth Avard, relict of the late George Avard, occurred at River Hebert on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Christie. Deceased had reached the age of seventy-nine years. She was a woman of sterling character, respected and esteemed by all. Her maiden name was Ruth Dobson. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are C. Fred Avard of this town, J. Albert of River Hebert and George of Sackville. Kings Co. The daughters are Mrs. Bliss Bowser of Jollicure and Mrs. Rufus Christie of River Hebert. C. G. Avard, editor of the Tribune, Sackville, is a grandson.

#### MRS. HANNAH HOYT.

Mrs. Hannah Hoyt, widow of Samuel Hoyt of Blissville, Sunbury County, died yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, O. E. Hoyt, 53 Duke street, West End. She had been living with her daughter for some time. Deceased was 84 years of age. Service will be held at 10 o'clock on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### GEORGE REID.

The death occurred at Gardner's Creek, N. B., at 10 o'clock, Saturday morning of George Reid. The funeral was held from his residence Sunday at 4 p. m., being made in the old Black River burying ground. Mr. Reid, who was 54 years of age and well known in that locality, leaves besides his wife, two sons, three daughters and seven sisters.

#### FRANCIS L. JENKS.

The death of Francis L. Jenks, one of the most highly respected citizens of Parrsboro, took place at his home there about 9 o'clock on Sunday evening. He had been ill for some time. He was 77 years of age. For many years he carried on an extensive carriage manufacturing business. He was a man of the highest character and integrity and a prominent member of the Baptist church. He is survived by five sons and three daughters—Charles of Port Arthur; Taylor of Cambridge, Mass.; Stanley of Halifax; Corey and Lawson of Parrsboro; Mrs. Arthur B. Giles of this city; Mrs. W. W. Black of Amherst, and Miss May, who lives at home. J. Willard Smith and R. Duncan Smith of this city are nephews of the deceased.

#### REYNOLDS KINDRED.

Reynolds Kindred, a well known Carleton carpenter, died on Sunday after an illness of some months. He was in his 69th year and is survived by his wife, four sons and three daughters.

#### W. L. PRINCE.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—William L. Prince, one of the oldest residents of this city, died at his home in Lewisville last night, aged eighty-nine years. He had been ill for three weeks. His wife, aged eighty-six, died last October. He is survived by a son and a daughter.

#### MRS. JANE WHEATON.

The death occurred on Friday night of Jane Wheaton, widow of the late Gilbert D. Wheaton, at her daughter's residence, Mrs. A. F. Kenny, 34 Orange street. The funeral will be held today.

#### GEO. E. KEITH.

MONCTON, Dec. 15.—Geo. E. Keith, a well known farmer of Butternut Ridge, and for many years a familiar figure in the city market here, died very suddenly in his sleigh this morning, while en route to the city. He had been in the sleigh in company with his son, and they had not driven very far before the sleigh upset. The son quickly righted it, and assisted his father in, when the other man said he felt unwell, and asked to be driven back home. On the way back, he expired in the sleigh. The deceased was seventy-four years of age, and one of the most respected residents in the county. Mrs. Ainey Mullin of this city is a daughter, and there is a son at home. It is thought that heart failure was the cause of death.

#### MRS. EMMA TUCKER.

The death of Mrs. Emma Tucker, at Calgary, on Thursday evening, will be heard with regret by friends here. She was 67 years of age, and was a native of this city. She was the widow of a well known resident here. Mrs. Tucker lived with Mrs. Hugh Aird, her daughter, in Douglas avenue until less than two months ago, when she and her daughter went west to join Mr. Aird, who had gone there some time previously for his health. Mr. Aird during his residence here was maritime manager for the Massey-Harris Company, of this city. She was born in Devonshire, England.

#### MISS CLARA SHAW.

The death occurred Sunday evening in this city of Miss Clara J. Shaw, of Victoria, Carleton Co. She came to this city from her home about two weeks ago, and lived with Mrs. Boyer, 38 Princess street. Miss Shaw had been ill for some time with heart trouble and came home from Washington, D. C., last year to endeavor to regain her health. She was a very popular woman and was apparently improving, when she seemed to take a relapse, which resulted in her death last night. Miss Shaw was a graduate of the Newport Training School for Nurses, and practiced her profession in Washington for ten years prior to her illness. While in the city she made many friends, who will deeply regret her death, as she was of a most amiable disposition and was popular with all who knew her. She is survived by her father, by two sisters, Pauline and Bessie, and by four brothers—E. J. and James R. Shaw of British Columbia; Salmon, Idaho, and Roy W. Shaw of Two Harbors, Minnesota. He will arrive on the noon train today to take charge of the funeral.

### TRIED TO KILL ANOTHER CHIEF OF RUSSIA'S POLICE

LODZ, Dec. 19.—An attempt to assassinate Chief of Police Cheshanawski was made here today, but the official escaped with a slight injury to his right foot. The would-be assassin stationed at a home in the carriage and opened fire on him with revolvers, but did not accomplish his object. The terrorists escaped. To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kumfort Headache Powders, 10 cents.

### TIMOTHY DALY.

Timothy Daley, the North End dry good merchant, died on Sunday at nine o'clock. The late Mr. Daley had been ill for some months, but was compelled to take to his bed only a week ago. He was suffering from a nervous disorder.

The deceased gentleman was born in this city fifty-two years ago, and for the past twenty years has conducted a dry goods store at 238 Main street. He was a member of the choir of St. Peter's church, and had always been prominent in the social life of his church. He possessed a fine voice, and was always in demand at concerts. He was, as well, a proficient reciter. An honorable, steadfast business man, his loss will be regretted by his many friends in the city and province. He is survived by his widow and four children, James, Thomas, Mary and Clare. Two brothers also survive him, Michael and James, who is employed in the custom house, and two daughters. The funeral will be held from his late residence, 238 Main street, on Tuesday morning at 9 o'clock.

#### ANTHONY MCANDREW.

Anthony McAndrew, for years a resident of this city, died Sunday morning at 10 o'clock. The late Mr. McAndrew was born in Bolano county Mayo, Cork, Ireland. He served in the 58th regiment in Canton, China, and in the 10th in the Crimea. After the war he was drafted to Canada, completing his service in the Royal Canadian Rifles in 1866. He was a member of the 2nd Fusiliers, serving under Colonel McShane, Colonel Blane and Colonel McLean. He is survived by a widow, three sons, Thomas of Boston, William of Fredericton, and James of this city, and two daughters, Mrs. Michael T. Cavanaugh and Mrs. Timothy Breen.

Mr. McAndrew was favorably known to a large number of citizens, and his loss will be keenly felt, particularly among the older militia men.

#### B. F. PALMER.

Bennet Franklin Palmer, a veteran of the Crimean war, passed to his long rest Monday. Mr. Palmer was before the British army, and fought at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol. The three medals which signified his participation in those bloody conflicts were the possession of which he was most proud. Mr. Palmer came to Saint John many years ago and of late years had been a piano salesman. He had been in years past in certain difficulties, and about a week ago was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until his death. He is survived by a widow, but no children.

#### JOSEPH DAVIS.

Mr. Jos. Davis who has been living with his son Orin, of Grand Falls, for some time, died on Sunday about six o'clock after a short illness. Rev. Mr. Malmanson, New Denmark, officiated at the funeral services.—Victoria County News.

#### J. RUPERT ELLIOTT.

The death of J. Rupert Elliott, a well known Nova Scotia business man and contractor of the Grand Falls, at the Hospital here Friday morning. Mr. Elliott was a passenger from England on the Empress of Ireland, and was taken ill on shipboard.

After landing here he grew worse, and his last moments were those of Edward Manning until it was deemed wise to take him to the hospital, the malady from which he was suffering having reached an acute stage. Mr. Elliott was a man of culture and considerable literary attainments. For many years he was engaged in the apple exporting business, but of late he had devoted most of his time to writing about the resources of his native province. He had just made arrangements to go to this work permanently for the Nova Scotia government, and was to make his headquarters at Halifax. His death coming at a time when he had attained the position for which he felt well qualified, and which he had been long and particularly sad. The deceased is survived by a widow, one son and one daughter, Mrs. Edw. Manning of this city is a sister and means, one or another, a nephew.

#### MRS. SHORTLAND.

At Portsmouth, Devon, Eng., on Nov. 25, Mrs. Shortland, widow of Admiral Shortland, died in her eighty-second year, leaving two sons—Col. George Shortland and Capt. Frederick Shortland, R. N.—and one daughter, Mrs. Lowry residing in England. Mrs. Shortland was the widow of Lord Bayard, of London, and Mrs. Wellington Hatch, of this city—also survive. Mrs. Shortland was the eldest daughter of the late Sheriff Jones, of St. Andrews, N. B. Admiral Shortland was on the North American station in his ship at that time, a captain, in the fifties.

#### NEIL GORDON.

The death of Neil Gordon of Strathadam, N. B., occurred on Nov. 21st. He was a long member of the Presbyterian church, always taking great interest in its welfare, and looked on its teachings as the greatest help to attaining the highest plain of Christian living. His whole philosophy of life was founded on the Bible, and his deep-rooted faith enabled him to take it as it was. He felt the touch of Christ through his familiarity with the Scriptures, and made his God his great helper and his power of life. He was a straightforward man, with great calmness of judgment, and in all his dealings with his brother men could help them with his wise counsel. He was a rare degree, a staunch friend and an unwavering adherent to duty. His was one of the truest, happiest and healthiest natures God ever made. Mrs. Gordon died only a few months ago.

#### ADAM BAILEY.

Adam Bailey, a well known resident of Roxbury, Mass., died last week, aged 99 years. He was born in Halifax.

# MANY TOWNS FACE A FUEL FAMINE

Imminent in Western State, While in North West it Exists.

In Many Places Not Even a Pound Can be Bought—Fuel Trains to be Given Preference.

KANSAS CITY, Dec. 18.—With coal selling in Tonopah at sixty dollars a ton, and the Northwest unable to get fuel at any price, because railroads say there is a shortage of cars, there are more than four thousand empty cars standing on side tracks in Kansas City alone. Reports from various railroad division points in Missouri and Kansas indicate that cars are plentiful in both states. The heaviest storm of the winter is general over Southwestern Missouri, Southeastern Kansas, and parts of Oklahoma and the Indian Territory. Much suffering will result as the snow is from two to six feet deep. The Northwest no longer faces a fuel famine, it experiences one. Careful inquiry in the northern half of North Dakota shows there is not a town in which coal can be had except in small quantities and to supply immediate needs and in some places there is not a pound to be bought, dealers having been out of fuel for days and in some cases for a week or more. In the face of the serious conditions the people are giving no attention to the lack of cars for wheat shipments, and great piles of wheat that lie loose on the ground are buried under the snow. Individuals, commercial and civic bodies and newspapers demand that fuel have right of way over everything.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 18.—Senator FAYETTE TOLSON, of North Dakota, consulted the members of the Interstate Commerce Commission in reference to the coal famine. He declared the situation resulting from the shortage of coal in his state was most deplorable, and that the public schools in some localities were closing on account of lack of fuel to keep the children warm. It is said that for a number of years past at this season, and earlier in the year, there have been complaints of lack of equipment to properly transport coal, but the situation in this respect was never so acute as now. The commission will begin investigating the situation next week at Minneapolis and Chicago.

MANUMU, Okla., Dec. 18.—A coal famine is now prevailing in this part of Oklahoma. There is no timber for fences and outbuildings. The weather is cold. Coal in transit is confiscated by the railroads, and apparently there is no relief in sight. Fifty farmers went to the Rock Island station today, and they were told that the coal cars could not be used. Unless relief comes shortly, all public works will be closed and many families will suffer.

THE HINDU AS A RAILROAD LABORER. Contractors Think He Will Turn Out Good Work on the Contract System.

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Pierce work is to test the possibilities of the Hindu as a railroad laborer. About seventy-five of the race are now employed on that basis by Ironsides, Rennie & Campbell, contractors for the construction of the Great Northern cutoff between New Westminster and Blaine. By this contract system, the Hindus will have to work to make money, though with a fair amount of effort they can make a fair day's wage. "We tried some of the Hindus some time ago on the construction of about two miles of railway between the Brunette and Fraser River mills," said Mr. D. K. Campbell, "but they only stayed long enough to draw down one pay. The work was in swampy ground and they were not showing to advantage, because they were poorly clad, and in no condition to work in water over their boot-tops. When they got paid they never came back. Had they had boots for themselves, they might have continued the work without discomfort."

