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A PARTY GREETED ITS LEADER.

Warm Welcome for R. L. Borden in St. John.

A Great Reception Saturday Night—Mass Meeting Tonight in York Theatre.

The leader of the liberal conservative party, Hon. R. L. Borden, was tendered an enthusiastic reception to this city on Saturday. From the time of his arrival at the Union Depot till the conclusion of the smoker in the York Theatre assembly rooms the enthusiastic ran high, and was an encouraging sample of the new spirit that has taken possession of the liberal conservative party here.

The train which brought Mr. Borden was an hour and a half late. Among those present at the depot to greet the opposition leader were J. D. Hazen, M. P. P., W. H. Thorne, W. S. Fisher, George V. McInerney, Daniel Mullin, Ald. Baxter, Ald. Macrae, Col. Markham, R. B. Emerson, Col. J. R. Armstrong, S. Scott, T. Barclay Boyd, J. King Kelley, L. P. D. Tilley and Deputy Mayor McGoldrick. When Mr. Borden appeared upon the platform of his car a hearty cheer went up.

Deputy Mayor McGoldrick was among the first to meet the opposition leader. Heartily grasping Mr. Borden's hand, he said: "I have much pleasure in extending to you the freedom of the city to which Mr. Borden replied, expressing his thanks and remarked that he hoped he could commend him to the chief of police.

At the smoker in the assembly rooms of the York Theatre in the evening, an enthusiastic crowd gathered. Before the appearance of Mr. Borden, the crowd were entertained with speeches and songs. About half-past eight the shout went up "Here he comes," and bursts of continuous cheering broke out. It was some minutes before quiet was restored, and then everyone present had a handshake with the conservative leader.

J. B. Baxter, the president of the Junior Liberal Conservative Association, welcomed Mr. Borden in an eloquent and appropriate speech.

Mr. Borden on rising to speak was enthusiastically greeted. His speech was admirably fitted to the informality of the occasion. In his introduction, he told of his appreciation of a reception so cordial and generous and of his happiness in meeting so many old friends and making so many new ones. Especially was he glad to meet the young men, whose support of the conservative party was the guarantee of its future. The chances of the party throughout Canada were encouragingly discussed. He spoke of the recent victory of Mr. McBride in British Columbia. Though narrow, it was a splendid victory in the face of great difficulties and would give to British Columbia the stable and progressive government it so long needed.

Coming to the Northwest, Mr. Borden said the prime minister there had come out squarely in favor of the policy of adequate protection for home industries and he (Borden) believed the Northwest was now as strong as any portion of the east in favor of that policy.

In Manitoba, his friend, Premier Roblin, had won a three to one victory and in Ontario, Mr. Whitney, leader of the opposition, had come out of the elections with 1,000 of a majority of the voters and had carried the province by a majority of the representatives as well except for the work of the machine, and if the conservative party had its rights in Ontario, Mr. Whitney would now be head of the government and Premier Ross the leader of the opposition.

In Quebec conservative conditions had greatly improved and he confidently expected the ancient province in the coming election to return in a great measure to its old allegiance. Prime Minister Edward had already four conservative in the field with a splendid prospect of electing them all. In Nova Scotia, in 1890, the 18 conservative candidates were hard at work with fine chances of success. In conclusion, he strongly urged the New Brunswick conservatives to get to work and complete the organization which was needed for complete success. In referring to the winter port question, he deprecated any rivalry between two ports whose interests were so closely bound together as St. John and Halifax, and said:

"The question in Canada at the present time is not between St. John and Halifax, but between St. John and the United States on the one hand and the United States on the other—(cheers)—and I look forward to the consummation of that trade which is a large portion of that trade which now goes through American ports shall go through Canadian ports. I know that you in St. John in that regard deserve the heartiest meed of praise of any people in Canada because there is no city in Canada or port in Canada which, having regard to its resources and population, has done so much for its equivalent as an ocean port as has this city of St. John. I have laid down a certain policy in the house of commons which I feel to be in the best interests not only of St. John, but of all ports in Canada. When I come on Monday evening to expose to you that policy for the equipment of Canadian national ports as contrasted with the policy of the government, I will be willing to leave it to you as to whether that policy is or is not a policy to commend itself to the people.

After the reception, Mr. Borden was accompanied to the residence of W. H. Thorne by a torchlight procession headed by the band. At the gate cheers were given for the king, Messrs. Borden, Hazen, Thorne, McInerney and Baxter and the gathering dispersed.

Mr. Borden spent Sunday quietly at Mr. Thorne's, attending service at St. Paul's (Valley) church in the evening. Saturday night, in conversation with a representative of the Sun, he expressed

MILLIONAIRE KIDNAPPERS.

Once Wealthy Southerner Tells Startling Story.

Says Powerful Enemies Hounded Him Into Asylum and Now Try to Kidnap Him.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—The World today says: William Burwell Ellis, once a wealthy southerner, who, in recent years, had been a publisher on Fifth avenue, who escaped from an attendant the day after he was committed to the Manhattan State Hospital for the insane, has written from Toronto, a letter to a New York paper declaring that he has been persecuted and was railroaded to an asylum by bitter enemies, including a man who is a millionaire.

He tells a startling story of an attempt to kidnap him since his escape and says the money was made by private detectives employed by this millionaire, whom Ellis considers principally responsible for all his misfortunes. Edgar A. Duveau, the private detective who was sentenced last week to ten years in Sing Sing for concocting a plot to assault and rob Samuel Lewis, a wealthy silk merchant, is named as the man who went to Canada under the name of Eben, and tried to kidnap Ellis.

"My finances were exhausted," writes Mr. Ellis, "my credit among business men was wrecked because of the charge of insanity and I am all hopes vanished. I determined to leave for Canada. I got \$50 from a friend, eluded my attendant, crossed to Hoboken and went from there to Toronto on May 17." Ellis says that in Toronto various attempts were made to get him back to the United States.

