

WEST INDIES.

A Plan for Grappling With the Trade Depression

Consequent Upon the Deplorable Condition of the Sugar Industry in the British Islands.

An Association Formed on a Large Scale for the Co-operative Sale of Minor Products of the Soil and the Co-operative Purchase of Agricultural Supplies.

OTTAWA, Dec. 16.—The deplorable condition of the sugar industry in the British West Indies, due largely to the system of bounties which has prevailed in France for many years, has led to great stagnation in trade in the sister colonies. The course has been suggested to the home government whereby they could help the West Indies, namely, the imposition of a discriminatory duty in favor of the West Indian product, equal to the amount of the bounty granted by the French government.

With the friendly co-operation of Lord Stanmore, the Earl of Stamford, Earl Grey, Sir Rawson Rawson, Rt. Hon. Horace Plunkett, M. P., and other well known public men in England it has been decided to establish the West Indian Co-operative union, for the purpose of organizing the co-operative sale of West Indian produce and the co-operative purchase of agricultural supplies. This will be effected in the first instance, by means of a plan well known and tested in the United States, and conspicuously illustrated by the success of the California Fruit union. But a portion of the profits accruing from this co-operative plan of marketing the West Indian Co-operative union proposes to return to West Indian producers in the form of shares in various local co-operative societies, co-operative credit banks, and other self help organizations. These subsidiary associations, while locally independent and self-governing, will be federated and consolidated in the West Indian Co-operative union. It is hoped that this union may be enabled to play in the West Indies a similar role to that which the Irish Agricultural Organization society is playing in Ireland. The objects of the Irish Agricultural society are stated in its rules to be "to improve the condition of the agricultural population of Ireland by teaching the principles and methods of co-operation as applicable to farming and the allied industries; to promote industrial organization for any purposes which may appear beneficial, and generally to counsel and advise those engaged in agricultural pursuits." A similar statement would broadly define the aims of the West Indian association.

In order to carry out the above policy in the West Indies the services have been secured of Dr. Llewellyn Reece of Barbados. Dr. Reece has been long known in the West Indies for his persistent advocacy of the introduction of co-operative methods and of intensive agriculture on small holdings devoted to the culture of other products in addition to sugar. In 1897 Dr. Reece went to England to endeavor to attract the attention of politicians, economists, business men and financiers to the natural solution of the West Indian problem that might be expected to follow a well organized attempt to introduce co-operative institutions, provided such step were initially stimulated and supported by the mother country. The formation of the West Indian Co-operative union is the outcome of this visit. Dr. Reece had already, in 1896, established the Minor Industries Profit Sharing Association in Barbados. In the West Indies, cultures such as cocoa, coffee, fruits, vegetables, etc., other than those of sugar, are called minor industries. It has, therefore, been arranged that this association in Barbados will constitute the first branch of the West Indian Co-operative union. It will be the headquarters of the union in the West Indies, and as the natural commercial centre for Grenada, St. Vincent, St. Lucia and Dominica, it will act as the branch union for these islands.

A further reason for commencing the work of the union in the above group of islands is that the British government has selected St. Vincent for the initial experiments in directly assisting small cultivators; and also the governments of St. Lucia, Grenada, and St. Vincent, have adopted ordinances for the promotion of minor industries. Branches of the West Indian Co-operative Union will follow, as occasion permits, at Trinidad (for Tobacco and Demerara), at Antigua (for St. Kitts, Montserrat, Nevis, etc.), and at Jamaica. The peculiar and special nature of the social and geographical condition of the West Indies makes it necessary that the organization of co-operative and self-help societies be somewhat complex in order to be thorough-going and effective. The numerical preponderance of the colored population, the political preponderance of the "creoles," the great number of the islands, their geographical isolation, the poverty of external and internal communication—these are the difficulties to be met and overcome in any schemes of economic and social reconstruction.

The project of the West Indian Co-operative Union involves the creation of the following subsidiary local organizations: 1. Self-co-operative societies—small self-help, mutual aid societies, each limited in its operations to a strictly defined area, and containing from 400 to 2,000 inhabitants. In connection with each Areal Society there will be: (a) a co-operative credit bank on Raiffeisen principles; (b) a depot for agricultural products and supplies.

2. Regional associations—Each comprising, federating and consolidating such a group of Areal Societies as can best work together for common purposes over a given region, especially in regard to a common shipping port. As a rule, but not always, one Regional Association will suffice for each colony. In connection with each Regional Association there will also be: (a) a co-operative credit bank on Luzzati principles; (b) a depot for agricultural produce and supplies.

3. Branches of the West Indian Co-operative Union—Commercial centres for such a group of Regional Associations as can best co-operate for general purposes, each of which will be a Minor Industries Profit Sharing Association already registered in Barbados. In connection with each branch union there will be: (a) a co-operative credit bank on Luzzati principles; (b) a depot for agricultural produce and supplies.

Areal Societies, Regional Associations and branch unions will all be locally self-governing, and each separate and distinct from others of the same kind. The Areal Societies will be members and shareholders of the local Regional Association, and the latter members and shareholders of the local branch of the West Indian Co-operative Union. The union will have no direct dealings except with the Regional Associations, and only through its branches. All inter-areal business will be managed by the local Regional Associations, and all inter-regional business by the local branch of the union. Business between the branches, and business outside the West Indies, will be managed by the West Indian Co-operative Union directly. The union will sell for the regional branches the produce they export. This it will do by duly appointed agents, whom it will select from among the number of competing merchants in any line of West Indian business such as are most capable, and who will bind themselves by contract and under bonds to faithfully perform their engagements and to pay the union, for its services in securing to them the business of West Indian associations, a portion of the usual commission they receive for transacting such business.

