

CANADA A BIG FAVORITE IN AUSTRALIAN MARKET

Great Demand for Our Make of Farm Implements.
FIRMS SHOULD HAVE MEN ON GROUND.
Trade Commissioner Sees Splendid Opportunities for Enlarging Present Trade if Manufacturers Show Enterprise.

Special to The Standard.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Features of Canadian trade with Australia, its present and its future, are dealt with at length in a report to the Trade and Commerce Department by D. H. Ross, commissioner at Melbourne. At the outset Mr. Ross emphasizes anew the desirability of Canadian houses having direct representative in Australia. Dealing with agricultural implements, he states that Canadian manufacturers occupy the predominant position in that line because of the undoubted value of their machine. A decided growth in motor car importation is noted. In 1910 the value was \$44,607; in 1911 \$61,563, and in 1912, \$162,325. Mr. Ross points out that Australians like furniture characteristic of North America, but slow deliveries from Canadian factories is a recurrent complaint and hence orders are given frequently to more expeditious shippers. In Canadian made pianos the trade is fluctuating and unimportant.

Lumber imports from this country decreased by \$20,000 last year. This is explained by a curtailed shipment of British Columbia fir white Washington and Oregon. There are indications that the 1913 and 1914 importations of Canadian hardware will show considerable expansion. The Australian news print while commanding a good market in the commonwealth shows a falling off compared with 1908, showing a preference to be obtained a stronger hold on the Australian market.

Trade Commissioner Ray of Birmingham reports that over to the West Indies, various manufactures and produce hitherto exported to the West Indies from Great Britain and foreign sources will now be diverted to Canada.

Mr. Ray expresses the opinion that Canadians should make efforts to hold their share of the Scottish leather market for which the United States is making strong bids.

FIND BODY OF MAN MISSING FOR WEEKS

Remains of Jack McDonald Discovered in State of Decomposition, Near a Fallen Tree.
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—The body of a man, later identified as that of missing Jack McDonald, was found yesterday near New Waterford.

The discovery was made near the Langan shore, about one hundred yards from the sea, and in what is known as Tambroke's field. The remains were found lying beside and partially hidden by a fallen tree, and judging from the position in which the body was found, it is conjectured that probably the deceased had stumbled over the tree and died where he fell.

The remains are very much decomposed and it cannot be said with any degree of certainty whether the deceased met his death from foul play or not.

It seems to be established that the body had not been in the sea so that any theory as to drowning will probably be discounted. The first informant was that the deceased man's name was Young, but later it was reported that the remains had been conclusively identified as those of Jack McDonald, who mysteriously disappeared about the first of November.

LARGE QUANTITY OF CHRISTMAS GOODS BURNED
Worcester, Mass., Dec. 21.—Nearly a hundred thousand dollars worth of holiday goods burned today in a fire which swept through the seven story C. F. Shere, Company. The loss on the building is estimated at \$50,000.

GETTING QUITE ORDINARY.
Fresno, Calif., Dec. 20.—Lincoln Beachy looped the loop four times in a biplane here today. He also flew upside down for an eighth of a mile.

WHEAT CROP OVER THREE BILLION MARK

World's Production 108.9 Per Cent. of Last Year — All Crops Show Good Increase
Ottawa, Dec. 20.—A cablegram received by T. K. Doherty, commissioner in Canada, from the International Agricultural Institute, gives the total production of wheat in Germany, Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Spain, France, Great Britain and Ireland, Hungary, Italy, the Netherlands, Roumania, Russian Empire, Switzerland, Canada, United States, Japan, Algeria, India and Tunis as 3,569,000,000 bushels, or 108.9 per cent. of the production of the same countries last year.

The production of rye in fifteen countries is 1,235,000,000 bushels, or ninety-nine per cent. of that of the same countries last year; barley in nineteen countries, 1,524,000,000, or 107.7 per cent.; oats in nineteen countries, 4,302,000,000, or 102.3 per cent.; corn in twelve countries, 3,044,000,000, or eighty-two per cent.; sugar beet in twelve countries, 10.25 per cent. of last year; cleaned cotton in United States, India, Japan, and Egypt, 102.1 per cent.

CANADIAN TRADE SHOWS BIG INCREASE

Big Gain in Products of the Farm During November — Fisheries Best in Dominion's History.
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Special—Hon. J. D. Reid, minister of customs, has issued the monthly trade statement for Canada, showing a substantial increase in total trade for November, the total was \$111,459,000, compared with \$108,072,000 for the corresponding month in 1912. For the eight months of the present fiscal year, ended November 30, the aggregate trade was \$777,624,000, as against \$713,614,000 in the same months of 1912.

Domestic agricultural products exported in November totaled \$33,417,000, as against \$24,175,000 for the corresponding month of 1912. Exports of domestic animals and their products for November were \$7,795,000, for the corresponding month of 1912, these exports were \$4,839,000. The exports of manufactures for November also show a substantial and healthy increase. They were, domestic manufactures \$40,000,000, as against \$38,300,000 for November, 1912. There is also a substantial increase in the exports of the products of the mine, fisheries and forest.

For the eight months of the present fiscal year, ending November, the exports of agricultural produce easily take the lead. During this period domestic agricultural exports were \$142,335,000. For the corresponding eight months of the last fiscal year domestic agricultural exports were \$98,349,000.

During the eight months of the present fiscal year the exports of domestic animals and their products were \$38,824,000 compared with \$33,949,000 for the corresponding period of 1912. The fisheries were never in a more flourishing condition. For the eight months of the present fiscal year we exported of domestic fish \$13,556,000 as compared with \$10,498,000 for the corresponding eight months of 1912.

Imports for November exclusive of coin and bullion were \$50,202,000 made up as follows: Durable goods, \$22,338,000; free goods, \$17,863,000; for the corresponding month of 1912, the imports were: Durable goods, \$38,471,000; free goods, \$20,845,000, making a total of \$79,316,000.

The imports for the eight months ending Nov. 30th were: Durable goods, \$294,625,000; free goods, \$146,111,000, making a total of \$440,736,000. For the corresponding eight months of 1912 the imports of durable goods were \$293,319,959 and of free goods, \$152,231,000, making a total \$445,550,959.

JAPAN TO NEW YORK VIA PANAMA CANAL

Tokyo, Dec. 21.—Japan has decided to inaugurate a steamship service with its terminus at Boston by way of Panama. The steamers will call at New Orleans and New York.

NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN LOST OVERBOARD

Captain Richards Carried Away by Heavy Sea—Son at the Helm Sees Father Perish.
Halifax, Dec. 21.—The Nova Scotia schooner John Parker from Barbados has arrived here with her flag at half mast for the loss of her Captain, Jas. Richards, of Lahave, who was swept overboard and drowned on the passage. On December 11 Captain Richards was taking his reckoning when a heavy sea broke over the ship taking the captain with it. The captain's son was at the wheel at the time and shouted a warning to his father, but it came too late.

Despite the huge seas the schooner was brought about and the crew launched a dory, and attempted to rescue the captain who was seen struggling in the water. He was unable to swim, however, and sank before the boat reached him. Captain Richards leaves a widow and fourteen children. Mate Wilkes brought the vessel to port.

ACQUITTED OF MURDER IN NEW JERSEY

Joseph Moriarity Freed of Charge of Killing Wife of Gardner on Gould Estate.
Toms River, N. J., Dec. 20.—Joseph Moriarity, also known as William J. Leehan, was acquitted by the jury on a charge of murdering Mrs. Caroline Turner, wife of a gardener on the estate of George Gould at Lakewood.

The jury was out an hour and ten minutes. Its verdict caused an uproar in the court room, which could not be controlled for five minutes.

The case of the prosecution, the defense contended, collapsed at last night's session, when witnesses for the prisoner testified that Moriarity had been home all afternoon on the day of the murder. One of the witnesses said she had heard Mrs. Turner's voice shortly after ten o'clock of the same evening and that the woman had then been one of the occupants of an automobile which ran into her yard and collided with a tree, lending color to the claim of the defense that Mrs. Turner had died as the result of an automobile accident or was the victim of violence at the hands of an automobile party.

ATTEMPT TO BURN YARMOUTH CHURCH

Fire Set in Chancel of "All Saints"—Had Been Vacant For Over Twenty Years.
Halifax, Dec. 21.—An attempt was made this morning at one or two o'clock to burn the old Roman Catholic church on Barnard street, at Yarmouth. The fire was set in the back part of the church in the eastern end of the chancel wing, but was extinguished before any damage was done.

The building has been vacant since the completion of St. Ambrose church on Albert street in 1890. The old church was known as "All Saints" and was erected in 1846. Another attempt was made to burn a building near the Halifax and Southwestern Railway freight shed last night.

Pictureque and Beautiful New Brunswick



Waterloo Row—Fredericton.

WILL FIRE ON SHIPS BRINGING AMMUNITION

A Mexican Constitutionalist Agent Sends Out Warning—Another Rebel Attack on Tampico is Feared.
Mexico City, Dec. 21.—The rebel forces are crowding close on Tampico and a formal attack may be expected shortly. The report received by the government last night that the assault had begun was not questioned, as it was assumed at the place that this was the rebel plan, but it has developed that the officer who made the statement became confused over a minor engagement at a point some miles from Tampico.

Two minor engagements have occurred between Tampico and Atamira, twenty-three miles to the north, and the federal, according to the war office, were victorious in both. It is also announced by the war office that General Salazar has defeated the rebels between Cosojos and Hermosillo, in the state of Coahuila, to the north of Torreon.

Government officials express pessimism as to the chances of the negotiations for a loan in Europe, but the conservative and unofficial element profess to see in it little that will assist President Huerta in operating the government for any great length of time, since this loan is to meet interest payments on bonds.

Washington, Dec. 21.—Roberto Pasquero, confidential agent here of the Mexican constitutionalists, has instructed the agent of the party in London, Miguel Corvaburias, formerly Mexican minister to Russia, to advise Lloyd's maritime insurance agency that steamers of any nationality bringing munitions of war contracted for by the Mexican government will be fired on by the Mexican constitutionalists.

The agency here refused to say whether the constitutionalists expected to buy any ships for the purpose of blockading ports held by the federalists, but it was made plain that artillery and land forces would be stationed in the future to fire on foreign ships if they carried arms for the Huerta government. This course, according to the constitutionalists here, would be justified under international law. They say they intended their caution chiefly for shipments that might come to the constitutionalists here, would be better able to prevent arms from being landed.

International complications are likely to arise if constitutionalist land forces open with their mountain artillery upon foreign ships, but as there seemed to be no immediate possibility of such a contingency officials displayed little interest in the subject.

WRECKAGE TAKES FIRE

C. N. R. Derailed in the West—Coaches Ablaze, Passengers Climb Through Windows to Safety.
Lorette, Manitoba, Dec. 21.—Canadian Northern train from Duluth, Minn., and Fort William, Ont., was derailed near here today and five coaches and a baggage and dining car overturned into the ditch. The wreckage caught fire, but the two hundred passengers escaped through windows, scratches and bruises, and helped extinguish the flames. A relief train from Winnipeg returned there tonight with the passengers. A broken rail caused the accident.

Three day coaches and all the hand baggage belonging to the passengers were destroyed by the fire before bucket brigades had subdued the blaze.

ITALY'S KING GIVES LESSON IN DEMOCRACY

Refuses to Have "Mona Lisa" Sent to Palace, But Goes to See it at Ministry.
Rome, Dec. 20.—On hearing that King Victor Emmanuel had expressed a desire to see "Mona Lisa" when Leonardo Da Vinci's masterpiece was brought to the ministry of fine arts here today from Florence, Signor Credaro, the minister of fine arts immediately said: "Do no such thing," answered His Majesty. "The King can go where he pleases."

The King, accompanied by his first aide, General Brusati, was among the early arrivals at the ministry to admire the painting. Afterwards the painting was inspected by the cabinet ministers, senators and the members of the diplomatic corps and their families.

The "Mona Lisa" will be officially delivered to Camille Barre, the French ambassador to Italy, tomorrow, in the presence of the Marquis Di San Giuliano, the Italian minister of foreign affairs and Signor Credaro. It then will be placed on exhibition at the Borghese Museum.

BANK ROBBERS WERE OUT TEN DOLLAR BILL

Gave it to Teller So As to Distract Attention, Had to Take Quick Leave and Left it Behind.
Vancouver, B. C., Dec. 21.—A gang of robbers yesterday morning entered the Robson street branch of the Bank of Ottawa in this city, but failed to get away with any money. In fact they left a small souvenir in the shape of a ten dollar bill. It was just after the bank opened at 10 o'clock that two young men approached the teller's desk, and pushing through a ten dollar note, asked for change. The teller reached for his cash and at the same moment each of the two men produced a revolver and commenced shooting. The teller ducked under the counter. The robbers fired five shots and tried to reach the hills but could not. People in the neighborhood began to rush towards the bank and the robbers still firing started away. They escaped in the fog which was heavy at the time. The bank still has the ten dollar bill brought in by the robbers.