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Detective John Hay confirms Ellis' story, and says he went to Toronto with Duveau to get Ellis. He claims he was told to hit Ellis over the head with a lead pipe, the plan being to get him (Ellis) into a boat and to the United States. Duveau told him a big reward would be offered for the return of Ellis. Assistant District Attorney Knott is quoted as saying that \$5,000 had been offered for Ellis' return. The names of those offering the reward are not made public.

THREE MONTHS FOR A KISS.

Deputy Sheriff of Nassau County Convicted on Complaint of a School Teacher.

WOODMERE, L. I., Dec. 6.—Louis L. Cook, of this place, a deputy sheriff, was today convicted on a charge made by Miss Mary Sullivan, a school teacher, of this place. The case was tried before Justice William Jay, who sentenced Cook to three months' imprisonment.

The case was tried behind closed doors. Cook has been known as an honest and truthful man.

It was charged by Miss Sullivan that Cook tried to kiss her while she was on her way home with her bicycle when the machine broke and she was walking along the road when Cook offered to drive her home. The case will be appealed.

STRIKE CLOSES RESTAURANTS.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 7.—The big restaurants in the wholesale and shipping district of San Francisco will close today and will not re-open until the present strike of union cooks has been adjusted. When they are re-opened, it will be on a non-union basis. This action was decided upon yesterday at a meeting of the restaurant keepers' association, which has about 100 members. About 100 smaller non-union restaurants closed out of sympathy for the movement.

A London paper tells an excellent story in connection with the activities of Buckingham Palace. It appears that the custom of meeting face to face for a moment, and then separating without a word, having cut each other dead, is a continuous source of discomfort to sympathetic Americans. One day a visitor from the States found it too much for him. "Come, boys," he said scathingly, "make it up." Whether the sentries responded to this touching appeal is not recorded.

his confidence in the success of the party in New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island. Asked regarding his programme after tonight he said:

After speaking in St. John I go to Moncton, where I speak on the 8th, at Parisville on the 10th, Springhill on the 10th, and Truro on the 11th. During the following week I speak at Annapolis on the 14th, Digby on the 15th, Pictou and Westville on the 17th, and New Glasgow on the 18th. During the Christmas holidays I shall remain in my own country, and early in January I expect to hold meetings in Quebec and Ontario. Arrangements for meetings in those provinces have not been concluded.

Mr. Borden's address to the electorate of St. John tonight is awaited with great interest. His announcement of the position of himself and his party with respect to the question of national ports is of special interest to St. John. Judging by the crowded condition of the assembly rooms at the informal reception Saturday evening, the attendance in York Theatre this evening will tax the capacity of that large auditorium to its utmost. Those who wish seats are advised to be present early.

In addition to Mr. Borden's address speeches will be given by G. W. Ganong, M. P., and others. Ladies as well as gentlemen are most cordially invited, and as the theatre has just been remodelled and enlarged, it is now capable of seating in the vicinity of seventeen hundred persons. The chair will be taken promptly at 8 o'clock.

Hon. R. L. Borden spent most of the forenoon in attending to private business and later was entertained at luncheon at Union Club by Col. J. R. Armstrong. This afternoon he is having a drive about the city, visiting a number of the larger mills and factories.

ACTRESS SHOT BY A PRINCESS.

Grand-daughter of Kings Maddened by Jealousy.

When Her Husband for Whom She Renounced a Throne Proved Unfaithful.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Princess Otto of Windisch-Graetz, his youthful and immensely wealthy wife, the Princess Elisabeth Marie, whom he married only a year ago, and a pretty actress of the opera at Prague are the central figures in an extraordinary scandal that is sending half a dozen European courts, says a Vienna cable to the World.

The princess, who is the grand-daughter on her father's side of the Emperor of Austria, and on her mother's side of the Belgium king, only 20 years old, a royal personage who renounced her rights to the throne of Austria in order to marry as her heart dictated has had a narrow escape from the stigma of a murderess, for she did nothing less than shoot and fatally wound the actress with whom the prince was having a rendezvous.

The remarkable affair took place in the palace of the estate of the princess' family at Prague. It came as a shock to the highest circles of Vienna, where it was supposed that the home life of the young folks was ideal. It appears that Prince Otto has been secretly paying assiduous attention to the actress. The princess was blissfully ignorant of the intrigue until on a certain night she was informed, presumably through some disappointed suitor of the actress, that the prince was then entertaining her in his apartments in the palace.

The princess is, or was at least, deeply in love with the prince and it is said that the news of his unfaithfulness provoked a storm of passion. Grasping a gold mounted revolver of small calibre, presented to her by her recent husband for protection at an hour of possible peril, the princess crept along the corridor until she reached the door of the ante-chamber of the prince's apartments. A valet stood at the door. He declined to allow the princess to enter. She, it is said, became infuriated and fired at the man, who fled down the corridors terribly frightened. Then the princess proceeded to the prince's apartments. Filled with rage and wounded, she stood before the guilty pair, revolved in her hand the sprang toward his angered princess. "You beast," and shot the actress in the breast. The woman uttered a scream and fell.

The prince seized his wife, who would have made her revenge complete with another shot, had not her intention been thwarted.

The princess, now confronted with the enormity of her deed, broke down and was led weeping from the apartment. Medical aid was summoned and it was found that the actress had a serious, but not necessarily mortal wound. She was quickly removed to her own apartments in the city. Her own efforts were made to keep the affair secret but the facts came out through the actress' servants and were soon common property in the city. The princess' act is generally commended by the more straight-laced members of high society, and there will, of course, be no legal action against her for her punishment of the stage beauty.