ARRIVAL OF S. S. PRINCE EDWARD.

The D. A. R. steamer Prince Edward, Capt. Kinney, arrived here from St. John's on Friday afternoon to take the place of the Prince Rupert while she is undergoing her annual overhauling. The Prince Edward is in every respect the finest passenger steamer that ever entered St. John harbor. The Rupert is admitted by all to be a magnificent boat, but the Edward is in every respect superior to her, everything being on a larger and more elegant scale. The D. A. R. are deserving of great praise for substituting this fine steamer for the Rupert. The management did it for fear that the substitution of a smaller and inferior boat would have the effect of diverting the extensive business they have worked up. Mr. Giffins, the manager of the D. A. R., and A. MacGregor, the marine superintendent, are in the city looking after the settlement of all matters consequent upon the change.

PATENT REPORTS.

Below will be found a list of patents recently granted to inventors by the Canadian government, through the agency of Messrs. Marton & Marton, solicitors of patents and experts, New York Life building, Montreal. This report is prepared specially for the Sun:

- 61,789—George H. Chisholm, Sault Ste. Marie, Michigan, children's carriage.
61,814 and 61,815—E. Parent, Terrebonne, P. Q.—Shoes.
61,833—David Dalshey, White Point, N. S., lobster trap.

MONEY IN SMELTS.

The Miramichi Advance says that the 100 tons of smelts taken between Chatham and Loggieville on Monday and Monday night were sold for three cents per pound, thus realizing \$5,000. The catch so far is valued at \$10,000. A strong tide, however, did considerable damage to nets. An outfit costs about \$75. The depth of water is 15 to 40 feet. At Richibucto on Saturday, Dec. 17th, two nets took nearly a ton, which sold at three cents per pound. A carload was shipped from Richibucto on Monday, and one on Tuesday.

A Johnston, Queens Co., correspondent writes: Miss Bertha Crealock of Jenkensville, who has been quite ill, is able to be out again. Mrs. Irwin Thompson is recovering from a very severe illness, under the treatment of Dr. E. M. Brundage.

\$1000.00. We don't guarantee \$1000.00 to every user of our great Cough specific. Dr. HARVEY'S SOUTHERN RED PINE. But we do guarantee immediate relief. Cures promptly. Is equally good for children and adults. Honest 25c. bottles. HARVEY MEDICINE CO. 424 St. Paul Street, MONTREAL.

IN MID-OCEAN

The Crew of St. John Schooner Deer Hill Were Rescued,

After Much Difficulty, by the British Steamer Pawnee.

The Steamship Stood by the Schooner for Four Days Before Getting Off the Crew.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The British steamer Pawnee arrived today from Mediterranean ports, bringing ten shipwrecked people, who were taken from the disabled schooner Deer Hill in mid-ocean.

Captain Alkenhead reported that on Dec. 1 he sighted a three masted topsail schooner in evident distress and needing assistance. The name "Deer Hill, of St. John, N. B." could be seen on the stern. A heavy northwest gale was blowing and a dangerous sea was running. The schooner was seemingly unmanageable and the rudder disabled or carried away. The Pawnee stayed by and finally succeeded in getting a tow line aboard. The lines parted, however, and a boat was launched in charge of the chief officer and sent to communicate with the Deer Hill. The boat had nearly succeeded in boarding the wreck when an enormous sea struck and stove in, and after great difficulty the boat's crew succeeded in getting on board the schooner. The wind and sea was increasing when the line parted, it was found impossible to get out another. The captain of the Deer Hill signalled that he wished to abandon the wreck and requested the Pawnee to stand by. The gale continued throughout the night, tenth and eleventh, and six hours the line again parted. Finding that the wind and sea was increasing when the line parted, it was found impossible to get out another. The captain of the Deer Hill signalled that he wished to abandon the wreck and requested the Pawnee to stand by. The gale continued throughout the night, tenth and eleventh, and six hours the line again parted. Finding that the wind and sea was increasing when the line parted, it was found impossible to get out another. The captain of the Deer Hill signalled that he wished to abandon the wreck and requested the Pawnee to stand by.

When Capt. Burns was seen at quarantine he said that the Deer Hill was a three masted topsail schooner, owned by J. H. Merritt and others of St. John, N. B. The Deer Hill sailed from St. John, N. B., on Nov. 23 for Santos, with a cargo of lumber.

About a week after sailing, the second day of December, the schooner fell in with a bad spell of weather, the wind commencing to blow hard from the southwest and increasing to terrific force with a high and dangerous sea, during which the vessel labored heavily and the seas washed continuously over the decks, swept away the rigging and in places the water flooded the deckhouse. This weather continued for six days with unabating fury until the schooner broke her rudder and became unmanageable. During this six days blow the wind was from the S. W. and W., and the seas were enormous. Captain Burns declared on the vessel on the first opportunity. On Dec. 8 the steamer Pawnee appeared, and in answer to signals stood by and finally, after four days, transferred the unfortunate shipwrecked people to safety and brought them to this port. The Deer Hill was built at Moss Glen, N. B., in 1891, and registered 301 tons.

TRADE WITH BRITAIN.