"On the Great Northern cutoff, we are trying them on the contract system, and to make anything they will have to work. It is possible that when they become used to hard work in this country they may make good laborers. I find that many farmers are employing them with good results."

### TAX ON REAL TITLES

PARIS, Dec. 18.—Would any people but the French, with their refreshing habit of being ever ready to provide a new sensation, think of putting the stamp of State on a recognition of titles of nobility after declaring that such titles are non-existent? The Chamber has assented to such a project on the budget committee's proposal for the sake of providing further revenue. Titles are not to be re-established or made legal, but the bearers and users of them are to be compelled to pay a tax as well as those inheriting them. The law might be reverse action extinguish titles, if human vanity were not equal to any strain, through causing relinquishment of titles in preference to payment for the privilege of wearing them. The joke is that the tax is to be levied only on titles known to be authentic so fake titles may flourish untaxed and without being interfered with. All mayors are to be required to send in a list of persons bearing titles, whether they are real or false.

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At Hammond Vale, Kings County, N. B. One dwelling house, containing 9 rooms and 2 halls, in good repair; with 2 1/2 acres of good land and a good young orchard of growing trees, containing apples; also one good corn and hog house; also one good blacksmith shop and tools; also 25 acres of good land, cutting from 15 to 20 tons of hay and one lot of wood land containing 77 acres, with about three hundred thousand of spruce and hardwood lumber on it. For further particulars apply to THOS. A. KELLY, Hammond Vale, Kings County, N. B. 21-1/2

England's religious controversy has now reached its most acute Parliamentary stage. There is small chance of the question coming immediately before the country, even if the deadlock between the two Houses on the education bill continues.

HE CONDEMNNS CHRISTMAS FEEDS. Vicar of Burtonwood Thinks Spiritual Aspects of the Day are Ignored.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Rev. A. M. Mitchell, vicar of Burtonwood, Lancashire, who recently censured the action of the Rev. Mr. Goodchild, of New York, in giving performances in his church, has written to the Times to condemn Sunday theatrical performances, now lauded the popular observance of Christmas. He says: "Gorge and surfeit make Christmas to a majority. The spiritual aspect of the festival is conveniently and unblushingly ignored in favor of worship at the kitchen altar."

KAISER MUST MODERATE PROGRAMME. It is impossible yet to forecast the result of the impending campaign. There will be much beating of drums and appeals for support of the Kaiser in creating a world empire, and it is at all impossible that the Emperor will carry his point one more.

DATES FIXED FOR HALIFAX EXHIBITION. HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—At the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Provincial Exhibition Commission, held tonight, matters in connection with the recent Dominion exhibition held in this city were dealt with. The exhibition shows a surplus of \$1,157.54. The revenue was \$148,238.06, and the expenditure \$147,080.52. The exhibition was opened by the Rev. J. C. Dwyer, chairman, and Sept. 25th was the date fixed for opening and Oct. 3rd for closing of next year's show.

### BATH NEWS

BATH, Carleton Co., Dec. 13.—John Bloodworth, an esteemed resident and farmer of Upper Kent, has been taken to the Carleton county hospital at Woodstock to undergo a surgical operation.

J. H. Lougee of Houlton, Me., has been spending a week in this place visiting his niece, Mrs. J. R. H. Simms. The placing of the Tropic Valley train on its usual route is hailed with delight.

J. W. Bohon, customs officer here, is confined to his house by illness, as is also M. A. Tompkins of this place. Mrs. Stephen Barker intends leaving in a few days to spend the winter with her son, Robert Barker of Greenwood, Mass. The schools close for the Christmas holidays on the 19th inst., when Miss Lona J. Belyce, principal, and Miss Kate Barker of the primary department leave to attend the Teachers' Institute at Woodstock. The same staff of teachers will have charge of the school the ensuing term. The friends here of Charles W. Thibeau, station agent at Bristol, regret to learn of his serious illness at that place. C. J. Greene and family, who left here last month for the future home in Saskatoon, Sask., are delighted with the environment and the wonderful increase in size and prosperity of the city in the last six months.

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LORDS AND COMMONS.

The people of Great Britain are now flittingly confronted with the question whether they desire to be ruled by the hereditary Lords or the Commons, their own elected representatives.

The fact that the Irish members voted Wednesday night with the majority would seem to indicate delay, pending a compromise between the government and its Catholic supporters.

ST. JOHN AND THE MAILS.

The postmaster general in answer to a leading question put with obvious motives by one of the members for Halifax yesterday, made a statement which on its face seems injurious to St. John and to the claims of the C. P. R.

TO SETTLE INDUSTRIAL DISPUTES.

Mr. R. L. Borden's resolution, of which he has given notice, setting forth that better legislative provision should be made for the prevention and settlement of disputes between employers and workmen, that strikes and lockouts with their consequences may be averted, and asking that a select committee of nine be appointed to inquire into this question, and after taking evidence, to report what enactments may be made, will undoubtedly provoke an interesting discussion when it is brought formally before the House.

be done to prevent or settle industrial disputes without injustice to either of the contending parties will certainly be in the general interests, but in finding a way to accomplish this end, the committee which Mr. Borden recommends has a difficult task.

Compulsory arbitration as the ideal method of maintaining peace between labor and capital has lost favor lately with both sides. The unions especially have developed strong opposition to this policy.

SAVE THE COAL LANDS.

The Toronto Globe takes the same stand as The Sun with reference to the action of parliament in voting down a resolution disencumbering the further alienation of coal bearing lands.

It will not be necessary for the Dominion to embark in the coal mining business, says the Globe. No such questionable departure need be feared. Ownership will give the government a control that will insure a continuous supply at fair prices by the operating companies.

THE WISDOM OF SANTA CLAUS.

Boys and girls, youths and maidens, fathers and mothers, gay old grandfathers and fond old grandmothers, clergy and bachelors, and jolly old maids with one consent, proclaim Christmas the happiest holiday of the year.

THE CITY AND THE C. P. R.

The delightful opportunity afforded at the luncheon on board that magnificent steamship the Empress of Britain yesterday for the citizens of St. John and the officials of the Canadian Pacific to fraternize and compare opinions with respect to the C. P. R. and its title of what the C. P. R. should do for itself and for this port.

wharf. And if she had been allowed to come direct to St. John the mails would have reached Montreal at least as quickly as by the Halifax route, and the country would have been saved the considerable amount of money represented in the difference between the cost of rail haul from St. John and from Halifax.

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION IN CANADA.

Another notable advance in the direction of public control of public utilities was announced by the Minister of Labor in the House of Commons yesterday. Following the establishment of the Labor Bureau, the passing of the Conciliation Act, the creation of the Railway Commission and the steady extending of its authority over railways and telephone systems, comes this Compulsory Arbitration bill, similarly inspired and pregnant with similar results—another evidence of the government's watchful protection of the public interests against the oppressions of class combines, whether of capital or labor.

While there may be ground for objection against state interference in all disputes between employers and employees—though this has worked well in New Zealand—there can be none against the government's present proposal to prevent or bring to a speedy end all disputes in which the general interests are directly involved, as they are in strikes or lockouts in coal mines, lighting plants, water supply systems or on railways.

FOREST PRESERVATION.

The provincial representatives who have just returned from Washington would have more than justified their visit had they brought back nothing but the news that they had been able to induce Mr. Gifford Pinchot, chief of the United States forest survey, to visit New Brunswick and attend the forestry convention at Fredericton during the coming session.

THE BANK OF MONTREAL.

The statement of the year's business presented at the annual meeting of the shareholders of the Bank of Montreal held yesterday, was, in its nature, not one to provoke criticism of the management, the profits showing an improvement of \$160,000, or more than one per cent. as compared with the previous year.

A LONG NIGHT'S WALK.

A Chicago hotel man tells of a night when he was out for a few hours, who did not take very kindly to a system, adopted at that time, whereby he was required to go through the hotel at certain hours and touch a set of electric buttons, thus indicating his whereabouts in the premises.

THE WINTER PORT.

The development of St. John as the great winter port of Canada is going on apace and yet its facilities are not quite equal to the requirements. It now remains for the federal and provincial governments, and the transportation companies, to work together for the one end.

REGENERATING THE I. C. R.

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gladdened the ears of his guests yesterday, that this port was and would remain the C. P. R. terminus and that the business now done here was as nothing to what would be done.

CHEAP LABOR.

The imputation that Earl Grey is influenced by capitalists or other class interests is unworthy of the Toronto labor council, whose resolution in censure of the Governor General is reported elsewhere, and will do their cause no good.

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CHRISTMAS TIME EIGHTY YEARS.

An Old Rothesay Lady.

Christmas Spirit the Same, Service Different—How Were Pleased.

(Special Correspondence of THE NEWS, Dec. 14.—) CHRISTMAS, for so many years, had an old Rothesay lady.

No doubt she is right, I've seen more than four score years of memory when young children would be present, and were not two or three years to the she has been acquainted with the great festival season.

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PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Dec 19-Schr Alameda Willey (Am), 463, Hatfield, J E Moore, ball. Coastwise - Tug Springfield, 56, Cook, from sea, and cleared for Yarmouth.

Cleared. Stmr Mount Temple, Boothby, for Halifax, London and Antwerp, C P R. Schr Venture, McLean for New Haven, Conn, Stinson, Cutter and Co. Coastwise - Schr Orola, Simpson, for Lord's Cove; Selma, Lewis, for Apple River; Helen M. Morris, for Advocate Harbor.

Sailed. Stmr Halifax City, Allbright, for London via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co.

Domestic Ports.

HALIFAX, NS, Dec 14-Ard, stmr Laupar, from Savannah, Ga; schr Admiral Dewey, from Banks, to repair. Sid, stms Sarmatian, Henry, for Glasgow and Havre; Halifax City, Albrige, for St John, NB.

HALIFAX, Dec 15-Ard 15th, stms Empress of Britain, from St John, and proceeded for Liverpool; Ionian, from Liverpool; 15th, stms Minia, from sea; Senia, from St John via ports; A W Ferry, from Boston.

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PORTLAND, Me., Dec 15-Ard, U S revenue cutter Woodbury, from cruising; stmr Hector; Keene, from New Orleans; barkentine Shawmut, Reicker, from St John for New York; schrs Ida May, Gale, from St John, NB; for do; Onward, from do; Ravola, from do for Bridgeport, Conn; E Meriam, from do for do; Lena Maud, Milton, from do; Rowena, from do; Hartford, Conn; Rowena, Merriman, from St John for Boston; Robs, Taylor, from Maitland, NS, for New York; Donna T. Briggs, bound west; Oriole, from St John for Boston.

Sid, stms Hurona, for London; Manhattan, for New York.

YANIS, Mass., Dec 15-Passed, bktm Glenville, for Halifax; also the Vineyard Haven fleet.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Del., Dec 15-Passed out, str Trebia, from Philadelphia for Sydney, C E.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 15-Bound south, str Silvia, from St Johns and Halifax.

BOSTON, Dec 16-Ard, str Mystic, from Louisville, C B; schr Margaret Haskell, from do; str Merritt, from do; str Unity, from Chatham, N B, for New York.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec 15-Ard, strs Cimbrina, Lomborg, from Sydney, C B; strs Sarmatian, from Liverpool; Hurona, for London.

Passed Cape Elizabeth, sch Alameda, Willey, from Boston for St John, N B. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 15 Sid, barkentine Glenville, from New York for Halifax.

Passed, bark Ladysmith, from New York for Bridgewater, NS.

PORTSMOUTH, NH, Dec 15-Light westerly winds, clearing at sunset. Sid, schs Alameda Willey, for St John; Onward, for Portland.

BOSTON, Dec 16-Ard, str Boston, from Yarmouth, NS; ship Timandra, from Buenos Ayres via Barbados.

Sid, str Knight of the Garter, for New York; bark Calburga, for Buenos Ayres.

SALEM, Mass, Dec 15-Sid, schs Preference, for New York; H R Emmerson, for do; Clavola, for New Haven; Georgia, for Stonington, Me; Hunter, for St John.

NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec 17-Ard, Schr Jessie Lena, New York for St. Andrews, NB.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 17-Bound south Tug Prudence, Hantsport, N S, towing schrs Gypsum Emperor, Walton, N S, and barge J. B. King & Co., No 20 Windsor, N S.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec 17-Ard, strs Hibernal, (Br) Imrie Glasgow. Schrs Demozelle, (Br) St John for Boston; Ray, Boston for St John.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec 17-Cleared strs Hilda, (Br) Louisville, C E. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 17-Ard, schrs Hugh B, (Br) New York for Portland, N S.