FELLED BY A CLUB AND THEN SHOT

Fort Plain, N. Y., Man Came to Help of Daughter and Was Slain by Her Assailant.
Fort Plain, N. Y., Dec. 21.—A crime that has aroused the countryside was discovered early this morning, when Helen Barrett, 29 years old, succeeded in freeing herself from gag and ropes at her home, six miles east of Fort Plain, where after she was attacked last night, her father was attacked by a man or men in search of money. The victim was John Barrett, sixty years old. He was clubbed and shot through the head. His money, a considerable sum, he had hidden behind a wall, was untouched.

Helen Barrett was stunned by a blow of a club while reading, between nine and ten o'clock last night. Her father was slain when he came to her aid. The daughter did not know who committed the crime, and the authorities have had to work without a clue.

SHOT FIRED AT MINISTER PENETRATED BIBLE

Blairville, Pa., Dec. 21.—What is believed to have been a deliberate attempt to assassinate Rev. Dr. R. E. McClure, pastor of the Blairville United Presbyterian church, and president of the Indiana County Anti-Saloon League, failed late last night when a bullet fired at the minister penetrated a Bible, which he carried under his arm, and made a slight abrasion upon Dr. McClure's left side. The authorities are searching for two men, one of whom fired two shots at the clergyman, and who dropped his hat in escaping.

Dr. McClure is widely known over this section of Pennsylvania through his activity in anti-saloon crusades.

FIRE DEVASTATES FAIRLY PORTSMOUTH DOCKYARD

British Shipyard Swept by Million Dollar Blaze.
CENTURY OLD SIGNAL TOWER WIPED OUT.
Two Men Who Remained to Summon Help Perished in the Flames — Models of Old Warships Are Destroyed.
Portsmouth, Eng., Dec. 21.—A fire involving damage variously estimated at from \$1,250,000 to \$2,500,000 devastated the famous dockyard Saturday night, and resulted in the loss of two lives and the destruction of the century-old semaphore tower, which, in the pre-telegraph days, was the great signalling station between the fleet and the Admiralty.

An examination of the ruins today disclosed the fact that two of the three signal men who had remained in the tower to summon help when the fire broke out, were burned to death. The third managed to make his escape through the smoke and flames to an adjoining roof and there fell unconscious. He was subsequently rescued.

Nothing is known as to how the fire originated. When it was first observed from the deck of the new battle cruiser Queen Mary, it had already obtained a good hold on the inflammable material in the left and salis-bour. All the fire fighting apparatus in the dockyard was rapidly brought into action, and the efforts of the men were devoted to preventing the fire from reaching the main store at the end of the burning building, which was filled with thirty thousand tons of heavy oil. After many hours most strenuous work the fire was gotten under control.

It had then reached within eight feet of these tanks. The flames were finally extinguished about three o'clock Sunday morning.

The huge wooden semaphore structure surrounding the rigging tower was a blazing beacon within half an hour after the outbreak, and collapsed on to the roof of the main tower and building, converting the whole into a fiery mass. Fire parties were sent to the dockyard from all the warships in the harbor, and the battle cruiser Queen Mary, on which burning brands were falling, was towed out of the danger zone.

Many valuable models of old warships recorded relating to Nelson and Carlier, and naval relics were destroyed.

BRING TALES OF AMBRIM EARTHQUAKE

Eye Witnesses Tell of Horrible Scenes as Inhabitants Were Buried Under Stratoms of Molten Lava.
Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 21.—Incoming steamers bring terrible details of the recent volcanic eruptions on the island of Ambrim, in the New Hebrides group, in which 500 natives lost their lives. Witnesses of the disturbance describe it as having been so sudden and violent that they expected to see the whole western side of the island disappear.

With a terrific roar, which was followed by a rapid succession of artillery-like detonations, all the craters of the volcano entered into full activity, spouting flames and lava and throwing out huge boulders.

Great streams of lava soon were floating down the slopes, cutting off the villagers from escape. In one instance two torrents of the molten mass joined and made an island of one entire section of a village. Here fifty or sixty persons perished. Flames shot into the air to a height of a thousand feet, illuminating the whole scene of destruction.

The bay after the eruption was filled with dead fish and large numbers of dead turtles. The water in the river was hot. The British hospital buildings were wiped out of existence, but previous to their destruction the doctors plucked removed all the patients to a launch and escaped with them.

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GIRL'S DEATH ADDS TO THE MYSTERY

Finish Girl Who Disappeared in Toronto Found Unconscious and Dies Without Explaining Circumstances.
Toronto, Dec. 21.—Anna Jokinson, the Finnish girl who mysteriously disappeared on December 4 last, while out walking in the northern part of the city, was found today. She was lying in an unconscious condition at Bellington avenue and Forest road. The girl was breathing when she was first found, but was dead when Dr. Bond reached the scene.

The unfortunate girl never regained consciousness after she was found. The chief coroner was notified and promptly ordered an inquest.

The circumstances surrounding, finding, and death of the girl furnish a mystery unparalleled in local annals. There was not a mark of violence on the body, but the eyes had a vacant stare as of one who had died slowly under unnatural circumstances.

The girl's disappearance caused grave alarm to her friends, and rumors of white slavery methods were heard. A local Finnish society recently offered a reward of \$500 for any information as to her whereabouts.

LOWER RATES BETWEEN CANADA AND AUSTRALIA

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—Special—A reduction in parcel post rates between Canada and Australia will go into effect on January 1st. The rate to and from Vancouver for two pound packages is reduced from forty-eight to thirty-eight cents, for three pound packages from seventy-three to forty-eight, five pounds from \$1.21 to seventy-three cents with corresponding reductions up to ten pounds, for which the old rate of \$2.67 is reduced to \$1.46.

"MONA LISA" IS IN ROME ONCE MORE

Brought from Florence Under Guard and Placed in the Farnese Palace — Viewed by Queen Mother.

Rome, Dec. 21.—With befitting ceremony the "Mona Lisa," brought here under guard from Florence, was handed over to the French ambassador, M. Barrere, at the ministry of instruction today in the presence of Marquis Di San Giuliano, the minister for foreign affairs, Signor Credaro, minister of public instruction, M. Besnard, director of the French school in Rome, and other prominent persons, who signed the document of the transfer of the picture, which had previously been officially identified by M. Leprieux, director of the Painting Section of the Louvre, by the aid of documents and detailed photographs. The "Mona Lisa" was then placed in a rosewood box, and Dr. Corrado Ricci, director general of fine arts in Rome, handed the key to the second secretary of the embassy, M. Ollé-Laprune, with the remark: "There she is, take good care of her."

The painting was conveyed to the Farnese Palace, where the French embassy is housed, and was viewed by the queen mother and others.

Paris, Dec. 21.—At the moment the "Mona Lisa" was officially restored to France, Magistrate Drioux, who has had the case under his charge since the painting disappeared from the Louvre, ordered the arrest of Vincente Lancelotti, Michele Lancelotti and Mae Clamsgrain, friends and neighbors in Paris of Vincenzo Perugia, on information telegraphed from Florence by the French police official, Vignol.

The Lancelotti brothers were denounced several days ago by another Italian as having been implicated with Perugia, and they are now charged with receiving and concealing the masterpiece.

When the two men were questioned by the police on December 16 they denied all knowledge of the crime although they admitted they had met Perugia frequently. The homes were searched, and a bundle of letters written in Italian seized.

According to the report from Vignol, Perugia, who is under arrest at Florence, has made a full confession in the presence of an Italian magistrate. He declared that Vincente Lancelotti was aware of the planning and execution of the theft, and that he concealed the painting in his room for six weeks and had helped to construct the wooden box in which it was carried off.

Perugia said that he did not escape from the Louvre by the side door of the inner court, as was supposed, but walked down the main staircase and through one of the principal gates.

COUNTRESS WAS IN LOVE WITH HUSBAND'S NEPHEW

Infatuation of Pair for each other theory for Murder by Polish Count—Imprisoned in Castle.

Gratz, Germany, Dec. 20.—Consternation has been caused in German society circles by a tragedy at Castle Dakowynok, near this city, where Count Matthias Mielzynski, a Polish nobleman and member of the German Imperial Parliament, today shot and killed his wife and nephew. The count tonight is a prisoner in the castle, one of his many country seats, under a guard of gendarmes.

Stories of the shooting are contradictory. The one most generally believed is that the count, who for some time past is reported to have been suspicious of his wife, pretended to go on a journey. Returning unexpectedly at four o'clock in the morning, he is said to have gone to his own room and secured a rifle. Then entering the bedroom of the Countess he fired two shots, killing his wife and his nephew instantly.

The infatuation of the Countess and her nephew, who were 38 and 24 years of age, respectively, for each other, had long been rumored in the neighborhood.

A lady companion of the Countess who was reported wounded by the Count was not present.

Three children were born to the Count and Countess.

The Daily Hint from Paris.

Guelp, Ont. Dec. 21.—Tied hand and foot, and effectively gagged, Frank L. Barrett, president of the Barrett Dairy Company, was found Saturday afternoon in an unconscious condition, lying on the floor of the boiler room of the dairy. He had last been seen at 11:30 Friday night.

He was placing some papers in the safe, when he was struck and knocked down by some unknown assailant, becoming unconscious. He has no recollection of the man or men who attacked him.

He recovered consciousness some time after being attacked, but was unable to break the harness straps which securely bound his arms behind his back, and his legs.

A few dollars appears to be all that was missing from the premises.

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RESTORE THE WORKS OF BURNS TO SCOTLAND

Glenriddle Manuscript Purchased by American Will Be Sent Back — Scots Joyful Over News.

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—John Gribbell, of this city, who recently purchased the Glenriddle manuscript copies of the works of Robert Burns for the purpose of restoring them to Scotland, today received a letter from Lord Rosebery, former premier of England, saying that the prospect of a restoration of the manuscript has put every Burns centre in a ferment. Gribbell wrote to Lord Rosebery asking him to select a place in Scotland where the Burns treasures may be permanently placed. In his reply Lord Rosebery said: "I am sure that all Scotland shares with me the joy with which you have learned of your noble act and princely benefaction. You have repaired the effects of the scandalous sale, and you are restoring to my country one of her most precious title deeds." Lord Rosebery added that the disposition of the manuscripts will require some consideration.

MORE TROUBLE IS BREWING IN PANAMA

Panama, Dec. 21.—The anti-Colombian movement has grown to such an extent that an open letter has been addressed to President Porras demanding the expulsion from the republic of the country's detractors and the dismissal of the Colombians holding government positions in Panama. A further demand is made that the police corps shall be composed exclusively of Panamanians. At the present time about one third of the teachers' staff in the schools of the republic are composed of Colombians and there is a large sprinkling of them in the police department.

The leaders of the anti-Colombian movement express the opinion that if there are not enough Panamanian teachers to supply the schools, teachers from Chile or Spain should be engaged.

It is reported that another anti-Colombian demonstration is being arranged for Thursday next, but the government will probably take some action to prevent a repetition of the scenes of last Thursday night, when several houses occupied by Colombians were stoned.

The editor of La Patria, a local anti-administration organ, with Colombian leanings, has been the object of threats in the last day or two.

HEIR TO MILLIONS, IS SENT TO JAIL

Libelled Director of Father's Firm—Refuses to Sell His Right to Inheritance of Estate.

Muelheim-an-der-Ruhr, Germany, Dec. 20.—August Thyssen Jr., son of the great mine owner and manufacturer of the same name and heir to one of the greatest fortunes in the world, was today sentenced to a month in jail for libelling the director of his father's firm. The elder Thyssen employs nearly 20,000 workmen, and is the owner of great stretches of mining property and iron works.

Father and son have been estranged for a long time, owing to the spendthrift character of the son, who two years ago was brought up in the bankruptcy court in Berlin and was said to owe four million dollars.

In February this year he rejected an offer from his father of thirty thousand a year to renounce his rights of inheritance. He cannot be disherited owing to the existence of a deed establishing his rights.

ONTARIO MAN FOUND BOUND AND GAGGED

Was Lying Unconscious on Floor of Boiler Room Where He Was Attacked by Burglar.

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GIRL WRITER WHO EXPERIENCED WHAT IT IS TO BE A WAITRESS



Miss Fanny Hurst

Waitresses are honest and kindly, and the women they serve are stingy. This much Miss Fannie Hurst, college graduate, writer of short stories and observer of humankind, found out after working a few days as a "learner" in one of the many quick lunched up if they spend only a little on their food, but the women never do," declared the young woman. "The men give you a tip if they spend only a little on their food, but she is a graduate of Columbia University. She came to New York four years ago from St. Louis. The manager employed her as a "learner," not as a waitress, because she had had no experience. But she averaged seventy cents a day in tips, which, she said, was good for a beginner.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES IN FREDERICTON CHURCHES

Large Congregations, Special Sermons and Season's Carols—Christmas Business at Capital Ahead of Last Year.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Christmas services were held today in the evangelical churches of the city. There were large congregations and the services were largely characterized by seasonal sermons by the pastors and special music. At the Methodist church there was a children's choir of fifty voices and following evening service sermons by the pastors and special music. At the Methodist church there was a children's choir of fifty voices and following evening service sermons by the pastors and special music.