W. S. Fisher Talks of His Observations in the West—New Brunswick Has a Fine Opportunity for Development.

W. S. Fisher has returned from a visit to the American and upper province markets, and as a result of his observations and enquiries in the west is more than ever impressed with the sense of the profit that may be derived by the people of New Brunswick from the development of our winter steamship connections with the markets of Great Britain.

To the Sun, Mr. Fisher spoke particularly of the lumber industry, and in Toronto he visited the establishment of William Davis Co. and saw them killing hogs at the rate of 3,000 per day, which is at the rate of five hogs per minute for a day of ten hours. This company have increased their facilities fifty per cent since he was there a year ago. In one shipment for the English market, just before the close of St. Lawrence navigation, they sent away forty-two carloads of bacon. He was told that Canada's exports of bacon this year would approach \$3,000,000 in value, compared with about \$4,500,000 the previous year. At the same time, Britain's total imports last year were about \$38,000,000, which shows how small a proportion Canada still provides. Mr. Fisher feels more strongly convinced than ever that this province should share in the development of this branch of trade, which has grown and is still growing so rapidly in Ontario.

He was informed by a prominent C. P. R. official that Canada's trade has grown very largely with the old country in wheat, oats, barley, cheese, butter, bacon, apples, flour, and other dried goods, poultry and some other lines. The butter trade has developed only within the last few years. The egg trade has shown a very satisfactory growth, and the people who thought the loss of the American market a very serious matter are finding an excellent field on the other side of the Atlantic.

Poultry was especially referred to. Mr. Fisher was told of a Hungarian feeder from Buda-Pesth, who last year shipped 76,000 hares from Hungary to the London market. This year, as an experiment, he came to Canada, and has decided to settle in Montreal, and export poultry, game and eggs to the British market via St. John recently. Mr. Fisher is convinced that New Brunswick poultry raisers could develop a good business in this export trade.

BUYS BEAVER BOATS.

Rumored Accession to the Elder Dempster Fleet.

Officials Will Not Talk—Opinion Prevails, However, That All Except Gallia and Tongario Have Been Purchased.

(Montreal Gazette.)

LONDON, Dec. 14.—It is rumored in shipping circles here that the Elder Dempster & Co., the large shipowners of Liverpool, have purchased the Beaver line fleet of steamers.

When the above news was received at the board of trade yesterday afternoon there was a mild sensation among shipping men. The Elder-Dempster line, besides having the largest vessels coming to the port of Montreal, have made rapid strides during the past few years. The Beaver line comprises the following boats: Lake Ontario, Lake Superior, Lake Huron, Gallia and the Tongario. The last two names bear, however, are owned by Messrs. McIvor Bros. They were placed on the St. Lawrence route during the past season, and were undoubtedly an acquisition to the fleet. If Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co. have purchased the Lake boats it is probable that the Gallia and Tongario will be included.

Elder, Dempster & Co. are the second largest shipowners in Great Britain, both as regards tonnage and number of vessels. At present they have 35 vessels in active service. The latest boat in the Montego, a 1,000-ton screw steamer, which was launched yesterday from the ship building yards of Messrs. Swan & Hunter (Ltd.), Wallsend-on-Tyne. Among the largest of their boats which came to Montreal during the past summer, were the Monarch, Mammoth, Monterey, Montreal and Yola.

Mr. Ronald, the Canadian representative of the company, who was seen last night by a Globe reporter, stated that while he had no official notification that Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co. had taken over the Beaver line boats, he would not be surprised if such was the case.

At the present time, Messrs. Elder, Dempster & Co. have two berths in the harbor for their vessels. The vessels on the London service are moored opposite Schomberg Park, and the Beaver boats are moored at the Island wharf. If the Elder-Dempster line takes over the boats of the Beaver line it is probable that the harbor commissioners will grant them the splendid wharf accommodation enjoyed by the Beaver line.

Mr. Ronald, president of the board of trade, and one of the directors of the Beaver line, stated last night he was not in a position to discuss the matter, as Mr. Campbell, the manager of the company, was at the present time in England.

Mr. Ronald, another director, in reply to the Globe, stated that he did not care to have the news confirmed from this side of the water.

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—Information was received here today that the Elder-Dempster company of London, which operated lines from this point and also from Montreal to Avonmouth, has absorbed the Beaver line, running from Montreal and St. John, N. B., to Liverpool.

ST. STEPHEN.

J. D. Chipman III—Narrow Escape of Mr. and Mrs. McPherson.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 18.—Captain J. D. Chipman, M. P., is again confined to his bed, and Mrs. McPherson, who is recovering from a severe attack of bronchitis, is also confined to her bed. Mr. and Mrs. McPherson, aged people living at Robinson, Maine, were driving down the road yesterday afternoon, when their team was crowded to one side by other teams engaged in a brush of speed, and the motor car was struck by a horse. He was not successful, for the backing sled struck near the rear of the car and the occupants were crowded to the front. Mr. McPherson struck his head on the car and received an ugly cut. His wife escaped with a bruise on her forehead. Had the motor not crowded on all power they would probably have gone under the wheels and been killed.

THRIVING AVONDALE.

(Hartford Advertiser.) If there is only one village in Carleton County that has improved during the last year is Avondale. The housing of the town lies between the third and fourth tiers of lots, about five miles west of the St. John river and five miles east of the Woodstock. The Little Presque Isle river runs through the settlement. Here in Avondale, there is a well kept general store, S. G. Barter, proprietor; saw mill, owned by S. G. Barter; grist mill, owned by Mrs. C. G. Barter; and a well kept hotel, owned by S. G. Barter. The best equipped woodworking factory in the county is run by J. B. Barter & Co.; blacksmith shop, owned by S. G. Barter; and a department connected with the post office.

