

OBSCURE CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN CONFEDERATION

P. E. Island Plans Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Union.

WOULD MAKE THE EVENT GALA ONE. Bring Sir Charles Tupper from England in Warship, and Erect Monument, Among Scheme for Celebration.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 30.—On September 1st, 1864 delegates from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, met in executive council chamber of provincial legislative building to discuss the idea which subsequently crystallized into Canadian confederation.

Tonight in the same chamber a large number of representative citizens met to discuss plans for celebrating next summer the memorable fiftieth anniversary of the confederation. The proposed committee consisted of fifty representatives from each province, and was virtually but a continuation of the foundation of confederation which was actually held in Charlottetown. The committee has already paid a high price for entering the union, having suffered the want of adequate revenue after having secured rendered by tariffs, and having lost much through lack of regular communication with the mainland promised by candidates.

The proposed committee will make up, in a measure, for Canada's neglect of us in the past. Through no fault of our own had some two members since confederation, and are in danger of losing another.

Canada on the coming jubilee celebration, and will give us another chance.

The business of the meeting was then taken up. On the Premier's motion Mr. Justice Hazard, of the supreme court, an ex-premier, was appointed permanent chairman of the general committee. The other members consist of three vice-chairmen, including two from other countries, a permanent secretary and permanent treasurer, an executive committee consisting of senators, federal and provincial members ex officio, the mayors of incorporated towns and sixteen others.

This committee will decide on general scheme of celebration, appoint sub-committees, also communicate with Dominion and provincial governments with a view of obtaining financial and other aid. The committee include some of the most prominent men of the province.

At tonight's meeting suggestions as to the celebration included bringing Sir Charles Tupper from England in a warship to take part in the celebration at Public Square, making the Premier of Canada an honorary president, and Governor-General patron of the committee, holding military and naval reviews, and etc.

The meeting favored holding celebration in July. The committee is to report on Monday as to the programme.

RESUME WORK ON RACER

Bristol, R. I., Dec. 30.—Construction work on the sloop yacht being built for the Vanderbilt syndicate for the America's Cup trials next year, was resumed today after a delay of two weeks because of a change in the moulding of the keel. The keel plates which had been re-cast were found to fit perfectly.

TWO MEN ACCUSED WITH BIG TIME TO APPEAR

Only One of Those Accused Present to Stand Trial.

STOLEN ARTICLES ARE IDENTIFIED.

Officer as Witness Tells of Receiving Packages from Accused—Necklace and Other Valuable Property Stolen.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 30.—The case of the three I. H. trainmen, Fern Perkins, Leonard Hanson, Warren Beaumont, charged with the theft of hundreds of dollars worth of articles entrusted to their care as baggage, was resumed before His Honor Judge C. A. Steeves in the city court this morning.

Only one of the accused, Perkins, appeared to face the serious charge, it being believed that the other two men have left Moncton for parts unknown, thereby forfeiting the bail of \$2,000 on which they were released. The two who skipped out were the baggage-master and brakeman on the same train.

Norfolk Island, Australia, Dec. 30.—The shipwrecked crew of the schooner Eldorado, of San Francisco, after a forced stay of six months on Eastern Island, a Gallean possession about 200 miles out in the Pacific ocean, were picked up and rescued by the Knight of the Garter, a British steamer, while she was making the voyage from Valparaiso to Newcastle, New South Wales.

The Eldorado, which left Columbia River on April 1, for Antofagasta, was abandoned at sea on June 15, and her crew of eleven men made their way in a boat to Easter Island. The place is practically uninhabited and is out of trade routes. The captain, N. Benson, decided therefore to risk another voyage in his small boat and with three of the crew set out to sea leaving his two mates, the ship's cook and four sailors behind. He set off and after a twenty-eight day voyage reached Paqueta, one of the Society Islands, on Nov. 5, when he reported the predicament of his mates.

Nothing further was heard of the shipwrecked men till the arrival at the cable station here of the Knight of the Garter, which had the rest of the Eldorado's crew on board.

PROSPERITY REIGNS ON THE ISLAND

Fox Industry Outstanding Feature of Year—Agriculture Holds its Own—Outlook for 1914 Bright.

Charlottetown, Dec. 30.—The outstanding feature of the year on the island has been the phenomenal development of the fox industry. The present value of ranches is \$12,000,000, twenty-five per cent. more than stock on the farms.

The government will receive \$37,000 from fox taxes. Prices show no signs of falling. The outlook for next year is bright. The government will receive \$37,000 from fox taxes. Prices show no signs of falling. The outlook for next year is bright.

DR. J. L. CHARBOT, M.P. HAS BLOOD POISONING

Scratched Finger While Performing an Operation—Hopes Entertained for His Recovery.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Dr. J. L. Charbot, M. P. for Ottawa, is in a local hospital suffering from blood poisoning contracted a month ago when he scratched a finger while performing an operation. Two operations have since been performed on his arm and it is expected he will recover.

SHRINERS PILGRIMAGE LEAVES FOR MANILA

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—On a pilgrimage of 14,000 miles, one hundred Nobles of the Myrtle Shrine sailed today for Manila when the degree was conferred on 200 waiting candidates under special dispensation granted to Nile Temple of Seattle.

PARLIAMENT OF N.F.L.D. MEETS JANUARY 14

Premier Morris Has Twenty-One Members of Peoples' Party—Opposition Numbers Ten of Fishermen's Union.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Governor Davidson issued a proclamation to-night summoning the legislature elected last October to meet Wednesday, January 14. Sir Edward Morris, the premier, will continue in power with twenty-one members of the Peoples' party, and Sir Robert Bond, former premier, will head the opposition, consisting of five Liberals and ten members of the Fishermen's Protective Union, which won large majorities in the northern districts.

TELEGRAPHERS AND RAILWAY REACH TERMS

Strike of Wire-Tickers Averted by Agreement Arrived at Yesterday—Concessions Made by Both Sides.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—A strike of telegraphers on the St. Louis and Frisco Railroad was averted late this afternoon when the receivers of the road reached an agreement with the grievance committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

The receivers refused tonight to give out the details of the settlement but will formally draw up the terms of the settlement agreed upon by the committee of the Telegraphers' Union. This work is expected to be completed tomorrow. It was announced, however, that concessions had been made by both sides.

The settlement was effected late this afternoon at a conference between W. T. Tyler, general manager of the Frisco, and the grievance committee of the Telegraphers' Union. This conference took place after the receivers and the union committee apparently had reached a deadlock. The terms of settlement agreed upon by the general manager and the committee, later were approved by the receivers and the fact that a strike had been averted then was announced.

MONTREAL IS REJOICING ONCE MORE

Water Enters Conduit for First Time Since Christmas Day—Cheers as Fluid is Pumped to High Levels.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At eleven thirty, five o'clock tonight the first drop of water entering the conduit since the break on Christmas day was captured on its way towards the machine Rappin and was hurried into the city's intakes, whilst dozens of officials and hundreds of minor bosses and workmen between the mended break and the pumping station at Point St. Charles, and on through the western division, up to the high level pumping station on the Mountain, were waiting anxiously to cheer the flow of fluid that would bring the first real rest from their labors of the last five days.

By midnight quite a respectable stream of water was making its way through the patched-up pipe, feathering gingerly past the seven-foot steel tubes, that had been rudely inserted into what had been the nine foot conduit, and so on to Point St. Charles, where the pumps, driven by the steam which had been kept up for hours by the continually banked fires, were chuffing away as if their very mechanical lives depended upon it.

PRESIDENT WILSON ENJOYING HIS REST

Pass Christian, Miss., Dec. 30.—President Wilson's vacation is greatly improving his health. As he climbed over the bunkers at the golf links today there was a spring in his step and a vigor in his walk that revealed to those who have been observing him how much he has benefited by a week of rest and recreation in the mild golf climate.