Prince Otto is 30 years old. Before his marriage to the Archduchess Elisabeth Marie of Austria, he was a simple lieutenant in the first regiment of Uhlans. He and the archduchess met at a grand ball here and fell in love. The Austrian Emperor, whose favorite granddaughter she was, opposed the marriage, but his determined granddaughter told him she would either marry the man she loved or retire to a convent. The emperor gave way and the marriage was celebrated in the magnificent way here after the archduchess had renounced her right of succession to the dual throne of Austria and Hungary. In consideration of her renunciation, necessary because the lieutenant was of an ancient family, was poor and without royal title, the emperor gave to the bride securities valued at \$1,000,000, a yearly allowance of \$250,000, jewels worth \$10,000, a gold diamond service and several residences. The princess is the daughter of the unfortunate Crown Prince Rudolf, whose tragic death stirred the whole world. The crown prince and the Countess Marie Vetsera were found dead together at the hunting lodge, Mayerling, the supposition being that the prince had killed the countess and then committed suicide.

AGED COUPLE'S FATAL JEALOUSY.

Murder and Suicide the Sad End of a Long Married Life.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—A man and a woman, for whom the man registered as Lester C. Fitzgerald and wife, went to the Hotel Galavan, in Williamsburg last night. At 120 o'clock this morning both were found dead in Room 10. The woman had been shot through the right temple, the man's body on the floor, had also been shot through the head. A woman, whose name was not learned, who is said to be a member of a theatrical company now in Williamsburg, says that she saw the man shoot the woman and kill himself. She occupied an adjoining room. She says she heard them quarreling and looked through the keyhole and saw the man draw a revolver from his pocket and do the shooting. Later the identification of the couple as Lester C. Fitzgerald and his wife, of Brooklyn, was confirmed. The man was senior member of a glass manufacturing firm and was considered quite wealthy. A large sum of money was found in his pockets. Both were nearly 60 years old and separated six months ago after a long married life, owing, it is said, to jealousy. The husband arranged their last meeting in the hope of effecting a reconciliation.

STOLE FROM A SAILOR.

Mary Dargar, who fixes her age at the modest mark of 19 years, was arrested here on Saturday night on a telegram from Chief of Police Sullivan, of Halifax. Detective Nicholas Power came to the city this morning and left for Halifax with his prisoner on the noon train today. The young woman is arrested on a warrant charging her with the theft of thirty dollars from the pocket of a Norwegian sailor who was partially intoxicated and with whom she was walking along the street. Mary came to St. John two or three days ago in company with a mulatto. She is white, but has been living for the past few days with a colored woman named Sparks in the place on Sheffield street known as the Cigar Box.

WAGES AGAIN REDUCED.

Fifteen Thousand More New England Cotton Mill Workers Lose Ten Per Cent. of Their Pay.

BOSTON, Dec. 7.—The wages of 15,000 cotton mill operatives were reduced about 10 per cent. today in New Bedford, Fitchburg, Andover, Lowell, Taunton, Pawtucket, R. I. The total number of mill hands who have had their pay lowered during the present cotton crisis is now about 40,000. Five thousand additional operatives in Berkshire county have been given notice that their pay will be cut next week. Most of the mills which have participated in the cut to date followed the course of the Fall River schedule adopted on November 30. Of the operatives affected by today's notice about 12,000 are employed in New Bedford.

COMPULSORY VOTING.

MADRID, Dec. 7.—A law compelling men to vote is among the legislation the new cabinet intends to introduce. The ministers propose to deal generally with electoral reform and one of the clauses of the bill will make it compulsory for every elector to exercise the right of the elective franchise.

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A FOOL'S CRY STARTS PANIC.

Serious Results of False Alarm of Fire.

Fatality Narrowly Averted at Six Days Bicycle Race in Madison Square Garden.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—Serious results were narrowly averted in a panic at the six day bicycle race in Madison Square Garden today, when a criminally reckless practical joker in the audience lit a paper under a sleeping man's chair and shouted "fire." Several hundred persons on the side of the garden rushed in panic from their seats and, breaking through the guard rail, fell and slid down the steep sides of the wooden track, a number of the flying racers having close escapes from collisions. Referee Reeves immediately ordered the riders to dismount and succeeded in stopping them before the leaders reached the struggling mass on the track. In the galleries the cry of fire caused great excitement, but after a few minutes order was restored.

The whirlwind pace set at the outset of the race was slackened after the withdrawal early today of Krimer and Penn, who went into pace the first 128 miles and at 10 a. m. the leaders had finished 225 miles 2 laps and were nearly a mile behind the record. A number of falls took place during the day, the most serious accident being that in which Bowler Simur and McLean went down, McLean lapsing into unconsciousness and being unable to continue. He refused to go to the hospital when revived. His team mate, Moran, continued the race for several hours alone, but could find no partner and the team was withdrawn. All the other teams at 10 o'clock were well bunched, except Hedspeeth and Dove, the colored riders, who had been lapped repeatedly.

THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature, 30; lowest temperature, 20; barometer at noon, 29.94 inches. Wind, northwest; velocity, 3 miles per hour. Fine.

Forecast—Light variable winds; fair today. Tuesday—Strong, westerly winds; light local snow showers. Synopsis—Winds are moderate westerly, both in the Maritime Provinces and along the Atlantic coast. A developing disturbance is moving across the Great Lakes, but it is yet doubtful whether it will reach the Maritime Provinces. To Banks, fresh westerly winds. To American ports, variable today, strong southerly on Tuesday.



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ZION'S FINANCES.

At a conference yesterday between the attorneys representing the heaviest creditors of Zion, and John Alexander Dowle, Dowle declared that Zion's estate is valued at \$14,000,000 above all liabilities, and said that the lace and candy factory were on satisfactory financial standing and had more orders than they could fill.