HERE'S ANOTHER ONE TO WORRY ABOUT

Trichinosis, Disease Caused by Eating Uncooked Pork, is Making its Appearance in America.

Washington, Dec. 21.—To prevent the spread of trichinosis, a dread disease little known to the American people, the department of agriculture tonight issued a warning against the consumption of raw or uncooked pork products, the declared source of the malady. In many districts of the country, particularly in sections with large foreign populations, the statement said, large quantities of pork are consumed during the Christmas season, resulting frequently in cases of seriously impaired health, if not in fatalities.

FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

A Brass Bed appeals to every woman, and will surely be welcomed at the festive season. You can make no mistake in selecting one NOW, while our stock is the largest ever shown in St. John.

The one illustrated with two inch posts, and two inch fillers, sells at \$36.00 net. We have dozens of other designs and prices.

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WHAT TRIPOLI COST ITALY

Nearly Two Hundred Million, Finance Minister Tells Chamber—Looks for Another Surplus in 1914

Rome, Dec. 20.—King Victor Emanuel's provisions contained in the speech from the throne, delivered at the opening of parliament last month, were confirmed in the financial statement presented to the chamber of deputies today by Francesco Testesco, the Italian minister of treasury. The budget of 1913, the minister said, gave a surplus of \$22,200,000, the budget of 1914 indicated a surplus of \$7,000,000, while in 1915 there would be a surplus of \$1,600,000. Tripoli cost Italy \$191,500,000.

The expenses of the government, Signor Testesco said, would be met by financial measures which would not comprise either state monopolies or taxes bearing on industries, and that they would not hamper the development of the economic forces of the nation.

The foreign minister said Italy had shown her friendliness to the exposition by the appropriation in parliament last June of \$400,000, which had been placed in the hands of the government to provide for Italian participation should it at the proper time definitely decide to take part.

BOSTON ICEMEN ARE WORRYING ALREADY

Abnormal Weather Augurs Poor Supply Unless Change Comes—More Like Easter Than Christmas.

Boston, Dec. 21.—With fair skies and a temperature in the fifties the Sunday before Christmas in this part of New England was more like Easter than a day close to the winter solstice. Whatever the remaining days of the month have in store, the total temperature for the year will stand as a record with something like 1,225 degrees of excess heat.

Practically no ice has formed south of the New Hampshire and Vermont lines, while the only snow is in the dense woods of northern Maine. Ice dealers, after a meagre harvest last year, are already preparing to rely on artificial sources for their supply or to obtain it from New Hampshire and Maine.

MONCTON'S FIRST MAYOR DIED ON SATURDAY

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Thaddeus Stevens, aged 77 years, who was the first mayor of Moncton, and for many years a prominent figure in the town, died on Saturday afternoon, following a stroke of paralysis some months ago. He was the founder and editor of the Daily Times, from which he retired several years ago. He was also an ex-M. P., having been for a short period a member of the New Brunswick legislature.

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THE LATEST SHIPPING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN

(Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.) St. John, Dec. 20-10 a. m.— Cape Race, 720-Dec. 19, 3.30 p. m. Montrose 200 miles southeast, inward. 6.15 p. m. Pretorian 260 miles northeast, inward. Sable Island, 350-7.30 a. m. Manxman ahead. Halifax, 267-3 a. m. Empress of Britain arrived. Brier Island, 61-Fair, fresh west. Point Lepreau, 22-Cloudy, strong west. Partridge Island-Cloudy, moderate northwest. HESPERIAN AT GLASGOW. The Allan liner Hesperian arrived at Glasgow at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. ONTARIAN ARRIVES. The Donaldson liner Ontarian arrived at Glasgow at 9 o'clock Saturday morning. STMR. JERICHO ARRIVES. The steamer Jericho arrived in port yesterday morning and docked at Hand Point where she takes in cargo for Australia and New Zealand. SETTLEMENT MADE. For damage sustained by schooner Maude Palmer by being run into recently off Great Point, Nantucket, by schooner Lady Smith, the owners of the latter vessel have settled for \$500. WILL BE LAID UP. The former boats on the West India service, the Oruro and the Ocamo, will in all probability be laid up and anchored off the Dartmouth shore of the harbor. The Oruro is still at Pickford & Black's wharf and the Ocamo is discharging sugar at Richmond. WEST INDIES SERVICE. The second steamer of the Royal Mail Line on the Canada-West India service will sail on Friday from Halifax for the South. The steamer is the Caraqueet. She will have 3,500 tons of freight, 2,500 tons of which were loaded at Halifax and the remaining 1,000 tons at St. John. The Caraqueet will have 25 first, 16 second and 20 third class passengers. VICTORIAN SAILS. The S. S. Victorian, Capt. William, sailed Saturday afternoon for Liverpool. The ship had about 900 passengers. The saloon passengers are as follows: C. H. Hill, Mrs. Bill, H. S. Davis, Miss I. Dunn, Roy Von Eetvelde, John P. Fowler, H. R. L. Henry, Mrs. Henry, H. May, Mrs. G. Nash, Captain Royle, Mrs. Royle, B. H. Sisson, Mrs. Sisson, W. Smith, G. W. Stanaby, E. Wellwood, J. P. Wodge, Professor Wrong. SHIPMENTS OF ORE. Large quantities of copper ore coming from Canada over the Grand Trunk road are being shipped weekly from Galt wharf, being unloaded from cars at that dock. The shipments aggregate about 5,000 tons of ore monthly, and it is reported will be continued for an indefinite period. Most of the ore coming from Canada is shipped to Newtown Creek, N. Y., where it is refined. Large shipments are also being made from the Maine Central wharves the ore coming from Canada, some of it going to Jersey City, where there are large refineries, a good proportion of the product going into sulphuric acid, for which there is a great demand. FREIGHTS DULL. Portland Argus: Coastwise freights as far as the smaller sized vessels are concerned are extremely dull at the present time, there being hardly any business offered with the exception of a limited number of stone charters, lumber freights from Maine ports being few and far between. As regards coastwise freights being hauled up all along the coast, the skippers preferring to have their vessels idle for the next three months rather than take chances in keeping them in service when the loss of a few sails WAS SUBJECT TO SEVERE BRONCHITIS. Doctors Only Gave Temporary Relief. Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup CURED HIM. Bronchitis is generally the result of a cold caused by exposure to wet and inclement weather, and is a very dangerous inflammatory affection of the bronchial tubes. Neglected bronchitis is one of the most general causes of consumption, as cure it at once by the use of Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. Mrs. C. G. Dring, Hamilton, Ont., writes: "Our little boy has been subject to severe bronchitis ever since birth, and different doctors claimed to be only able to relieve him temporarily. A neighbor advised us to use Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup, so I got a bottle, and after the third dose noticed a decided change, so kept on with it, and a couple of bottles were enough to completely cure him. Now we always keep a bottle on hand, and give it to him as soon as we notice any trouble with a cold, after which it disappears as if by magic. We recommend it to all our friends who find it is just as good as any." Price, 25 and 50 cents a bottle. Be sure and get the genuine "Dr. Wood's" when you ask for it. Put in a yellow wrapper, three pine trees the trade mark, and manufactured by the T. Millburn Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.

BOUND FOR PORTLAND.

Steamer Fremont of the Thomson Line, which has been discharging several hundred tons of freight at St. John's, Nfld., left there on Friday morning for Portland, being due to reach there early on Monday. She is scheduled to leave on her return Dec. 27 and will take out a full cargo of four and grain for Leith. The three-masted schooner John R. Wooley, New York to Providence without cargo, ran ashore on the rocks of Gardiner's Island at the eastern entrance to Long Island Sound and was Friday afternoon reported to be breaking up, with eight men of her crew lashed to the rigging and unable to reach land. STEAMSHIP NOTES. Furness Line S. S. Kanawha, Capt. Kellerman, sailed Saturday for London via Halifax, with grain and general cargo. Manchester Line S. S. Manchester Importer, Capt. Linton, sailed Saturday for Manchester via Halifax, with general cargo. C. P. R. Line S. S. Empress of Britain, sailed Saturday at 3 a. m. Saturday from Liverpool with mails, passengers and general cargo. C. P. R. Line S. S. Montrose was 200 miles southeast of Cape Sable at 3 p. m. Friday, bound from Antwerp for St. John. Allan Line S. S. Pretorian was 260 miles northeast of Cape Race at 6 p. m. Friday, bound inward. S. S. Manxman was ahead of Cape Sable at 7.30 a. m. Saturday, bound inward. Red Cross Line S. S. Clothilde Cuneo, Capt. Tetland, sailed early Saturday morning for New York. Besides general cargo she took away 200,651 feet of deals, also a lot of fish for trans-shipment to Havana. MINIATURE ALMANAC. December—Phases of the Moon. First quarter, 5th. 10h. 59m. Full moon, 13th. 12h. 16m. Last quarter, 20th. 12h. 16m. New moon, 27th. 10h. 59m. C. P. R. W. Sun Rise. Sun Sets. H. Water a. m. H. Water p. m. J. Water a. m. J. Water p. m. 23 M 8.08 4.40 6.23 19.00 0.21 12.50

VESSLS IN PORT.

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A RECORD OF PROGRESS AT THE MINTO COAL FIELDS

Year and a Half Sees Astonishing Results. FOUR SHAFTS ARE NOW YIELDING COAL. Average Output now Nearly Two Hundred and Fifty Tons a Day — Everything Thoroughly Modern

Two properties on which coal had been mined for over fifty years, the Coakley property and the O'Leary property were purchased early in the spring of 1912 by the Minto Coal Co. Ltd., about 100 acres in each property. The company began operations on the Coakley property in the spring of 1912, and the first coal was raised from their new shaft in July of that year. The company now have four shafts fully equipped, both on the surface and under ground and in operation turn out coal. Some of these shafts have turned out between 120 and 140 tons of coal a day. These shafts are all connected by the main level running through them, and are furnished with natural drainage. A fifth shaft has also been put down and the main level connected with it, and is now ready for the shaft buildings and surface equipment. Railway sidings extend to all the shafts, the total length of the sidings being over a mile and a half. The tracks in the mines under ground are laid with small steel rails weighing twelve pounds to the yard, and the coal is wheeled from the miner's working places and removed to the bottom of the shaft in steel mine cars each carrying about 800 pounds of coal. At each shaft there is the elevator building in which the elevator or cages from the mines carry the coal to a height of about 15 or 20 feet above the surface of the

ground and will be ready for occupancy by the end of this month. Six of these are two story houses. The others are one story in height. In addition to these houses the company have office buildings, general store, baggage house, power house, three blacksmith shops and two wash houses. This will give an idea of what can be done in the way of getting coal quickly in the Grand Lake district without the expenditure of any large amount of money on capitol account. The president of the Minto Coal Company, Ltd., is Sir Thomas Tait, and his mine manager is John Henderson. Almost in sight of this development is a large number of new houses in connection with the mines of the Rothwell Coal Co., in which the Robert Rothwell Steamship people are said to be interested, and near the railway station at Minto a large number of new houses are being put up by Mr. Kennedy, of the Northfield Coal Co. The Bank of Nova Scotia now has a branch at Minto, and a large amount of money is distributed there for various companies in the district. A large development of the coal mining business about Minto and between there and the Grand Lake shore is now well under way, and will doubtless in a short time exceed the most optimistic prediction which have ever been made in regard to possible development of the district. The quality of the Minto and Grand Lake coal is proving excellent, and the millions of tons which are so easily available form a natural resource which will bring a considerable revenue to the province in royalties, and will provide the necessary fuel for the new work of railways now being completed in New Brunswick, and for the big industries which are being established. An idea of the amount of coal some of these industries will call for may be had when it is stated that it is expected that the Sugar Refinery at St. John alone will use 200 tons a day, and the Canada Cement Co. will use another 200 tons a day when their plant is in operation. They have already considered the possibility of using Grand Lake coal, and it has been shown that they can secure it more cheaply and to better advantage than any other coal. If the steel works are established at St. John, it is stated that they will use in the vicinity of 500 tons of coal per day. Thus it will be seen that with the demand from the railroads and the prospective demand from the industries the rapid development at Minto and Grand Lake must be kept up in order to keep pace with the increasing demand for coal.

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RAILWAYS. CANADIAN PACIFIC

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THE COST OF LIVING.

That the defeat of the Laurier government was, to a great extent, responsible for the increasing cost of living and the "period of hard times" which Canada has had to face, is the impression obscurely conveyed in an editorial in the Times of Saturday evening. The Times is inclined to oppose the Government's appointment of a departmental commission to enquire into the cost of living on the ground that the board of enquiry will make "such an investigation into the high cost of living as it may be directed to do."