SAUNDERTOWN, R. I., Dec 17-Ard, schrs Golden Rule, (Br) New York for St John.

NEW YORK, Dec 17-Cleared Brig Hattie Dunn, Pointe A Pitre; Elms, St. John, NB; Oceanic, Hantsport, NB; Moren, Halifax.

SAUNDERTOWN, Dec 18-Sid, schrs Helen Montague, from St John, NB, for New York; Golden Rule, from New York for Yarmouth.

NEW YORK, Dec 18-Cid, stmr Baltic, for Liverpool; schrs Oregon, for Halifax; Calabria, for St. John, NB; Hattie Dunn, from St. John, NB, for do; Coral Leaf, from Nova Scotia for do.

GLOUCESTER, Mass, Dec 18-Ard, schr Comrade, from Boston for St John, NB.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 18-Bound south, schrs Mary E Morse, from St George, NB, via Norwalk, Conn.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 18-Sid, schr Jessie Lena, from New York for St. Andrews, NB.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 18-Ard and sid, schr Clifford I, White, from Shulee, NS, for New York.

Arrived, bktm Melva, from Dalhousie, NB, for New York; schs Lavinia, from St John, NB, for New York; Hattie Dunn, from St. John, NB, for do; Coral Leaf, from Nova Scotia for do.

Pilot boat No 7 was sunk by steamer Monterey, from Mexico and Havana, 41-2 miles from Sandy Hook lightship, at 4:05 o'clock Saturday morning. All hands were saved.

U. S. Cruiser Montana was launched from the yard of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co. at 8:30 a. m. Saturday.

BARBADOS, Dec 15-Ship Grid (Nor), bound for St. John, passed and anchored here on Oct 7, has been demasted and sold.

Bark Papoo (Nor), from Cardiff for Laguna, which arrived here Oct 5 demasted, is being refitted.

Washed up, from South Australia (Br), Henderson, at Bremen from Savannah, before reported with fire on board, is still burning. The fire is confined to No. 3 hold, down among the cargo, containing iron and steel combine of the United States, according to the Tribune. A petition appealing to President Roosevelt and Congress to aid them in their efforts was drafted. The petition calling on the Government to curb the power of the "trust" and make some new tariff provisions, which will break up the "injurious combine," has been signed by prominent implement manufacturers throughout the country.

The action followed a meeting of the heads of the farming machinery concerns which was held here a few days ago, at which it was decided that something must be done in order to save the smaller implement makers, as well as farmers generally from ruin.

Golden Ball, from St John for New Haven.

Sid, schrs T. W. Cooper, for Rockland; General Scott, for Calais; Fredie A Higgins, for Grand Manan; D W B, for St John, NB.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 19-Bound south str Silvia, from New York expedition; River, NS; McClure, from Newcastle, NB; Abbie and Eva Haaper, from Musquash, NB; Unity, from Chatham, NB.

BOSTON, Dec 19-Ard, schrs Otis Miller, from Rochester, N B; Agnes May, from Musquash, N B; Gerfield White, from Point Wolfe, NB; F and E Givan, from St George, NB; Onward, from St John, NB; Oriole, from do; Ida May, from do; Priscilla, from do; Rowena, from Apple River, NS; Virginia, from Port Greville, NS; Demozelle, from River Hebert, NS; Donna T. Briggs, str Ivernia, from Liverpool and Queenstown.

Cleared, schs Eva Stewart for Parrabow; Harwood Palmer, for Newport News and New Orleans.

Sailed, strs Boudelapha for Liverpool. VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec 19-Ard, schs Eric, from Northport, LI, for St John, NB; Jessie Lena, from Barren Island for St. Andrews, NB; Golden Rule, from Port Johnson for Yarmouth, NB; Merritt, from New York for Monro Bay, N S.

Sailed, bktm Malwa, from Dalhousie, NB, for New York; schs Leora, from Bowdoinham, for New York; Henrietta Simmons, from South Amboy for do; Francis H. Merritt, from Washington, Me, for do; Lavonia, from St John, N B, for do; Preference, from Lcomb, N S, for do; Coral Leaf, from Nova Scotia, for do; D M S, from Hantsport, N S, for do; H R Emmerson, from Hillsboro, NB, from BBR, W, from St John, NB, for do; Clavola, from Sackville, NB, for New Haven; Laura C, from River Hebert, for do; tug Gypsum King, towing Ontario and Daniel M, Munros, for New York from Windsor, N S.

Passed, Ida B Gibson, from Bangor for Port Chester.

Shipping Notes.

ATLANTIC CITY, Dec 14-The steamer ashore near the Montooking life saving station, is the Austrian freighter Clara, from Trieste, via Bermuda, bound for New York.

NEW YORK, Dec 14-The Clara went ashore at 5 a. m. today and soon turned broadside to the beach. The crew came ashore in the breeches buoy sent off by the life saving crew. The wrecking of the Clara, which was from this city to pull the stranded steamer off the beach.

LIVERPOOL, N. S., Dec 17-The brig, Marconi, Capt. George McLeod, which arrived this afternoon, fifteen days from St. John, encountered a continuation of gales and was repeatedly driven off the coast. She lost two seamen, one a native of Ponce, Porto Rico, another of Germany.

The schooner Effort, which is lying in the South Market slip, last evening at low tide careened over from her bed, and crashed with great force against the wooden boat Selma, which is lying just outside of her. The Selma as far as could be ascertained was not damaged, but the Effort strained some of her timbers, and is leaking. How serious the damage is will not be known until an examination is made this morning.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec 17-Captain Hanson and crew of the big four-masted schooner J. Teal, of Boston, which limped into port 12 days overdue from Brunswick with 600,000 lbs of hard pine to be transported to Canadian ports today told a story of trying experiences. On Dec 4, when off the Maryland coast, they ran into a north-west gale blowing fifty miles an hour. The flying jib was carried away, the mizen sail was torn to shreds, the rigging was broken, and the dangerous positions of the deckload were lost. Mate Nelson said:

"It was as much as a man's life was worth to go on deck."

For 24 hours the gale raged unabated, until at 11 o'clock on Saturday morning the vessel sailed for home, 6 miles N. W. from Sandy Cove, a vessel's bottom all submerged except 25 feet of the keel. No further details could be obtained as the vessel was wrecked at the moment of our departure.

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MR. MAKEPEACE—HE IS CHARMED AND TUMBLES!

WINTER PORT NOTES

Purveys line stmr Halifax City, Capt. Allbright, sailed at 4 o'clock yesterday morning for London via Halifax.

C. P. R. line stmr. Mount Temple, Capt. Boothby, sailed about midnight for London and Antwerp via Halifax. She carried away over a thousand tons.

Allan line stmr. Laurentian, for Liverpool, took away \$51,025 worth of Canadian goods, and \$10,441 worth of foreign goods, making a total of \$61,466.

With her stern battered, a part of her deck cargo missing, one boat gone, her cabin stove in, and an anchor and fifty fathoms of chain lost, bktm. Mark Hendry, Captain Miller, returned to Charlottetown, N. C., for repairs.

The vessel sailed from Jacksonville for Dorchester, N. B., on Nov. 21 and ran into a succession of north and westerly gales and made considerable water. She is loaded with lumber. Her crew was utterly exhausted when she reached harbor. One was lost though her decks were swept by heavy seas frequently. The above paragraph evidently refers to the Yarmouth bark, Mary Barry.

Capt. Shaw, of schr Yarmouth Packet which arrived at St. John on Saturday morning, reported that the vessel sailed 2 o'clock on Friday afternoon, about 6 miles N. W. from Sandy Cove, a vessel's bottom all submerged except 25 feet of the keel. No further details could be obtained as the vessel was wrecked at the moment of our departure.

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NEWS OF CHATHAM AND VICINITY

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Richard is accused of disturbing church services in Rogersville on November 26th, but he could not be found for some time. The charge was laid by Justice of the Peace Savoy, and he is expected to reach town today and appear against Richard this morning.

J. A. Haviland was driving a spirited animal from Groat's stable around town Wednesday evening, and while he was out of the sleigh for a moment the animal started suddenly and ran away, colliding with a telegraph pole, before finally being brought to a standstill near R. A. Murdoch's house, Bushville. The sleigh was pretty badly knocked about as a result of the runaway.

Rev. John Baird, a minister from Scotland, occupied St. Andrew's Church pulpit Sunday.

Rev. J. Morris MacLean gave a good address at the Y. M. C. A. meeting Sunday afternoon on "Fury and Revolution." Dr. Loggie occupied the chair.

The entertainment in the Y. M. C. A. hall in aid of the gymnasium was well attended and over \$20 net was raised for the association. Among those who took part were Miss Hattie Clawson, W. P. Dougherty, Addison Matthews, Cecil and Charles Merseman, Fred Argeneau, Harold Loggie, Wallace Watling, Alex. Watling, Benjamin Crabb, Joe Pine and Harry Brooks, director.

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OFFERS \$50,000 PURSE FOR A FIGHT WITH JEFFRIES

Nevada Sport Wants Him to Meet O'Brien and Burns in the Same Day.

NEW YORK, Dec 19.—According to the Herald today, Tex. Rickard, Nevada's prize fight promoter, announced last night his willingness to give a \$50,000 purse for a somewhat novel battle with James J. Jeffries, champion of the world, as the central figure.

Rickard wants Jeffries to fight "Philadelphia Jack O'Brien" and "Tommy" Burns to a finish in one ring on the same day. The event to take place at Goldfield, early in May.

"From what I have been able to gather on my trip through the east and west," said Rickard, "the sporting public is quite satisfied that O'Brien or Burns has no chance, individually against Jeffries. They believe, however, that both of them would cause the big fellow to extend himself in one day so I have decided to try to give the public what it wants."

"I will hang up a purse of \$50,000 for the event and the fighters can divide it as they see fit. Now it is up to Jeffries, O'Brien and Burns to meet and sign

# NO QUESTIONS OF VERY GREAT IMPORTANCE DISCUSSED IN HOUSE OF COMMONS THIS WEEK

## Mr. Fielding Explains Some Changes in the Law Regarding the Dumping Clause --- Would Have Law Allow Anyone to Sell Railway Tickets--Three Routes for the Grand Trunk Through New Brunswick--Two Possible Central Routes.

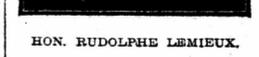
OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 12.—Armed Legislature today introduced a bill regarding navigation companies. It proposes to give all members of parliament free transportation. He said this was to prevent certain members being with transportation. The Hon. Mr. Fielding explained that the bill was to give all members of parliament free transportation. He said this was to prevent certain members being with transportation. The Hon. Mr. Fielding explained that the bill was to give all members of parliament free transportation. He said this was to prevent certain members being with transportation.

lot of railroad talk this afternoon from two enthusiastic idealists, E. A. Lancaster and W. F. MacLean. One wants the trains to run slowly at crossings, the other wants restrictions on ticket scalpers removed. Both are likely to succeed.

In answer to questions by Mr. Roche of Halifax, Hon. Mr. Lemieux said the mail steamer Empress of Britain on the last voyage from England anchored in the stream at Halifax on the seventh December at 12.33 a. m. The mail train for Montreal left Halifax at 5.59 a. m. This train arrived in Montreal at 1.45 a. m. on the eighth December. The steamer arrived at the entrance to St. John harbor on the evening of seventh December about five minutes after ten. On account of thick fog and waiting for tide, there being insufficient water to float her, she did not reach dock until about 4.30 p. m. on eighth December.

Mr. Lancaster moved the second reading of his bill to force railroad companies to protect level crossings in communities. He would give the companies until 1908 to make necessary changes. If protection is not given these crossings railways could not run trains through thickly settled portions of cities, towns and villages at more than ten miles an hour. The bill passed the second reading by a majority of three to one. It was then referred to a committee.

Mr. Monk asked if Mr. Oliver was not in a position to give the names of the persons composing the company. Mr. Oliver said it was not the part of the government to act the part of a detective. The opposition had endeavored to find out the names last year and had failed.



HON. RUDOLPHE LEMIEUX.

The board of arbitration will consist of three men—one appointed by the men, one by employers, and a third by the government. They are given power to summon witnesses to make a full inquiry under oath and to render a verdict on the case.