On this showing he offered to settle all urgent claims in cash and put Zion on a cash basis in all future dealings with the outside world. With his heaviest creditors out of the way he said his debts demanding immediate payment would not amount to more than \$150,000. Samuel Stevenson's judgment notes for \$100,000 are not yet due.

It is believed that his plan will be accepted.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORD Headache Powders.

GIRL ARRANGES FOR HER FUNERAL.

WILKESBARRIE, Pa., Sept. 5.—Seventeen-year-old Blouven Meredith, of Edwardsville, died today. While consciousness remained she arranged the details of her funeral. She called her parents and selected her shroud, chose the pall-bearers from among her friends, the flower-bearers from her Sunday school class, selected the undertaker, the minister and the burial ground. Then she bade goodby to her relatives and died happily.

Meerschman pipes in cases, 75c., at Green's.

The marriage took place at the home of Perry Hand, Upper Canada, N. S., on Wednesday evening, of his sister, Miss Fanny A., and Ernest Kinsman, son of James Kinsman of Sheffield's Mills. On Wednesday the marriage took place at Centreville of Mrs. Edgar Beckwith and Thaddeus Bowles, both of that place.

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THE LEADER.

Of late years, nothing has been sung at Conservatives more often than the taunt that they belonged to a leaderless party. And the taunt has stung the more because, until recently, many conservatives have felt, though they may not have admitted, that it was true.

The heart of the conservative party has been empty since the death of that wonderful man who filled it so completely—Sir John A. McDonald. Of the able men who immediately succeeded him none kept the position long enough to gather around himself the snapped fibres. The hand which brought welcome rest to tired Sir John reached out for Abbot and Thompson before they had fairly shaken themselves into the harness. Bowell did not stay long enough to win more than a provincial recognition and the weight of many years forced Tupper from the leadership at a time when the party sorely need a strong and wise guidance.

Then, when conservatives seemed almost hopelessly disorganized, a new man was chosen chief. He was young in parliamentary experience, and comparatively young in years and little known outside of his own province, except as an able lawyer and a genuine man. Conservatives throughout Canada hoped that their representatives had chosen wisely, but it was not always in a non-critical mood that they settled themselves to wait. R. L. Borden went to work very quietly, straightening the tangled reins and gathering them in steady hands one by one. Then we began to hear of growing strength in the opposition ranks, of an improvement in debate and in parliamentary methods, of increasing confidence. Words of enthusiasm came from Ontario, from Manitoba, the Northwest and British Columbia for the man whose courage and power and magnetism were inspiring the old and the young of the party with new spirit. Later we read his speeches during the recent memorable session and felt the strength of the growing statesman. But, Thomas-like, we doubted a little—until Saturday night.

Then R. L. Borden stepped into the hearts of the conservatives of St. John and filled them as they had not been filled since 1891. If ever the soul of a people went into a cheer it did into that with which the hundreds of conservatives, young and old, gathered in York Theatre Saturday night hailed their leader as he sat down after making his first speech in this city. The splendid tact of the man was perfectly shown by his first speech. Hearty in its initial greeting, encouraging in its description of party conditions all over Canada, inspiring in its final call for work, a speech more appropriate to the occasion would have been impossible. After it, and after his cordial smile and handshake, the allegiance of St. John conservatives was just as wholly his as it ever was the greatest of his predecessors.

Mr. Borden's visit will give the party here the winning stimulus. It is difficult to fight for abstract policies; a party needs a man to follow. They have him to follow if they do not follow him to victory it will not be their fault nor the leader's.

DISORGANIZATION.

If Mr. Blair is really out of politics, what a strain on his nerves the present condition of the local liberals must be. Blair, the autocrat, who swung the party whip so viciously at any least divergence from the straight party path—how it must be gall and bitterness to him to miss the feeling of that familiar instrument in his grasp when he sees his one-time followers straggling at variance at the beckoning of smaller men who flap little whips of their own because the strength of their fingers is not equal to the one "the man himself" laid down. Disensions, petty jealousies, sneers, backbiting instead of the unanimity and discipline he enforced and which he might have enforced again; almost certain defeat awaiting the party he but recently led to great victory, and he powerless to put things right—Mr. Blair's feelings are not enviable.

It is hopeless that anyone can fill his place in the near future and without somebody to write a semblance of harmony out of the prevalent liberal discord, the chances of the conservative candidates in the coming election are better than they ever were before. The parties in this constituency stand too evenly to allow any dissension on the side that would win. And there are men after the liberal nomination, who, when they are disappointed, as many of them must be, will not fall in line behind men who defeated them.

With the conservatives the choice of the convention will be the choice of the party generally and individually. The party was never more united and never more confident of the strength of their position. With the additional encouragement and inspiration that will come to them from the visit of their leader, they will march into the approaching campaign with a confidence of victory never more sure. The greatest danger is that the helplessness of their opponents may fill them into a feeling of over-confidence. There never were yet in a political campaign conditions that guaran-

teed any party in neglecting any law-ful means to render apparently sure assurance doubly sure.

Mr. Borden's speech Saturday night was, like the reception, informal. Tonight the ability of the conservative leader will be better tested as he expounds the reasons why the party which he leads should be restored to power at the coming election.

Ottawa has a new liberal club—the King Edward. St. John appears to need an organization of that kind. It might promote party harmony and tend to defeat the aims of men who go on a still hunt for nominations during the close season.—Telegraph.

The Globe should review its statistics. On Friday the astonishing announcement was made that the exports of Canadian home produce increased \$204,000,000 since this government came into power. The total value of last year's exports of home produce was \$214,000,000.—Sun.

Once more unto the breach, dear friends, once more; Or close the wall up with our English dead. In peace there's nothing so becomes a man As modest stillness and humility: But when the blast of war blows in our ears Then imitate the action of a tiger; Stiffen the sinews, summon up the blood.