During the past year the following buildings have been put up: Woodworking factory with all new and improved machinery, a new house for Mr. Barter, a new house for Mrs. Barter, a house for Joseph Laury, dwelling and barn for Geo. Barter; two story cheese factory for the travelling public, owned by S. G. Barter; a new house for John A. Drake; house, barn and shed for B. F. Stoddard; house in the center of town, owned by D. M. Kennedy; two large and commodious ones, by Geo. Dewitt; two by Mr. Laury; Baptist church, owned by S. G. Barter; and a new section of Grand Lake after the close of navigation.

THE OLIVE MINE.

The St. John stockholders in the Olive Mine, Lake of the Woods district, have received cheques for the December dividend, with a notice of a like dividend for January. The monthly dividend is one per cent, and not ten per cent, as stated in the Globe. Shares of the value of \$20.00 are held in this city. The total capital stock authorized is \$1,000,000 of which however, only \$600,000 has been issued. The stock is now quoted at 80, but there is not much of it in the market, as most of it is in the hands of the five original shareholders. Hon. George E. Foster is president of this company.

CHURCH OF ENGLAND INSTITUTE.

To all who sent donations to the Christmas tree boxes very hearty thanks.

May our kind helpers enjoy to the full this year a glad Christmas as their generous assistance has enabled us to prepare for some little people in the country.

On behalf of the committee, MARY R. WALKER.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

The Newcastle Union Advocate issued a good Christmas number.

FREE!

Weak Men Restored Or No Expense for Treatment.

A course of remedies—the marvel of medical science—and Apparatus induced by physicians will be sent ON TRIAL, WITHOUT ANY RISK PAYMENT. If not all we claim, return them at our expense.

MEN WHO ARE WEAK, BROKEN DOWN, DISCOURAGED, men who suffer from the effects of disease, overwork, worry, from follicle or excess, from unnatural drains, weakness or lack of development of any portion of the body, failure of vital forces, unfitted for marriage—all such men should "come to the fountain head" for a scientific method of marvelous power to vitalize, develop, restore and sustain. On request we will send a description, with testimonials, in plain sealed envelopes. (No G. O. D. imposition or other deception.) Address:

Erle Medical Co., Buffalo, N. Y.



Joy and Smiles in place of sighs on wash day. Surprise, a pure hard soap with a quick lather, peculiar qualities for cleaning, makes easy work of wash day.

Follow the directions on the wrapper for finest results.

SURPRISE is the name. 8 CENTS A CAKE.

put in shape, and S. A. Berry & Co. have rented the two upper flats to occupy as a furniture factory.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MEETINGS.

UNDER THE MANAGEMENT OF THE NEW BRUNSWICK DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND THE FARMERS' AND DAIRYMEN'S ASSOCIATION OF N. B.

Meetings will be held at dates and places indicated below:

STAFF NO. I.

- Jan. 10.—Campbellton, Restigouche Co., Evening session.
11.—Millerton, Northumberland Co., Evening session.
12.—Napan, Northumberland Co., Evening session.
13.—Bass River, Kent Co., Evening session.
14.—Harcourt, Kent Co., Evening session.
16.—West Branch, Kent Co., Evening session.
17.—Upper Sackville, West Co., Evening session.
18.—Bale Verte, Westmorland Co., Evening session.
19.—Metrose, Westmorland Co., Evening session.
20.—Bayfield, Westmorland Co., Evening session.
23.—Covendale, Albert Co., Evening session.
24.—Salem, Albert Co., Evening session.
25.—Riverside, Albert Co., Evening session.
25.—Salisbury, Westmorland Co., Evening session.
27.—Corn Hill, Kings Co., Evening session.
28.—Fetitodiac, Westmorland Co., Evening session.
30.—Carsonville, Kings Co., Evening session.
31.—Collina, Kings Co., Evening session.
Feb. 1.—English Settlement, Queens Co., Evening session.
2.—Waterford, Kings Co., Evening session.
3.—Jeffries' Corner, Kings Co., Evening session.
4.—Bloomfield, Kings Co., Evening session.
6.—Welsford, Queens Co., Evening session.
7.—Fredericton Junction, Sun Co., Evening session.
8.—Harvey, York Co., Evening session.
9.—Moore's Mills, Charlotte Co., Evening session.
10.—Canterbury Station, York Co., Evening session.

STAFF NO. II.

- Jan. 31.—Andover, Victoria Co., Evening session.
Feb. 1.—Kincairdine, Victoria Co., Afternoon and evening session.
2.—Arthurette, Victoria Co., Evening session.
3.—New Denmark, Victoria Co., Evening session.
4.—Florenceville, West. Car. Co., Evening session.
6.—Glasville, Carleton Co., Evening session.
7.—Jacksonville, Carleton Co., Evening session.
8.—Richmond Corner, Car. Co., Evening session.
9.—Millsville, York Co., Evening session.
10.—Kewwick Ridge, York Co., Evening session.
11.—Douglas, York Co., Evening session.
12.—Upper Gagetown, Queens Co., Evening session.
14.—Sheffield (Temperance Hall), Sunbury Co., Evening session.
15.—Lanolin, Sunbury Co., Evening session.