Mr. Lemieux said that a day in time of the day he had saved the English mails had been taken direct by the C. P. R. to the Empress of Ireland at St. John and that steamer had sailed direct for Liverpool without calling at Halifax.

Mr. Foster declared that if publicly were given the matter, public opinion could be depended upon to compel the party in the wrong to act properly. The most radical feature of the bill is a provision making it unlawful for the men to strike and cease work or for the employers to lock them out until the inquiry has been completed and the decision of the arbitrators has been given.

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## MANITOBA AGAINST GOV'T. OWNERSHIP

### Telephone Proposition Was Thrown Down.

#### Fear that System of Operation Might Not Succeed—Real Estate Advances at Port Arthur

MONTREAL, Dec. 19.—The advance of real estate in Fort William is shown by the sale of 36 acres to J. J. Carrick, of Port Arthur, for \$155,000, or \$4,300 an acre. On October 6th Dr. Reason, of London, Ont., bought this property for \$10,000.

Government ownership of telephones got a black-eye in Manitoba. In one half or more of the municipalities the project, as presented by the government, has been defeated. A number of towns, including Portage La Prairie and Brandon were against it. A notable fact is that in the premier's own constituency of Daifern, his project was badly defeated. The Bell Company of course put up an active campaign against the government in self-defence, but the Liberals took the ground that while a government telephone system is desirable, the government's methods of running it are wrong.

## FREE, MUST PROVE HE IS NOT DEAD

### Andrew J. White, Out of Madhouse, Will Try to Prove He is G. A. Kimmel, Missing Cashier.

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 13.—In the Supreme Court here today a jury declared Andrew J. White, an inmate of the State Asylum for Criminals, at Matteawan, on the Hudson, sane and competent to look after his own affairs, and Judge Keogh signed an order for his release.

White, who has been confined in the mad house for eighteen months, says he is George A. Kimmel, a bank cashier of Arkansas City, who has been missing for ten years, and who has been declared legally dead by a jury in Missouri.

Judge Keogh, when he learned the decision of the jury, called White to the bench and told him to live a life above reproach to prove that the jury had not made a mistake in giving him his freedom.

White said that he would prove by his exemplary life that he had never been insane. He says that he will immediately start out to prove that he is Kimmel, although a jury has ordered a policy of \$5,000 on the life of Kimmel to be paid, finding that he is dead. There are other policies amounting to \$20,000 on the life of Kimmel still under litigation.

Judge Keogh directed that the asylum authorities give to White a new suit of clothing, \$10 in cash and a ticket to Castanous county, from which place he was originally sent to the asylum.

White's case was brought to the attention of the court on a writ of habeas corpus, filed by the plaintiff, the Legal Aid Society. White wrote several letters to Judge Keogh, saying that he was sane, and these letters were sent to the society. The asylum authorities said that relatives of Kimmel had visited the asylum and said that he was not the missing bank cashier. The New York Life Insurance Company which issued most of the policies, it is reported will take White to Arkansas City to prove his identity.

## WILL NOT HAVE TO PAY COUNT BONI'S DEBTS

### FARIS, Dec. 13.—Madame Gould, the former Countess Boni De Castellane, has been victorious in her long fight with creditors and money lenders against her with the object of making Madame Gould jointly responsible with the Count. Thirteen of the fifteen cases were dismissed today by the court, with costs against the plaintiffs.

Only in the case of two art dealers did the court express the opinion that Madame Gould should be held responsible, as the objects purchased for the most part were still in her possession. Three cases still to be decided. It will be decided December 26. In dismissing the thirteen suits, the court held that the plaintiffs had failed to prove that the debts were contracted for the common benefit of the Count and Countess. The latter, the court declared, had more than fulfilled the obligations under her marriage contract. During her wedded life she had retained nothing for herself, her entire revenue being collected for the household expenses or for the payment of his personal debts.

## MINE EMPLOYES MUST PAY RETAIL PRICES

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 19.—The Pennsylvania Railway Company has its employees that after January first next the company which owns many coal mines will not pay them at the rate which regular shippers pay. As a consequence all employees will be compelled to patronize retail dealers. About 60,000 of the 130,000 employees are housekeepers. It is estimated that the annual savings to the householders will be \$2,000,000. The company was \$275,000.

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## THIS MAN TURNED OUT TO BE A WOMAN

### Russian Official From Chicago Dead in Arizona

#### Leaving a Wife and Son—At the Undertakers the Supposed Man Was Found to be a Woman.

PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 19.—M. Derylan, who came recently from Chicago with a Doctor Ross, died last night of consumption. Derylan claimed to be a son of a Russian admiral and to have a wife and son living in Chicago. He said he had been at one time assistant vice-consul of Russia in Chicago and had served with the Americans in the Spanish war. He had many medals and it is said some letters of commendation from President McKinley. At the undertaking yesterday it was discovered that the deceased was a woman.

Dr. Rowe declared that he had no knowledge of this fact. CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Derylan was a clerk in the consulate, said Baron Schlettepach, Russian consul to Chicago, today. "He had been in the employ of the Russian government in Chicago for 12 years. Recently he left the office because of a telephone system is desirable, the government's methods of running it are wrong."

## FIRE IN BOSTON'S BUSINESS CENTRE

### Loss is Fully \$150,000—Firemen Had a Hard Fight in the Sharp Cold

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 19.—Bulletin—A serious fire broke out today at 1.10 a. m. on Tremont street, in a large four-story stone building and threatened to spread to the Orpheum Theatre, adjoining. The firemen are hampered by the intense cold.

At 10.10 o'clock Chief Mullen announced that the fire was under control. The loss is estimated at about \$150,000. BOSTON, Dec. 19.—A fire of threatening proportions today caused heavy damage in the block bounded by Tremont, Bromfield, Washington and Winter streets.

The fire broke out on the lower floor of the Eldridge and Peabody furniture store, 110 to 112 Tremont street, the studio building, and swept up through six floors of the structure. The roof fell in and the fire jumped across a narrow alley to the roof of the Orpheum Theatre and to the top of the building occupied by Talbot Company.

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## A BUSY SEASON ON THE GREAT LAKES

### Steel Ships Cleared Thirteen per cent and Wooden Vessels Twenty Five per cent.—Tonnage Largely Increased.

CHICAGO, Dec. 19.—Never before was so much money paid for carrying freight on Lake vessels, as during the season just closed. A rough estimate places it at \$1,000,000 for coal, iron, grain and lumber. The profits to the vessels were perhaps the largest in the history of the Lakes.

Careful computations, based on the earnings of typical steamers show a net profit on steel ships of about 13 per cent. On wooden ships of between 3,000 and 3,500 tons capacity the profits have ranged as high as 20 per cent, with an average of more than 15 per cent, on their insurance valuation.

The cause of this great prosperity was the demand of the country for iron and steel. The total movement of iron ore for the season was 37,815,000 tons, an increase of 4,084,853 tons over 1905.

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## GO PURSE FOR WITH JEFFRIES

### Him to Meet O'Brien the Same Day.

OTTAWA, Dec. 19.—According to J. T. Rickard, promoter, announced willingness to give a purse of \$50,000 to the winner of a fight between Jeffries, champion of central Georgia, and "Phil" Burns, champion of the west to take place in May.

Mr. Burns has been able to through the east coast, and has insisted that O'Brien should have a chance, individually they believe, how they would cause a fight to give a purse of \$50,000 for a fight between Jeffries and Burns.

Mr. Burns says a hunting trip and declares it is expected he would accept.

## MESSAGE OF HIS DEATH

### Wanted to Make His "Feel Bad."

PA., Dec. 19.—By Charles Albertus, his wife and child, and in the Thor-Atlantic City on the disappearance of a man, has been cleared up. The man, it is said, was saying that he had lost his lives and in which over Albertus, who at a hotel here named Miller, was a charge of passing counterfeit notes, had turned him out at the telegram had to make the elder had. He does not say anything about his wife.

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# NOVA SCOTIA FRUIT GROWERS

## Annual Meeting Held in Wolfville Last Week

### Many Distinguished Speakers Present— A Tendency to Return to the Soil —Old Times Recalled

WOLFVILLE, Dec. 15.—The 43rd annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Fruit Growers' Association has been in session here this week and was well attended by a large number of horticulturists from all parts of the province, and leading educationists from the agricultural school at Truro. The society this year were fortunate in having with them Prof. W. T. Macoun and Prof. Fletcher of Toronto, experts in the knowledge of all the scientific and experimental details of orcharding. The president, John Donaldson, of Cornwallis, a graduate of Acadia in the class of '81, delivered the annual address. It dealt with living issues, highly suggestive, entirely practical, and in short such a production to be expected from a thoroughly experienced, educated fruit grower in this progressive age. He advocated a winter fair and a permanent home for the society with buildings of its own. He suggested that the association engage in experimental work in orchards in the valley until a permanent fruit farm can be established. He also suggested that the annual meeting take place in September in the future.

Prof. Macoun of Ottawa gave an excellent talk on varieties of apples, cultivation, fertilizing and grafting crops, which seemed with practical hints and drew out an animated discussion. A large public meeting was held in College Hall on Thursday evening, which was attended by a large number of visitors and town folk. The platform were President Donaldson, Mayor Black, W. McMann, Charles Campbell, M. P. P., Prof. Fletcher, Lieut. Governor Fraser, Mr. Justice Longley, Col. Spurr, J. W. Bigelow and Prof. Tufts. The speaker was the lieutenant governor, who said that, in responding to the invitation to be present, he had endeavored to acquaint himself with soils, drainage, grafting, fertilizing, spraying, picking, packing and marketing so that he might give an address of information, but was overwhelmed with the magnitude of the task, and with the scientific and practical knowledge already possessed by the valley orchardists. He said there is no part of Canada where the conditions are so favorable for fruit growing as this valley of the Cornwallis and Annapolis River, and the man who does not prosper here will get no sympathy from him. In concluding a most humorous and interesting speech his honor said, "The sweetest fruit I have ever tasted, and stronger, believing that we have the best gifts in soil, people and climate, and that by intelligent co-operation we shall advance to much higher things."

Judge Longley, a graduate of Acadia, as usual was exceedingly happy in his address. In emphasizing the good work done by the society he recalled a meeting they held in Bridgetown in 1864 attended by the old veterans and pioneers in fruit growing. Dr. C. Hamilton, his uncle, Avard Longley, and Richard Starr. When this society was formed apple trees were growing wild in pastures and fields, as the Acadians had left them, and the fruit generally of the variety called "bitter sweet, brought in no revenue, and was shaken off and used in the home. In closing he said: "A few years ago there was everywhere on this continent a flowing into cities, a tendency to urban life, but now, he was glad to say, there is a reflex influence and the cry is, 'Back to the soil.' This is the hope of the future, so that we shall not, as we do now, send abroad for our oats, beef, potatoes and butter, but raise them here, and supply these commodities to our neighbors."

Dr. Fletcher, Dominion entomologist, gave a very practical and instructive address. He would like every orchardist to know the life history of the pest that attacks trees and fruit, so that they should not apply the wrong remedy, or the right one at the wrong time.

Principal Cumming of the Agricultural school, Truro, gave a short address, recommending the courses in the Provincial school which are modeled after those of Guelph.

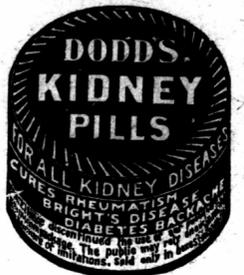
Mr. Campbell, the new temperance member of the county, in congratulating the society on the work accomplished, said he had seen wonderful progress during his 30 years' residence in Kings County, and believed the future was full of progress.

On Friday morning the business of the Association was resumed, and the officers were elected—John Donaldson, president; secretary and treasurer, S. Chipman Parker, Berwick. The executive the same as last year. The delegates to the Farmers' Association at Middleton are Capt. C. O. Allan and A. E. Banks.

In the afternoon a strong discussion took place, participated in by G. H. Vroom, fruit inspector; F. C. Whitman, Capt. Allan, Howard Bligh and others. There was a strong sentiment in favor of a more uniform method of packing, such as could only be secured by experienced packers in warehouses and branded by the name of the warehouse or large exporter.