Now set the teeth and stretch the nostril wide, Hold hard the breath, and bend up every spirit To his full height! On, on, you noblest English! Whose blood is fet from fathers of war-proof; Fathers that, like so many Alexanders, Have in these parts from morn till even fought, And sheathed their swords for lack of argument. Dishonour not your mothers; now attest That those whom you called fathers did beget you. Be copy now to men of grosser blood And teach them how to war. —Shakespeare.

NEPTUNE'S AT HOME.

The annual At Home given by the Neptune Rowing Club was held on Saturday afternoon, and was attended by almost four hundred people. The guests were received by the president, Fred E. Hanington, and Mrs. Hanington, Mrs. J. H. Thomson and Mrs. W. E. Vroom. During the afternoon a brief musical programme was given, among those taking part being Miss Sutherland, Miss Ella Payne and W. Spencer Jones.

On Saturday evening the whist tournament between the Neptunes and Thistle curling Club was finished, the Neptunes winning in a score of 169-132. The trophy, a handsome engraving, was presented by W. J. S. Miles to Frank Kinnear, who accepted it on behalf of the players.

A HIGH TRIBUTE.

Lord Wolseley's Eulogy of Canadian Officers. In Lord Wolseley's new book, the former commander-in-chief of the British army, pays a warm tribute to the Canadian militia, and to his old friend, Lieut.-Col. G. T. Denison. Speaking of the Fenian invasion along the Niagara frontier in 1866 and the presence there on that occasion of the Canadian militia, Lord Wolseley writes:

"I found they made excellent officers; they were thinking and yet practical men, without any of the pedantry which too often clings to the young officers of all regular armies. My own experience of Canada, and of its fine, loyal, manly people, has taught me that England can always depend upon the Canadian militia to supply her with a first-rate division under Canadian officers, who are not to be surpassed in military characteristics of a high order by any other troops. It is much to be regretted that the supply of officers required for our Royal Canadian Regiment is not left to the Governor-General of Canada, as none but Canadian gentlemen should, I think, be appointed to it. But military or colonial sentiment is not usually understood or appreciated by our civilian war ministers.

"One of the ablest and professionally one of the best read officers I ever knew, is Colonel George Denison of Toronto, who for many years commanding the Governor-General of Canada's body guard. The descendant of many generations of gallant soldiers, who have during the eighteenth and nineteenth centuries fought for the British Crown in Canada, he would have been a military leader of note in any army he joined. It is much to be regretted that he did not adopt the army as a profession. Had he done so, he must have risen to eminence. He gained the prize offered by the Emperor of Russia for the best essay on cavalry, which was a great distinction, as it was open to the officers of all nations. During the annoyance caused to Canada by the Fenians, I came to know him well. With the Body Guard he patrolled the left bank of the Niagara River above the falls, whilst the British Crown in Canada, he would have been a military leader of note in any army he joined. 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F. A. DYKEMAN & CO.

Buy Your Presents Early

We have just added six cases of Toys and Novelties to our stock at S. R. Loyall's, imported direct.

20 doz. Child's Tete-a-tete Sets, 50c. to \$2.00 per set.

1 doz. Rubber Balls, 50c. to 50c.

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1 doz. China Cups and Saucers, 50c. to \$1.00 per set.

1 doz. Gables in good variety.

1 doz. Books and Calendars.

1 doz. Three special values in Kid Body.

1 doz. Dolls, 50c. to 50c. Also a large variety of Toys and Novelties.

Our place will be open every evening until 10 o'clock.

Our Department Store,
11 and 15 Charlotte St.

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In Diamond Rings
I have a large assortment to select from, at prices ranging from

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Will not make a new stomach for you, but will repair the one you have.

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To get your Raisins and Currants; Orange, Lemon and Citron Peel "If" you want the best fruit cake and plum pudding for Xmas.

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English Silver not defaced worth its full value. Hot Ales a Specialty.

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COAL
By the Barrel; Good Quality and Low Price.

HORACE HOYT, 186 Charlotte St.

Harry Carl Ryan, a druggist, of Fredericton, died there on Saturday morning. The deceased was twenty-two years of age, and had served with the second Canadian Mounted Rifles. A father and brother, of Stanley, and three sisters, in the States, survive.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Kinas Goods arriving daily. Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 24 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts
Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

For Christmas presents see Isaac Erb & Son's advt. on this page.

If you can't get charcoal telephone 676.

Christmas Novelties in Pyrography (burnt wood) for sale at Gorbett's Art Store, Union Street.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

The Battle liner Himera, Capt. Lockhart, arrived today at Kobe, Japan, from Yokohama.

A. L. Goodwin has 400 cases of Valencia oranges landing today at Sand Point. The fruit is first class.

Mrs. J. G. Armstrong will continue her sale of art and fancy work at her house, 128 St. James street, until Christmas.

Photos of local scenery for Christmas gifts. We have them in great variety. Isaac Erb & Son, 13 Charlotte street.

Just received, 250 phonograph records of latest and up-to-date selections, also a number of \$20.00 and \$30.00 machines. JOHN FRODSHAM, Royal Hotel.

Rev. C. Burnett, of Leinster street church, and Rev. B. N. Nobles, of Carleton Baptist church, exchanged pulpits yesterday morning.

As Miss Macfarlane is now closing out her millinery business she will sell at reduced prices her entire stock of ribbons, chiffons, velvets, birds, wings, trimmed and untrimmed hats at 29 Charlotte street.

In the city Catholic churches a triduum was begun yesterday to open the jubilee year of the definition of the Immaculate Conception dogma. The three days' special season of prayer will close Tuesday evening.

The Christian Endeavor Society of the Carleton street church will visit the young people's society of the Carleton Free Baptist church this evening. The visiting society will have charge of the meeting.

A. L. Goodwin received today five hundred cases of Valencia oranges of fine quality, also one hundred kegs of Malaga grapes, which will be the last consignment of grapes before Christmas.