The list of speakers has not yet been completed. It will be advertised later.

C. H. LABILLOIS.

Com. of Agriculture.

W. W. HUBBARD.

Cor.-Secretary F. & D. Assn.

ST. JOHN MAN ABROAD.

In a letter to his brother, W. Tins Peters, station agent at Rothsay; Frank W. Peters, who is district freight agent for the C. P. R. at Nelson, B. C., writes under date of Oct. 25th: "Just watch this country for the next few years. Our new line through the Crow's Nest Pass is a splendid one, a maximum one per cent grade. I expect it will be taken over by the operating department in a few weeks, and then my district will be extended about 100 miles east, including the coal mines. Then we are building 100 miles west through a terrific country. One tunnel is half a mile long through solid rock. Orders have been placed for 125 carloads of dynamite and blasting powder for this piece of road alone. Our latest steamer was launched on Saturday. I had the honor of assisting in the christening. This makes ten boats in our service here, with three more on the way."

THE RISKS OF

By the Women

OR

THE RISKS OF

OR



The Brownies and the Tide.

(Copyright, 1898, by Palmer Cox.)
Low was the tide as fell the night
And far to sea the sand was white,
When Brownies at their evening play

Still ventured from the shore away
And noticed not, though seldom slow,
When turned the flood to inward flow,
Although it slowly seemed to leave

With scarce a murmur or a heave,
With hasty leaps and angry roar
It sought again the rocky shore,
The Brownies well can fling their toes

When dangers darkly round them
Close,
And here it seemed a chance indeed
Before they lay to try their speed.



But now, alas! none could decide
Which way to run, because the tide,
Still sweeping round from every hand,
Commenced to harm the frightened band.

The currents ran a hundred ways
About the capes, to inner bays,
Around outlying rocks to meet
And quickly cut off all retreat.

The distant line of shore to gain,
Impeded by the currents strange,
And fish rejoicing at the change,
Still darter wildly through the foam,
As wide and wider spread their hoar.

No less the seabirds' bolder flight
And shriller cry proclaimed delight:
But pleasure was that moment far,
From Brownie sprites upon the bar,
Now climbing up or sliding back.



On rocks that chance flung in their
track,
And whirling stations as the wave
Gave promise of an easy grave,
Could mortal see them in that plight,
A smile upon a Brownie's face.

Retreating from the billows white,
Still eying stains of creases dark,
In hopes to find high water mark,
They'd hardly think again to trace
A smile upon a Brownie's face.

Where rises the some forty feet
A person oft must change his seat,
If he is not prepared to die,
Or wants to keep his clothing dry,
And still as Brownies upward crept,

Around their heels the water swept
Upon the very peak or crown
By chafing waves was taken down,
And only Brownies were in view,
A group upon the ocean blue.



The spindle-legs soon went below,
Their bodies felt the chilling flow;
Then necks were stretched as waves
up-curl'd
To still connect them with the world,
The birds, supposing all was through,
With life and action round them flew,

Yet kept about whenever they spied
Their eyes still rolling bright and
wide,
The sea has limits, as the land,
And must obey the ebb's command
To check its pace and be content
To rise no more on mischief bent.

This well the cunning Brownies
knew,
And to each other stuck like glue,
Still hoping every moment might
Announce the sea had reached its
height,
And haply in the nick of time,

When hope seemed hardly worth a
sigh,
The flood was checked through Nature's
plan,
And to their joy the ebb began,
And, as the sun on Scotland fell,
They reached the shore alive and well.

SPANISH TROOPS LEAVE, And the American Soldiers Take Possession of Havana Suburbs.

A Crowd of Lower Class Cubans Make a Disturbance—Some Shots Fired by the Soldiers.

HAVANA, Dec. 18.—The Spanish evacuation commissioners informed the American commissioners this evening that the Havana suburbs, Cerro and Jesus Del Monte, have been evacuated. The Spanish troops left Jesus Del Monte at five o'clock this evening, immediately after which American and Cuban flags were raised, crackers fired and the usual demonstrations made by the cheering crowds in honor of the event. At the hour of filing this despatch, 6 p. m., it is reported that some of the troops of the Cuban general, Marie Menocal, are entering Jesus Del Monte. Probably the United States forces will be sent there tomorrow.

The suburb of Cerro was evacuated yesterday. American and Cuban flags were displayed from the houses on the Calzada Del Cerro and crowds rushed through the streets shouting, "Viva Cuba libre." About half past five last evening a crowd of Cubans of the lower class passed a Cuartel Ingeniero (barracks of engineers) on the Infanta avenue, shouting "Long live Cuba," and "Death to Spain," and firing shots in the air in celebration of the evacuation of Cerro. The engineers did not fire, but the guard was doubled.

number of butchers, who carried pistols and knives. Jose Gancedo and his cousin, Pedro Huertas, who were on the cars, were wounded with knives from the outside. Gancedo died today and Huertas will probably die.

The rioting continued, many shots being fired in front of the Plaza Desamor, where the wounded were assisted. Spanish soldiers were ordered to the scene and arrived about 9 o'clock. While marching through Cerro they were fired upon by men concealed behind pillars. One Spanish private fell wounded, and the battalion fired into the air to scare the rioters. On resuming their march they were again fired upon, and another man was hit. The Spaniards then fired and dispersed the rioters. Among the wounded was a colored woman, and it is also reported that there were several others. The rioting caused great alarm in Cerro and along the Calzada Del Monte, where all houses have kept closed doors since last night.