Before dealing with this insinuation a little consideration must be given to the record of both political parties on this matter of the cost of living; what action they have taken to give relief to the people, and what their present attitude is in regard to it. It is easy enough to say, as the Times doubtless will say, that Sir Wilfrid Laurier is not on trial and consequently his past attitude toward questions of this sort will bear no relation to his present advocacy of improving conditions by reducing the tariff on food stuffs. In considering Sir Wilfrid's free food policy, however, one is first inclined to wonder if he is sincere, and secondly, if he is justified in the course he has taken.

For fifteen years Sir Wilfrid Laurier headed the Government of Canada, assuming office in 1896 and vacating it in 1911. Reference to statistics will show that the cost of living during Conservative rule reached its lowest point shortly before 1895 and the first notable increase came in 1897, one year after the Liberal Government assumed power. From 1897 to 1911, with the single exception of the year 1908, the cost of living increased more than forty per cent, a far larger proportion than it has increased since, and yet we do not find that Sir Wilfrid Laurier, or the Government of which he was the leader, was at all concerned about it. It was not until he was hurried from power that the country glimpsed one symptom of his great interest in the cause of the working man and the problems all working men must meet. If Sir Wilfrid remained untroubled in his position as head of the Government of Canada from 1897 to 1911 during which time he saw the cost of living increase forty-two per cent, why now should he be so greatly concerned regarding the proportion of increase which has come upon us in two years?

Mr. R. H. Coats, B. A., F. S. S., editor of the Labor Gazette, and one of the members of the commission which will investigate the cost of living, has just published a report on wholesale prices in Canada for the year 1912 in which statistics appear which throw light on some of the remarkable statements made by the Liberal leader. Official statisticians have traced the course of prices in 272 articles of daily consumption in Canada from 1890 to 1912. Taking the average price as 100, we find that in 1890 the price was 110, and had fallen almost to 92 in 1896, the year Sir Wilfrid came into power. From 1897 until 1911 it rose as follows: 1897, 92; 1898, 95; 1899, 99; 1900, 108; 1901, 107; 1902, 109; 1903, 111; 1904, 112; 1905, 114; 1906, 121; 1907, 126; 1908, 121; 1909, 122; 1910, 123; 1911, 134.

It is thus seen that from 92, when the Liberal Government came into power in 1896, the wholesale price in Canada had risen to 134 in the year Sir Wilfrid was defeated, or forty-two per cent. Did Sir Wilfrid at any time previous to his advocacy of the reciprocity pact take steps to give the people a remedy for what, even then, was becoming a burden? The Times, as well as anyone, knows that he did not. During his whole term of office no proposition of the sort was ever voiced by him.

Now we come to the reciprocity question and in this connection it might be more convincing for the papers which now point to Sir Wilfrid's policy as the panacea for the high cost of living and intimate that we might have secured lower foodstuffs if we had adopted the reciprocity agreement, to read the speeches of Liberal speakers delivered in that campaign. It will be seen, that in addressing audiences of farmers and producers the orators were careful to point out that reciprocity would give them higher prices for their produce, while the tune was changed for urban audiences who were told that the pact would give them cheaper foodstuffs. If the Times can explain how Sir Wilfrid would get better prices for the seller and lower prices for the consumer out of one and the same measure it will indeed confer a service.

If Sir Wilfrid is correct in his statements that the cost of living can be lessened by tariff reduction, then the United States should now be reaping the benefit from the Underwood tariff changes. This is not the case but instead, what do we find? The New York Sun, a paper which approved Sir Wilfrid's reciprocity campaign, is not inclined to believe he has struck the right note in his present effort. The Sun says:

"In the untoward conditions in Canada, despite the propitious tariff law in the United States, Laurier sees the opportunity of his party, and mightily sounds the slogan of revision downward. But it so happens that the States are also depressed, that production is restricted, and there are more idle men in the big cities than it is pleasant to think of, while the cost of living goes up instead of down. Conservatives in Canada have only to point to prices in the United States under the low tariff to refute Sir Wilfrid Laurier."

The New York Evening Post just as clearly sees the fallacy of the Laurier argument. After showing how ridiculous it is for the leader of the Canadian opposition to connect the price of food in Canada with either the American or the Canadian tariff, it says:

"Now he has added to his category of reasons the existence of combines. His revised charge is that the tariff fosters such combines, which have presumably sprung into existence since August. The truth of the matter is signified by the Liberals' prompt dropping, as a campaign document, of the British commission's report on the cost of living throughout the world—a petard with which they may themselves be hoist. A phenomenon so widespread is not explained by the simple formula of a local tariff."

In consideration of the facts it can be clearly seen, first, that Sir Wilfrid showed no disposition to move to reduce the cost of living when he was in power, and secondly, that even if sincere now he has not hit upon the solution of the problem. His whole attitude is nothing more than that of the opportunist who hopes to turn to the benefit of his political party the condition which, history teaches, has come to all new countries at some time or other in their development and that will not be remedied until something is done to populate the farms of the country. So long as the young men leave the farms, where they are producers of food, and flock to the cities where they become consumers of food, thus increasing the demand at the expense of the supply, just so long will Canada have to face the problem of the high cost of living.

As far as the Government can do anything, it has shown its willingness to act. It has appointed a board of experts who will collect evidence as to causes, and from this evidence suggest a remedy. In case of sickness a physician first must study the symptoms and pronounce on the nature of the disease before he can prescribe the curative. That is exactly the case with the condition in Canada. Before a remedy can be prescribed there must be knowledge as to the complaint, and it is to secure this knowledge that the Government has decided to hold a departmental enquiry. Despite the ravings of the Liberal press, it is just such an idea as will commend itself to all men of common sense whose minds are broad enough to regard the Government's action without party bias. Its reasonableness is what makes it so objectionable to machine papers of the Times' class.

LORDS AND COMMONS.

If the contention of William Joynson Hicks, a Unionist member of the Parliament of Great Britain, that there is a flaw in the Parliament Act, should prove to be correct, it looks as if there will result a tangle in the Mother of Parliaments. Mr. Hicks claims that if the House of Lords do not desire to pass the Home Rule bill, or any other measure of which they do not approve, all they have to do is adjourn consideration of that bill from month to month. By this expedient they could never reach the obnoxious legislation. Should the Peers of Great Britain adopt trade union tactics and by the process of adjournment bring into operation what practically would be a legislative strike, the resulting spectacle would be strange indeed.

It is hardly comprehensible that with the careful scrutiny to which the Parliament Bill was subjected before its passage, such an obvious loophole, by which the House of Lords could escape the limitation of power the act intended, could get through. Mr. Hicks is an eminent authority on the Parliamentary acts of Britain and is quite outspoken in his contention that for all practical purposes the Parliament Act does not limit the power of the House of Lords any more than it had never been passed.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier had half a dozen conflicting policies on the naval question and it will be most surprising if he does not show the same bold and consistent front on the question of free food.

Diary of Events

THE PASSING DAY

WINTER BEGINS TODAY. Hall, King Winter, hail, blizzards, storms, gales, tempests, bitter cold, and other assorted varieties of weather. In addition to hail, may be expected during the Winter which officially begins today. It is true that many sections of the North American continent have never even given some excellent imitations of Winter, but those were but samples, and nothing compared to what may be expected during the next few months.

This is the shortest day of the year, in the matter of time, and also the "shortest" financially for those who have followed the advice frequently set forth in these columns to do their Christmas shopping early. Today will be one minute shorter than yesterday, and according to the equator and Buenos Ayres and Cape Town are now basking in sunshine or hoisting umbrellas as protection against the sun. The winter solstice, which marks the beginning of Winter in the northern hemisphere, is the Summer solstice south of the equator. Rio de Janeiro and Buenos Ayres and Cape Town are now basking in sunshine or hoisting umbrellas as protection against the sun.

Walter H. Sampson, a New York astrologer, points out that "at the present time, 1913, the planet Saturn, always held to be a malefic influence, was exactly setting in Dayton, Ohio, and that his position at this time for lovers, inasmuch as it is the Winter solstice, this planet will set at the East, and that when interpreted according to the rules laid down by the ancients, the figure is somewhat threatening in regard to its promise for the Winter season in the eastern part of the continent. He continues that it presages a severe and stormy Winter, much more so than for many years, with considerable attendant ill-health and suffering, since the general aspect of the heavens at this time is that of a disordered and afflicted. This prophet of evil concludes: "We should, according to the warnings of the older astrologers, be especially on our guard against death, as well as financial difficulties, many losses and failures, continued difficulties with foreign or neighboring powers, and a generally troubled and severe Winter."

Scores of other prophets have indulged in predictions that the Winter of 1913-1914 will be exceptionally long and severe. Those who base their theories on the actions of wild beasts and birds are especially firm in the conviction that the Winter season will be a cruel and a hard one. Many who have studied the ways of the furred and feathered creatures of the wild declare that the animals are already exhibiting signs of a knowledge of the coming of a severe Winter, and that the "sings" afforded by those four-footed and winged prophets point conclusively to exceptionally severe weather during the months to come.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

LORD ALVERSTONE SEVENTY-ONE TODAY

Sir Richard Everard Webster, first Baron Alverstone, Justice of England, and Lord Chief Justice, will today reach his seventy-first milestone in life today. The venerable jurist has been granted an annuity of \$29,000 for life in recognition of his services to the law. In relinquishing the embleme to Sir Rufus Isaacs, Lord Alverstone established a precedent as being the first Lord Chief Justice in England's history to resign the office. Richard Everard Webster was born on Dec. 22, 1842. At Cambridge he studied law, and was called to the bar in 1864, and he could cover a mile in very near to record time. His rise in the profession of law was not rapid, but was thorough. He achieved prominence in one year, entering parliament in 1885, and within the twelve-month becoming Attorney-General of England, and a Knight Bachelor. He was a thinker rather than an orator, and his lack of eloquence, all the more pronounced because an Attorney-General, was frequently pitted against men who had kissed the Blarney Stone, led to the application by his political enemies of the title "Sir Wretched" Webster. He was Attorney-General from 1885 until 1900, except for a period of three years, and in 1900 took his seat on the bench as Chief Justice, at a salary of \$40,000 a year, and was created a lord.

Lord Alverstone's ability as a jurist has been criticized by political opponents, and as zealously defended by his friends, but his honesty, his sincerity and his adherence to his highest conception of justice have never been questioned.

FIRST THINGS

PHILADELPHIA JOURNALISM

The first newspaper published in Philadelphia was the American Weekly Mercury, which issued its first number 134 years ago today, Dec. 22, 1719. It was the third newspaper in the American colonies. Its two predecessors having been published in Boston. The publication was "printed and sold by Andrew Bradford, at the Bible, in the Second street, and John Copson, in the High street." Bradford, like the founder of the Boston News-Letter and the Boston Gazette, was a postmaster. His father, William Bradford, had established the first printing office in America outside of New England. The postmaster-editor had his troubles with the authorities, and was warned, on pain of imprisonment and the confiscation of his printing plant, never to publish anything about the political affairs of the colonies. The reprinting and warning followed the publication of an article which Bradford explained had been inserted by a journeyman printer without his knowledge. Bradford had other disputes with the powers that ruled Philadelphia, and on one occasion was committed to prison, but was released. He continued the publication of the Mercury until his death in 1742, when the paper was acquired by his widow, the first woman editor in America. The second Philadelphia paper, the Universal Instructor in all the Arts and Sciences, and Pennsylvania Gazette, was founded in 1738, and taken over by Benjamin Franklin the following year.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

Apprehension.

The housewife, smit with sudden fear, Stops mixing mince-ple stuff And murmurs in excited tone, "What if the Turkey's tough?"

Mystery of Mysteries. She pounds a Ramingwood all day, And Tangoes half the night, And still her little cheeks are red, Her pretty eyes are bright.

Athletic.

Mr. Newrich (reading a newspaper headline)—"Japanese Turn Agnostics." Mrs. Newrich—"Isn't it wonderful what those Japanese acrobats can do!"—Buffalo Express.

Excellent Reason.

(Sydney Bulletin.) Small Girl—"Mumver says you will call for the rent Friday instead of Thursday!" Rent Collector—"Why Friday?" Girl—"Cause we're leaving Thursday."

The Retort Courteous.

Candid Hostess (on seeing her nephew's fiancée for the first time)—"I never should have known you from your photograph." Reggie told me you were so pretty." Reggie's fiancée—"No, I'm not pretty, so I have to try and be nice, and it's such a bore. Have you ever tried?"—Punch.

It Was Well Named.

A rather illiterate man had to perform a certain part in the initiation of a candidate for admission to the lodge. He read the lines very laboriously, as well as incorrectly. "What do you call that?" asked a member of another. "I call it ritual murder," was the reply.

The Famous Name of Ingersoll.

(M. A. P.) A book story with an American smack about it comes from New York. "Perhaps you are familiar with the works of Ingersoll," says a book salesman to a caller. "Sure I am," replies the caller. Mr. Goldberg, the Jeweller; "and it's a very good watch for der money."

Correct.

Teacher—"Now children, can you tell me what are the national flowers of England?" Class—"Roses." Teacher—"And France?" Class—"Lilies." Teacher—"And Spain?" (Silence for a minute—then small voice at back of the schoolroom)—"Bullrushes, ma'am."—Life.