A new Canadian association has been started in Hespeler, Ont., and will be known as the Strathcona Club. The secretary of this organization has written asking the common council for pictures of St. John to be used with those of other cities in adorning the walls of the association rooms.

Miss Katie McCaffrey, one of the obliging young ladies of central telephone exchange, will leave this evening by train for Boston to enter an hospital in Arlington Heights to take a course in nursing. On saying good bye to her companions in "central," Miss McCaffrey received from them a handsome fountain pen, telling of her popularity and their good wishes for her success.

William Pilkington, an Englishman, and a guest at the Grand Hotel, climbed from his third story bedroom window into the fire escape last evening and fell into the balcony at the first story. A passerby, on the street, saw the man fall, and notified the hotel clerk. Mr. Pilkington was rescued, practically unhurt. He was thought to be somewhat under the influence of liquor.

Bread of GOLDEN EAGLE Flour Kecs
Moist 6 Days.

FREE KINDERGARTEN OPENED.

Twenty-Four Totals Present the First Day—More Expected.

The new free kindergarten opened in St. Mary's school room this morning. There were no special proceedings of any kind, but the children assembled and went to work at once in the ordinary routine of kindergarten work. A few ladies and gentlemen who are interested in the undertaking dropped in to see how the class was getting along.

The school is in charge of Miss May Burditt with Miss Della Vanwart as assistant and at the opening today twenty-four pupils were present. The majority of these are girls, ranging in ages from three to five years. Most of them come from the Haymarket Square district and it is expected that after the beginning of the year the class will gradually increase.

A large room in the basement of the schoolhouse has been fitted up for this kindergarten work, a piano has been secured, and all arrangements are as convenient as it is possible to make them.

WANT MORE PAY.

Drivers of City Teams Make Reasonable Request.

And now it is the city teamsters who want more wages. There are only twelve of these and their demand is not excessive. It is contained in a petition which will be presented before the common council this afternoon. The men set forth that they are now the most poorly paid employees of the city department. They allege that at the time of the city laborers' strike efforts were made to induce them to go out with the others, but these overtures they firmly declined and remained on duty. More than this, they are now and always have been willing and ready to work in all kinds of weather and even to absent themselves from religious services on Sundays at any time when they may be required to hitch up their horses. The men ask for an increase of one dollar per week all round. At present the drivers of double teams get \$5.00 and of single teams \$7.50 per week.

SEIZING SLEDS.

Police Striving to Enforce the Coasting Law.

On Saturday the police officers gathered in four sleds, taken from children who were coasting on the streets. This was the first bunch of sleds to be confiscated this season, and they are now lying in the cellar of the central station, where they will shortly become fuel for the furnace. The taking of sleds is under the police act, which imposes a fine of \$10.00 on all who are caught coasting. The offenders may also be arrested on sight.

The police say that taking the sleds is the only effective method of putting a stop to the coasting. Frequent complaints are received and some action has to be taken. Most of the sleds are seized during the earlier part of the winter before the children are properly into the swing of the season. Last winter only two sleds were seized after the first of January, while almost twenty were taken previous to that.

MARK FREIGHT PLAINLY.

The deputy minister of marine and fisheries, F. Gourdau, has issued a circular to all freight agents of government railways regarding the marking of freight. This is on the same line as the instructions issued a short time ago, but is more definite in character and will be strictly enforced.

The circular reads "All goods, material, and packages shipped via steamers Minto and Stanley between Prince Edward Island and the mainland either way, should have the destination of the packages distinctly marked by stencil or paint brush on the packages. Packages marked with card tacked on or tied, will not be received, as the cards are liable to become detached."

POLICE REPORTS.

Alexander Clark has been reported by the police for encumbering Murray street with four wagons and three sleds. John Hawkins found a Confederate bill on Sunday and left it with the police.

The sidewalk on North street is in a dangerous condition.

THIS EVENING.

R. L. Borden in York Theatre. Prof. Cyrus McMillan, of Prince of Wales College, lectures in St. Stephen's school-room.

Non. Coms. of 52nd meet in their rooms.

Annual meeting of Johnston L. O. L. at 7.30.

Brian pipes in cases, 50c. at Green's.

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THE DAYLIGHT STORE.

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Store Open Every Evening.

EXPENSIVE FUNERALS.

City Clergy Condemn Ostentation and the Holding of Funerals on Sunday—Jail Services.

The Evangelical Alliance held its regular monthly meeting this morning in the Y. M. C. A. building. Rev. Dr. Raymond in the chair. There were present Revs. C. Burnett, Dr. Gates, Dr. Fotheringham, David Long, Samuel Howard, J. A. Clark, G. E. Phillips, C. W. Hamilton, A. H. Fisher, Miller Trautman, R. D. Marr, C. Comben and W. J. Kirby.

A letter was read from J. C. B. Appel, the secretary, announcing that he was absent and would be unable to attend. The Rev. W. Kirby was chosen secretary pro tem.

Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, for the committee having in hand the establishment of a week of prayer, reported that the matter was about arranged and that the appointment of the different clergymen was nearly completed. Dr. Fotheringham and the secretary of the Y. M. C. A. were appointed a printing committee to prepare a programme.

Rev. Dr. Raymond reported on the holding of services in the jail. The following arrangement was made: In the month of August the services shall be conducted by the Church of England; in the month of September, by the Methodists; in the month of October, by the Baptists; in the month of November, by the Presbyterians. For the present month, the Church of England will look after the services, and next month the Methodists.

Rev. Dr. Raymond read an interesting paper on Ancient Modes of Burial. The reading of the paper was followed by a brief discussion.

Rev. C. W. Hamilton moved in accord with the spirit of the paper, which advocates a simpler mode of burial than that at present obtaining.