John Doyle, aged 35 years, who was arrested on Bedford street for drunkenness at an early hour Sunday morning, and sent to jail for thirty days on account of his inability to pay the fine imposed upon him, \$5, was yesterday sent from that institution to the hospital in a critical state, suffering from irritation of the brain. The officers who arrested Doyle state that they found him lying in a vacant lot suffering from the cold. When he appeared in court Monday morning his face and head were somewhat bruised. The story having been put in circulation that the officers who made the arrest abused and beat the prisoner, Chief of Police Clark despatched Detective Ring to investigate the matter. The chief arrested a Sun reporter last night that there was nothing in these stories. Inquiry at the hospital about midnight elicited the information that Doyle was not improving any, in fact, he seemed to be getting worse.

Read the "Semi-Weekly Sun."

NOVA SCOTIA NEWS.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 16.—The death occurred at Wolfville today of C. C. Vaux, a former prominent business man and alderman in this city.

The steamer Hiawatha, that formerly ran in the Minas Basin route for Churchill, has been sold by her recent owners here to the New Canadian Steamship Company, which proposes to operate a service between Milford Haven and Pasphebec at the northern extremity of Bay Chaleur, two ports hitherto but little frequented. It is stated that the Hiawatha will be used at Pasphebec as a tender to the company's steamships to land passengers. License Inspector Banks has received 113 applications for liquor licenses.

HALIFAX, Dec. 18.—The Mahone Bay schooner Parisian, from Louisbourg for Halifax, with coal, was lost on Whitehead Island at midnight Friday. She struck suddenly and the boats were at once lowered. Before the people on board got clear the mainmast fell and threw all hands into the water. Capt. Wilcox reached the island but the schooner was drowned. The same fate befell Miss Louise Dowd, who was a passenger from Big Lorraine for the hospital here. The fall of the mainmast imprisoned her in the cabin. Capt. Wilcox distinguished himself in a most heroic manner by rescuing bodies of men washed ashore at Herring Cove from the schooner Success, and returning them to their friends. The vessel and cargo are a total loss and the men saved only the clothes they wore.

Hiram Wier, news editor of the Evening Mail, expects soon to come into the possession of quite a sum of money. A few days ago he received a letter from a Dublin lawyer informing him that a cousin of his mother had died, bequeathing a portion of a valuable estate to his mother's children. Other beneficiaries by the bequest are Rev. John Wier, brother of Hiram, and Mrs. P. Curley of Dorchester, Mass., sister.

THE FIRST STEAMER

Of the Canada Steamship Co. Arrived at New Carlisle.

NEW CARLISLE, Dec. 18.—The Gaspesia, the first transatlantic steamer of the Canadian steamship line, arrived here from Milford Haven at 9 o'clock this morning. She had left Europe on Thursday the 14th. Her voyage was somewhat rough and she was delayed about twelve hours at Cape Despair by a thick fall of snow. Her cargo consisted mainly of fruit and different merchandise for the local trade. She carried over one hundred immigrants, most of whom were Polish Jews and Austrian Catholics. They were received here by W. P. Laird, U. S. commissioner of Immigration. They were bound for New York. Their sanitary condition was satisfactory but they were financially poor. A special I. C. R. train from Montreal, which had been taken down here under the direction of H. A. Price, district passenger agent at Montreal, took them to Montreal, from where they will proceed to New York. The Gaspesia is a very fine ship. Her keel length is 383 feet; breadth, 43; depth, 33-6-10; gross tonnage, 3,335, and net registered tonnage 2,408. Her crew consists of seventy-one men. She will leave Pasphebec tomorrow for Europe and will touch at Charlottetown on the way for the purpose of loading horses, sheep and cattle.

A PEACE OFFERING.

Rev. P. F. Jernegan, of Sea Water Gold Fame, Makes an Offer of Settlement.

MIDDLETOWN, Conn., Dec. 18.—It is stated on the authority of a member of the committee appointed to make an investigation of the so-called Jernegan process of extracting gold from seawater, that Rev. P. F. Jernegan, formerly of this city, who is now in Brussels, has actually sent to the directors of the Electrolytic Marine Salts company \$75,000 in cash as a sort of a peace offering preliminary to his return to this country with his family.

A HERMIT PERISHED IN FLAMES.

WESTERLY, R. I., Dec. 16.—The hermit life of Esther Myers, an eccentric character, came to a tragic end this evening, when her solitary home was destroyed by fire and she perished in the flames.

BURGLARY IN MILLTOWN.

CALAIS, Dec. 16.—The store of Smith Adams at Milltown was recently broken into and a quantity of cigars, tobacco and smokers' sundries, besides a small amount of money were taken. Later the store of Gilbert Holmes was entered, apparently by the same persons, for the identical purpose. The parties have not yet been apprehended, although the officers are on the right track. They are very bold in their work, as the whole place and each was smashed out of the windows where they entered.

Children Cry for CASTORIA

THE GREATEST Horse Remedy

IN THE WORLD.
Every Horseman should try

Tuttle's Elixir.
Not simply guaranteed to cure in the advertisement, but backed up by a standing offer of \$100 reward for every failure. If it won't cure your horse of Colic, Croup, Spasms, Coughed and Hoarse, Stomach Troubles, First Stages, and Colic of all kinds, you will receive the above reward. Send addressed to the publishers, 25 Cent Sample free for three 3-cent stamps to pay postage.