Capt. Allan in confirmation of this read a letter from a large buyer in England in which he says: "We do not think that either yourself or any one else, will ever be satisfied with farmers packing Nova Scotia apples. To us it seems that good fruit is spoiled by the careless and slow manner in which it is graded and packed and we will never again buy any Nova Scotia apples, except what has been properly graded and packed in warehouses and put up in decent straight lines under one brand."

Prof. Sears introduced the important



## ST. JOHN PILOTS LOSE THEIR CASE

### Appeal Dismissed by Supreme Court

### Big Fight Had Been Carried Through All the Courts—Allcroft vs Adams Now Being Heard

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The pilotage case was argued today before the supreme court. This case was brought to determine the rights of the pilots of St. John to charge pilotage on coal barges. The coal company obtained a verdict of eight thousand dollars on the ground that their coal barges were exempt, being propelled by steam, namely, towed by tugs. The pilots contended the barges could be sailed as schooners. The court, after hearing Messrs. McAlpine and Coster for the pilots, dismissed their appeal. Hugh H. McLean appeared for the coal company. The judgment of Judge McLeod and Judges Barker and Hanington was sustained. The pilots thus lose their big fight, which they have carried through all the courts.

Allcroft v. Adams was next taken up. The appellants had established a veneer factory at West River, N. B., and having need of a foreman who had experience in the business on certain representations, engaged the respondent, plaintiff, at \$3,000 per year. After Adams had been at work for six weeks he was discharged for incompetency and brought action for salary and damages for wrongful dismissal. At the trial before Judge Landry, without a jury, the issues were found in favor of the plaintiff and a judgment for \$1,000 was entered. An appeal to the full court resulted in equal division among the judges and defendants now appeal on the grounds that they were not bound by the engagement, as alleged by the plaintiff, that he was lawfully dismissed, and that defendants had been deceived and imposed upon in respect to engaging the plaintiff. Teed, K.C., and Jonah for appellants; Fred R. Taylor for respondent.

The arguments were not concluded at the hour of adjournment.

## BANQUET FOR HON. MR. EMMERSON

### Local Liberals Plan a Celebration During the Provincial Convention Here Next Week

A meeting of the executive committee of the local Liberal organization, together with several other prominent St. John Liberals, was held last evening at which it was decided to give a banquet to Hon. H. R. Emmerson on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 27, during the progress of the provincial convention which is to be held here that day and the next.

Committees were appointed to make the necessary arrangements. The place where the banquet is to be held is not yet decided upon, though it will probably be the Union Club.

### NOT FOR HIM

Clark Howell of the Atlanta Constitution enjoys telling how, in his early days in the newspaper field, he was visited by a Georgia farmer, having his seventeen-year-old son in tow, and who upon entering the office said: "I came to get some information, Mr. Howell."

"I shall be glad to afford you any that I can," politely responded Howell.

"Well," said the farmer, "this boy o' mine wants to go into the literary business; an' I thought you would know if there is any money in it. It's a good business, ain't it?"

"Well—yes," said Howell, after some little hesitation. "I've been in it myself for some years, and—"

Whereupon the farmer eyed him from head to foot, glanced around the poorly-furnished office, surveyed the editor once more, then, turning to his son, said: "Come 'long home, Jim, and get back to your ploughin'."

### COULDN'T REMEMBER

Mother—Tommy, what did I say I'd do to you if you touched that jam again?  
Tommy—Why, it's funny, ma, that you should forget, too. I'm blamed if I can remember—Philadelphia Evening Telegraph.

question of spraying and gave some practical hints as to time and mixture to be used. A lively discussion followed. Dr. Fletcher replied to a number of questions and condemned spraying when the trees were in bloom and gave scientific reasons why this practice is injurious to trees and to the blossoms.

## JAMES HAZEN HYDE ENGAGED TO MARRY A FRENCH ACTRESS



PARIS, Dec. 15.—In guarded language the newspapers state that James Hazen Hyde, former vice-president of the New York Equitable Life Insurance Company, is engaged to Miss Yvonne Garrick of the Comedie Francaise.

This announcement does not come with entire surprise to his friends here. His leaning to all that is French and his love for France and its people are well known.

When the affairs of the Equitable Life Assurance Society became such that he was forced from its vice-presidency he was quick to announce that he would make his home for the remainder of his life under the tri-color. His life in this country was surrounded so far as possible by things and manners that were French in the extreme. He was president of the L'Alliance Francaise in America, and in his private life he used the French language almost exclusively. His lengthy vacations were almost invariably spent in France, and he was so generally well known in Paris as in New York.

In speech and manner he affected the French aristocrat, and he never hesitated to declare that he preferred France and the French to any other land and people in the world.

Miss Yvonne Garrick made her debut five years ago in the Theatre Odeon and achieved remarkable success. Later she went over to the Comedie Francaise, where she has since remained. She has a reputation as a beauty, and her acting is of exceptional merit. She is dark, with expressive eyes and a wealth of hazel hair.

It is reported from Paris that young Hyde is to wed Miss Yvonne Garrick, the actress. Since the insurance magnate has spent much of his time in Paris.

PAIR REPORTED ENGAGED

## SPECULATION DROVE PITTSBURG'S PRETTIEST GIRL TO END HER LIFE



ETHEL FERVER, THE PITTSBURG GIRL WHO KILLED HERSELF

PITTSBURG, Dec. 15.—Letters written a few minutes before she ended her life explained Ethel Ferver's reason for the act. One was for Dr. Arthur Span, the dermatologist who made her out to be a beautiful woman, and the other was to her mother.

Ethel Ferver was only 25 years old, and she was known as one of the professional beauties of Pittsburgh. She lived with her mother, Mrs. Francis Ferver, in the Elsinore apartments, at the corner of Craft avenue and Elsinore square. Dr. Span also had apartments with her mother.

Miss Ferver's employer, Dr. Span alleges that she had been speculating and had drawn heavily on his account. At any rate, he confronted her with a bogus check just after noon hour Friday.

The girl left his office in tears, and while he and a city detective were speeding toward her home on a street car, Ethel Ferver lay down on the floor in the suite on the third floor of

the Elsinore and put a bullet through her brain.

Down on Forber street, two blocks away, Dr. Span and Detective George Cole were fretting in a tarty street car, tied up by a balking team. For nearly ten minutes they were held up. Finally they arrived at the girl's home, to be confronted with the dead body.

Before she fired the fatal bullet, Ethel Ferver sat down in the room where her mother was sewing and wrote two farewell—which she left on the table to be found after her death.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Sir Montague Osmannay, permanent under secretary for the colonies, will retire in January. He will be succeeded by Sir Francis Popwood, permanent secretary of the Board of Trade.

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The Kind You Have Always Bought  
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## WATER POURING INTO THE MINE

### Coal Company Still Unable to Tell How Fire is Progressing—Some Machinery Saved

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 17.—Everything looks very favorable now at the Hub. The sea is rapidly flooding into the pit through the old workings, and a good stream of water is going down the mine shaft. The coal company hope to have the mine flooded by the end of the week if everything goes well. The mouth of the shaft is still covered over tightly, and therefore it is impossible to tell how the fire is progressing. Men are overhauling the machinery to see if any is so badly damaged but that it can be repaired. In addition to the boilers the air compressors, it is thought, may be utilized once more. The company are considering sinking another shaft about 200 yards south of the old one, but nothing will be decided until they find out how seriously the pit has been damaged. The piles of tangled iron and other debris are being carted away rapidly.

## PREMIER OF NEW SOUTH WALES PROTESTS

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Joseph Hector Carruthers, premier of New South Wales, has entered a strongly worded protest against any interference on the part of the Imperial Commonwealth in the rights of the state government in state affairs. He declared that the Australian states declined to permit Alfred Deakin, the premier of the Commonwealth, to speak in their behalf and that any resolutions passed at the colonial conference to be held in London next April concerning state matters would be ignored as worthless unless the individual states of the Commonwealth were represented.

The governments of Victoria and South Australia also have protested against the exclusion of representatives of the colonial states from the colonial conference.

## WILL OPEN LABOR BUREAU IN LONDON

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has finally decided to open a labor bureau in London, England, for the purpose of supplying the Canadian manufacturer with a sufficiency of skilled labor. The project was discussed at length at a recent annual meeting of the association held in Winnipeg in a secret conference. Mr. Linton is in St. John today but the decision arrived at was to the effect that the establishment of an office of this kind in England was a national necessity. After coming to this conclusion the committee undertook the selection of a reliable and efficient man who would look after the interests of the association in London, and such a man has been selected. His name will go before the executive committee meeting to be held in Toronto on Thursday when the nomination will be confirmed.

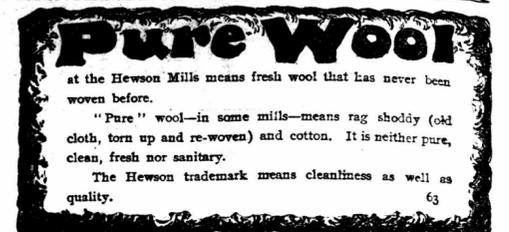
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## IMPLICATED IN THE HAZELTON BARREL MYSTERY

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 18.—Sobrett Anaslack, a Slavonian living at Jeddo, Pa., was arrested in a coal mine at that place today on the charge of being implicated in the Hazelton barrel mystery. It is alleged that the woman whose charred remains were found here yesterday was his wife who disappeared from home several weeks ago. It is reported that the marriage of the couple, which took place a year ago, was opposed by their relatives and that after their wedding they had frequent quarrels. The description of the victim tallies with that of the missing woman.

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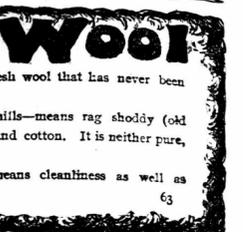
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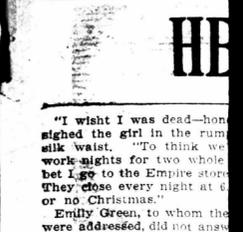
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## Provincial News

HAMPTON, KINGS CO., Dec. 17.—A letter received by A. McN. Travis, I. C. R. station agent here, from the manager of the Postal Telegraph of Boston, informs him that his son, F. B. Travis, familiarly known to his friends and associates as "Bart," has been appointed to the position of chief operator at Washington, D. C., after serving for seventeen years in various capacities from ordinary operator to that of chief of the Boston office. In every upward move Mr. Travis has won on his merits, securing not only the approval of those in power but also of his associates in daily business and social intercourse, and the latter, in token of their good will and appreciation of good fellowship, raised and presented their chief with a purse of \$100 on his new appointment. The Boston Herald, referring to the matter, speaks of Mr. Travis as "one of the best known and most popular telegraph operators in Boston." Mr. Travis will probably return from Washington for Christmas, after which he and Mrs. Travis will take up their permanent residence in the national capital, whither the best wishes of their many friends in this province will follow them.

## EDUCATION BILL CRISIS CHANGES

LONDON, Dec. 17.—The crisis arising from the education bill has taken a new turn as a result of today's proceedings in the House of Lords, and it is becoming clear that a historic conflict between the two houses is not likely to occur over the question of education. The fact is that both houses are equally desirous of avoiding a conflict, and immediately after Lord Crewe announced in the House of Lords the important concessions the government was prepared to make, it was foreseen that in all probability the bill would be saved.

Lord Crewe spoke after Lord Lansdowne, and the house was crowded in every part, as it had been on all important occasions later in the year. The president of the council stipulated that he was unable to bind the house of commons to an acceptance of the concessions he proposed, and it is known that a large number of non-conformist members of the house of commons will not hear of a compromise. The result of this session in the ranks of the government's supporters is not believed to be serious enough to wreck the bill's chances.

Immediately after the debate a round-table conference of the leaders assembled in Mr. Balfour's rooms in the commons. To this were invited the leaders of both sides, including Lord Crewe, the Marquis of Ripon, Lord Privy Seal; Lord Lansdowne, the Marquis of Lome, the Archbishop of Canterbury and others. The result of these deliberations is not known, but the general opinion is that a compromise will be arranged.

## SACKVILLE NEWS

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 15.—The marriage of Donald S. Truman of Campbellton, and Miss Maie Wells, daughter of Captain and Mrs. Edward Wells, is announced for the 26th inst.

W. H. Prescott of the Royal Bank, Vancouver, has been transferred to Havana, Cuba. Mr. Prescott is a native of Bait Verte.

T. B. Kidner of Fredericton paid an official visit to the manual department of the high school yesterday.

Frank Logan, returned yesterday from Moncton, where he has been a patient in the hospital for some weeks. Mrs. Sumner of Moncton is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. M. Wood.

David Row of the Bank of Nova Scotia, has been transferred to Chatham and left last evening for his new position.

E. A. Dixon of Port Elgin takes his place as teller in the Bank of Nova Scotia here.

## DIDN'T WANT IT

An Oklahoma paper tells this one—Some few days ago two Oklahoma city real estate men had a German farmer in tow, and carted him into the county to see a farm which he considered able low land, and where overflows are frequent. They passed a barn where the highwater mark was about eight feet above the ground.

"And what is that?" inquired the farmer.

One of the real estate men, who is ever ready with an answer, looked up at the water mark and said: "That's nothing. It's where the hogs have been brushing up against the barn."

They drove on in silence, when suddenly the farmer broke the atmosphere by saying: "I do not want the farm, but will buy all the hogs like that you can possibly scrape up."

## LIBERAL Convention Called

To the Liberals of New Brunswick: It is my desire to meet the Liberals of New Brunswick in convention. Nearly three years have elapsed since the last general meeting; it is also the judgment of many friends that such a gathering should take place for the purpose of perfecting party organization in all the counties of the Province. To that end, I would invite all Liberals who can make it convenient to do so to attend at Berryman's Hall, in the City of St. John, on Thursday evening, 27th December next, at 7.30 o'clock. This invitation is extended to all Liberals in New Brunswick who are interested in the success of the party and the good government of the country; but I would especially ask the Liberal Associations and Liberal Clubs of the various counties throughout the Province to select delegates, who shall be authorized to represent them at the convention.

There are many matters of importance to be considered, and it is therefore my earnest wish to have at the convention as many as possible of those who have a real interest in the advancement of Liberalism.

Thursday evening will be devoted to the selection of a Nominating Committee, and the arranging of preliminaries. It is possible that an opportunity will be offered for short addresses from representatives of the different counties.

The convention will re-assemble on Friday at 10 o'clock for the discussion of the transaction of the real business of the gathering. The day will be given up wholly to the work of organization, which, it is hoped will be completed in time to permit the delegates to return to their homes in the evening.

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# HER FIRST CHRISTMAS - - - By Amelia Summers.

"I wish I was dead—honest, I do!" sighed the girl in the rumpled china silk waist. To think we've got to work nights for two whole weeks. I bet I go to the Empire store next year. They close every night at 6, Christmas or no Christmas."

Emily Green, to whom these remarks were addressed, did not answer. Obedient as first Iriquoite these habits had been her lot ever since she could remember. She had gone to the half-breed asylum at 6. At 9 she was a full orphan.

Her orphanage had given her a good common school education and at 17 she had taken a position as inspector with the Burnham Company, shivering with the lack of confidence peculiar to the institutionally reared girl. The greatest marvel of all was to have money to handle and for a time she stayed between a desire to do madly extravagant things and to hoard her scanty salary like a miser. Finally she decided down to a quiet life at a home with working girls, where she still had some of the institutional atmosphere to support her inexperience.

At the end of the second year she was promoted to a desk. Here among willows and laces and boss and neck ties she developed into a very fair businesswoman. Her stock was always in good order, and she was the sort of girl who never incurred the floor-walkers' praise or displeasure, because she

was neither very brilliant nor unattractive. Customers, however, liked her and she was proud of her personal following that waited for her no matter how busy she was.

In fact she had been quite satisfied with the even tenor of her way—until the Christmas trade began. Then came a period of feverish unrest. She caught the enthusiasm of her Christmas customers—yet realized that it was futile. Barring a few girls and the matron at the home, she could give presents to no one and even with these there was the bareness of mere acquiescence. Instead of the warmth of family ties. Somewhere over in England were her mother's people, but they had not cared to follow her sad history. Her father, a violinist who generally had found employment in second-class theatres, had handed down to her no family tree, and yet Emily Green could smile on a customer when her fellow workers wished they were dead, and she could face uncomplainingly the ordeal of night work because it was much better than sitting in her hall bedroom and wishing she had some one to make gifts for.

She sighed as she put the lid on the box. The young girl who was carrying away her purchases, a little brown lace veil, had bought it for her older sister.

"Kate looks so pretty in brown," she had confided to the interested sales-

girl.

"Katie!" O for a Katie or a Sally or a sister of any name for her very own!

The store had only just opened its doors, the shopping throng had not yet arrived and only other clerks were making purchases during the four allowed for this purpose by the firm.

"I'd like to see something in a lace box," said a masculine voice, and Emily swung around. The girl in the rumpled waist was telling the wrapper in the tiny booth overhead what she thought of a firm that did not close up till 10 o'clock.

"A lace box?" echoed Emily. "I'm afraid I have nothing of that sort. How would you like dotted net?"

The young man uttered a sigh of relief.

"I don't know what you call it. I thought it was lace. It looks soft and fluffy like—"

He had no hat, and plainly was an employe from another department. Emily turned around the nickel-plated rack with its swaying neck ruffs.

"Any particular color?" she inquired.

"It's for my mother. I suppose ladies here age mostly near black, but I hate it—always looks like a funeral. How do you think light blue or pink would do?"

"What is her best dress, or coat?" inquired Emily, with evident interest.

"Why, I'm sure I don't know. Maybe I had better get white."

For the first time in her life Emily Green took the initiative.

"I tell you what to do. Don't buy it today, but tonight find out what her coat is like, and then tomorrow we'll find something to match it."

"Fine. My name's Henry Stanton. I'll be here at 8:15 tomorrow morning. Whom shall I ask for if you're not here?"

"My name is Emily Green—but I'll be here."

"Oh, I thought you would be off doing some Christmas shopping, too."

Emily swung back the ruffs with a sigh. Everybody but herself had Christmas shopping to do.

"Her coat's black broadcloth with velvet trimmings and some white braid mixed in. She never even smiled when I asked her, so I don't believe she suspects," said the guileless Henry to Emily, who had a black and white net box that Emily assured him was in excellent taste. And it was. The girl had excellent judgment in dress. The sale was quickly completed, but the next morning Henry still, according to Billy, was such a list of Christmas presents. Would she help him finish the shopping? His young brother wanted some kid gloves, and his Cousin Helen, who

was an artist, would be pleased with a jar for her brushes. Before they finished their shopping at the warning clang of the nine o'clock bell, Emily felt that she knew the entire Stanton family and all its ramifications. Moreover, she saw that Henry was private secretary to the head of the firm, and in for promotion.

Somehow she was not at all surprised when she left the store at 10:30 that night to find Henry waiting for her. He said that it was no time of night for a girl to go home alone. Emily, who had gone through life so utterly alone, felt a delightful trembling at his protective tone. After that, he waited for her every night.

On the third night before Christmas, Henry stood outside the door watching the stream of lagging, weary girls drag their way to the street. Emily was almost the last to appear, but her feet did not lag and her face was radiant. Also her arms were filled with bundles.

"Oh, Mr. Stanton, did you know—did your mother tell you? She's invited me to spend Christmas eve and day at your house. Isn't it simply too lovely to believe? I've never had a Christmas party."

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and help her trim the tree for your brothers. Do you think little Jimmy would like one of these grizzly bears? I got him one with such saucy ears."

Henry Stanton stopped short and took the parcels from her arms.

"Do you mean you've been—"

"Oh, I never had such a glorious time," the girl said, with a laugh that held just a suggestion of a sob. "I had some money saved up, and no one to spend it on—until your mother invited me. Isn't she a dear? And that box will look just lovely with her black coat. She had the coat on today."

The parcels no longer weighed heavily in Stanton's arms. Through Love's glasses he read the girl's motives and the secret of her newfound happiness. Christmas was a personal feast with her at last!

Not long later Emily sat up suddenly in bed. A terrible thought had come to her. Why had Mrs. Stanton asked her to spend Christmas at their cheerful home? Because she was sorry for the lonely girl? Yes, that must be it! Oh, would the day ever come when folks would like her for herself, and not because they pitied her? She flung herself back on her pillow. She'd make that gray-haired old woman like her. When she left the Stanton house she would carry away the respect of its mistress. Then she recalled Henry's kind words at their

parting. "It isn't mother alone, you know—we all want you."

Wasn't that Christmas enough, after all, to be wanted?

Three blocks away, in the Stanton dining-room, Mrs. Stanton laid down the pop corn she was stringing and hunted her handkerchief. Henry had just been telling her the story of Emily's abrupt and joyous Christmas shopping. The mother who had raised her four fatherless sons so admirably leaned across the table and stroked her eldest boy's head.

"I knew she was all right, Henry, as soon as I had talked with her. Orphan asylum or no asylum, somewhere in her blood there's a good strain. And her happiness over my invitation was something wonderful to see. She clasped both my hands in hers, and I really thought she would kiss them, too."

"Do you think she understands that—"

"No, dear, I do not think she could grasp so much happiness all at once. She is so accustomed to being pitied that she thinks this is your feeling now—but she will be worth winning, Henry. I am satisfied."

"I'll do my best," she said, holding her hands tight. "I know you'd love her. I did—the moment she raised her eyes to mine. We will make her very happy, won't we, mother dear?"

# DISCOVERY OF HIS KINGDOM - - - By L. J. Strong

She gave him a cheery greeting as she passed, which Dearford returned with stiff embarrassment. Women always embarrassed him, which fact had been pointed into a dislike of the sex, thus accounting for his bachelorhood.

No one would have believed that he lounged on the veranda solely that he might watch her down the street. Much less would any one have imagined that every time he looked into her candid, womanly eyes his lonely, unloved manhood clamored for the home and companionship he saw therein. He had not learned that this kingdom in woman's eyes is discernible only to the king to whom it is given to possess if he will. Therefore the little music teacher with the bloom of youth behind her was to him most desirable in the eye of a man, and he was not surprised, only startled to the stopping of his heart at what he overheard from a couple of young men behind him.

"The will make him a sweet little thing—the lucky dog!" he exclaimed.

"The sweetest in the world," the other assented. "And there's nothing for the rest of us but hunting wedding presents. Come on."

They went their way, and with strangely blurred vision he stumbled up the stairs and through the gloom of the hall to his rooms at the end. He fumbled with his key he glanced across furtively, with an odd sense of guilt for the accustomed thrill that sought him. It was as if she were already in the room, and closing his door with emphasis, he turned on the light and set about packing his minerals, telling himself that he would move immediately—that there was neither sense nor reason in his staying in this dingy place where he poverty (long a thing of the past) had at first stranded him. No reason, except that, cat-like, he clung to the place as home, and—yes, he would acknowledge it—because she was there. He frowned and essayed a nonchalant whistie when he caught himself, as usual, straining his ears for the sound of her footsteps—it was time that he went.

But subsequent reflection persuaded him that his departure at this juncture might be connected with her marriage and excite comment. He felt that he must remain until the "lucky dog" had carried her away, and—

blushed painfully at the thought—he must procure the inevitable wedding present if he would not be conspicuous.

Then followed strenuous days and sleepless nights of vain endeavor to decide upon something with bitter reviling of the custom which forbade his presenting her with a costly check in lieu of an article which would probably be but an unwelcome duplicate. He hunted the shops and stores, confusing himself uselessly with the multitude and variety of their wares. He grew thin and heavy-eyed under the burden, thereby arousing in her an anxious solitude he was too absorbed to perceive. In despair he sought advice of the office boy.

"Billy," he asked, that versatile young person, "what would you give to a lady for a wedding present?"

"Aw, that's easy! Something she'd like of course," Billy said airily. Then he explained: "I mean, sir, something she can't take home. That's the only kind of present worth having, only folks won't give 'em. I've tried it, a hinting and hinting what I want Christmas and birthdays, and I always get some old thing I wouldn't take if I could help it," Billy sniffed.

That seemed an eminently sensible suggestion to Dearford, and he presented a grateful dollar to Billy for the idea, realizing, when he came to make application of it, that the only object of which he had any knowledge concerning her desires was undoubtedly questionable, regarded as the best of his kind, according to Billy's decision, it would be a pleasure to her.

He had, one day, chanced upon her standing behind two little girls who were engrossed in the contemplation of an entrancing toy set in a shop window. It was obvious that such contemplation was all their lot in life allowed, and she was fingering her slim purse doubtfully, with moist eyes.

"I was wondering if I might not give it to them for the sake of a lonely little girl whose one desire in life was a vain longing for a tiny tea set," she said as she stopped.