Men's Troubles.

(New York Tribune.) A crabbed old misogynist said to Ethel Barrymore at a dinner in Bar Harbor: "Woman! Feminism! Suffrage! Bah! Why, there isn't a woman alive who wouldn't rather be beautiful than 'No one'?" "That's because," said Miss Barrymore, calmly, "so many mean men are stupid while so few are blind."

Evidence.

"Where have you been, my dear?" "Walking in the park, mother." "And with whom?" "No one." "No one?" "No one." "In that case," continued the mother relentlessly, "you will please be so kind as to explain why you have returned with a walking-stick instead of an umbrella."

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ALL SHOULD ASK QUESTION "WHERE IS HE?"

Rev. A. J. Archibald in Forceful Sermon on Christmas.

MUST TEACH PEOPLE TO GIVE TO JESUS

Special Christmas Music Excellent—Address heard by Large Congregation—Duty of Church.

At the Charlotte street Baptist church, West End, the Sunday evening service was very largely attended. The music was excellent, the choir being assisted by four instruments in addition to the organ. The pastor, Rev. A. J. Archibald, took as his text the question of the wise men, "Where is He?" He began by speaking of the stir that the wise men must have made in their entry into the Holy City and quoted at some length from "Ben Hur" in this book, Lew Wallace has put into the mouth of a woman of the city these words:

"This afternoon three men came across the brook Kedron on the road from Shechem. Each one of them rode a camel spotted white, and larger than any ever before seen in Jerusalem. To show how great the men are, they sat under awnings of silk, the saddle buckles were of gold, so also the fringe of the bridles. The bells were of silver and made real music. Nobody knew them. They looked as though they had come from the ends of the world. Only one of the three spoke, and of every one he met he asked the same question, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews?" No one answered. No one understood what he meant. So they hurried on, leaving behind the message, "We have seen His star in the east and have come to worship Him. They are now at the Kahn and hundreds have been to see them and thousands more are going."

Yes, the coming of Jesus stirred Jerusalem and the east. He was announced and the scholars of the city were ordered to study the Scriptures anew. Yes, and Angels came forth to tell the shepherds, and the Celestial Choir hovered over Bethlehem to chant the anthem of the incarnation. It is a memorable day, the day on which Jesus was born. Let us not in this day honor Santa Claus and forget the Christ, but rather teach our children to give because Jesus led the way, when He gave Himself to the body of clay for our redemption.

I. First of all, those wise men were not afraid to ask the way to Jesus. That was one of the ways that they showed their wisdom. Why is it that so many men seem afraid to show that they have any interest in the same Saviour now? They do not talk or Him, nor ask about Him, though they must think of Him. The experiences of others or the messages from the Word of God that others have on their tongues might be of great help to you. Do not be afraid to ask of any man, "What is He?"

II. Secondly, the wise men sought Jesus to make him their offerings. They were happy when he had received their tokens of worship and love. And those gifts were of use to Jesus. He was carried into Egypt soon after, and for a year or more those gifts kept Mary and Joseph and Jesus here that now, Jesus has need of their offerings, it could be done, and we would go our way happier in that we had remembered to give our gold to the Saviour.

(b). We can give Jesus service. "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me." No man can serve his fellow man without serving the Son of Man.

Dr. Henry Van Dyke has told a beautiful story of the fourth wise man. This man failed to meet the other three, because he could not pass a narrow way that was walled in on the way. And when he got to Jerusalem, Jesus had already been taken into Egypt. For thirty years Artaban sought Jesus in Egypt, and gave away the wealth that he had intended for the Saviour, and just on the day that Jesus was being crucified he came back to Jerusalem and on his way into the city gave his last jewel to save a girl from her enslavers. When the earthquake came, a tile in falling smote him down, and he passed in through the gates with the Master whom he had never beheld. But the girl declared that before dying he said, "Not so, my Lord, when say I Thee hungry and fed Thee?" And a voice replied, "Inasmuch as ye have done it unto the least of these My brethren ye have done it unto Me." Every time you help your fellow you lay an offering at the feet of Jesus.

(c). You can give Jesus your heart. And "a broken and contrite heart He will not despise." Do not give all of your heart to business, or to pleasure, or even to your loved ones. God has some prior rights. The famous British M. P., Mr. Keir Hardie, once said, "If I were a younger man, I would give up politics and devote myself to the preaching of my Lord and Saviour. Take the word of an old man, and you will find that the companionship of Jesus to be an unalloyed support." Yes, go to an old Christian and ask advice, or go to an old nation and look for knowledge, and if you accept the light that comes, you will say, "this day I will give my heart to the Saviour of Bethlehem and Calvary." If you do, it will be for you a very happy Christmas season.

CAROLS SUNG

Rev. R. A. Armstrong in Eloquent Sermon Urges Needs of Poor — Against Useless Giving.

At the Christmas service in Trinity church last evening music of a high order was sung by the choir. Several carols and hymns were carried out in an excellent manner. The pastor, Rev. R. A. Armstrong, delivered an instructive and interesting sermon on "Good Will Toward Men."

In opening his address Rev. Mr. Armstrong complimented the choir on the excellent manner in which the carols had been sung, and went on to speak of the need of assisting the poverty stricken. The speaker pointed out that each year gifts practically useless were exchanged, and that in many cases the money so expended would go far toward alleviating conditions among the poor of the city. Rev. Mr. Armstrong made special reference to the poor children of the city, and expressed the opinion that the spirit of Christmas in shape of substantial assistance should be extended to them.

During the course of his address Rev. Mr. Armstrong, in no uncertain terms, scored the indiscriminate giving of Christmas gifts, and urged upon the congregation the abolition of this habit. Rev. Mr. Armstrong was listened to with close attention, and his sermon was much appreciated by the large congregation present.

The carols sung by the choir were, Holy Night and Peaceful Night, King Wenoclausus, Listen Lordlings, Unto Me, First Nowell, Away in the Manger, Like Little Lamps in a Distant Shrine, Oh Little Town of Bethlehem.

SEA SERPENT AGAIN APPEARS IN THE BAY

Passenger on Yarmouth Sees Queer Sight — Ribbon Fish is Answer to Problem.

With a head like a tin horse, made in Germany, a long arching neck, surmounted by a bristling mane glowing redly in the gloaming, the sea-serpent which has been off duty in these latitudes for a considerable period, appeared to a passenger on the Yarmouth as she was approaching St. John in the dusk of Friday evening.

The passenger was sitting leaning over the top rail, watching the frothing wake churned up by the screw, when suddenly, to his astonishment, right off the counter, hardly forty feet away, a head like that of the fabled sea-horse was thrust out of the waves followed by a long neck with its flaring red mane. Spellbound the passenger watched the monster, but it paid no attention to him, and if it had eyes it was content to gaze straight ahead. Seemingly without effort it kept pace with the ship, apparently being bound direct to St. John to see what all the commotion over harbor matters was about.

Coming out of the trance of horrified contemplation into which the sight of the monster had thrown him the passenger gave a yell, and turned to look for some one to confirm or deny the evidences of his senses. Quick as a loon then a serpent dove into the depths and the passenger rubbed his eyes and hastened to the bar to get some medicine for his distracted nerves.

The passenger who has lived in Florida said he believed the monster he saw was a member of the family ribbon fish. Monster specimens of ribbon fish have been caught or have been washed ashore in Florida and in Bermuda, but it is doubtful if one was ever seen so far north as this time of year. These fish which have a head shaped like a horse are often of great length, though their breadth is only a few inches, and their depth a foot or more. Their backs are surmounted by red fins that have the appearance of a mane, and make a striking contrast with their silvery sides.

Good and Bean in their Ocean Ichthyology say that it seems quite safe to assign to the group of ribbon fishes all the so-called sea-serpents which have been described as swimming rapidly near the surface with a horse-like head raised above the water surmounted by a mane-like crest of red or brown.

The passenger evidently believed the story when he was telling it to a reporter, but though his account was very circumstantial, the fact that no other passengers saw the phenomenon may put a strain on his veracity. Moreover on Saturday morning he was complaining that a herd of green rats were following him about St. John.

ITALY THINKS HER OFFICERS GOOD ENOUGH

Rome, Dec. 20.—The Italian foreign minister, Marquis Di San Giuliano, during a conference today with Ira Nelson Morris, of Chicago, the special commander of the San Francisco exposition, said the extent of Italy's participation depended on certain conditions. He referred in a most general way to the immigration bill pending before congress at Washington, especially the features of the measure concerning the educational test and also to the proposal to place American health officers on board Italian immigrant ships.

He intimated that Italy had its own health officers belonging to the Royal Marine Service on her emigrant ships and that she took great pride in their thoroughness.

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MRS. JOHN BOYD GRAY

John Boyd Gray, of New York, named during the impeachment of William Sulzer as the Governor's Wall Street broker, was arrested on a writ obtained by his wife, Mrs. Justice Sutton Gray.

Mrs. Gray alleged before Justice Gavegan in the Supreme Court that her husband owes her \$2,700 back alimony and procured his arrest on that charge.

COUNCIL WILL TAKE UP IMPORTANT QUESTIONS

At the meeting of the city council this afternoon Com. McLeellan will question Com. Wigmore in regard to the water service. Last week the commissioner of safety announced his intention of asking a number of questions, with the object of securing information regarding the pressure that might be made available to fight fires. From time to time there has been talk of securing a better pressure by dividing the water system into zones, but it is understood the fire under-

writers have not favored the zone system.

Another matter which will probably come up is the question of abolishing the tax on the executors of estates of persons who were living outside the city at the time of their death.

After the regular business is transacted the council will give audience to a committee from the Board of Fire Underwriters, who wish to urge the appointment of an inspector of electrical wiring.

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WORLD PEACE THE SUBJECT

Rev. H. A. Cody in Forceful Address Points to Coming of Peace Between Nations.

"Peace and War" was the subject taken by Rev. H. A. Cody at both services in St. James' church yesterday, when strong addresses were delivered dealing with the necessity for world peace and the encouraging progress of the peace movement.

The morning sermon was largely of an introductory nature leading up to the evening address. Large congregations attended both services and listened with close attention to Rev. Mr. Cody's remarks. Taking as his text "Neither shall they learn war any more" Rev. Mr. Cody in opening his subject, last evening, spoke of the progress being made toward the time when peace shall reign over the world. The speaker stated that all great movements for the good of mankind were slow but sure and he felt that the time was coming when war would be abolished.

As instances of this he pointed to the general trend to submit all international disputes to arbitration. Over two hundred cases have been settled at the Hague in the past one hundred years.

Dealing with the objections made to the peace movement Rev. Mr. Cody quoted from Norman Angell's now famous book "The Great Illusion." Some people, said the speaker, believe that human nature has not changed, but it has. Duelling, once the manner in which quarrels were settled, has been abandoned as has torture and many superstitions. The abolition of slavery, which in England in 1775 was considered necessary to the nation's welfare, was said the speaker, another argument in favor of the coming of world peace. In the future slavery torture and all other evils will come to be looked upon as horrors, parts of a dark age.

SOCIALISTS HEAR A HIGHBROW LECTURE

That there is no missing link was the statement of the orator who held forth on the theory of evolution before an interesting gathering of Socialists last evening in their hall over the Unique Theatre. The orator did not agree with the popular belief that man was created in the Garden of Eden, and said scientists took no stock in the talk about the missing link included in by some people with the object of making it appear that the theory of evolution did not account for the presence of human beings on the earth.

He declared that the science of embryology had demonstrated the truth of the theory of evolution, because it had shown that the evolution of the human embryo reproduced all the phases corresponding to the different forms of life through which the original protoplasm has passed in its struggle up to man. Monocell organisms were practically immortal; unless destroyed by violence they went on reproducing themselves. Natural death came into the world with the fact of sex, and not because Eve ate an apple.

Asked if evolution implied a design, the scientific orator said that in view of the vast amount of cruelty, bloodshed and suffering which had attended the progress of man, he thought the design, if there was one, was a very imperfect one, at least from the point of view of humans.

PUBLISHER TO JAIL FOR DEFAUDING MAILS.

New York, Dec. 20.—Robert B. Kellogg, publisher of song poems, who has been on trial in the federal district court on a charge of having used the mail with intent to defraud, was found guilty today and sentenced to thirteen months imprisonment at the Atlanta federal penitentiary. The jury was out for nearly three hours, and found Kellogg guilty on two counts. Its verdict was accompanied by a recommendation for mercy.

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STRONG SERMONS ON CHRISTMAS SEASON

Rev. J. Haughton, in Congregational Church Tells of the Work to be Carried Out.

A big congregation attended the special Christmas services in the Congregational church on Union street last evening and listened to an eloquent sermon by the pastor, Rev. J. Haughton. Rev. J. Minsay Gibbons, a visiting minister from West Stockbridge, Mass., spoke at the morning service. Special music was rendered at the services.