\$5,000 Reward to the person who can prove this testimonial a bogus.

Dr. S. A. Tuttle, M. D., Oct. 28, 1897.

Dear Sir—I have much pleasure in recommending your Horse Elixir to all interested in horses. I have used it for several years and have found it to be all it is represented. I have used it on my running horses and also on my trotting stallion "Special" which with the desired effect it is undoubtedly a first-class article.

I remain, yours respectfully,
S. A. TUTTLE,
Prop. Hotel Dufferin,
Puddington & Merritt, St. John N. B.
General Agents for Canada and the Provinces for Tuttle's Elixir and Veterinary Remedies.
AS CHARLOTTE STREET.

THERE WILL BE SOLD AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON SATURDAY, the Fourth day of December, at 11 o'clock in the forenoon, twelve o'clock in the afternoon, at Club's Corner (so called), in the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, all the estate, right, title and interest of WILLIAM THOMPSON in and to all that certain tract of land, situate in the Parish of Simonds (formerly a part of the Parish of Portland), in the City and County of Saint John, in said Province, bounded and described as follows:

Commencing at a marked tree on the western line of a tract of land belonging to Nathaniel H. DeVoter, on the south side of the road to Lock Leonard, thence south fifteen degrees east about one hundred and twenty-seven chains until it meets the line of a lot sold by James White to Charles Hart, thence south seven degrees west forty chains, thence along a twelve link, three north fifteen degrees west sixty-six chains to the south side of land in possession of Henry Graham, thence along the side road to the place of beginning, containing five hundred acres, with the buildings and appurtenances, being the premises conveyed to one James Knox and the said William Thompson by the Trustee of James Kirk, by deed bearing date the eighteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-nine, and registered in the Records of Deeds in and for the said City and County of Saint John in Book Q, No. 4, of said Records, pages 28 to 29.

EPPS'S COCOA

GRATEFUL COMFORTING.
Distilled every where for D-ileacy of Flavour, Superior Quality, and Nutritive Properties. Specially good and comforting to the nervous and dyspeptic. Sold only in 4 lb tins labeled JAMES EPPS & CO., Ltd., Home Patent Chemists, London, Eng. and SUPPER.

EPPS'S COCOA

YORK POINT TERMINAL FACILITIES.

The quantity of timber which G. S. Mayes will require for his operations at York Point was considerably underestimated in Saturday's Sun. Mr. Mayes is the contractor for all the wharves, trestle work and woodwork in connection with the new I. C. R. terminal facilities, and he will use some 12,000 tons of birch timber, 1,200 tons of white pine, 500 tons of red pine, about 400 pieces of spruce spars, a quantity of southern pine timber and a large quantity of spruce flooring and stringers. Most of all of this timber has been already contracted for by the upper waters of the St. John river, and the work of getting it out will give employment to hundreds of men. Mr. Mayes expects to have some of the timber forwarded to St. John by rail, so as to enable him to commence work on the piers before the river opens, probably about the middle of March. The kind of timber chosen has been selected with the object of constructing wharves that will last far longer than if built of ordinary timber.

GALLOW'S FRUIT.

Three Murderers Hanged and One Man Lynched.

WEST POINT, Ga., Dec. 16.—J. M. Anderson, colored, who fatally wounded Clerk Wright, a constable of Fredonia, Ala., who had arrested him, was lynched near Lanest last night.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec. 16.—Arthur

Constable Beasley, was hanged today in the jail yard of Princess Anne county.

MACON, Ga., Dec. 16.—Abner Taylor,

white, was hanged here today for the murder of his wife.

ATTEMPT TO WRECK A TRAIN.

CALAIS, Dec. 16.—It has been reported here that an attempt was recently made to wreck the W. C. railway train near Westport Junction. A huge pile of sleepers were laid across the track and were almost covered by the falling snow when they were discovered by the station agent at that place and removed. What object any person could have in doing such devilish work has not been able to say.

DISAGREEMENT IN METHODIST CHURCH AT MILLTOWN.

CALAIS, Dec. 16.—Thirty-five members of the Methodist church at Milltown, Me., including five of the church officers, have resigned. There is said to be a serious disagreement between some of the members of this church and the pastor.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived. Dec 18-38 St. Croix, from Boston. C. B. Leachler, master, and crew. ... Dec 19-38 St. Croix, from Boston. ...

CANADIAN PORTS.

Arrived. At Weymouth, Dec 14, Capt. Herbert Rice, from Yarmouth. ... At Halifax, N. B., Dec 16-38, Capt. ...

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived. At Charlottetown, Dec 17, Capt. ... At St. John's, Dec 18, Capt. ... At St. John's, Dec 19, Capt. ...

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived. At Bahia, Dec 18, Capt. ... At Bahia, Dec 19, Capt. ... At Bahia, Dec 20, Capt. ...

BOSTON LETTER.

Hundreds of Liberals Transported to Bagot to Vote.

The Taking of Testimony in the Hesse Case at Providence, Rhode Island.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Bribe Demand for Coast Tonnage Spruce Market Continues Firm—Scarcity of About All Kinds of Fish.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The holiday trade continues brisk. The city has been very lively during the past week owing to the unusually large number of strangers in town.

MEMORANDA.

DUNGENESS, Dec 15.—P.D. Ordacorn, from Halifax, for London, City, from London for St. John.

SPOKEN.