"Let me," he begged, expanding under the influence of her impulsive confidence. He bought the set.

After some insistence she yielded. They took the amazed children aside and she examined and extolled each small article with a delight that equalled theirs.

"We do not all put away childish

things with years," she said, when they were outside. "I love the wares things yet, and some time—the smile of a definitely—some time when I can, and not feel it a wicked extravagance, I am going to have my childish heart's desire. I am sure that you will not laugh at me that I will invite you in to my first tea party."

He thanked her gravely, understanding and sympathizing entirely. Did he not carry in his pocket a wonderful carnelian "law" in memory of the ungratified longing of the boy he used to be? He had been waiting for the Christmas opportunity to gratify her innocent desire, revelling in imagination in the intimacy of her promised hospitality. Now he had put away his day dream, and a sigh and extinguished a dim hope that had glimmered feebly.

But it remained that he must make the wedding present. And finally, being confident of her perfect sincerity, he secreted the thing, doubting as to its propriety and procured a fairy-like tea set worthy of the possession of a princess, which, being unequal to presenting it personally, he left at her door with his card one evening, just escaping her as she came up the stairs.

And then, when it was done, he for the first time considered his offerings from the probable viewpoint of the prospective bridegroom and her friends and the utter absurdity of it overwhelmed him. With shame he decided that after such a piece of idiosyncrasy he was not fit to be a bridegroom, and he was tossing things hither-skeiter into his suit case when he heard her crossing the hall.

He looked about desperately for a way of escape, then dragged himself unwillingly to the door at her rap.

"I have only this moment realized how preposterous my unfortunate selection is for a wedding present," he stammered abjectly as she entered.

"Oh, the gift on her face faded. "How stupid of me! I ought to have known there was a mistake, and I have opened the box." She sat it upon the table.

He shook his head dimly. "There is no mistake. I beg your pardon, I—"

"But there must be a mistake. They left the package at my door," she said, a little sharply.

"I left it there myself. I meant it for a wedding present, but I see how—"

His voice failed again.

She regarded his woe-begone face intently a moment. "Very well, I will take it down." Her cheeks were glowing and her eyes sparkling with mischief. "When I found the package I thought you had somehow discovered that today is my birthday, and had kindly remembered my childish longing. But if it is a wedding present it must go to Miss Beattie, who is soon to be married."

He sat down heavily and stared at her.

"You see, one must be married to receive a wedding present," she explained demurely, her color flaming under his gaze.

The tangle suddenly straightened, he sprang up. "Yes," he assented, still looking into her eyes, where, by a flash of inspiration he had seen his kingdom—himself—crowned king. He plunged forward across the table, and seized her hands, asserting boldly: "It is a wedding present—your wedding present, Alma, dear, for you are going to be married immediately."

For answer she murmured tearfully and happily: "Oh, Morris, we will have tea in the darling little cups our first evening at home."

# STORY OF MARION'S WOOING, - - - By Walter White

It was just for a moment that Marion pondered, just for a brief space that temptation warred with training, but in that half minute a lynx-eyed store detective had pounced upon her. The holiday shoppers thronged the place, there was no time to waste following a shoplifter outside of the store to establish a clear case. Almost before she had realized what had happened, Marion was being hustled over to the elevators.

A few minutes later she stood before a sharp-featured woman at a roll-top desk, who had taken her name and address, and was putting her through a series of cross questions. But the inquisition was suddenly broken by the appearance of a tall, clean-cut young fellow, who walked up to the desk of the head detective and checked her questioning.

"Miss Perkins make this my arrest," he said, quietly. "She has made a mistake."

But the girl admits that she stole these," sharply retorted the girl, holding up some dainty creations of lace.

"I think I won't you to be at home," laughed the man, "if I were ever lined

up in here. It's pure nervousness. There was a woman standing beside her who slipped her things in her pocket. I suppose the rest of the plan was to follow her to the street and pick her pocket after she had carried them safely out of the store."

"Of course, if you say so—" began the offended Miss Perkins.

"I do say so," he answered quietly. "You took from the book the page on which Marion says she had been entered, and if Miss McKay, glancing at the sheet, 'Will excuse us, I will see that she is not subject to further annoyance. You see,' he added, "Marion, we have so much trouble around the holidays that mistakes are bound to occur."

He lightly touched her arm and led her from the room. Already another woman had taken her place, and others eyed her nervously as she passed. Chattering pleasantly, the man led her to the elevator and presently Marion found herself on the street.

That night her fears were reawakened when a card engraved with the name of James Dalton was brought to her. It was in Boyce & Dalton's store that the incident had occurred. Perhaps they had found out, after all!

She gave a sigh of relief when the young man of the morning rose before her.

"You will pardon my intrusion," he began, "but since these unfortunate things were the cause of so much trouble, I thought it only fair that you should have them."

He held toward her a parcel that Marion instinctively knew contained the coveted caps. She shook her head.

"I cannot take them," she said. "I don't deserve them. I did steal them."

"Technically, yes," said Dalton. "I saw you slip them in your pocket, but I knew that if Miss Perkins had not been so quick that you would have replaced them. I saw the struggle in your face. Were they for your mother?"

Marion nodded.

"You see," she began, "it is my first Christmas. My father died when I was a child and the money was all lost I had to go to work for a living. I'm addressing envelopes at home to make some extra money. Before I always made mother's caps, but now I have not the time. I had some money all saved up to buy two when at the office they took up contributions for

presents to the timekeeper and some of the others. It's a big office, you know, and it took all my Christmas money."

"And you came over in the noon hour to see if there were any cheaper ones you could still afford," he broke in. "Temptation was strong upon you, and just for one tiny moment you fell. I could see the whole process in your face."

"You know that I had taken them when you spoke this noon?" she gasped.

"Certainly," was the smiling answer. "I knew that you had stolen them, but that you were not a thief. I could not bear to see you posted as a shoplifter, and when Perkins took you up I followed."

"But I ought to be punished," she cried, self-accusingly.

"You are punished," he declared. "The memory of those moments up stairs will be punishment enough."

"I can't take them," she said, wistfully. "I couldn't send them to mother."

"See here," he suggested. "Suppose you buy them from me. You send them home and pay me a little each week. I know just what a graft those presentation things are in a big of-

ice. I've stopped them in my store, but I know what it is."

"But it would take so long to pay more than a quarter a week."

"I'll let you have them at wholesale price," he offered. "We shall have to put them on the bargain counter after the rush anyway. Nice old ladies who wear lace caps are growing very few."

"You're awfully good to me," sobbed Marion. "You can't understand how it hurts not to have anything to send mother. I wouldn't have taken them for myself, but when I thought of poor mother wondering why I did not send a present after all the fairy tales I've written her about how well I've been doing—just for a moment it seemed that I had to have them."

"But I do understand," he insisted. "I can recall a Christmas when my dinner was dry bread because I was too faint from hunger to fight for a place in line where they were feeding the poor. It is because I do understand that I ought to be a happy ending to a little tragedy of poverty."

The simple words seemed to establish a bond of sympathy between them. Impulsively she caught his hand.

"You are awfully good," she murmured—"more than I deserve."

"But I'm selfish," he persisted. "I want to ask a favor of you in return."

"What is it?" she cried, eagerly.

"I want you to share my Christmas dinner," he explained. "My sister, Europe. Won't you dine with me and go to the theatre afterward?"

Marion nodded shyly, and with a cheerful "That's an engagement, then," he took his leave.

Marion slept little that night. There was something about Dalton that won him regard from all. His quick appreciation of her temptation and his ready sympathy for her troubles had won her heart. She knew that it was foolish to build castles in the air, but there was some comfort to her in the thought that she at last had a friend who would not, after all, eat her first Christmas dinner away from home in the cheap boarding house that was the best she could afford.

She made the best of her small flattery the morning. The flowers Dalton sent helped wonderfully, and as they started up the street on foot they made a handsome pair.

The dinner, ordered in advance, was perfect, the visit to the theatre was a genuine treat, and when Dalton suggested that they drop into a restaurant for an after-dinner bite she was glad to prolong her happiness.

"I am purely selfish," he answered, when she sought to thank him for the treat he had given her. "I guess we are always selfish. I had noticed you several times in the store—taking little purchases, and I wanted to know you. That was why I was watching you at the lace counter. I was hoping that I might get a chance to speak."

"But why should you want to?" she asked, wondering.

"Because I love you," he said simply. "I did not mean to speak so soon, but I can't help it. Ever since the first time I saw you I have wanted you for my wife. Is there any hope?"

Her eyes made answer, and he drew a case from his pocket. "I have carried it for weeks," he said, "for I possibly had some chance would come. Will you let me, little woman?"

For answer she held out her left hand. "This is the best Christmas present a girl ever had," she whispered, as he slipped the solitaire on her finger.

# THE CHRISTMAS STORMS, - - - By Temple Bailey.

They started at midnight for the ride to the city. A few snowflakes were falling, and the crowd of house guests who stood in the shelter of the porte cochaise urged them to stay.

"You'll get caught in the storm," came from half a dozen.

"Stay and hang up your stockings with us," called Bobby Barnes.

"There's plenty of room," their hosts assured them.

Mrs. Elmendorf, wrapped in furs until she looked like a plump brown bear, complained from the back seat.

"Eugene won't let me stay."

Mildred Dwight, reckless of the fate of her chiffon ruffles, flattered down to the side of the automobile.

"Please let her stay," she pleaded.

From the front seat Elmendorf smiled at her gravely.

"No," he said, "I'm going to take her home."

"You see," said the martyr on the back seat.

"He's an ogre," said Mildred, and made a little face at him.

Suddenly Elmendorf leaned toward the laughing group. The yellow light from the open door shone on his dark earnest face. Beyond the door was earnest and the fragrance of flowers.

"You ought all of you to be at home," he said, and his voice, crisp, decisive, was the voice that had made criminals tremble. "We ought all of you to have Christmas-trees and heartiness and family dinners. And instead of that we've let the fires on our altars burn down, while we've gossiped and danced and played like children, instead of being men and women."

His quick smile as he nodded to them redeemed his words from harshness, but the note of seriousness in

what he said was reflected on their attentive faces.

"Hear, hear!" from Bobby Barnes.

"No, I'm not going to make a speech," and the great crowd bustled out slowly from under the archway, "my voice is too valuable. And besides you are out of my jurisdiction. But my wife isn't. And this year we spent Christmas by our own fireside."

"You poor abused thing," Mildred sympathized, and waved her hand to them as they dove away into the darkness.

The Elmendorfs were distinctly bored as in the darkness the big car whizzed through the long driveway. They were out on the country road before either of the occupants spoke.

"I don't think it is very nice of you to criticize us right before Mrs. Darlingington. It was a lovely evening, Eugene."

"Yes, it was," he agreed, "but why didn't she invite all the children and have an old-fashioned merry-making—instead of bridge and champagne?"

"Well, I don't see why you should complain," Helena insisted, "we haven't any children to neglect."

"No, we haven't any children," and after that there was a long silence.

"I can't understand it," Elmendorf asked quickly.

"What's the matter?"

"The baby," the man said, "he's dying. We've sent the hired man for the doctor." Then with a sudden remembrance of hospitality, "come in. It's an awful storm."

It was a shabby room into which the came, lighted by a solitary candle. A flickering fire burned on the hearth, and a gray cat, safely housed from the storm, slept curled up on the warm bricks. From the next room

came the moan of the sick child.

As Helena unfastened her wrap a woman came to the door of the chamber. She was very young, just a girl, and her unbuttoned dress fell over calico wrappers in straggling wisps. Her face was gray with anxiety, and her eyes were red.

"Oh, come here," she pleaded. "I don't know what to do—I don't know how to help. But even in the midst of her agony, she stopped to stare at the radiant woman in shining white, who stood on her humble hearthstone.

In a moment, however, she returned to her plight. "Oh, I don't know what to do."

Helena swayed toward her husband, "I can't," she murmured. "He can't go in there, Eugene." But he shook off almost roughly.

"For Heaven's sake, Helena, go!" he said.

"I can't make any more," he called to his wife. Then the door opened and a young man, haggard and half-dressed, spoke out into the night.

"Is that you, doctor?"

"No," Elmendorf said, "we're stuck in the snow and—"

But the man was not listening. "Oh," he said, and his voice broke, "why didn't the doctor come?"

"What's the matter?" Elmendorf asked quickly.

"The baby," the man said, "he's dying. We've sent the hired man for the doctor." Then with a sudden remembrance of hospitality, "come in. It's an awful storm."