"The Christ of the day" was the text chosen by Rev. Mr. Haughton last evening, and in a comprehensive sermon he outlined the paths of life which must be followed in order that man shall gain salvation. He impressed the principles of religion which must be uppermost in the thoughts, words and actions of all those who were desirous of carrying out the wishes of the Saviour. Rev. Mr. Haughton spoke with much eloquence and created a most favorable impression on members of the congregation.

At the morning service Rev. J. M. Gibbons spoke impressively to the large gathering, choosing as his text the subject "Enriched by Utterances."

In 2015. "Is your husband at home, Mrs. Gotavote?" "Yes, Mr. Welltamed. Did you wish to see him?" "If you don't mind, I just dropped in to see if he would give me his recipe for making mustard pickles."

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FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL NEWS AND COMMENT

THE ROYAL BANK IS IN A STRONG POSITION

Proportion of Liquidated Assets to Liabilities Amount to 46.66 per cent.—Earnings Record Level.

Montreal, Dec. 20.—(Special)—The forty-fourth annual statement of the Royal Bank of Canada, for the year ending November 29th, 1913, which was received by shareholders today, shows that during the past year steady progress has been made with the result that at the close of it the bank finds itself in an unusually strong position.

The statement is the first, covering an entire period of twelve months, issued since the Royal Bank of Canada, and the Traders' Bank of Canada, and on this account will attract unusual attention. The net profits of the year, which amounted to \$2,145,109, are slightly over 18.12 per cent. on the paid up capital of \$11,560,000. These profits were added to the balance of profit and loss as of November 29th, 1912, which amounted to \$610,219.36, making a total available for distribution of \$2,755,328.36. This amount was apportioned as follows:—21 per cent. at the rate of 12 per cent. per annum \$3,387,200; applied to pension fund \$100,000; written off bank premises \$250,000, leaving the amount to be carried forward to the balance of profit and loss of \$1,015,119.58.

Proportion of Liquid Assets.

The general statement of assets and liabilities indicates that owing to the somewhat disturbed financial conditions that have prevailed in Canada during the past year the bank has paid particular attention to maintaining itself in an exceptionally strong position, the ratio of liquid assets to total amounting to 46.66 per cent., while the proportion of actual liabilities cash reserves to public liabilities are equivalent to 18.85 per cent.

Largest Amount in Gold Reserve.

Owing to the demand which the bank had for increased circulation, advantage was taken of the privileges of depositing in the central gold reserve, the amount standing in it to the bank's credit at the end of the year, amounting to \$2,000,000, which is by far the largest held by any Canadian bank under the provision made by the new Bank Act. Because of the changes in the manner of submitting the statement required by the new Act, comparisons are not available in many of the sections with previous figures, but the totals show that continued progress has been made. Assets of the bank now total \$180,246,785.73. Among them the actual cash reserve is represented by current bank and silver certificates, Dominion government notes, \$19,466,209.72; deposit in Central Gold Reserve \$2,000,000; total of liquid assets \$22,466,209.72; current loans and discounts with the loans to cities, to provincial governments and overdue debts represent a total of \$102,716,655.62; 790.87; and deposits not bearing interest, \$36,276,871.60, making total deposits of \$138,177,662.47.

Local News Condensed

Civic Pay Roll.

City officials received double-sized pay envelopes Saturday. In addition to their semi-monthly pay, due Saturday, they also received the next instalment, due January 5, in advance, in order to provide for Christmas expenses. The pay roll was as follows: Mayor, \$314.96; official, \$3,122.40; ferry, \$1,621.50; sundry, \$1,854.16; police, \$2,792.33; fire and salvage corps, \$2,452.48; total, \$12,968.35.

Sixteen Deaths.

At the Board of Health office last week sixteen deaths were registered. The causes were: Senility and paralysis, two each, and one each from phthisis, influenza, hepatitis, convulsions, malnutrition, myocarditis, hemiplegia, typhoid fever, Bright's disease, broncho pneumonia, general tuberculosis and malignant disease of spine.

Births and Marriages.

The births of nineteen infants, sixteen boys and three girls, were recorded during last week with Registrar Jones. During the same period eleven marriages were registered.

New Policemen.

Frederick T. Cowan, aged twenty-six, and E. Reid Watson, aged twenty-three, were chosen for the police force Saturday and were sworn in before Magistrate Ritchie. Policemen Cowan and Watson are both strong and able bodied young men. They will go on duty at once and will both be sent to the West Side.

Arrested for Stealing.

Theodore Amburg, 14 years of age, was arrested Saturday by the police sergeant, Kipparick, on suspicion of stealing \$14 from the American Dye Works on King Square, and on another charge of obtaining a car licence punch from R. J. Logan, Gormain street.

Earnings Detroit United.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

First week December dec. \$4,891. From January 1st inc. \$1,051,387.

The funeral of Thomas Burchill took place at 2:30 o'clock Saturday afternoon from his late residence, 25 Sewell street. The funeral services were conducted by the Rev. E. B. Hooper, and interment was in Cedar Hill cemetery.

CLOSING LETTER ON MONTREAL EXCHANGE

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

Montreal, Dec. 20.—The tone of the market was decidedly better this morning, overnight developments from Washington being of a favorable character. The currency bill passed the Senate and it was announced that an arrangement had been made between the American government and the American Telephone Company, whereby proceedings under the Anti-trust Law can be avoided. The response of Wall Street to this news was immediate and the tone of the local market was correspondingly cheerful, although trading with the exception of one or two issues was of the usual Saturday morning volume.

The feature of the morning was the movement in Quebec Railway. The action of this stock during the past few days would indicate that someone is buying on the theory that the situation has considerably improved. Yesterday the price rose to 13 1/2 in the afternoon, being a rise of more than 3 points, while during the first hour this morning about 900 shares changed hands and the price went to 15 1/2. Later, however, it weakened to 14. The decline followed an announcement from Sir Rodolphe, president of the Quebec Railway Company to the effect that the Canadian Northern is not to take over the Quebec and Saguenay Railway. This latter road is a subsidiary of the Quebec Street Railway and has never been a profitable venture.

C. P. R. opened strong at 217 1/2 as compared with 216 at the close yesterday, but towards the close of the morning strengthened and sold up to 218 1/2. This stock came over the cable from London at a considerable advance as compared with yesterday morning and was stronger in Wall Street. Sir Donald Mann has denied that there is any idea of amalgamating C. P. R. and C. N. R. and there is a feeling on the street that the C. P. R. would not consider such a proposal in view of the strong opposition that would be likely to develop throughout the country. The rights were unchanged and fairly active at 4-1/2.

Montreal Power, which was neck and neck with C. P. R. at yesterday's close, was stronger this morning opening at 216 1/2 and selling up to 218 1/2.

Ottawa Power was also 2 points up. Buyers were bidding 11 1/2 for the Rights but no one would accept the figure. It is generally thought that there will not be much trading in the Rights for some time as the stock will not sell. E. Rights for several months.

R. and O. was practically unchanged at 111 1/2. Some brokers are of the opinion that if there is any improvement in money conditions after the first of the year R. and O. will make the sharp advance of one or two points of the higher priced stocks.

Iron was a little irregular, opening at 38 1/2 and declining to 38 1/4.

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MORNING LETTER ON STOCK MARKET

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 20.—Bankers are relieved by the passing of the currency bill. It will be signed by Wilson next week. The government accepts the offer of the American Tel. and Tel. Company to discontinue its control over Western Union. The New Haven paid a Harvard professor for lectures favoring the system, his hearers not aware of his affiliation. U. S. Steel headlines are addressed to January 5 at Atlanta, 4,800 steel workers in the National Tube Co. protest to the Senate against the suit. Frisco telegraphers are taking a strike vote. Sugar brokers claim the pending tariff reduction has reduced the prices of sugar below the cost of production. 1,800 men are idle in Gary, Ind. 50 Penna. shareholders organize to prevent adverse dividend action. January 15th the National City and Mechanics and Metals Bank will stop the over-certification of checks. Elliott denies the D. and H. in after the R. and M. road. A big ocean race war is predicted. Inter-State Commerce Commission annual report wants greater federal control over railroads. A labor war may start soon after January 1st in the Penna. bituminous coal fields. Income tax test case will be carried to Supreme Court.

British tactics are likely to be continued today. Purchases are strongly recommended. Leading houses predict higher prices for Union Pacific, G. I. S. Steel, S. P. S. G. and C. P. R. The buying of specialties is improving, notably in Can. B. T. L. Ceres, Utah Copper, Tenn. Copper and Miss. Pac. Amal. N. H. At. and C. P. R. are still oversold, according to floor reports.

NEW YORK FINANCIAL BUREAU

LAIDLAW & CO'S CLOSING STOCK LETTER

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)

New York, Dec. 20.—It was almost a foregone conclusion that the morning's budget of good news, that the stock market would advance further and the expectation of the bulls was fully realized. Union Pacific, G. I. S. Steel, S. P. S. G. and Tel. under which the stock at one time sold six one-half points above last night's closing, were the chief favorites. The Rights for some time as the stock were common through the active list, the notable exception being Western Union, which sold off on the assumption that, cut in profit from the A. T. R. it could not as effectively compete with the Postal.

The general feeling is decidedly more cheerful and the moral effect of recent events upon the whole country should find further reflection in the stock market.

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STATEMENTS WERE MISLEADING, HE SAYS

St. John, N. B., Dec. 20, 1913. To the Editor of The Standard.

Sir,—Permit me through the columns of your paper to place before the public some of the misleading facts that have from time to time appeared in several of our leading papers. It seems a sore fact to money interests that the laboring man of the present day should in any way try to better his condition in any manner, for how fast the householder increases his rent, also meat cut increases price of meats and several other advances too numerous to mention.

The man who sells his labor must not ask for any conditions. If he does, as in the case of the International Longshoremen's Association, No. 825, he is trying to drive traffic from this port to American ports.

In the issue of the Times of the 17th inst., also the Globe of the same date, and again in the Telegraph of the 18th, according to a report from Ottawa, the Checkers' Union in the port of St. John was advocating a transfer of business from St. John to Portland and Boston, but such is not the case, all we want is enough wages to rear our families in an honest and decent fashion, but at the present rate it is an impossible fact.

Again, the Shipping Federation through their secretary-treasurer, takes exception to the man, whom the union has appointed to defend their case on this conciliation board, because they claim he is at present employed on what is checker, which is not the case. If the average fair thinker would consider the fabulous wages these most fortunate men receive, they would begin to think the shipping interests were right, but for the intense cold these men endure they receive 25c. per hour of ten hours a day, not always a full day of ten hours, but in many cases just a half day, \$1.25, and again a checker starts to work on a ship when she docks; he works for one consecutive hour, \$7.50, and in many cases

Yours,
ONE INTERESTED.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER FROM JUDSON & CO.

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The publication of the government spinning figures at the opening today was the signal for heavy selling of cotton throughout the session. While the demand from shorts was substantial, the market showed little rallying power and closed only five to seven points better than the lowest or twenty-eight to thirty points below last night's close. The census figures showing 12,923,606 bales to Dec. 15th compared with private reports indicating about 12,000,000 bales and leaves a margin of only 753,000 bales between the government's estimate of the total lint crop. The lowest amount figured after Dec. 13th in recent years was 71,646 bales in 1909 and the latest amount 1,870,412 in 1906. The average amount figured after Dec. 13th, 1906 has been 1,305,322 bales. Larger crop ideas, therefore, have the weight of probability behind them.

JUDSON & CO.

The line of ships he follows may not have another boat for a week or ten days, still that man has got to exist on his fat salary of \$7.50, nothing more for a week or more. This is the future of the checkers of the port of St. John, with but few exceptions.

If the shipper company think he simply to lend his assistance in a fight for justice and to show that the longshoremen of every port on the Atlantic Coast, Gulf Coast and Pacific Coast are a united body, in anticipation of giving these few facts to the public, I remain,

Yours,
ONE INTERESTED.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER FROM RANDOLPH

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)

New York, Dec. 20.—The consensus of banking opinion seem to favor the currency bill. It has been greatly improved by the forty per cent. gold reserve. The stock market has been active and buoyant all day, closing at the best prices of the day. The bank statement was favorable as expected. Total sales \$13,000; bonds \$2,068,000. E. & C. RANDOLPH.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. Barbara A. Foster.

The death of an old and respected resident occurred Saturday morning at her home, 54 Brussels street, when Mrs. Barbara A. Foster, widow of James Foster, passed away after a lengthy illness. Two sons, W. H. Shaw and J. B. Shaw, of this city, one daughter, Mrs. Bertram Vall of Belleisle, and three stepsons, David L., and James W. Foster of Belleisle, and John Foster of Portland, Me., survive. Mrs. Foster was eighty-eight years of age.