Bark Armenta, Anderson, from New York for Buenos Ayres, Nov 27, lat 7, lon 24.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The pilots of incoming steamers which arrived tonight in quarantine report the outer red light in Godwin Channel as showing a red light instead of red, the former color.

REPORTS.

LUBBOCK, Me., Dec 15.—The three masted schooner Charles W. Willard, which was wrecked during the gale of Nov 27, was towed today, but little injured.

MARRIAGES.

CARSON-SHERBRIDGE.—At the Methodist church, St. John, N. B., Dec 14, Rev. Wm. Benna, R. W. Carson of Carson, Me., and daughter of the late Joseph Carson.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—In this city, Dec. 18th, after a lingering illness, William Armstrong, aged 72 years.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET.

(From Saturday's Daily Sun.) The holders of stalls in the country market are already preparing for the decoration of their respective premises.

BRITISH CANT.

The London court has refused the license of the Queen's head, where every day's market is held.

BOSTON LETTER.

Hundreds of Liberals Transported to Bagot to Vote.

The Taking of Testimony in the Hesse Case at Providence, Rhode Island.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Bribe Demand for Coast Tonnage Spruce Market Continues Firm—Scarcity of About All Kinds of Fish.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The holiday trade continues brisk. The city has been very lively during the past week owing to the unusually large number of strangers in town.

MEMORANDA.

DUNGENESS, Dec 15.—P.D. Ordacorn, from Halifax, for London, City, from London for St. John.

SPOKEN.

Bark Armenta, Anderson, from New York for Buenos Ayres, Nov 27, lat 7, lon 24.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The pilots of incoming steamers which arrived tonight in quarantine report the outer red light in Godwin Channel as showing a red light instead of red, the former color.

REPORTS.

LUBBOCK, Me., Dec 15.—The three masted schooner Charles W. Willard, which was wrecked during the gale of Nov 27, was towed today, but little injured.

MARRIAGES.

CARSON-SHERBRIDGE.—At the Methodist church, St. John, N. B., Dec 14, Rev. Wm. Benna, R. W. Carson of Carson, Me., and daughter of the late Joseph Carson.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—In this city, Dec. 18th, after a lingering illness, William Armstrong, aged 72 years.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET.

(From Saturday's Daily Sun.) The holders of stalls in the country market are already preparing for the decoration of their respective premises.

BRITISH CANT.

The London court has refused the license of the Queen's head, where every day's market is held.

BOSTON LETTER.

Hundreds of Liberals Transported to Bagot to Vote.

The Taking of Testimony in the Hesse Case at Providence, Rhode Island.

Deaths of Former Provincialists—Bribe Demand for Coast Tonnage Spruce Market Continues Firm—Scarcity of About All Kinds of Fish.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—The holiday trade continues brisk. The city has been very lively during the past week owing to the unusually large number of strangers in town.

MEMORANDA.

DUNGENESS, Dec 15.—P.D. Ordacorn, from Halifax, for London, City, from London for St. John.

SPOKEN.

Bark Armenta, Anderson, from New York for Buenos Ayres, Nov 27, lat 7, lon 24.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—The pilots of incoming steamers which arrived tonight in quarantine report the outer red light in Godwin Channel as showing a red light instead of red, the former color.

REPORTS.

LUBBOCK, Me., Dec 15.—The three masted schooner Charles W. Willard, which was wrecked during the gale of Nov 27, was towed today, but little injured.

MARRIAGES.

CARSON-SHERBRIDGE.—At the Methodist church, St. John, N. B., Dec 14, Rev. Wm. Benna, R. W. Carson of Carson, Me., and daughter of the late Joseph Carson.

DEATHS.

ARMSTRONG.—In this city, Dec. 18th, after a lingering illness, William Armstrong, aged 72 years.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET.

(From Saturday's Daily Sun.) The holders of stalls in the country market are already preparing for the decoration of their respective premises.

BRITISH CANT.

The London court has refused the license of the Queen's head, where every day's market is held.

What is CASTORIA

Castoria is Dr. Samuel Pitcher's prescription for Infants and Children. It contains neither Opium, Morphine nor other Narcotic substance. It is a harmless substitute for Paregoric, Drops, Soothing Syrups and Castor Oil.

Castoria.

"Castoria is so well adapted to children that I recommend it as superior to any prescription known to me."

THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF

Dr. Samuel Pitcher APPEARS ON EVERY WRAPPER.

RECENT DEATHS.

Charles Carr, formerly of Kingston, Me., and his wife, died in Boston, Mass., on Dec. 14th, aged 82 years.

ST. STEPHEN.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 15.—Burglars have been operating in a small way at St. Stephen since Saturday afternoon.

MONDAY'S FUNERALS.

(From Tuesday's Daily Sun.) The remains of Miss Marion Pagan Ray, daughter of the late Charles Ray, a former St. John citizen and ex-mayor, were brought to this city on the Atlantic express yesterday afternoon.

THE NIGHT GANG AT CUSHING & CO'S MILL HAS STOPPED WORK FOR THE WINTER.

The night gang at Cushing & Co's mill has stopped work for the winter.

Advertisement for Castoria, featuring the signature of Dr. Samuel Pitcher and various text blocks including 'What is CASTORIA', 'THE FAC-SIMILE SIGNATURE OF', 'RECENT DEATHS', 'ST. STEPHEN', 'MONDAY'S FUNERALS', and 'THE NIGHT GANG AT CUSHING & CO'S MILL HAS STOPPED WORK FOR THE WINTER.'