It was a shabby room into which the came, lighted by a solitary candle. A flickering fire burned on the hearth, and a gray cat, safely housed from the storm, slept curled up on the warm bricks. From the next room

by the color came back to the pinched face, and at last Helena lifted the limp pink body and called for the "Blanca."

"He's better, Eugene," she said simply. Tears were on her cheeks. The dazzling glow was all soiled and crushed and crumpled, and her hair hung in wisps about her face; but to her husband she had never been so beautiful.

"Oh, the young fools," she said, a few minutes later, as she sat in the front room with the baby in her arms, while her husband stirred the fire.

"That hot water was the only thing!"

As she brooded Madonna-like over the child, on her low-bred face was the look that comes to all women with the care of baby helplessness.

Her husband was kneeling before the fire. He turned and looked deep into her eyes. "Forgive me," he whispered.

"Why?"

"That I have so wronged you—you woman!"

"Oh, her hand went to her heart. "I didn't know I had it in me, Eugene. But when I saw the poor baby—"

Yes, I know the young mother was sobbing hysterically. The boy husband was trying to soothe her.

"Hold the baby a minute, Eugene," Helena said, and went in to them.

Presently the crying ceased, and the young farmer came out.

"Your wife is an angel of mercy," he said, and brushed his hand across his eyes as he passed on to the kitchen.

Eugene, listening, heard Helena's voice speaking softly to the other woman. There was a new and thrilling note in her voice—the note of the mo-

ther-bird in the spring.

With the baby in his arms, he sat long by the flickering fire, seeing visions of the home that was to be; of Helena, the wife of his dreams at last; of himself, more tender, more forgiving, growing lighter-hearted to meet the gaiety of her youthful moods.

At last in the kitchen the chime of the old clock struck six. The first grayness of the dawn stole in at the window. Across the snowy fields sounded the peal of the Christmas bells.

"Helena," the man called softly, and his wife came to the door of the other room.

She had changed her dress, and wore a clean blue gingham belonging to the mistress of the house. About her shoulders was planned a little plaid shawl. Her beautiful hair had been brushed and was wound about her head in a shining braid.

She took the baby and smiled at her husband. "Do you like me this way?" she asked, and he kissed her.

"I love you this way," and he kissed her.

She laid her glowing cheek against the sleeping baby's face. "Think if we had not come, Eugene," she said. "If he could look through a crack of the pearty gates, or as some have suggested from his cosy corner by the fire."

"Think if we had not come, Eugene," she said again, and laid her hand on his arm. He put his own over it, and drew her to him; and thus they stood together, in a wonderful silence, until the white light flung outside and the now unneeded doctor tramped across the little porch.

PRESIDENT JORDAN'S GRANDFATHER.

President David Starr Jordan of Lehigh University, who delivered an address before the educational congress recently, rather surprised his audience by his reference to the possible status in the other world of one of his great-grandfathers.

He was speaking of an address written by the old gentleman, which he had recently read, and was telling of the queer ideas it contained bearing upon future prosperity. "It often under what grandfather would think," he said, "if he could look through a crack of the pearty gates, or as some have suggested from his cosy corner by the fire."

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LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

MONDAY

Several members of the stranded Nannary and Rennie company, as well as the proprietors, are still in Fredericton. They are awaiting the price of railway transportation home.

At the last meeting of the Temperance Federation the question of the formation of a men's club was discussed and the plan was favorably considered.

Alphonse Wauger seems likely to cause as many complications as the demoted clerk who was sent back to his home in Greece.

Rev. Mr. Worden, who has accepted a call to the Hopewell Baptist Church, preached his initial sermon as pastor today.

William Horley, who was taken to the hospital some time ago from the steamer Empress of Britain, suffering from pneumonia, died on Saturday afternoon.

Loch Lomond water, with a noticeable increase in pressure, is gradually being supplied to a larger number of people.

It is so easy to select a gift for a man or boy, one he will appreciate, too, if you'll only consult the right stores.

Among the bequests contained in the will of the late John Wesley Turner of Bale Verte, was one of \$100 for the support of Rev. G. O. Hennigar of St. John.

John Watts and Denis Murphy, two of the King square hackmen, appeared before the magistrate yesterday afternoon and were warned that their horses would have to be properly protected from the cold.

A meeting of the Provincial Hockey League will be held here this evening. The Fredericton delegates will be Harry E. McLeod, J. D. Black and C. H. Allen.

Fred Mills, an Englishman, who arrived on the steamer Laurentian last Friday, met a number of friends as soon as he arrived in the city and started on his jolly time.

In probate court yesterday the passing of the accounts of the late Francis G. Jordan was taken up.

A slight fire broke out yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. P. Breen, 190 St. James street.

WEDNESDAY

American capitalists are realising more and more the possibilities of the Maritime Provinces as a field for investment.

Charles Ward, proprietor of the One Mile House, has been reported to Inspector J. E. Jones for selling liquor last Sunday morning.

The resignation of Rev. D. Henderson, pastor of St. Andrew's church of Chatham, was read from the pulpit of the church last Sunday morning.

There are at present very few cases of infectious diseases in the city.

Wm. Thomson and Co. have acquired the controlling interest in the Accident and Guarantee Company of Canada.

Dr. B. S. Price has accepted the chair of physiology and clinical surgery in the Kansas City Medical College.

The freehold property belonging to the estate of the late Thomas Patton, on Prince William, Canterbury, Duke and Queen streets which was sold about a month ago through John F. Gleason, real estate agent.

The family which had been in the detention hospital on the island for some days was released yesterday and brought up to the immigration building.

A. D. Gowe, who for the past six months has been advertising manager of the Sun and Star, has resigned his connection and left last evening for London, Ont.

George Robertson, M. P., returned yesterday from a trip to Boston and New York in connection with the dry dock project.

There was practically no change in the situation at Union street, west end, yesterday. The C.P.R. and city workmen are engaged in rebuilding the roadway.

His worship Mayor Sears is having notices prepared to send to all the wardens and mayors of the province requesting them to appoint delegates to attend the proposed convention for the organization of a provincial union of Canadian municipalities.

Hon. A. R. McClellan, ex-governor of New Brunswick, is in the city. In conversation with the Sun Mr. McClellan expressed much dissatisfaction in regard to the manner in which the Salisbury and Harvey railways are being run.

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If you are looking for the most acceptable gift for men and boys and have not been at J. N. Harvey's stores for the Opera House block you are missing out on the display of very acceptable gifts.

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Sister Elizabeth, of St. John's Hospital, Lowell, Mass., died Tuesday afternoon at her home in Lowell.

MRS. ROBERT BLACK.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 8.—After a lengthy illness Mrs. Black, relict of Robert Black, died here this morning aged about 69.

DR. JOHN MACDONALD.

Dr. John Macdonald of Chatham died on Tuesday evening at the Hotel Dieu Hospital after a lingering illness.

MRS. CATHERINE KIRBY.

The remains of the late Mrs. Catherine Kirby, widow of the late John Kirby, who died at Portland, Me., on the 2nd inst., were held in the city yesterday by the Boston express.

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FORMER SACKVILLE MAN

Senator Briggs Again Nominated by His Party

The Hartford Daily Courant of October 17th last contains a cut of D. Luther Briggs, now Senator Briggs, of Middletown, Conn., and the following: "Ex-Mayor D. Luther Briggs was nominated for senator from the Third district in the Republican ticket at the senatorial convention held at the town hall this morning.

FAVOR MUNICIPAL TELEPHONE SYSTEM

Moncton City Council Endorses Action of Legislation Committee but Unanimously

MONCTON, Dec. 19.—By a majority of one vote the city council tonight endorsed the action of the legislation committee in deciding to make application to the legislature for power to install a municipal telephone system.

NO JUDGMENT IN THE CLARKE CASE

Court Adjourned Until January 11th—Fredericton Boom Company Matters

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 19.—A meeting of the directors of the Fredericton Boom Company was held this afternoon. Those present were D. B. Dunn, Houlton; A. H. F. and R. F. Randolph, Fredericton; J. A. Winslow, Fredericton; E. L. Jewett, St. John.

ST. JOHN MEN SEEK INCORPORATION

To Pay the Creditors

FREDERICTON, Dec. 19.—John Morrissy, Edward Emery, J. Fraser Gregory, Allen W. MacRae, all of St. John apply in this week's Royal Gazette for incorporation as the Morrissy & Emery Limited, to take over and carry on the cutting business now carried on by Morrissy and Emery.

ZION MUST BE SOLD TO PAY THE CREDITORS

About a Serious State of Affairs

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 20.—At a meeting of creditors in the Zion-city estate last night, Receiver John C. Hately announced that conditions demand that immediate arrangements be made for selling the entire property.

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Provincial News

WIRELESS TEST WAS VERY SATISFACTORY

Empress of Britain was in Constant Communication With the Land

From St. John to Halifax

Cecil Douce of Ottawa, dominion commissioner of wireless telegraphy, who went from this port to Halifax on the steamer Empress of Britain to test the wireless telegraph system along the route, returned to the city yesterday.

W. D. Keith has moved into his fine new house.

Miles Rideout of Somerville was discharged from the Carleton County Hospital on Saturday.

Harris Estey, a well known farmer of Jacktown, being in very poor health, has retired from work and is living with his sister, Mrs. W. H. Simpson of Somerville.

H. N. Boyer had a cow killed by the train the other day.

Stevens & Dickinson, who have been the local representatives of the Massey-Harris Co., have dissolved partnership, and Mr. Stevens will carry on the agency alone.

Rev. A. A. Rideout, pastor of the George St. Baptist Church at Fredericton, will on the evening of Dec. 27th, deliver a lecture in the Lower Baptist Church.

For a slight blaze in the residence of Rev. John Perry, the fire company was called out on Tuesday morning.

George Hayward, who has conducted the Enterprise Hotel since last spring, has moved back to his farm, and the management of the hotel is taken over by F. W. McElheney.

The United Baptists of Victoria Corner have purchased the residence of the late George Palmer for use as a parsonage.

JACKSONVILLE.

JACKSONVILLE, Dec. 18.—Invitations are out for the marriage of Robert Kidney and Miss Lena Burt of this place, the happy event to occur on New Year's Day.

Mrs. Kinsey, who has been very ill with la grippe, is recovering at the home of her daughter, Mrs. George Everett Dr. Prescott was in attendance.

J. Charlton Berrie spent Sunday with friends here.

The Liberals of Wakefield Parish will hold a meeting on Thursday evening, 20th inst., in Tilley's hall for the purpose of appointing delegates to the Woodstock convention.

Rev. Mr. Squires, a minister of high standing in the Congregational church, united with the Methodist church here on Sabbath evening.

Mr. Squires is an Englishman by birth and has served his church faithfully both in Newfoundland and in Boston. The reverend gentleman has two sons in the ministry and another is a leading athlete at Harvard University.

BIRTHS.

MEGARITY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Megarity, 374 City Road on Thursday, Dec. 13th, a son.

MARRIAGES.

KANE-GRAVES.—On Dec. 5th, at the Baptist parsonage, St. Martins, N. B., by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, Roland Hill Graves to Katherine Louise Kane, both of St. Martins, N. B.

OLMSTEAD-STEWART.—At the home of the bride, in Gratton, Carleton Co., on October 31st, by the Rev. A. F. Baker, William Olmstead to Maria L. Stewart, all of Carleton Co., N. B.

WOOD-MOORE.—In this city, on Dec. 12th, by the Rev. Dr. Raymond, pastor of St. Mary's Church, Francis L. Wood and Bertha Moore, both of this city.

HORTON-PARKS.—On Dec. 10th, at the residence of the bride's father, by the Rev. C. W. Townsend, Amos Horton of Port Bickerton, N. S., to Nellie Blanche, daughter of George Parks of St. Martins, N. B.

WANTED.

WANTED—A second or third class female teacher for Grove Hill District No. 21 in the Parish of St. Martins and Simonds, Apply, stating salary, to our district is rated poor. JAMES A. CURRY, Secty., Barnesville P. O., Kings Co.

WANTED.—A good kitchen fire in family, no children, liberal wages. Mrs. T. B. HANINGTON, 7 Front street, St. John, N. B. 21-12-2

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WANTED.—Good, steady, sober man for work on dairy farm, feeding and milking cows, etc. L. B. FLEMING, Mahogany Road, Fairville, P. O. 21-12-2