Rev. Mr. Phillips thought that funerals of the present time were altogether too expensive and extravagant. He said that if a hundredth part of the concern, which is shown to the deceased after death, were shown to them before death, it would tend to the lengthening of their lives.

Rev. Dr. Gates said that it is now becoming almost impossible to have a burial without the family having to suffer therefrom after imitating the customs of the weather. He believed that an endeavor should be made to hold funerals on week days. A funeral on Sunday not only disturbs the officiating clergyman, but a great number of others in the supplying of temporary vacancies.

Rev. Dr. Fotheringham opposed the holding of funerals on Sunday, and he believed that the cemetery authorities would lend their assistance to the movement.

Rev. W. W. Hamilton moved a motion of thanks to the chairman, Dr. Raymond, for his paper. The motion was seconded by Rev. C. T. Phillips, and unanimously carried.

TRANSFERRING FREIGHT.

C. P. R. System of Bringing Local Freight Around to I. C. R. Sheds Proves Satisfactory.

The new system of transferring local freight from the steamers at Sand Point to the I. C. R. yard has been in operation for some days and so far has proved satisfactory although, as yet, it has not been made to apply to all freight. The terms made by the C. P. R. are that a charge of twenty-five cents per ton shall be made on all stuff brought over, of this fifteen cents is charged to the consignee of the goods and ten cents to the steamship people. As yet no steamship lines have taken advantage of the terms offered, with the exception of the C. P. R. line itself, but the offer is open to all others.

This rate does not apply to perishable freight. Fruit will not be carried, nor will any paying stuff such as salt be brought around excepting under special arrangement.

AN ENGLISHMAN TO THE RESCUE.

To the Editor of the Star:

Dear Sir—The letter of "Disguised" in the Star appears to have aroused considerable interest. As an Englishman but recently come to this country, I must say that my observations have brought me to the same conclusions as those of your correspondent. "There is a good deal of human nature in man" and it is one of the traits of most men to regard those who are likely to harm him in any respect as being outside. This is true of St. John and also of England. Will "Disguised" tell me what would happen if an English laborer appeared at his work in a pair of wolf mitts? Doubtless he has seen the comedy "The Private Secretary," in which the wearing of rubbers is made the subject of an alleged joke. And so in St. John, if a person dresses differently from the general custom, he or she will be sure to attract attention and, among those lacking self-control, comment. The best thing under the circumstances to do is "to do in Rome as the Romans do" and thus remove the cause of the unfavorable comments.

Many of the friends I have made while here (and their name is "Legion") have accused me of being the author of the letter, and I think it quite likely that other Englishmen have also suffered in the same way, so I would venture to suggest that the next time he rushes into print he should sign at least his initials and not hide behind an assumed name.

Yours, etc., H. P.

HARKINS TONIGHT.

Harkins begins a short season of drama at the Opera House tonight, giving a brand new play to St. John people, "When We Were Twenty-one." The play is a most attractive one and is credited with having scored a success wherever given. Mr. Harkins' company is a splendid one and capable of giving some fine productions during the company's short stay here.

Miss Mae Kilgore, the pleasing young operatic songstress, will appear tonight in some of the latest song successes of the American stage. Her selections tonight will include "Sammy" and "Come Down My Evening Star," both of which are now being sung with success throughout the United States. Tomorrow night "Wedded and Parted" will be given.

Y. M. C. A. HANDBALL.

A new series of hand ball games between teams composed of the senior members of the Y. M. C. A. begins this afternoon. Four teams are participating, each team to play the three others.

The teams are:
No. 1—S. L. Kerr and R. Carlos.
No. 2—James Steele and Herb Cassidy.
No. 3—Frank White and W. B. Tennant.
No. 4—Geo. Shaw and Jack Biddington.

The game today is between No. 1 and No. 4.

Nobby pipes for gentlemen at Green's.

PERSONALS.

G. A. Ringland, of the C. P. R., Montreal arrived Saturday afternoon. Mr. Ringland is in charge of the C. P. R. steamship passenger staff and his visit here is in connection with the resignation of Mark O'Meara, which takes effect at once.

Rev. W. O. Raymond, who has been confined to his home through illness for some days, is much improved and was able to officiate at his regular services yesterday.

Dr. McCarthy and Mrs. McCarthy of Ottawa, who arrived in the city Friday to visit Mrs. McCarthy's brother, A. George Blair, left Saturday evening for Fredericton to spend some days with Mrs. R. F. Randolph.

Fred Watson and bride arrived home on Saturday, after a honeymoon moon trip to Boston and New York. Mr. and Mrs. Watson, wife and daughter of the deputy mayor, went to Boston Saturday evening.

Kenneth Copeman, stenographer of the C. P. R. Atlantic steamship lines, of Quebec, who was transferred to the district passenger agent's office here, has resigned to accept another position at Quebec, and will leave here on the 15th.

Mrs. R. B. Gigsey will be at home to her friends Tuesday and Wednesday, 8th and 9th.

R. N. Dean returned this morning from Halifax.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Belyea, of St. John, were in St. John last week, on a tour they are making through the Maritime Provinces.

Mrs. Bennet, of Los Angeles, Cal., formerly of St. John, who is visiting her relatives in New Brunswick, is spending a few days in Amherst with Mrs. A. Robb.

J. Elliot Smith, Greenwich, one of the best orchardists of the Annapolis Valley, has been asked to send two barrels of apples to Sir Thomas Lipton, London.

Mr. McGee of St. John, is taking charge of the business of J. D. Chambers, Wolfville, during his illness.

M. Boyd, of St. John, manager of the new laundry in Wolfville, left on Wednesday for Boston.

Miss Dick, who has been visiting in Kentville for the past month, has returned to her home in St. John.

COMMON COUNCIL.

A Number of Communications That Will Be Considered This Afternoon.