J. B. LeBlanc.

Many in St. John will be sorry to learn of the death of J. B. LeBlanc of Shediac. He was in his accustomed health and had been smelt fishing during Thursday afternoon. Mrs. LeBlanc was out when he returned, but coming home a short time afterwards she was shocked to find her husband dead on the kitchen floor. Mr. LeBlanc was for some years in the millinery business in St. John, a member of the firm of Skinner and LeBlanc. Some years ago he retired from active business life and since that time had made his residence in Shediac. His wife, who was Miss Elizabeth Bourne of Fox Creek, will have the sympathy of many in her bereavement.



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LIABILITIES	
Notes of the Bank in circulation.....	\$13,176,634.69
Deposits bearing interest, including interest accrued to date.....	\$101,900,790.57
Deposits not bearing interest.....	36,276,871.60
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....	405,669.90
Deposits by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	1,649,666.73
Bills Payable.....	2,655,136.63
Acceptances under Letters of Credit.....	361,106.66
	\$154,761,440.04
TO THE SHAREHOLDERS:	
Capital Stock Paid-up.....	\$11,560,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	1,015,119.58
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	1,015,119.58
	\$13,580,239.16
Dividend No. 105 (at 12% per annum), payable Dec. 1st, 1913.....	\$ 346,800.00
Dividends Unclaimed.....	3,426.11
	350,226.11
	\$130,246,785.73
ASSETS	
Current Gold and Silver Coin.....	\$ 7,882,067.72
Dominion Government Notes.....	11,664,112.00
	\$19,546,209.72
Deposit in the Central Gold Reserve.....	2,000,000.00
Deposit with Dominion Government for the purposes of the Circulation Fund.....	578,000.00
Notes of other Banks.....	2,576,878.87
Cheques on other Banks.....	6,566,249.32
Due by other Banks in Canada.....	1,160.12
Due by Banks and Banking Correspondents elsewhere than in Canada.....	3,663,452.05
Dominion and Provincial Government Securities, not exceeding market value.....	1,127,312.91
Canadian Municipal Securities and British, Foreign and Colonial Public Securities other than Canadian, not exceeding market value.....	2,081,533.53
Railway and other Bonds, Debentures and Stocks, not exceeding market value.....	14,565,306.32
Call and Short Loans in Canada, on Bonds, Debentures and Stocks.....	9,002,193.01
Call and Short Loans elsewhere than in Canada.....	10,817,696.66
	72,385,791.71
Loans to Provincial Governments.....	\$ 247,635.89
Loans to Cities, Towns, Municipalities and School Districts.....	3,686,624.08
Other Current Loans and Discounts (less rebate of interest).....	98,646,925.14
Overdue Debts (estimated loss provided for).....	175,673.57
Bank Premises, at not more than cost, less amounts written off.....	\$102,716,655.62
Liabilities of Customers under Letters of Credit, as per contract.....	361,106.66
	\$180,246,785.73
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT	
Balance of Profit and Loss Account, 30th November, 1912.....	\$ 610,219.36
Profits for the year, after deducting charges of management and all other expenses, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills.....	2,142,100.22
	\$2,752,319.58
APPROPRIATED AS FOLLOWS:	
Dividends Nos. 102, 103, 104 and 105, at 12 per cent. per annum.....	\$1,387,200.00
Transferred to Officers' Pension Fund.....	100,000.00
Written Off Bank Premises Account.....	250,000.00
Balance of Profit and Loss carried forward.....	1,015,119.58
	\$2,752,319.58

EDSON L. PEASE,
General Manager.

FOOTBALL ATHLETICS BOWLING

BRITISH FOOTBALL RESULTS

Saturday's football results were as follows:

English League—Division No. 1.

Blackburn R. 0; Manchester U. 1
Bradford City 1; Burnley 1
Derby C. 2; Newcastle U. 0
Everton 0; Chelsea 0
Manchester C. 1; Preston N. E. 1
Middlesboro 5; Aston Villa 2
Sheffield U. 0; Liverpool 1
Sunderland 2; Oldham 0
Tottenham H. 1; Sheffield W. 1
West Bromwich A. 1; Bolton W. 1

Second Division.

Barnsley 0; Hull City 2
Birmingham 0; Leeds City 3
Blackpool 2; Bradford 1
Bury 1; Wolverhampton W. 4
Fulham 3; Bristol City 1
Grimby T. 2; Clapton O. 0
Huddersfield T. 1; Leicester F. 2
Lincoln C. 0; Notts County 0
Nottingham F. 2; Stockport C. 2
Woolwich A. 2; Glossop 0.

Southern League.

Bristol R. 1; Exeter City 1
Merthyr T. 2; Millwall A. 2
West Ham U. 3; Portsmouth 2
Plymouth A. 2; Brighton and Hove 2
Southampton 4; South End U. 2
Reading 1; Northampton 1
Crystal Palace 1; Gillingham 0
Coventry C. 1; Norwich C. 2
Queen's Park R. 3; Watford 2
Swindon T. 1; Cardiff C. 2.

Scottish League.

Aberdeen 2; Dumbarton 2
St. Mirren 1; Airdrieonians 4
Ayr United 1; Hibernians 2
Celtic 0; Motherwell 0
Hearts 1; Clyde 0
Dundee 0; Rangers 2
Falkirk 3; Queen's Park 2
Hamilton A. 5; Kilmarnock 0
Third Lanark 3; Morton 1
Partick T. 2; Raith Rovers 1.

Scottish Cup.

The replayed final of the qualifying round for the Scottish reverts as last week in a draw: Albion Rovers 1; Dundee Hibernians 1.

Rugby Results.

England 11; North of England 8.
Hartlepool 29; Old Alleysians 8.
London Scottish 24; Army 8.
London Irish 27; United Services Old Boys 5.
United Services 31; Portsmouth 0.

TWO MORE INTERNATIONAL COMPETITIONS

New York, Dec. 21.—Two more international competitions appear likely to be added to the 1914 schedule of sport, and in both cases United States yachtsmen will appear in the role of cup defenders. Unofficial announcement from foreign sources stated that challenges will soon be forwarded for both the sander and canoe trophies which were successfully defended during the past season. The canoe cup challenge is expected from the Gananogue Motorboat and Canoe Club of Ontario and Ralph Britton, who sailed the challenger in Gravesend Bay last summer will probably handle the tiller in the new sailing canoe. The sander challenge will come from one of the German yacht clubs, but there appears to be some doubt as to whether the dates for the races will be set for 1914 or a year later.

FINE ENOUGH FOR SHOOTING SATURDAY

The St. John Rifle Club shot a spoon match Saturday afternoon on the local rifle range. Those present enjoyed the afternoon shoot, and some good scores were put on. This is a record year for rifle shooting in St. John as never before in the history of rifle shooting have the rifle men been able to carry on regular weekly shoots up to the 20th of December, and if the weather conditions continue as mild as it has been there will be a match on the range on Christmas afternoon under the auspices of the City Rifle Club. The following were the winning scores in Saturday's match:

Jas. Sullivan	200	500	600	T1
A. G. Staples	20	25	24	97
R. A. C. Brown	22	33	32	97
N. J. Morrison	34	28	32	94
N. J. Morrison	31	31	31	93

The tie between Sullivan and Staples was shot off at the close of the match at 600 yards and Sullivan was the winner, scoring 14 points of the possible 15 points, and Staples 13 points of the possible 15.

IN THE FEDERAL LEAGUE.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 20.—It was announced definitely today that Buffalo and Baltimore would be in the Federal League next season.

WON THE TURKEY

A. S. Willet won the turkey on Victoria Alloys with the fine score of 129 on Saturday. Albert Lunerger was second with 124 score.

Victoria Alloys tonight, Two-Men League, Forby and Brown vs. Gardner and Carleton at eight p. m.

WILL MEET IN MATCH ON CHRISTMAS

At last McDonald has his chance for the world's championship belt—Christmas Day has been decided on and Anderson will be his rival. Anderson won the belt in the big tournament five years ago against all the best middleweights in the world. Anderson certainly made a mark which no other middle or heavy-weight in America has accomplished. He won his title against 88 of the best middleweights representing every country on the globe and won another and the present belt against 42 the same year.

Whether he can defend the belt against the best in America or not, he has not been defeated at 160 lbs. since, and still holds the belt as the real middleweight champion. McDonald was always after Anderson, but never could get Anderson to wrestle for the belt, only at catchweights, when Mac got the best of him. Anderson is getting big inducements to make the match on condition that he puts up the belt for the championship and its up to Mac to make good. It will not give McDonald any money in this match, but if he wins he can pick up enough money through Canada in a few months to put him on easy street.

FOOTBALL SATURDAY

The Cape Co. entertained the Caledonians on the Barrack Square on Saturday in the postponed football game under the auspices of the St. John and District Soccer League. The weather was favorable with a little breeze off the harbor. Trenton kicked off against the wind and soon the light blues were in the danger zone. All through the first half the visitors seemed to have the advantage although the Cape team were playing a good, steady game and more than once did Lenworthy cause the Caledonians to have the advantage.

On resuming, the Caledonians took up the running and with what wind there was behind them they kept Hatheway & Co. busy. They were soon rewarded for their labor when a soft shot from Madden bounced off the ground over the custodian's head and through the goal. This success brought new life into the team, who were playing as league leaders ought and from a nice cross by Madden, Brindle shot past Hatheway for a second time. Just on time R. Penton increased the lead from twelve yards out, the ball going past a group of players who stood in front of the goal keeper. The game

MATRIMONIAL RAIDS ON FOOTBALL MAY CAUSE SECRET PRACTICE RULE



MR. AND MRS. MORRIS M. WESTERN

Those who are in charge of the Washington and Jefferson College football team, of Pennsylvania, may decide to have secret practice during the entire season next year to prevent the team being crippled. For three seasons the football situation here has been affected by the fact that some star player has become enamored of some girl who came to watch the preliminary practice of the team. The latest loss is that of Morris M. Western, a star end on the team this season.

Mr. Western and Miss Ola Ellsworth Marsh were married after a short romance which began when he was introduced to her during practice at the Washington field. All the season Miss Marsh, who had been a leader in the younger social set here for two seasons, attended the football practice every day.

was won by the great defense put up by the winners and they now top the league table with only three goals against them.

The teams were, Caledonians, R. Stockley, V. Brindle and T. Rezan, T. Christie, C. Cullen and M. Stockley, J. Teifer, J. Hyslop, R. Penton, A. Brindle and W. Madden; Cape Co., Hatheway, Thompson and Bygraves, Parfitt, T. Smith, Longworthy, Carter.

GOOD HOCKEY NOW PROMISED FOR ST. JOHN

Judging from Saturday night's turnout for practice the St. John Senior League gives promise of success. Among those appearing on the ice were R. H. Tait, L. S. Kelley, T. Gilbert, R. Melrose, Geo. Bilzard, H. Finley, B. Gilbert, J. McGowan, J. Gilbert, E. Sterling, L. McGowan, G. Gilbert, H. Meahan, B. Gilbert and E. J. Doody.

Of the new men on the ice Tait as rover showed up particularly well; his shooting was accurate and he was always on the puck. Kelley at cover point showed himself to be a strong defence man.

The appearance of Geo. Bilzard in the game was a decided encouragement to the younger players. The presence of four Gilbert brothers on the ice was a novel occurrence in hockey.

Another practice will be held on Monday night if the weather man is kind.

On Monday it is hoped that the following players will be on deck: Courtney, I. McAvity, R. Parker, P. McAvity, E. Mooney, M. McAvity, P. McShane, N. Sweeney, C. Brown, D. and N. Macaulay, and A. McKee.

LANGFORD WINS FROM JEANNETTE

Paris, Dec. 20.—Sam Langford, the negro heavy weight pugilist, was awarded the decision on points over Joe Jeannette of Hoboken, N. J., also a negro, at the end of the twentieth round of a fast contest held tonight at Luna Park. The fight was considered in France to be for the heavy weight championship of the world.

Langford forced the fighting throughout the battle. Jeannette took a count of nine three times in the thirteenth round and at the end of the twentieth was barely able to stand. In the twelfth, fifteenth and nineteenth rounds Jeannette landed hard blows on his opponent, but they were ineffective. Jeannette's gameness frequently brought cheers from the crowd of spectators.

AMERICAN HOCKEY.

Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 20.—Cleveland Athletic Club, 2; Toronto Rugby and Athletic Association, 0.

JOE TINKER'S CASE STILL UNDECIDED

New York, Dec. 20.—Word was received here by the Brooklyn club from President Ebbets tonight that he had changed his mind about meeting Joe Tinker in Indianapolis. Manager Robinson will proceed to that city, however, to confer with the former Cincinnati manager tomorrow, while Ebbets will return to Brooklyn.

Robinson accompanied Ebbets on his trip from this city to Cincinnati. It was stated here on authority tonight that Tinker is to be offered \$5,000 a year. Manager Robinson will show him a three-year contract at that salary and ask him to sign it. Tinker has been quoted as saying he would not play with Brooklyn unless he received \$10,000 for one year or \$7,500 a year for three years. A Brooklyn club official pointed out tonight that Tinker received \$5,000 a year with a championship team, Chicago, and was now to get the same salary from a second division club, but that with the \$10,000 bonus his salary at the end of three years would amount to \$8,333.