The president played eighteen holes of golf again today, and seemed to enjoy the exercise. Also he made a much better score today than usual.

COOP FAILURE IN MEXICO CAUSES GREAT HARDSHIP

The Large Industries Idle, Destitution is Widespread

NEWS FROM CENTRE OF WARFARE SCARCE.

Federals Practically Defeated at Ojinaga—Rebel Leader Plans to Drive Enemy Across Border into U. S. Territory.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Limited means of communication between the isolated border town of Presidio, Texas, and the north, is given by officials here as the reason that no news reached the state or war departments today regarding the battle reported in progress across the border in the Mexican town of Ojinaga. Some doubt was expressed as to the procedure said to have been adopted by the American military commander at Presidio in the treatment of the federal soldiers who are seeking to cross the line into Texas.

The state department has given no instructions and made no requests looking to any treatment for such refugees different from that accorded to the federals who were driven across the line several months ago at Naco, Arizona, and at Brownsville, Texas. In those cases, the soldiers were disarmed and interned; the Naco fugitives being sent to Fort Rosecrans, California, for safe keeping and the Brownsville refugees being detained at that place.

It is said at the war department that no instructions have been given to the American military commanders, any it is assumed, if Mexican federal soldiers who cross the line were disarmed by Americans and then forced to return into Mexico, that it must have been because the American commanding officer did not believe that he was thereby endangering the lives or violating any of the laws of humanity. The department is waiting with interest for more information on this point.

PEARL SET RING STARTS INVESTIGATION

Inquiry to Find if \$15,000 Piece of Jewelry is to be Exempt from Duty.

New York, Dec. 30.—A pearl set ring, valued by customs officials at from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and owned by his wife, caused W. E. Corri, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, to have an interview today with General Nelson H. Henry, surveyor of this port.

According to a statement made by Mr. Corri the ring was among the jewelry declared non-dutiable by his wife in a manifesto made on her recent return to this country from Europe. There is now a question as to whether the ring was purchased in this country or had previously been included in jewels on which Mrs. Corri paid duty in this country. Mr. Corri says that the custom house officials will accept the result of the investigation he is now making to find out whether the ring is exempt or if duty should be paid on it.

SHOOTING SON WITH REVOLVER HE INTENDED FOR SUICIDE

Paris Stirred by Shocking Tragedy—Father Eighty-four Years Old, Shoots Down Son—Says Bullet Was Meant to End His Own Life.

Paris, Dec. 30.—An extraordinary tragedy occurred in Paris tonight. A popular English vaudeville performer, known on the stage as Harry Fragon, was shot and killed by his 84-year-old father, Victor Pott.

Fragon had dined at a restaurant and on the way to the theatre at which he had been appearing called at the apartment which he occupied with his aged father in the Rue De La Fayette. He found the door bolted, and was kept waiting a long time before it was opened by his father. High words ensued, and suddenly the father seemed to lose all control of himself. He drew a revolver and the son fell with a bullet in his head.

INDIGNATION IS HIGH IN MONTREAL

Public Meeting Held Yesterday When Prominent Citizens Spoke Mind About the Water Trouble.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There was no beating about the bush in the statements made at the special meeting of public bodies, today, at the Board of Trade, concerning the situation arising out of the break in the city's water supply. The hall was well filled with prominent business and professional men, who elected Huntley Drummond, president of the Board of Trade, to the chair. With him on the platform were C. B. Gordon, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Principal Peterson, of McGill University, and Hormidas Laporte, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday School in Flourishing Condition—Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting of Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday school was held last evening when the different reports were received and officers elected for the coming year. The meeting was held in the Sunday school room. The reports received during the evening were most encouraging and showed that at present the Sunday school has a membership of 275. It was shown that during the year a total amount of \$352 had been raised, and the work of those in charge was shown to be most satisfactory.

HARDY AUTOMOBILISTS ATTEMPT TRIP TO HALIFAX

Under Auspices of The Standard, O. E. White, Accompanied by James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, will Leave at Midnight, Tonight, in Maritime Singer Six.

Something that has never been attempted before in the Maritime Provinces is a trip from St. John to Halifax in an automobile in mid-winter. This trip will be attempted commencing at twelve o'clock tonight, and the car to be used will be a "Maritime Singer Six." O. E. White will be the pilot of the car and will be in charge of the trip, and his companions will be James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, of The Standard staff.

Mr. White, who is in charge of the car, expects to make a record breaking trip. He is an expert automobilist, and having travelled the highway between St. John and Halifax expects to get through all right. To travel night and day in an automobile, especially in the mid-winter, is a trip that has never before been thought of, and if something like a very big storm is not encountered, Mr. White expects to land his party safely there in a most remarkably short time, notwithstanding the way in the snow covered highway.

It is Mr. White's expectation that there will be only two stops on the journey, and that is at Moncton and Amherst. These will be for short rests. The trio does not expect that the trip along the snow covered highway in the Maritime Singer Six will be easy, especially during the middle of the winter. They expect to meet a number of difficulties, but do his best to land the car at Halifax in a time that will astonish every citizen in the provinces.

GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE RECEIVING SAME INFORMATION

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement presented by the American embassy in London to the British foreign office in regard to the tariff act also has been communicated to most of the European governments. It is said in the State Department that the statement is nothing more than an explanation of that section of the administrative portion of the new tariff act which relieves exporters and exhibitors their books to American treasury experts, on condition that the laws of the country make due provision for the administration of oaths to establish the value of goods offered for export to America. The primary purpose of the section is to prevent undervaluations and consequently it required the provision of some adequate punishment for false swearing to invoices. In default of which a surcharge must be imposed upon the goods. The purpose of the presentation of this explanation is to enable countries whose laws are deficient in this respect to make the necessary corrections.

For past services were tendered Arthur Everett and Frank W. Ross, both of whom have served seven years in the respective offices of superintendent and secretary. The following were appointed on the musical committee for the year: Miss Dunfield, Miss W. Davies, Miss Bliss Dunfield, Arthur Everett, Frank W. Ross, John Ward and Gertrude Wilson. Very hearty expressions of thanks

THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS IN MEXICO

National Railways and Affiliated Lines, Unable to Meet Bond Interest, Will Issue Three Year Notes.

New York, Dec. 30.—Disturbed conditions in Mexico have forced the National Railways of Mexico and its affiliated properties to default in the payment of interest due January 1, on bonds amounting to \$111,000,000. E. N. Brown, president of the system, who made this announcement today, said that in lieu of the regular cash payments the companies would issue three year six per cent. notes.

The bond on which default is declared consists of \$84,000,000 of National Railways 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, \$26,000,000 of National Railroad 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, and \$1,000,000 of Mexican Central Railway five per cent. priority bonds. Semi-annual interest on these issues aggregate approximately \$2,500,000.

Until a few days ago it was thought that the coupons would be paid in cash. The following statement was issued by President Brown after a week of conferences here by bankers and directors of the roads: Owing to the dislocation of the service on the companies lines, caused by the financial tension in Mexico, which in turn has resulted in interruptions to traffic, loss of earnings, and increased expenses, the company regrets its inability to pay in cash the interest due January 1 on the prior lien 4 1/2 per cent. bonds of both the National Railways of Mexico and the National Railroad Company of Mexico, and also on the priority bonds of the Mexican Central Railway Company.

GRAP FAILURE IN MEXICO CAUSES GREAT HARSHIP

Continued from page 1. State department reports today are that the financial tension in the Mexican capital has been relieved by the enforcement of the bank holiday. Conditions at Acapulco continue serious. Bandits are very much in evidence throughout the state, and the military authorities are said to be exacting forced loans. Americans and other foreigners are affected by these demands. For the first time since the despatch of foreign vessels to the west coast of Mexico, so far as official recall, the craft of three different nations are in the Mexican port. This international fleet, now at Mazatlan, is composed of the Japanese cruiser Isuma, the British cruiser Shearwater, and the American cruiser Pittsburg and the supply ship Glacier. Officials here have received no advices as to the reason for the concentration of so formidable a squadron at this western port.

HOCKEY SEASON AT HALIFAX IS OPENED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—Two thousand persons turned out tonight to see the opening game of the Maritime Provinces Hockey Association game between the Crescents and the Seals, the former winning by a three to two score. It was a good game and the teams are very evenly matched. Both teams made frequent changes at the opening line-up trying out their players. Bellevue, formerly of Moncton, Nova Scotia, and Corbett, a good brand of hockey for the winners. To the surprise of the fans Jack Twaddle turned up at his old position (cover) for the Seals, and he with O'Leary and Lowther, played well for an opening game.

YARMOUTH AND BOSTON SERVICE INCREASED

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 30.—The Board of Trade committee that went to Boston to interview Calvin Austin in reference to an increased winter steamship service between Yarmouth and Boston, sent a telegram today stating that Mr. Austin has promised four trips per week commencing on the first of March and possibly earlier. This is three months earlier than has been the practice in the past.

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BRITISH SHIP ATTACKED BY PIRATES, SINKS THE ENEMY!

Imperial Today and New Year's!

Advertisement for Imperial Theatre featuring 'The Girl of the Mountains' and 'The Making of a Woman'.

Large advertisement for Royal Quality Baking Powder, emphasizing its quality and economy.

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Large advertisement for Castoria medicine, highlighting its benefits for infants and children.

Advertisement for Imperial Theatre featuring 'The Girl of the Mountains' and 'The Making of a Woman'.

Advertisement for Opera House featuring 'The Making of a Woman' and 'The Flirt'.

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Various small advertisements and notices, including 'Signal Service', 'The Battle Line', and 'The Gambler's Pal'.

THE LATEST SHIPPING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN. Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries. 2.00 p. m.

THE BATTLE LINE.

The Battle Line Pandeoes, Capt. Wright, sailed from Antwerp yesterday for Buenos Ayres.

RECENT CHARTERS.

Schooner, 349 tons, lumber, Gulf to St. John, N. B. \$5; schrs St. Olaf, 227 tons, Gulf to Grenada, lumber, pt; Coral Leaf, 347 tons, Prensodina to Cardenas, lumber pt.

RED CROSS LINE.

Red Cross Line steamer Clothilde Cuneo, sailed for New York at 10.30 yesterday morning and will berth at the Anchor Line wharf on Thursday morning.

FROM WEST INDIES.

The steamer Briardene, Capt. Faulkner, arrived yesterday from Demerara and the West Indies. This steamer is the last steamer under the pickford & Black service from this port, another line having the charter.

SCHOONER CHESLIE.

The schooner Cheslie, reported waterlogged in the Gulf of Mexico, was sold some time ago to parties in Mobile, and there is nothing known about her by her former managers in St. John.

STEAMER TABMAN FLOATED.

Thursday Island, Australia, Dec. 30.—The steamer Tabman, which has been ashore for several days in the Gulf of Papua, was floated today, with the assistance of the Japanese steamer Inaba Maru.

MINIATURE ALMANAC.

December—Phases of the Moon. First quarter, 5th. Full moon, 13th. Last quarter, 20th. New moon, 27th.

VESSELS IN PORT.

Briardene, 1722, Wm. Thomson & Co. Chignecto, 2999, Wm. Thomson & Co. Demerara, Wm. Thomson & Co. Monte, 5402, C. P. R.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived Tuesday Dec. 30, 1913. Stmr Eastington, 868, Stevenson, Louisville, E. P. & W. F. Starr, coal.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—Ard schr Annie, Barbadoes. Sld stmr Shandooah, St. John, N. B.

BRITISH PORTS.

Glasgow, Dec. 27.—Ard stmr Almora.

TURKEY REPORTED TO HAVE PURCHASED THE GREAT RIO DE JANEIRO FROM BRAZIL

It is reported in London with considerable apparent authority that the new Brazilian dreadnought Rio de Janeiro has been purchased by Turkey. The price agreed upon is stated to be £2,500,000 (\$2,500,000), a little more than half this sum immediately payable in cash.

THE VIEWS OF A FARMER

They Touch Prices, Railways, Agitators and Friends of the People.

(Letter in Winnipeg Saturday Post.) Sir—I have finished my ploughing and have sold as much of my grain crop as I intend to sell, at the prices going, and having a little time to spare am writing you these few lines.

NEW YORK'S DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER DECIDES TO REMAIN

Withdraws Resignation and will Stay with Force until Successor to Waldo has been Selected.

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TOO MANY PRINTERS

Seek only to get through orders and collect their bills. We try to execute work so that customers come back for future supplies.

Standard Job Printing Co.

82 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

SIX CONCERNS THROWN INTO BANKRUPTCY

New York, Dec. 30.—Six enterprises controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation, in this city and in Boston, were thrown into bankruptcy today in a friendly proceedings instituted in the federal courts.

FRANCE SUFFERS FROM SEVERE COLD SPELL

Several Deaths from Cold Wave which Took People by Surprise—Storms Rage along Mediterranean.

STRIKE BREAKER IS SHOT BY AN EDITOR

Alleged Attack on Victim Through Pearson's Paper Cause of Trouble—Shooting Likely to Prove Fatal.

POPE RECEIVES THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Rome, Dec. 30.—Pope Pius X. is in excellent health, despite reports which have been circulated that he is indisposed.

LAUNDRY FITTINGS AND PLUMBERS' SUPPLIES

GANDY & ALLISON, 3 and 4 North Wharf

RAILWAYS.

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Tourist Sleepers—light and airy, with big comfortable berths, accommodating two adults, if desired—are carried from Montreal on Fast Transcontinental Express Trains for points in Western Canada, British Columbia, and on the Pacific Coast.

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Proposed Sailings. S.S. Falls of Niabi, January 20. S.S. Kaduna, February 20.

ALL THE WAY BY WATER

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Between all Stations (except locally between Quebec, Levis and Montreal.)

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Sat. 3 Jan.—Victorian, Portland Thur. 15 Jan.—Ionian, Portland

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

THAT GRIT "RALLY"

According to the Times, the Liberals are to hold a consolation party in this city early next month, when they will be entertained by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. William Pugsley and Mr. Frank B. Carroll.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, apparently, is somewhat perturbed regarding the cost of living, and this should furnish a cue to Mr. Mackenzie King, Mr. King was Minister of Labor in the Laurier government and, in that capacity, had opportunity to secure much information regarding the cost of living as it affects the Canadian workmen.

Today is nomination day in York and indications point to the selection of Hon. H. F. McLeod without opposition. Liberals have had a taste of York county's quality on previous occasions and are hardly likely to again tempt fate against a popular supporter of an honest business government.

The decision of the Dominion government to hasten the facilities at West St. John may not receive the approval of Liberal partisans, but all other citizens with the interests of St. John at heart will agree that the action is the correct one.

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Not a Family Tree. The Botanical Old Gentleman (in public garden)—Can you tell me, does this belong to the Arbutus family?

Easy to Find. "And did you ever seek the man?" we asked the Office. "Once or twice," replied the Office. "But I found him waiting outside my door."—Cincinnati Inquirer.

Near. "He is one of those near-vegetarian." "What is a near-vegetarian?" "He never eats meat except when he is invited out."—Houston Post.

All Sorts. It is now thought that the man who "struck Billy Patterson" was some hard-up friend. Newspaper heading: "Ship Stagers into Port." Whereas a man is more apt to stagger when the port is in him.

A young woman recently disappeared from home and has not since been found, although her nose turned up. From a story by Josephine Daskam Bacon: "We're to all of us agree with him," which is splitting the infinitive with a thick hatchet.

Culture in the West—The Ohio State Journal remarks that if Mr. Rabindranath Tagore had never written anything but that delightful story, "Rab and His Friends," he would have deserved the Nobel prize.

Certainly Sober. "Then you can recommend him as sober?" "Sober! Why, he won't even laugh at a joke."

His Dying Words. "I've been caught napping at last," said the moth that the man discovered in his heavy ulster.

A Shrewd Plan. "How did you manage to find out how old Kate is?" "I asked her what she thought was a woman's most interesting age."

Staying With Them. "Some of your constituents are disagreeing with you," said the trusted lieutenant. "Well, keep 'em on them," replied Senator Sorghum; "when enough disagree with me to constitute a reliable majority, I'm going to turn around and agree with them."—Washington Star.

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RESULTS OF PRESIDENT'S RECEPTIONS WITH THE CHIEF ARTIST

The Kuo Ming Tang Party in China, and Its History.

RESULT OF FUSION OF SMALLER BODIES Enlargement of the Tungminghui the Object of which was the Overthrow of the Manchus.

(Christian Science Monitor.) Peking, China.—To understand what the Kuo Ming Tang stands for in Chinese politics it is necessary to know how the party was formed and what are its component parts.

As is perhaps remembered, the public mind of China was prepared for the overthrow of the Manchus by the Tungminghui. This party during the Manchurian regime naturally was a secret society, the severest penalties being meted out to those who were discovered to be members.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen traveled the world propagating the objects of this society, and found his strongest supporters among the students studying in America and Europe.

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TO FORM A DOMINION BAR ASSOCIATION

Steps Taken Yesterday, at Annual Meeting of Ontario Legal Society.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 30.—The seventh annual meeting of the Ontario Bar Association went into history this afternoon with the election of officers, a lively discussion on why the members of the profession did not turn out to meetings and a suggestion to change the annual meeting from the Christmas season to exhibition time.

A step towards the formation of a Dominion Bar Association was taken in naming James Bicknell, K. C., M. H. Ludwig, K. C., W. J. McWhinney, K. C., W. C. K. Mikel, K. C., Frank Fies, K. C., and R. MacLennan as a committee to take this matter in hand.

ment was on the point of assembling at Peking the parliamentary leader selected by the Kuo Ming Tang was assassinated at Shanghai railway station on the night of his projected departure for the capital.

Old Element Stirred. The assassination of Sung had the effect of stirring the old Tungminghui element into activities similar to those adopted when they were trying to oust the Manchus.

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SANTA CLAUS PAD VISIT TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Genial Old Man with Flowing Whiskers Gladdened Hearts of Young and Old in Many City Churches Yesterday — Gifts for all, Kiddies Enjoy Good Time.

In most of the churches yesterday afternoon and last evening the annual Christmas tree was given to the children. The Santa Claus pad visit to the Sunday schools was a very successful one.

St. Stephen's Presbyterian. The Sunday school rooms of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church presented an animated scene yesterday afternoon and last evening, when the annual Christmas tree was given to the children.

Trinity Church. Yesterday afternoon at 3.30 the annual Christmas tree party began in the Sunday school of Trinity church. The party was for the primary department and Cradle Roll of the Sunday school.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian. It is not often that Santa Claus allows himself to be observed emerging from the chimney, but the benevolent old man, with the whiskers, made his appearance in the kitchen of the school of St. Andrew's church.

St. Matthew's Church. In St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church last evening the Sunday school was the scene of a happy gathering, when the children of the church were treated to a visit from Santa Claus.

St. Peter's Church. In the basement of St. Peter's church last evening the annual gathering of the choir and altar society members provided a most enjoyable affair.

St. James' Church. The children of St. James' church Sunday school were given a treat last evening in the school room of the church.

St. Luke's Church. In the schoolroom of St. Luke's church, last evening, the children were assembled for a very interesting musical and literary programme.

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QUEBEC EXTENSION WILL OPEN UP RICH COUNTRY

Land Values Gone Up and New Towns Thought Of. SHORT ROUTE FROM ST. JOHN TO QUEBEC

Electric Road to Run Through Valuable Timber Land—Construction Work to be Started Next Spring

Special to The Standard. Presque, Me. Dec. 30.—A far-reaching effect on the future growth of Northern Maine seems destined to be exerted by the construction of the new Quebec extension electric road from Washburn westward to the Canadian boundary.

Land values have already gone up along the right of way, and the sites of future towns have been roughly settled upon. The work of construction, which is to be commenced early next spring will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The route of the new road runs through the town of Wade, after leaving Washburn, and thence along the foot of the Moose Mountains to Portage, Clayton, Machias Lakes, Pratt pond and second Musquodocook Lake, crossing the Allagash at the foot of Long Lake on a bridge 25 feet high.

From the Allagash to the St. John the line runs northwest to the north end of Seven Islands and then follows up the St. John to a point in Township 15, Range 15, where it crosses on a narrow trestle 85 feet in length. It follows the west bank of the St. John river for two miles, and crossing Nine Mile brook, it bears southward to a point on the west shore of Mosquito Lake in Township 12, Range 17.

It will then cross the Canadian boundary into Talon town in Washington county, Province of Quebec. From there it will run almost south through Vanet into Bellechance county and will connect with the Quebec line at St. Sabien.

That part of the road which is in Maine will require about 1,600 acres of land for a right of way and will cost \$2,200,000 to build. The two big bridges across the St. John and Allagash will cost \$40,000 and \$80,000, respectively. The grades are all very low, the worst being 1.75 per cent, and that only for a short distance. The one per cent grades are numerous and for much of the distance the roads are level.

All the construction is such as would be laid down for a steam railroad and it will be used for both steam and electric power. It is expected that the Quebec Central will deliver trains to the Quebec Extension at the Maine boundary. At Presque, Me., the Canadian Pacific will pick up the trains and continue with them eastward to St. John.

The Aroostook Valley Railway, now controlled by the Quebec Central Railway, has power rights at Aroostook Falls. All along the line there are excellent water powers and the big falls on the Allagash will be a short distance above where the new road crosses that river.

The report of the Maine forest commission, E. Ring of Bangor, for 1902, states that a 20 foot dam at the foot of Long Lake, where the new line crosses, would give 2,210 horsepower to revery minute of the day. If the waters of Chamberlain Lake could be sent that way all the time, the horsepower would be increased to 3,120. The new road will be the longest electric line ever constructed in Maine and the biggest piece of any sort of railroad building here since the laying down of the Bangor and Aroostook.

Fortunate. Did your husband have any luck on his hunting trip? Splendid! Didn't you hear? No, what was it? He got back alive.—Houston Post.

Wins Either Way. "They say that a man who has cold feet is pretty sure to have an active brain." "Yes, either that or a well-filled purse."—Chicago Record-Herald.

KEEP YOUR SCALP CLEAN. The German Emperor SENDS PHOTOGRAPH. Paris, Dec. 30.—In recognition of the devoted care shown to Captain D. Von Winterfeldt, the military attaché of the German embassy to France, who was seriously injured in an automobile accident last fall while following the French army manoeuvres, the German Emperor today sent an autograph portrait to Eugene Etienne, the French ex-minister of war.

CUTICURA SOAP. Frequent shampoos with Cuticura Soap, assisted when necessary by gentle anointings with Cuticura Ointment, afford the purest, sweetest and most economical method of freeing the scalp of infants and children from minor eruptions, itching and scalings and of establishing permanent hair health.

What did you give your wife for Christmas? "A five-dollar bill." "And what did she give you?" "A smoking jacket she bought with the V I gave her."

ENGINEERS REPORT SAYS IT'S 'GRAFT' HERE, 'SQUELZE' IN CHINA

Graft and Rascality in Municipal Affairs Thrive in Orient, Professor of American University says

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Graft and rascality in municipal government thrive in China, as well as in the United States, and it should not be hard for Americans to understand Chinese politics, according to Charles R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago, who addressed the closing session of the American Sociological Society today, simultaneously with that of the American Economic Association. Mr. Henderson's topic was "The Relations between the United States and China."

There is "squeeze" in Peking, he said, and "graft" in New York. In China they do many things to "save" their face, while our looters of municipal funds grow indignant when accused and fill the air with the dust of counter-reminiscence.

Mr. Henderson returned recently from an extensive study of social conditions in China. He is optimistic of the Chinese as a people, and says they will be greatly improved by their intercourse with those of America.

Mr. Henderson discussed the immigration question, saying that many Chinese are looking longingly toward California, and that thousands of them would come if they were assured of a two-acre farm.

The treatment received by their pathfinders on the Pacific coast has not helped us in our relations with the Chinese, whatever justification there may have been in the supposed necessity for self-defense, he said.

Roger W. Babson, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., discussing labor problems, late today, before the Economic Association, defended the Industrial Workers of the World, and the cause for which they are aiming.

The American Federation of Labor, he said, is systematically avoiding an answer to the question: "Who shall rule the industries, capital or labor?"

He prefers to see delay in the form of a threat or blackmail, to help it to day in making a better bargain with capital. The Industrial Workers of the World, however, are working for a definite settlement of the question, and in my opinion are performing a service thereby.

Industrial problems will never be clarified until the fundamental principle for which the Industrial Workers of the World are fighting is definitely settled.

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MARKET QUOTATIONS ON STOCKS AND BONDS

DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table of Montreal market sales including Cement, Canada Cotton, C.P.R. Rights, and various other securities.

CURRENT PRICES OF NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Table of current prices for New York exchange including Am Cop, Am Car and F, Am Can, and various other stocks.



CONVENTION OF ALL NATIONS

NEW YORK AND BOSTON CURB STOCKS

Table of New York and Boston curb stocks including Nipissing, Rose, IR, MT, AM, EM, UCS, Groulx, GCN, BCL, Kerr Lake, Holly, Braden, East Butte, Franklin, BO, Granby, Isle Royale, North Butte, Lake, Osceola, Mayflower, and United Mining.

N. Y. COTTON MARKET

Table of N. Y. Cotton Market prices for Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June, July, Aug, and Sept.

MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Table of Montreal unlisted sales including Porcupine, Tram Power, and various other securities.

CLOSING PRICES OF BOSTON STOCKS

Table of closing prices for Boston stocks including Adventure, Allouez, Cal and Ariz, Cal and Hecla, Copper Range, Daly West, East Butte, Franklin, Granby, Greene Cananea, Helvetia, Ingham, Inspiration, Isle Royale, LaSalle Copper, Miami, Mass Gas Cos, Mass Gas Cos Pfd, Mass Elec Cos, Mass Elec Cos Pfd, Mohawk, Nipissing, North Butte, Osceola, Quincy, Superior Copper, Swift, Tamarac, Utah Cons, U S M and Smeltg, U S M and Smeltg Pfd, U Utah Apex, United Fruit, Wolverine.

ARE YOU QUITE SURE YOU WON'T COME TO MY PARTY?

Text discussing market conditions and the impact of the convention on stock prices.

NOON LETTER ON NEW YORK STOCKS

Text providing a noon letter on New York stocks, discussing market trends and investor sentiment.

PRODUCE PRICES IN CANADIAN CENTRES

Text reporting on produce prices in Canadian centers, including corn, wheat, and other commodities.

The Merchants' Bank of Canada

Text providing information about The Merchants' Bank of Canada, including capital and reserve funds.

London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd.

Text advertising London Guarantee and Accident Co., Ltd. services, including accident and liability insurance.

DOMINION TRUST COMPANY

Text advertising Dominion Trust Company services, including trustee and executor services.

F. B. YOUNG, CIVIL ENGINEER AND LAND SURVEYOR

Text advertising F. B. Young, Civil Engineer and Land Surveyor services.

FIRE INSURANCE AGENTS

Text advertising fire insurance agents, including Jarvis & Whittaker.

Daily Investment News

Text advertising Daily Investment News, highlighting a 'Just \$10' offer.

Text describing the investment plan and its benefits for investors.

Text providing contact information for J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

Text advertising City of St. John School Bonds.

Text advertising Hudson Bay Fire Insurance Co.

Text advertising Fairweather & Porter.

Text advertising Douglas Fir Doors.

Text advertising Hale Bros. & Co.

Text advertising Lumber.

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RAILWAY EARNINGS

Text reporting on railway earnings for various lines, including Ontario and Western.

LONDON MARKET

Text reporting on the London market, including opening and closing prices for various securities.

DIVIDEND NOTICE

Text providing dividend notices for various companies, including Maritime Mail Company.

LIVERPOOL COTTON

Text reporting on Liverpool cotton market prices and trends.

"STANFIELD'S EARNINGS"

Table showing Stanfield's earnings for the years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, and 1912.

Text explaining the figures and providing context for Stanfield's earnings.

Text advertising F. B. McCurdy & Co. services.

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EXCHANGE

Text providing exchange rates and market information for various currencies and commodities.

CLOSING LETTER

Text providing a closing letter or commentary on the day's market activity.

NEWSPAPER SITUATION

Text discussing the newspaper industry and current market conditions.

CHICAGO GRAIN

Text reporting on Chicago grain market prices and trends.

REAL AFFECTING MARKET

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.) Montreal, Dec. 30.—The local market was firmer at the opening under the leadership of Wall street. In the afternoon, however, it weakened, although there was very little selling at the lower prices.

C. P. R. opened a point up at 207 3/4 and during the morning touched 208. In the afternoon it broke to 205 1/2, but only 100 shares changed hands at that price. The rights were fairly active and unchanged. Private solutions received by some of the larger local houses from Wall street stated that the opinion prevails there that the short interest in C. P. R. at the present time is not unwieldy and that the worst is over in the stock as far as liquidation is concerned.

There was some enquiry for cement bonds and the price hardened to ninety-seven. The preferred was steady at fifteen and one-half and sold up to seventeen and three-fourths. A number of tips were in circulation during the day that this stock was due for a marked advance, satisfactory arrangements having been made to meet the payments still due on the property.

Iron was slightly firmer at thirty-eight, but only 100 shares changed hands. Dom. Textile was unchanged at eighty-one and one-half. A number of local houses are watching C. P. R. stock very closely, as they are confident that almost any time there may be a sharp rebound in the price and they are trying to have their clients in on it.

Provisions—Aside from fairly liberal sales of May lard by a local packer, offerings were light. Market has a firm undertone. A. O. SLAUGHTER & CO.

NEWSPAPERS ON THE MARKET SITUATION (F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 30.—Commercial—the buying for investment in anticipation of the January disbursement of interest and dividends is disappointingly small.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE (J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.) Wheat. High Low Close Dec. 87 1/2 87 1/2 88 1/2 May 87 1/2 87 1/2 88 1/2 July 87 1/2 87 1/2 88 1/2

STOCK NOTES OF NEW YORK MARKET (F. B. McCURDY & CO.) New York, Dec. 30.—A tendency is observed in commission houses to suggest the purchase of low priced issues of worth. The large amount of new financing expected in 1914 will check any runaway movements in the stock markets according to important interests.

REUNION OF BAREFOOT BOYS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA., IN NEW YORK HOME OF THEIR CHUM, C. M. SCHWAB



Renowned as one of the world's most indefatigable workers when there is work to be done, and celebrated as one who plays equally hard when playing time arrives, Charles M. Schwab—"Smiling Charlie" to his boyhood friends—has just renewed acquaintances with the old cronies of his barefoot days by bringing them all to New York aboard his private car to partake of a "reunion dinner" at his palatial home.

Whereas Mr. Schwab now reckons his wealth high in the millions, there was a time when the \$6 that was handed to him each Saturday night after a week's toil at driving stakes in the Braddock (Pa.) steel mills looked mighty big. There were men at the dinner at the Schwab home who, while by no means as wealthy as his host, yet had accumulated comfortable fortunes of their own, and each revelled in the opportunity to compare notes and indulge in reminiscences dear to the heart of every man who has not been spoiled by success.

There is a sentimental side to Mr. Schwab's nature which he vainly tries to hide from strangers. He, when found in a reminiscent mood, will talk indefinitely about his barefoot boyhood days when he drove the stage coach to Crescon, Pa., in the vacation months, when his school was closed for the heated term.

QUEEN MILENA OF MONTENEGRO, WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL Queen Milena of Montenegro, mother of Queen Helena of Italy, is understood to be dangerously ill in the capital of the little Balkan kingdom. The Queen has been indisposed for several weeks, but recently the symptoms became suddenly very serious.

QUOTATIONS FOR THE MARITIME SECURITIES

Table listing various maritime securities such as Acadia Fire, Acadia Sugar, Maritime Tel. Co., etc., with their respective prices and bid/ask values.

EVANS ON STOCKS.

New York, Dec. 30.—I still believe that the market will back and fill around the present level of prices while distribution of stocks is going on by those who are largely instrumental in this advance. A moderate rally should take place today, but I think stocks are a sale on strong spots.

Five Roses Flour



There never were such cookies! Dairy, delicious cookies that mysteriously vanish when school is out. Cook your cookies with Five Roses.

Advertisement for 'DR DOORS' featuring a list of services and contact information for a business in St. John.

Advertisement for 'LABATT'S STOUT' featuring a portrait of Queen Milena of Montenegro and text describing the product's quality and availability.

Advertisement for 'RED-CROSS GIN' featuring an illustration of a man with a rifle and text describing the gin's benefits and availability.

Advertisement for 'WHYTE & MACKAY' featuring text about whisky and contact information for their Glasgow office.

Advertisement for 'LABATT'S STOUT' featuring a decorative border and text about the product's quality and availability.

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TO DO WITH THE STOCK RISING INDUSTRY

Department of Agriculture at Ottawa Taking Steps to Restore it - Making Program for Year's Work

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—The Department of Agriculture is preparing to greatly expand the work already in progress for the restoration of the live stock industry in Canada.

IN THE COURTS

County Court.

In the case of the King vs. Allen Hammond, which came up under the Speedy Trials Act before Judge Forbes yesterday morning, the prisoner pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing two bags of potatoes from a C. P. R. car on the West side, acting together with Lester Campbell, who is now out on suspended sentence.

Chancery Division.

In the case of Cheesman vs. Corey et al. His Honor the Chief Justice decided that as the defendants were partners only one set of coats would be allowed.

Probate Court.

Estate of Eleanor Parker, wife of Leonard Parker, of Ten Mile Creek, Parish of Simonds, shipbuilder. Last will proved whereby the deceased gives her property and her right to her husband to be by him disposed of as follows, namely: Her said husband to have the use and benefit of the interest and profits accruing thereon as his own until the youngest of his children arrives at the age of 21 years; then to divide the same between himself and his children.

WEDDINGS.

Dearness-James.

Richibucto, Dec. 30.—The residence of Judge and Mrs. H. H. James was the scene of a very pretty wedding this morning, when their only daughter, Miss Edith, was married to Arthur Dearness, formerly of St. John, but now a resident of Richibucto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, rector of St. Mary's Anglican church, performed the ceremony.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Jane C. Withers.

The funeral of Mrs. Jane C. Withers took place at 2.30 yesterday afternoon. Services were conducted at her late residence 105 Hazen street by Rev. R. B. Crisp, interment was in the Church of England cemetery.

William J. Jones.

Many friends attended the funeral of William J. Jones yesterday afternoon. The funeral service was conducted at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. L. J. Crockett, 41 Exmouth street, by Rev. R. S. Crisp, assisted by Rev. J. J. Pinkerton. The funeral left at one o'clock for Loch Lomond where interment took place.

James Smith.

At three o'clock yesterday afternoon the funeral of James Smith was held from his late residence, 211 King street east. To be followed by services were conducted at the home at 2.30. Rev. J. A. Anderson officiated. The funeral was attended by many friends.

Anthony Bullerville.

The funeral of Anthony Bullerville took place early yesterday morning from the residence of his son-in-law, George Collins, 163 Adelaide street, to the Holy Cross cemetery. The body was taken to Yarmouth and interment will take place there today. Mr. and Mrs. Collins accompanied the body.

REAL ESTATE.

Mrs. Ethel Marcus has sold to Mrs. Agnes E. Moore her leasehold property in Brussels street. The Farm Settlement Board has purchased from William Varrilly for \$2,000 his farm property at Badhurst.

POPULAR RICHIBUCTO YOUNG LADY MARRIED

Miss Edith James, Bride of Arthur Dearness, Winnipeg, formerly of this City - Many Handsome Gifts

Richibucto, Dec. 30.—A very pretty and interesting event took place today at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. H. James of Richibucto, when their only daughter, Edith, was united in marriage to Arthur Dearness, formerly of St. John, but now a resident of Richibucto. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, rector of St. Mary's Anglican church, performed the ceremony.

COULDEARNINGS TORTURED FOUR YEARS UNTIL HE TOOK "FRUIT-A-LIVES"

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LOBSTER AND OYSTER CATCH AHEAD OF SAME MONTH LAST YEAR - TOTAL CATCH OF ALL KINDS GOOD.

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THE FORESTRY RATES

Editor St. John Daily Standard:

Dear Sir,—In your issue of Tuesday, December 23rd, appeared a letter over the signature of "A. R. Smye" of Alma, Alberta County, purporting to be an original quotation of the Forestry Commission, which was written by Mr. Walter Magee, of Boston, Mass., and myself to the St. Croix Currier in its issue of Thursday, November 28th and October 30th.

Certain Relief

from headaches, dull feelings, and fatigue of biliousness, comes quickly and permanent improvement in bodily condition follows—after your stomach, liver and bowels have been toned and regulated by BEECHAM'S PILLS.

Public Notice.

THE UNDERSIGNED, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of Saint John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the east side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants on the East side of the Harbor, with those in and surrounding Navy Island, are also certain Fishery Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will be sold at Public Auction on TUESDAY, the SIXTH DAY OF JANUARY NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the City of Saint John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1914.

COAL AND WOOD.

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OLD MINES SYDNEY—Especially adapted for grates. SPRINGHILL ROUND—A splendid range coal. REVERSE SCREENED—Gives excellent results for all household purposes. All sizes of BEST HARD COAL always in stock.

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LOOKING INTO SOME OFFICIALS' TRANSACTIONS

Commissioner Ferguson Submits Report Concerning Inspector of Canadian Immigration Branches.

Special to The Standard. Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Dealings of government officials in certain transactions affecting the leasing of grazing lands on Indian Reserves are the subject of a second report by T. R. Ferguson, K. C., the special commissioner, looking into the disposal and alienation of the public domain under the late government.

Returns From West

Members of the Farm Settlement Board were pleased yesterday because they succeeded in putting through the sale of one of their ready made farms to a young man who has returned from the west. George Nickerson is the name of the returned wanderer who, after spending some time in the west, decided that the opportunities there were not as bright as pictured by the boosters, and that he had better come back to New Brunswick and grow up with the country.

Doing Good Work

Good work in interesting English farmers in this province is being done by W. W. Corfield of the Canadian Farms Improvement Company. Last week Mr. Corfield sold a large farm at Victoria Point to R. D. Sanford of Hampshire, England.

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WANTED.

Second Class Female Teacher. Please at once apply to C. F. Black, District No. 2, Cherry Gate, Queens County.

WANTED—Second-class female teacher wanted for Dist. No. 16, Parish of St. George, Salary, \$135.00. Apply B. J. Collin, secretary, L'Etang, N. B.

WANTED—A second class female teacher for School District No. 11-2, Hampstead; duties to commence as soon as possible; recommendations from last inspector required; state salary and, if close to telephone, state office. Apply to E. B. Palmer, Centre Hampstead, Queens Co.

WANTED—A first or second class teacher for School District No. 2, Cambridge, Q. Co. Apply, stating salary and experience, to W. D. Dykeman, Sec. Jemseg, N. B.

WANTED—Agents to sell foxes for immediate delivery and 1914 delivery. Fudy Fox Co., 96 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—Two first-class harness makers. Apply Edward Hogan, 47 Waterloo street, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE.

SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES

All kinds, half dozen 17c by mail; New Home machines twenty per cent discount during the holidays; Wilcox & Gibbs machine \$15; W. & W. manufacturing machine \$10; White machine \$7; Domestic and all machines repaired—William Crawford, 105 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE—2 mated pairs silver black foxes, showing no rust. Also one silver black male. They are all one stock. Portage Wild Animal Co., Box 223 Portage La Prairie, Manitoba.

FARMS! FARMS!

Our fifth annual free illustrated catalogue now ready and contains the best list of farms we have yet offered. Values the best ever. Alfred Burley & Co., 46 Princess street, farm specialists.

FOR SALE.

Two splendid West Side properties at moderate prices. For application to Messrs. Fairweather and Porter, No. 67 Prince William street.

FOR SALE—Tugboat, 65 ft. over all, 14 ft. 2 in. beam, 8 ft. deep, fully equipped with winches, 10 and 20 compound engines, surface condenser and pumps. All connections and pipes brass and copper. Address T. N. McGrath, Tusket, N. S.

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ROOMS TO LET—Nice pleasant rooms, newly furnished, heated, and electric light. Gentlemen preferred. 168 King Street East. Can be seen forenoon or evening.

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Nice large office in the Dearborn Building, 93 Prince William St.

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LEARN BARBER TRADE—Few weeks required; tools free; positions secured; Moler System; twenty-two years established; modern method of teaching; write for particulars—MOLAR BARBER COLLEGE, 627 St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal.

AGENTS WANTED.

Salemen \$50 per week, selling one-hand egg-beater. Sample and terms 25c. Money refunded if unsatisfactory. Collette Mfg. Company, Collingwood, Ont.

LOST.

LOST—Gold watch, chain and locket, with monogram. Finder please return to Standard Office and obtain reward.

FOUND

FOUND—On Union street, a child's monogram locket. Owner can have same by proving property and paying for this advertisement. Apply at the Standard office.

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Salt Mackerel in Half Bbls. JAMES PATTERSON, 19 and 20 South Market Wharf, St. John, N. B.

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200 barrels Nova Scotia Blahop Pippins, United Fruit Companies' pack, 300 barrels Ontario Spies.

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A complete assortment of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry suitable for XMAS GIFTS. ERNEST LAW, Issuer of Marriage Licenses, 3 Coburg St.

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Musical Instruments Repaired

VIOLINS, MANDOLINS and all stringed instruments and Bow repaired. SYDNEY GIBBS, 51 Sydney street.

PUBLIC NOTICE.

Notice is hereby given that the Captain and Agents of S.S. "Jeseric" will not be responsible for any debts contracted by the crew of said steamer. J. T. KNIGHT & CO., Agents. St. John, N. B., Dec. 23.

DR STEWART'S

Guaranteed Veterinary Remedies

KICKHAM & CURRIE. Corner Waterloo and Union Streets.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northerly and easterly winds; moderate gales on Cape Breton; much colder, with light snow falls at first, then fair.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Colder weather is setting in over Northern Ontario and in British Columbia this evening. Snow showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and snow and rain in British Columbia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Temperatures.

Table with 2 columns: Location, Temperature (Min, Max). Locations include Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Rimonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Fort Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, and Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Will Consider Call. A meeting of the Presbytery of St. John will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this afternoon to consider a call from Ridgeway, Ontario, to Rev. M. J. McPherson, of Harvey.

Police Court. In the police court yesterday afternoon Simon Landry, who is charged with holding up a girl on Canterbury street, was remanded. Two witnesses were examined.

An Enjoyable Dinner. T. H. Estabrooks gave a dinner to his travellers in his office on Mill street, last evening, and the function proved an enjoyable one. Wanamakers were the caterers.

Thanks Very Much. The editorial and reportorial staff of The Standard greatly appreciate the kindness of J. S. Gibson in sending to this office a large basket of fruit including oranges and tangerines, which were grown on his plantation in Florida.

Rockwood Playgrounds. The water and sewerage department is pushing the work of putting in a sewer to drain the Rockwood Park playground. At present the men are working under the I. C. R. tracks, and progress is slow. A tunnel has to be dug under eight lines of track. A large concrete pipe is being used for the drain; each joint weighs one ton. After the excavation is made under the track the work will proceed more rapidly.

Tenders Soon. The St. John County (Tuberculosis) Hospital Commission will probably call for tenders for the construction of a building on Merritt street within two weeks. The plans are about complete. It is not intended, however, to start work this winter, as the excavation for the foundations under winter conditions would be unduly costly. By calling for tenders at the first of the year the contractor will be given an opportunity to secure material and arrange for an early start in the spring.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HELP THE NEEDY

Money and Articles Contributed at Union Mission Hall Meeting to Make Season More Cheerful.

A very impressive meeting was held on Monday evening, December 22nd, at the Union Mission Hall, Paradise Row, under the auspices of the Union Mission, Ahleaz Brotherhood and the Good Cheer Club of Murray St. Mission. A programme of song and recitations appropriate to the Christmas season was given, and an address by Rev. S. Stackhouse. Upon entering the hall each individual placed their offering for the needy at the foot of the cross, which was erected for the occasion. Gifts to the extent of \$100 were received in cash, food, clothing, toys, etc. This was distributed amongst 26 deserving families. The above societies wish to thank their many friends who helped to bring good cheer to these homes. They are planning an extensive winter campaign and all gifts will be thankfully received.

PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Sweeney, who has been studying nursing in New Zealand, has returned to her home in St. John for a visit.

Dr. Daniel Townsend, superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium at River Glade, is at the Royal.

FRESH SUPPLY.

Consumers Coal Co. have a fresh supply of the celebrated Broad Cove coal now ready for immediate delivery. This is the ideal coal for open fire places, and can be used in stoves and ranges without fear of soot, trouble so common to all other soft coal. Consumers Coal Co.'s address is 321 Charlotte street (opposite Broad street), Phone M. 2670.

Special for New Year's Day, Pine apple water Ice, Sharpe's.

STATEMENTS WERE INTRIGUE WERE INTRIGUE

Potato Shippers Association Condemn Attitude of Liberal Journal

STORIES ARE VERY INJURIOUS.

Statement that One Million Barrels will go to Waste Foolish -- B. F. Smith Confident.

"The statements in regard to the potatoes of this province, which have appeared in the Daily Telegraph of December 29, and again yesterday, have been very injurious to the potato industry in this country," said B. F. Smith, president of the New Brunswick Potato Shippers' Association of Florenceville, when seen at the Royal Hotel yesterday. Mr. Smith was adverse to being interviewed, but when it was pointed out that it was in the interests of the whole province that the false statements in regard to our potatoes should be set right, he consented to answer a few questions.

In the Woodstock correspondence of the Telegraph on the 29th appeared the statement that there were 4,000,000 bushels of potatoes in Carleton and Victoria counties at the present time and that one dealer predicted that the price is liable to drop forty cents a barrel. Then, yesterday, P. B. Carvell, in an interview, made to-day that 1,000,000 barrels of potatoes in Carleton and York counties are going to waste on account of the American embargo. It was on account of such statements that at the meeting of the Potato Shippers' Association in Woodstock on the twenty-ninth that a strong resolution was passed condemning the attitude taken by the St. John Telegraph in printing articles such as these in its columns without first obtaining accurate information.

"The potato dealers in Ontario read these statements and it is unnecessary to say the effect is most injurious to the farming interests in this province. The potato embargo placed against Canadian potatoes going to the United States will without doubt affect the acreage that will be planted in future in this province. There is no need, however, for shippers or growers to become panicky at the present time. For there are no more potatoes in Carleton and Victoria counties now than there were last year at this time. Then the duty was almost prohibitive and our own Canadian markets consumed nearly all our stock. This year, while Ontario has a greater crop than last year, Quebec has a much smaller, and, taking the two together, they will likely consume the same quantity as last year. That being true, it is silly for any man to say that 1,000,000 barrels are going to waste.

"The governments of New Brunswick and Canada are working unitedly to have our potatoes from New Brunswick placed on the American markets for there is no reasonable ground for the exclusion. Of course it must be understood that the recent action of the agricultural department at Washington places an embargo on stock from any point in the United States as well, when disease is found to exist. If, however, the price of foods advance in the United States there will be such a strong popular sentiment in favor of the admission of foreign potatoes that it will be difficult for the United States government to depart from the principle of producing cheaper food for the people. One of the strongest planks used in its recent appeal to the people.

"To confirm this statement, I, to-day, received telegrams from brokers in Boston who have been dealing in New Brunswick stock and they feel that it is only a matter of a short time when public sentiment of the United States will be against the recent action of the horticultural department in regard to the potato embargo.

"From investigations that have been made it would seem that the powder scab does not exist in Carleton county and the government's efforts will first be directed towards having the embargo lifted from potatoes raised in that county."

Turkey supper at Bonds 5 to 7 p. m. Arrives Tomorrow. The steamer Clothilde Cumeo sailed from New York at 10 a. m. Tuesday. She will dock at the Anchor wharf Thursday morning and receive freight for New York and all points south up until 3 p. m. Friday.

Queen's Rink. Tomorrow, New Year's Day, the Queen's own band will be in attendance afternoon and evening.

Will Hold Reception. On New Year's Day officers of the artillery and the 62nd will hold a reception for their friends in their quarters in the new armory between 11 a. m. and 1 p. m.

R. K. Y. C. A reception for members and their guests will be held in the city rooms on the afternoon of New Year's Day.

If you are looking for a real swell coat, at a great saving, it would pay you to drop into F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. They have a lot of nice warm, comfortable coats, tremendously reduced, and on each coat you can save \$5.00 to \$8.00. They have them in all sizes and all styles. Prices ranging from \$3.95 to \$17.50. Also a big lot of children's coats on sale at \$1.75, \$1.95, \$2.25, \$3.00, \$3.50 and from that up to \$6.50.

Watch Night Service. There will be a watch night service in Queen Square Methodist church this evening commencing at eleven o'clock.

Call on us New Year's Day. Try our lunches. Sharpe's.

Financial Post, of Toronto, Dealing with Situation Here Points to General Good Times and Vast Increase in Building—Opinions of Real Estate Men.

That the business depression has not struck St. John with any noticeable effect and that real estate values hold up well, is the substance of an interesting article in the Financial Post of Toronto, dealing with conditions in this city.

The financial paper says: "Building permits for the first nine months of 1913 showed an increase of 231 per cent. over the same period last year. This is the largest percentage increase of any city in Canada during the period mentioned.

"With regard to the prospects for the coming year, the outlook is particularly bright, and if money conditions show an improvement building activity will be on a much larger scale than last year.

"Bank clearings remain about the same as last year, but would show a marked increase had not the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Predict Bright Future. "With the completion of the dry-dock, harbor improvements and new industries, St. John will move ahead in such a manner as to surprise the most sanguine."

A prominent real estate operator speaking to a reporter yesterday said he thought the financial stringency might turn out to be a good thing for the people of St. John, as well as for the real estate men.

"A year ago there was a speculative fever in regard to real estate here," he said, "if that continued prices would have been forced up beyond legitimate values, and that would not have been in the best interests of the city. But the money stringency put a stop to speculative buying. Probably that was a good thing. Some people thought values should go up rapidly in all parts of the city. This was a blame them, as they have the work as a whole, where real estate increases in value in some sections at a remarkable rate, there are districts where property depreciates in value.

Little Speculation. "In St. John during the year there has not been much speculative buying. But generally speaking real estate prices are as good today as they were a year ago. This is the case in all sections of the city where its growth and progress might be expected to enhance real estate values.

"Proficiency in labor has not been a factor in the depression of prices. Another real estate man told the reporter that a syndicate was being formed to undertake the construction of buildings in St. John on a large scale. If its plans worked out it would build seventy or eighty houses in St. John in the spring. The syndicate if it does anything will proceed on a large scale, and endeavor to solve the problem of reducing the price of raw materials as well as efficiency of labor.

"St. John could easily support another planing mill. The existing mills charge high prices, but you cannot blame them, as they have all the work they can do and can fix their own prices."

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TO EXPEDITE BUILDING OF NEW WHARVES UNDERSTOOD THAT GOVERNMENT HAS CANCELLED THE CONTRACT OF MESSRS. CONNOLLY & CHARLESON.

New life is to be injected into the wharf building work at Sand Point. The government has understood decided to cancel the contract held by Michael Connolly and will make other arrangements for completing the berths. For some time past it has been apparent that the work was not proceeding with the speed it should.

When Hon. Robert Rogers and Hon. J. D. Hazen were here some weeks ago the Board of Trade suggested to them the advisability of the course now decided on. Hon. Mr. Rogers then promised to give the matter most careful consideration and do what was necessary to expedite the work. The recent wreck of the work in progress in a severe storm still further complicated the situation and the Dominion government has now decided according to reports current that the only way to expedite the work is to take it over from the contractor's hands. To this end Mr. Connolly has been notified of the intended cancellation of the contract and in immediate preparation are now being made will ensure the completion of at least one new berth by next winter.

A big job faces the government engineers, but pushed vigorously the work can be finished before the winter season opens and that is what the government plans on.

Hon. J. D. Hazen, when asked about the matter, said he understood the contract had been cancelled. An Ottawa despatch, however, threw some doubt on this saying: "The department of public works has considered the advisability of taking the work out of the contractor's hands. However, if this were done there would be considerable delay while new tenders were being called and a new contract let. The new man would have difficulty in getting out timber and might not have the work ready for next year. If the wharf will be ready next year Mr. Connolly probably will be allowed to finish it."

Neither Mr. Connolly nor Mr. Charlson, the contractors, are in the city. C. McN. Steeves, engineer of the public works department, said he had not been notified that the contract had been cancelled, but thought it probable.

For that New Year's dinner, Sharpe's satin ice cream.

Watchnight Service. There will be a watchnight service in Zion's church this evening beginning at 11 o'clock and closing at 12 o'clock. Special music will be given and short addresses delivered by Revs. J. H. Houghton and W. R. Robinson. Offering for sustentation fund.

At Home. Lieut.-Col. McAvity and officers of the 62nd Regiment St. John Fusiliers, and Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong and officers of 3rd New Brunswick Regiment Canadian Artillery will be at home to their friends in their new quarters at the Armories on New Year's Day from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

St. John Business College day and evening classes will re-open Monday, January 5th.

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