Among the communications to be presented to the common council today is a letter from Capt. Troop, of the C. P. R. services forwarded through Harbor Master Taylor with reference to a mooring post between Nos. 3 and 4 sheds. Capt. Troop alleges that the post now interferes with the handling of cargo at the forward hatch of the C. P. R. boats, but if it were located as the committee suggested, it would be convenient to both C. P. R. and Donaldson steamers.

The preference of the grand jury, sent through the board of health, will also come before the council. The board sets forth that a dump is of much convenience and that by means of it land may be built up. No very definite suggestions are made with regard to the future of the Orange street nuisance.

Alfred B. Wetmore wants a refund of money paid to the city for a business license. Mr. Wetmore states that he was compelled to pay twenty dollars for a business license, as he is a commercial traveller and is away from home for the greater part of his time.

On returning after a recent trip he found that he had been assessed for taxes and that he had not paid, a constable had seized his furniture. In order to regain possession of his he had to pay taxes and costs and now wants a refund of his license fee, as he does not consider himself liable for both.

A PLUCKY DRIVER.

How a Carleton Man Stopped a Furious Runaway.

Between three and four o'clock yesterday there was a rather wild runaway on Union street, Carleton, in which the driver whose name was not learned, displayed considerable coolness and pluck. The horse was frightened at something while on Sand Point and when the driver tried to pull him up, one of the reins snapped short near the bridle. The horse galloped furiously along to King street, where the driver managed, with one rein to turn the corner. The man carefully climbed out of the sleigh and along the back of the still galloping animal until he was able to reach the broken rein, knot the two ends and regain control.

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of Jas. Callihan, hearing of the citation calling upon Sarah Callihan, the executrix, to show cause why she should not file her accounts, was held this morning.

C. S. Hanington appeared for the estate of a creditor of the deceased. The court ordered the executrix to file her account on or before the 23rd of this month.

The passing of the accounts in the estate of the late Francis Tufts was adjourned until Monday next.

E. T. C. Knowles appeared for the executors and A. W. MacRae for the widow and infant children of the deceased.

OFF AGAIN—ON AGAIN.

About half-past seven o'clock this morning people in the vicinity of Market Square were afforded a rather amusing performance on the part of a spirited horse and an equally spirited driver. While going from North Market Street towards King street at a rapid pace the sled slued, dumping out its occupant. When the horse felt the tighter pull on the reins it increased its pace, but the undaunted driver held on. After being dragged for a hundred feet or more he regained his feet jumped in the sled and was away in a jiffy.

Rinks Open In a Few Days

We are, as usual, ahead with our superb line of Skating and Hockey Boots. While you were enjoying your summer outing we were searching the markets for superior values in Shoe wear for rink wear, and here they are:

Misses' Skating Boots at	\$1.25, \$1.50, \$2.00
Ladies' Skating Boots at \$1.50,	2.00, 2.50, 3.00
Boys' Hockey Boots at	1.50, 1.65, 1.75
Men's Hockey Boots at	2.00, 2.50, 3.00

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Finest Footwear. **SAVAGE, Cor. King and Charlotte.**

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Peruna, 80c. per bottle; Raisins, 10c. per lb.

Large bottle Tomato Catsup, 10c.

Incandescent Gas Lights

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We sell the very best Mantles that are to be got in the city.

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BASEBALL RULES.

National League Annual Meeting Tomorrow—Rules Will Probably Be Little Changed.

NEW YORK, Dec. 7.—On the eve of the National League annual meeting, which takes place tomorrow in the Victoria Hotel, it does not appear there will be any happening out of the ordinary unless there are some developments in regard to the St. Louis club, which has been the source of many conflicting rumors recently.

President Robison has denied that his team and franchise are for sale, but he has added reservedly that "any team could be bought, it being only a matter of price."

Beyond the re-election of President Pulliam, the awarding of the pennant to Pittsburgh and the usual discussion about the foul strike rule, there is no business of importance to the public to be transacted so far as the league does not seem likely that the foul strike law will be repealed.

NO AMALGAMATION.

Conditions Against the Union of Nova Scotia and Dominion Steel Companies.

TORONTO, Dec. 7.—J. F. Stairs, of Halifax, president of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Company, is in Toronto. He says that he does not know whether Graham Fraser will leave the company or not. At any rate Mr. Fraser had promised if he went to the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. he would still act in an advisory capacity to the Nova Scotia Company. Despite the rumors of an amalgamation of the two companies, Mr. Stairs said nothing would be done immediately as the difficulty was the valuation of D. I. and S. Co. Nova Scotia was paying 6 per cent. on the common stock and Dominion 8 per cent. paid nothing. Valuation now would be unjust to the Dominion company.

Do you know that a large 8 x 10 photo is given away with every dozen, from \$5.00 per dozen and up, at Isaac Erb & Son's, photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

RE-ATTA FOR HALIFAX.

Carsmen There Confident They Can Defeat the Belyea Crew or Any Other.

A movement is on foot to get up a three-days' professional regatta in Halifax harbor next summer. E. J. Quirk, one of the promoters, talking to the Halifax Mail, said that a four in St. John, the Belyea crew, have been wanting to compete against a Halifax four for the past two years, and he would like to see them accommodated.

His idea is to get a four oared crew, to be composed of fishermen along the shore, get them out on the water early in the spring, and by July 1st they would have two months' training. Mr. Quirk would materially assist in the scheme, providing four good men could be obtained who would carry out orders willingly, and not act like some other crews have in the past. Mr. Quirk was of the opinion that a four could be easily obtained to defeat the St. John four, or any other four in the world, and he would like to see an international four-oared race next year. Halifax has been talking carnival ever since the last successful one held in 1896, when the Halifax fishermen four beat the world to the turn, and who lost their chances of winning owing to a swell from a steamer that had no business on the course. From the proposed four-oared crew a good double could be obtained, as well as a single.

Speaking of carsmen, Mr.