ST. MICHAEL'S TEAM WINS FROM YALE

New York, Dec. 20.—St. Michael's College of Toronto defeated Yale University at hockey here tonight by a score of five to one. The Canadian seven played a fast game and showed clever team work. Gouch caged the puck three times.

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WILLS OF W. F. BARNHILL AND D. RUSSELL JACK PROBATE

Must Make the Golden Rule the Law of Life.

LITTLE IMPRESSION MADE BY CHURCHES

Rev. J. J. McCaskill in Eloquent Sermon, Deals with Needs of Present Generation.

In St. Matthew's Presbyterian church, last evening, Rev. J. J. McCaskill delivered a strong and eloquent sermon.

With spirit shall the Lord your God be raised up among you like unto Me; to him ye shall hearken and he shall turn the hearts of the fathers to the children and the disobedient unto the wisdom of the just.

The Hebrews were waiting for the advent of a man who would ease their yoke and lighten their burden.

The contrast is equally marked in the industrial sphere. The business man slaves for luxuries and then suffers from over-development in certain features and from over-development in other features.

But the ethics of much of the Christian life that calls itself by his name is today lower than the jungle.

It is all well for the church to preach sermons and make prayers, to kneel the horns of the altar with sacred blood, to chant the litany or elevate the host, but of what use are the multitude of these sacrifices?

Imperialism is not Christianity, but a sort of wild madness running along the veins of England and other nations.

Former Estate \$31,950; Latter \$16,700 Above Mortgages—Books to Library; Fund for Scholarship and Bequests to Church.

In the Probate Court Saturday the matter of William Frederick Barnhill of Fairville, merchant, was proved.

The will of David Russell Jack, insurance agent, was proved. He gives his mahogany plant to Dr. W. Frank Kenny; his mahogany desk to Mrs. Frederick P. MacNichol of St. Stephen.

The history of the church is glorious, but the men who made it glorious are sleeping with their fathers.

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ward the payment of the mortgage thereon, if any—otherwise for the general purposes of the church.

The real estate consists of a lot on the southeast corner of Sydney and Princess streets, with brick building thereon, valued at \$14,000, subject to a mortgage of \$10,000.

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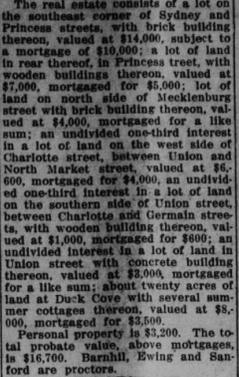
Thought Nothing But Death Would End Her Misery. WAS TROUBLED WITH Heart Disease.

Mrs. J. D. Talbot, Owen Sound, Ont., writes: "I have been a great sufferer from heart disease, and leaking valves.

At night a white light will be displayed at each end of this crib.

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 Lots on the Western side of the Harbor, will 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, and 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.

This is the feather-weight loaf of snow-like purity, golden-domed and lofty, porous, satin crumb—of course you use FIVE OUNCES.



Five Ounces Flour Not Bleached Not Blended

TO WED IN THE WEST. Miss Amy Constable, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Constable, of 19 St. John street, left last night on the Maritime Express for Moose Jaw, Sask.

A NEW ALTAR. A new altar is being placed in St. Gertrude's church. It is pronounced very handsome and the material and workmanship of the finest quality.

Use Dutch Cleanser On Hard Things To Clean MANY USES AND FULL DIRECTIONS ON LARGE SIFTER—CAN 10¢

NOTICE TO MARINERS. WARNING is hereby given that Sand Point Wharf, Crib, number ten, which went adrift during the storm of the night of the 8th. instant, is now in a position to result in a collision.

SALESMAN WANTED—Experience unnecessary, easy work, big pay. Write for large list of openings offering opportunities to earn \$100 to \$500 a month while you learn, position assured. Address Dept. 533, National Salesmen's Training Association, Chicago, New York, Kansas City, San Francisco.

SITUATIONS VACANT. LEARN BARBER TRADE—Few weeks required; tools free; positions secured; Moler System; twenty-two years established; modern method of teaching; write for particulars—JOLAR BARBER COLLEGE, 62F, St. Lawrence Blvd., Montreal.

TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED at the Sheriff's Office, Court House, in the City of Saint John up to twelve o'clock on the 26th day of December inst., for supplying the coal with the following articles for the year commencing the 1st day of January A. D. 1914:

DR STEWART'S Guaranteed Veterinary Remedies KICKHAM & CURRIE Corner Waterloo and Union Streets

Classified Advertising One cent per word each insertion. Discount of 33 1-3 per cent on advertisements running one week or longer if paid in advance. Minimum charge 25 cents.

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AGENTS—Salary and commission, to sell Red Tag Stock. Complete exclusive lines. Specially hardy. Grow only by us—sold only by our agents. Elegant free samples. Write now to Dominion Nurseries, Montreal.

WANTED—At once, first class machinist, to be first repair man in factory, situated in town of about 5,000. Must be first class on steam and belt pumps, piping and all classes of heavy factory machinery. Steady employment, good salary. Splendid place to bring up a family. Good moral surroundings, good schools. Positively no "boosers" need apply. References required. Address A. B. C., Standard office.

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MALE HELP WANTED. ONE MAN WANTED in every city, town and village who is willing to visit a few hours for \$15 weekly showing samples to his friends. Cut-rate groceries, Redpath's best granulated sugar 4 cents per pound; 8 bars Sunlight, Surprise or Comfort Soap for 25 cents; everything at factory prices. Outfit free.

FOR SALE. FOR SALE OR TO RENT—One of finest residential properties in Woodstock; large house, beautifully finished and with modern conveniences, in perfect repair; spacious grounds, central location; also commodious two-story warehouse, adjoining main line C. P. R., with additional ground belonging to building; both fresh food properties. In event of sale, one-half purchase price may remain on mortgage. Apply to Mrs. J. W. Dallin, Woodstock.

SEWING MACHINE NEEDLES. All kinds, half dozen 17¢ 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, 106 Princess street, St. John, N. B.

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

HORSES AND BOB SLEDS FOR SALE—A team of heavy horses, great workers, a set of bob sleds and double harness. Apply to John O'Regan, 11 Mill street.

FOR SALE—Tupout, 50 fl. over all 14 ft. 3 in. beam, 8 ft. deep, fully equipped with winches, 10 and 20 compound engines, surface pump and pumps. All connections and pipes brass and copper. Address T. N. McGrath, Tusket, N. S.

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

TO LET—Shed at Indiantown formerly occupied by Tapley Bros., as a coal shed. Apply to William E. Golding, Royal Bank Building, city.

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

HORSES AND BOB SLEDS FOR SALE—A team of heavy horses, great workers, a set of bob sleds and double harness. Apply to John O'Regan, 11 Mill street.

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

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HOTELS. PARK HOTEL. M. BOMAN, Proprietor. 45-49 King Square, St. John, N. B. American Plan. Electric Elevators. Street cars stop at door to and from all trains and boats.

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"CHRISTMAS" A complete assortment of Watches, Clocks and Jewelry suitable for XMAS GIFTS. ERNEST LAW. 2 Colborne St.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—increasing easterly and northerly winds; cloudy and colder.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—The weather today has been generally fair throughout Canada, except in Nova Scotia, where there have been heavy rainfalls. Local snow flurries have occurred in Saskatchewan and Alberta. Cold weather prevails throughout the western provinces, except in southern Alberta, where chinook has occasioned milder conditions.

Minimum and maximum temperatures:

Table with 3 columns: City, Min, Max. Includes cities like Atlin, Prince Rupert, Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Edmonton, Battleford, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moosejaw, Regina, Q'Appelle, Winnipeg, Fort Arthur, Parry Sound, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, Halifax, and Below.

AROUND THE CITY

Midnight Mass. For the first time since the beginning of this century midnight mass will be celebrated in the Cathedral on the eve of Christmas.

Tide Tables Out. Pamphlets containing the times of high and low water in St. John and other useful information concerning the tides and currents have been received by D. L. Hutchinson, director of the meteorological observatory here.

Ordination Services. Ordination services were held in St. Paul's (Valley) church yesterday morning, when Rev. W. E. Best, who is stationed at Harcourt was elevated to the priesthood, and Rev. J. H. V. Dene, of Wakefield, England, and Rev. T. J. Wilson, of Durham, were ordained to the diaconate.

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ST. JOHN BOYS SUPERIOR TO COMRADES OF OTHER PLACES

C. H. Curley, in Lecture before Men's Brotherhood of Centenary Church, Makes Statements Interesting to all Citizens—Display Manly Spirit and are Independent.

Interesting testimony to the character of St. John boys was given by C. H. Curley, who has been engaged in work among boys for years, in an address delivered before a meeting of the men's Brotherhood of Centenary Church, yesterday afternoon. Mr. Curley said he had been in St. John some time and was glad to be able to say that the boys of St. John were superior in many ways to their comrades of many other cities.

REV. MR. BREWER PASSED AWAY. News of the death of Rev. Waldron W. Brewer, in Gagetown on Saturday, was received in the city yesterday.

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Mild Weather of Yesterday Taken Advantage of by Many—A Snowless Christmas?

The winter has not yet assumed the attire usually associated with the Christmas season and St. John has yet to experience its first real snow-storm of the season of 1913-14.

MEN ARRESTED IN BIG STORE. Woolworth's department store scene of lively fight—Manager Determined to Stop Nuisance.

ROTHESAY COLLEGE STUDENTS BANQUET. Pleasant Function Held Last Saturday Evening—Present Prizes for the Athletic Events.

PERSONAL. Among the Canadian visitors registered at the Commissioner-Generals' office, Paris, during the week ending December 19, were Misses Marjorie J. Sumner, of Moncton, New Brunswick.

WANTED—Two kitchen girls for the Clifton House.

The Chafing Dish. The Chafing Dish, while making it possible to express the sincerest hospitality, also seems to be the true symbol of good-fellowship. A quick, novel and practical way to prepare a warm luncheon. We have them in Copper and Nickel. Prices \$5.30, 5.40, 6.20, 6.30, 7.50, 8.00, 9.50, 11.00, 13.00. TRAYS for Chafing Dishes, \$1.50 to 5.00. SERVERS, \$2.50, 3.60, 4.00, 4.30 per pair. W.H. THORNE & CO. LTD. MARKET SQUARE & KING ST.

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Beautiful As Well As Useful. They are graceful in form, convenient in size, handsome in finish. There's a design for every taste. Twenty-Two Different Designs. Prices - \$2.75 to \$22.00. Marble, Onyx, Mahogany and Black Enamel Finish. Small Brass and Nickel Dresser Clocks, with and without alarm. Prices - 65c, \$1.00, \$1.25 and \$1.50. Store Open Every Evening Until Christmas. Emerson & Fisher Ltd.

M. R. A. Stores Open Every Evening Until Christmas. Dainty New Handkerchiefs FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS. A Large and Varied Assortment in Lace, Embroidered and Plain Linen. Very dainty bits of lace and linen are these new handkerchiefs, and it is evident that conscientious workmanship produced them all, for never have we offered anything surpassing this exhibit in beauty and perfection of finish. Plain Linen Hemstitched Handkerchiefs, per dozen \$1 to \$4.10. Real Armenian Lace Edge Handkerchiefs, each from .25c to \$1.25. Real Maltese Lace Handkerchiefs, each from \$1.00 to \$4.35. Real Carrick-macross Lace Handkerchiefs, each from \$1 to \$4.10. Real Cluny Lace Handkerchiefs, each from \$1.35 to \$1.80. Glove Handkerchiefs, embroidered or lace, each from .25c to 55c. Hemstitched Handkerchief Centres, all sizes, each from .10c to 25c. Mourning Handkerchiefs, plain, hemstitched or embroidered, each from 6c. to 50c. HANDEKERCHIEF DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE.

Almost Everybody Will Give Gloves Here Are Reliable Kinds for Ladies and Children. Dent's Cape Gloves, one dome, pair \$1.10 and \$1.25. Dent's Cape Gloves, one dome, washable, pair \$1.60. Reyner French Kid Gloves, two dome, black, white, tan, grey, each pair \$1.00. Reyner French Kid Gloves, two dome, black, white, tan, grey, navy, green, pair \$1.40. Reyner French Kid Gloves, three dome, black, tan, pair \$1.50. Long Gloves, for evening wear, 12-button length, pair \$1.50 to \$2.60; 16-button length, pair \$2.00 and \$2.50; 20-button length, pair \$2.75. Mocha Gloves, tan, grey and black, pair \$1.25. Antelope Gloves, grey, pair \$2.25. Chamisso Gloves, natural and white, pair \$1.35 to \$1.35. Real Nappa Gloves, pair \$1.90. Misses' and Boys' Cape Gloves, 1 to 6, pair \$1.75c to \$1.20. Children's Cape Gloves, sizes 60 to 8, pair 50c; sizes 3 to 7, pair \$1.00. GLOVE DEPARTMENT—FRONT STORE. Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited