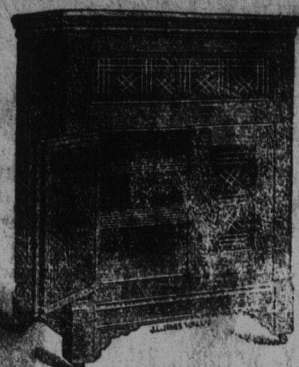


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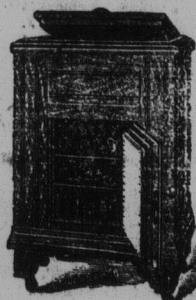
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ARCHBISHOP CORRIGAN.

The Distinguished Prelate Is Dead
—The Pope's Grief.

NEW YORK, May 6.—Archbishop Corrigan died at 11.05 o'clock tonight. Although he had a good day today and was talking to his secretary at twenty minutes to 11 o'clock, his heart gave out at 11 o'clock. One of the trained nurses noticed the sinking spell coming on and at once sent for Father Curley. He called the other priests from the rectory and the cathedral and all waited until the archbishop breathed his last five minutes later. The end was most peaceful, the last breath passing without any evidence of pain.

Father Curley said that the last words of Archbishop Corrigan probably were: "I feel very weak."

"The nurses," said Father Curley, "knew a stimulant was necessary and he was given an emulsion of nitro-glycerine, but this proved in vain. Father George Corrigan then administered the Apostolic Benediction and they waited for the end."

Father Curley sent for Dr. Keyes, all the priests and relatives of the archbishop. There were present seven priests and the archbishop's two brothers. Father Corrigan and Dr. Corrigan, and the latter's son Joseph, the nurses and servants. All got to the room just in time to see the prelate breathe his last.

After examining the body Dr. Keyes said that death had been caused by fatty degeneration of the heart. The archbishop's illness really dated from the end of February of this year, when, in going through the Kelly Memorial chapel, in course of construction in the rear of the cathedral, he fell between some beams, and to keep himself from falling to the floor below he had to hold himself up by the armpits. The strain was very great, and before he recovered from the effect of the accident he was attacked with pneumonia.

ROME, May 6.—The pope was greatly distressed when informed of the death of Archbishop Corrigan of New York. His holiness had been a constant inquirer for news throughout the archbishop's illness, sending daily to the American college for information regarding the sick prelate's condition.

KITCHENER'S REPORT.

Ten Boers Killed and 122 Captured Last Week.

LONDON, May 6.—Lord Kitchener's weekly report dated from Pretoria yesterday, shows that the peace movement is not allowed to interfere with military operations except so far as to permit of unrestrained meetings between the leaders and their various commands. The week's Boer casualties were 10 men killed and 122 made prisoners.

Gen. Bruce Hamilton's columns captured 87 men on the Helbron (Orange River Colony) line. Col. Colen Brander has resumed operations in the northern part of the Transvaal against Commandant Beyers, whose forces have been considerably reduced, and Gen. Ian Hamilton has cleared a large area west of Klerksdorp, Southwestern Transvaal.

CAPE TOWN, May 6.—The Ookiep, Western Cape Colony, relief column has occupied Steinkopf, to the north of Ookiep, which was strongly held by the Boers, after fighting April 27 and April 28. The British lost 6 men killed and had eight wounded. The Boer losses are said to have been heavy. The Boers asked for British medical assistance.

QUEEN WILHELMINA.

Her Condition Is Still One of Extreme Gravity.

THE HAGUE, May 6.—Queen Wilhelmina's physicians in their morning bulletin issued at Castle Loo say: "After a slight rise in her temperature yesterday evening, the queen had a quiet night and slept most of the time. Her temperature this morning is normal and her condition at present moment is fairly satisfactory, although the patient still requires great care and attention."

THE HAGUE, May 6.—Those who are in attendance on the queen are by no means fully reassured by the medical bulletin, which seems to indicate that the physicians themselves are uncertain as to the course which her illness may take. Her majesty remains extremely weak. Two doctors were at her bedside almost all night long. Telegrams of inquiry and sympathy continue to arrive in large numbers at Castle Loo.

A bulletin posted at Castle Loo at 2 p. m. today announced that the Queen Wilhelmina's temperature, "had continued normal up to the present," and said that her majesty's other symptoms do not call for special remark.

DROPPED DEAD.

(Special to the Star.)

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., May 6.—James King, a prominent and much respected resident of this town, dropped dead this forenoon while walking in the upper end of the town near the cove. He was seventy-seven years of age and a stone mason by trade, though frequently teaching in the public schools throughout the country. A widow, two sons and two daughters, by a former marriage, survive him.

DR. GRANT DANGEROUSLY ILL.

(Special to the Star.)

KINGSTON, May 6.—Dr. Grant's condition has grown so alarming that his late medical attendants in Toronto have been called to his bedside. His friends are fearful as to the result of this attack.

BRET HARTE DEAD.

The Famous Chronicler of Old-Time California.

Author of the Luck of Rearing Camp, The Outcasts of Poker Flat, and the Heathen Chinee.

LONDON, May 6.—F. B. Harte, the American poet and novelist, died last night.

Bret Harte was born in Albany, New York, August 25th, 1839. He removed to California in 1857, and founded the Overland Monthly (San Francisco) in 1863. In 1870 he was made professor of recent literature in the University of California, but resigned and removed to New York in 1871. He was United States consul at Crefeld, Germany, 1878-80, and at Glasgow 1880-85. He has since lived in England. Among his many works are: The Luck of Rearing Camp (1868); The Outcasts of Poker Flat, (1869), both appearing in the Overland Monthly; condensed Novels, etc., (1870); The Heathen Chinee (in verse, 1870, originally appearing as Plain Talk from T. H. James in the Overland Monthly); Poems (1871); Stories of the Sierras (1872); Tales of the Argonauts, (1875); Gabriel Conroy, (1876); Frank's Blossom, (1877); Two Men of Sandy Bar (a drama, 1877); California Stories, (1884); A Millionaire of Rough and Ready, (1887); A Drift from Redwood Camp and A Phyllis of the Sierras, (1888); Cressy, and The Heritage of Dedlow Marsh (1889); A War of the Plains; Ward of the Golden Gate, (1890); A Sappho of Green Springs and Sally Down, (1892); Lucy, (1893); Three Partners, (1897); and Tales of Trail and Town, (1898).

Within the present year the Saturday Evening Post and Collier's Weekly have published short stories by Bret Harte, which are characterized by the same delicate fancy and delightful humor that made his stories of California life famous the world over. Among English readers he is one of the most popular of American writers.

LONDON, May 6.—Bret Harte died suddenly at the Red House, Camberly, near Aldershot, from hemorrhage, caused by an affection of the throat. Mr. Harte had been living quietly in England for years. Most of his time was spent in the country, and when in London he was almost equally sequestered, having few visitors to his rooms at Lancaster Gate, and only going to the houses of a limited number of very intimate friends.

Several months ago, when a false report of his death was circulated in America, a reporter of the Associated Press called at his rooms. Mr. Harte then appeared to be perfectly well, and laughed heartily and quoted Mark Twain's old saying about the report being grossly exaggerated.

"Except for a little cold," said Mr. Harte, "I have no ailments or complaints, while I am getting to be a pretty old man." (pointing to his snow-white hair) "there is life in the old dog yet," and thereupon he lit a cigar so large that it would have done credit to any of his Boer fight friends. He was hoping, he also said, to do some more work; but he confessed he was growing lazier.

Mr. Harte had been suffering from swollen tonsils since December last, but he did not consider the attack to be serious. A week ago he went to visit friends at Cambridge and was present at lunch as usual yesterday. But he suddenly became ill in the afternoon, went to bed, and died in a few hours.

THE PROPOSED ABATTOIR.

Protest By Horticultural Association
—Views of C. Kane and T. L. Hay.

The Horticultural Association are entering a protest against the building of an abattoir by Kane & McGrath on the banks of the Marsh Creek. They claim that it is too near the entrance to the park and at a meeting yesterday afternoon the matter was discussed. The society are of the opinion that the proposed abattoir will prove offensive, and a committee was appointed to ascertain just where it is to be built and whether it likely to be a nuisance. If so, a protest will be made to the city.

Thomas L. Hay, chairman of the slaughter house commissioners, said the commissioners could not issue or sign a license for an abattoir unless the city council was satisfied with the site and the building. As to the abattoir being offensive if located, as the Horticultural Association claims, Mr. Hay said there was nothing offensive about a properly conducted slaughter house. It should be thoroughly sweet and clean. He could not say what action the commissioners would take, as the matter must come before the city council before the commission can deal with it. The board of health had no jurisdiction in the matter. If the abattoir was already established and proved offensive they could condemn it as a nuisance, but he did not think they could take action on any other ground. They, the same as any private citizen, would have the privilege of petitioning against a prospective nuisance, but they must have some ground on which to base their protest.

When seen by the Star today Mr. Kane, of Kane & McGrath, said that Mr. Hay's idea of the abattoir would be carried out. There would be no offensive odors nor anything which would tend to make the place a nuisance. Many complaints have been made in regard to the unsatisfactory condition of the present slaughter houses and their idea is to make an improvement. They have purchased the property on Gilbert's lane known as the old Calboun Mill, and have had plans for an up to date abattoir prepared. They have looked over the possible sites and have found this to be the most suitable in every respect. It is the only place where running water is always at hand and they will run a sewer into the Marsh creek. In the abattoir there will be no waste, no refuse of any kind excepting the waste from the floor. Every part of the animals will be used except the squeal, and in this way the possibility of the place being a nuisance will be done away with. The property is near the railway and every convenience is close at hand.

The plans they had prepared were submitted to the slaughter house commissioners and approved by them. Then they were sent to the common council and by them referred to the board of works. No further report has been received.

Mr. Kane thinks that, as the abattoir will properly conducted, the Horticultural Society need not fear that it will become a nuisance.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, May 6.—Forecast—Eastern states and Northern New York—Fair today, Wednesday partly cloudy with showers and probably thunder storms, fresh northeast to east winds.

MILLIONS FOR MILLERS.

Export Flour Placed on the Same Basis as Wheat.

CHICAGO, May 6.—The Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul railway has placed export flour on a level with wheat in the matter of transportation charges. This action, according to the Record-Herald, which makes the announcement, will be followed by all western lines with similar rates, and means a saving of millions yearly to the millers of the northwest.

For years the millers have vigorously contended that if the rates were made the same on wheat and flour grain would not be taken from the United States, but would be made into flour here and then shipped for export. Strong appeals for relief have recently been made to President Roosevelt, director of congressional committees, and to the inter-state commerce commission.

The rate from St. Paul and Minneapolis on both flour and export grain is now 20-1-2 cents; formerly it was 23 cents on flour. The rate of 20-1-2 cents applies to part lake and rail shipments. From St. Paul the rate on flour for export by all rail, is 25 cents and on grain 17-1-2 cents.

THE OULTON CASE.

The Verdict of the Jury Is That the Man Was Murdered.

The coroner's jury in the Oulton case met yesterday at half-past two o'clock for the purpose of hearing the coroner and counsel and deliberating upon the evidence.

In his opening address Coroner Roberts spoke of the mysterious circumstances surrounding the case and explained that he had gone so deeply into it for the reason that it is a very important one.

L. P. D. Tilley reviewed the evidence in which the Gillespies were concerned and pointed out that Thomas Gillespie had acted in a perfectly natural manner through the whole affair. There had been certain contradictions in the evidence but it was easy for a boy to be mistaken. Mr. Tilley advanced the theory that Oulton's death had been caused by accident and stated that more conclusive evidence was necessary before suspicion could be attached to any one.

Walter H. Trueman in speaking for the crown pointed out that there were three central facts in the affair. These were the marks of violence on Oulton's body, the absence of money and the mysterious fire. Medical men stated that death was due to foul play. Mr. Trueman advanced the theory that Gillespie and Oulton had had a quarrel in Oulton's house about 7.30 o'clock on Wednesday evening. This is only a theory and is not backed by conclusive evidence. Gillespie may have robbed Oulton while feeling his body as described by the boys, but Gillespie denies having examined the body. Mr. Trueman expressed the opinion that the fire was due to accident.

Coroner Roberts then gave an exhaustive and concise review of the evidence which he had summarized with great care. He presented the evidence under separate heads and dealt with them one by one. He instructed the jury on the distinction between murder and manslaughter and stated that if in the opinion of the jury suspicion rested on any person it was their duty to name him, but if on the other hand anyone was found to be wrongly suspected they should clear him.

THE VERDICT.

The jury retired at 5 o'clock and returning at 5.55, presented the following verdict:
We, the jury empanelled to hold an inquisition as to the cause of the death of Isaac G. Oulton, find that the deceased came to his death at his residence on Douglas avenue, in the City of St. John, on April 23, 1902, and that he was murdered by a person or persons unknown.

The jury also expressed the consideration of the speed and accuracy of Walter H. Golding, who had acted as clerk, and of the kindness of Dr. Maher, who had granted them the use of his parlors for the purposes of deliberation.

Their thanks were heartily seconded by the coroner and the counsel in the case.

A DEADLY CLOUDBURST.

OKLAHOMA CITY, O. T., May 4.—A cloudburst at Foss, 100 miles west of this city, drowned nine people Sunday and left many families homeless. Four bodies have been recovered. Three have been identified as J. H. Redman, C. T. Reeves and R. L. Mallen. A mile of the Choctaw railway track was washed out, and the loss of town property will amount to \$200,000.

WEDDING BELLS.

The marriage of Charles J. Sherwood to Mrs. Elvina Helly took place at the residence of Gilford Sherwood, Brunswick street, this morning. They were married by Rev. W. J. Blakney, cousin of the bride. The bride looked charming in a travelling suit of navy blue, with hat to match. After the ceremony a number of invited guests sat down to a dainty breakfast. The bride received a number of beautiful presents. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome sum of money. The happy couple left by steamer Star to spend a week at the bride's old home, after which they will reside at No. 30 Charles street, Melrose, Mass. The happy couple are held in high esteem by all who know them.

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QUEBEC SHIP LABORERS.

(Special to the Star.)

QUEBEC, May 6.—The Ship Laborers' Society has refused the demand of the Canadian management of the Leyland Steamship line for reduction in the rate of wages paid to its members, but has intimated it will agree to accept the same rates as were paid last year.

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NO. 1 SALVAGE CORPS.

There was a meeting last night of No. 1 Company, Salvage Corps and Fire Police, when the retiring captain, C. A. Clark, made a few remarks in surrendering the command of the body and ushered his successor, A. H. Lindsay, into the chair. The new lieutenant, Mr. Finley, was also heard from. Mr. Clark afterwards entertained the officers and members of the corps at a dinner at Lang's restaurant, when speeches were made by many of the members and songs given by the singers. It was a most enjoyable evening.

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MARRIAGES.

HALLIGAN—In this city, on May 4th, Catherine, wife of Edward Halligan, in her 45th year, leaving four daughters and one son to mourn their loss.

CURRAN—In this city, on Monday, May 5th, Margaret, dearly beloved wife of James Curran, aged 44 years.

BLANKNEY—Died at Sunny Brae, near Moncton, May 6th, of bronchitis, Lorne Ivan, age seven months, youngest son of Chas. and Annie Blankney.



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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., MAY 6, 1902.

ARE WE ASLEEP?

If even a single additional berth is to be provided on the west side of the harbor before next winter dredging must be done. The claims of St. John, as a national port, are greater than those of any other place where this dredge Cape Breton may be sent. It is of more importance to Canada that this work should be done than that place which has little or no ocean traffic. But unless the citizens bestir themselves the dredge will not return this year, and we shall be deprived of business that should come here next winter. This matter of dredging may fairly be pressed upon the government, and the claims of the port asserted in such manner that they cannot be ignored. At the time of the last election the electors were urged to support Mr. Blair because his supporters declared that he was a strong man, who would successfully press the claims of St. John. There is now an opportunity, and Mr. Blair should be backed by the unanimous voice of the people if he will demand the city's rights. A proposition should be definitely decided upon by the business men of St. John and a strong delegation should go to Ottawa before the house rises. As this paper has several times pointed out, there will be nothing done if the people do not take the initiative.

It would be news indeed if St. John, after putting forth such splendid and successful efforts in the past, should be content to slumber fatuously beside decaying wharves while other ports snatched the trade that is hers by right.

EX-MAYOR DANIEL'S ADDRESS.

Dr. J. W. Daniel retires from office today with the respect and good will of the citizens, after two years of faithful work as mayor of St. John. In today's Star appears his retiring address to the common council, and it is worthy of the careful attention of the taxpayers.

He points out that during his two years in office \$45,731.03 has been spent on the waterworks system, and \$90,116.23 on the sewerage system, while the street department has also done some valuable work, although much yet remains to be done.

Special importance attaches to his remarks about the growth of winter port trade and the necessity for nationalizing the port. The Star would be very glad if it could join the ex-mayor in "feeling satisfied that this important matter will be settled in a manner alike satisfactory to the people of the dominion and of this city as well," because Mr. Tarte has said certain things and because Mr. Blair is in the cabinet. That Mr. Tarte has declared himself in favor of nationalizing this and other ports, and that Mr. Blair is in the cabinet, should be strong facts in our favor, but we cannot forget that further facilities are urgently needed at once, while Mr. Tarte's single promise of half a dozen years ago to dredge the entrance to the harbor has not yet been carried out. Therefore it would be suicidal to sit down complacently and wait for the nationalization of the port at the pleasure of the government, without the very strongest effort to spur them to action.

The ex-mayor states that while the city debt has increased nearly a million dollars since 1899 the annual interest charge, which is the burden on the taxpayers, has only increased \$17,159.91; and this will be reduced by \$4,885.83 in June. The financial position of the city is therefore healthy, although, as he points out, care should be exercised in connection with any further large increase in the burden of taxation.

All will hope that his faith in added population before the next census may be justified, but the chief factor in such increase will be increased trade, for which harbor facilities are so urgently needed.

MAYOR WHITE'S ADDRESS.

Mayor White enters upon the duties of his office by virtue of the votes of a large majority of the electors, and with the good will of all. He has had valuable experience at the council board and his address to the new council shows that he has been giving careful attention to the study of civic problems.

Among the suggestions which he makes are that the civic appropriations should be made by the council which is to spend them; that a new ferry steamer should be built; that asphalt pavements should be laid where the street grades are suitable; that a new fire company should be organized in the north end; that there should be an incinerator for the disposal of garbage; that aldermen should be elected for two years; and that the enquiry into the assessment act should be pushed. His worship also favors clean streets, and planting of trees where this is possible. Like his predecessor he discusses the civic finances and finds them in a satisfactory condition.

The Star regrets to observe that the new mayor is even less emphatic than

the ex-mayor on the subject of increased harbor facilities. He admits the need, but appears to take the optimistically too optimistic view that the city has only to wait the coming of Mr. Tarte to have everything satisfactorily settled. We have had Mr. Tarte here before, and have had his assurance that he thoroughly comprehended our needs, and his promises that he would attend to the matter. But we are still awaiting the fulfilment of those promises. There is never any difficulty in getting promises. What this city wants just now is performance.

A LIGHT THAT FAILED.

One would like to know the inside history of the relations between Canadian liberal politicians and the Dominion Securities Co., whose projects were boomed by the press for a time and then suddenly dropped when the cold light of a parliamentary investigation was turned on them. Dr. Webb came down here and went through Nova Scotia, surrounded by a halo of glory, and the times seemed big with promise of great things. Perhaps we shall see the realization of the picturesque dreams indulged in when the New Brunswick legislature only a short time ago passed bills to enable Dr. Webb to go on with his great work, but in view of yesterday's happenings on Wall street the outlook is less promising. That too candid prospectus of the Dominion Securities Co. has proved a very wet blanket. Possibly the Cape Breton railway will be completed, but the New York Herald in its being part of a line connected with a fast Atlantic service from Cape Breton port. As for the line through New Brunswick to connect with that in Nova Scotia, the prospect of its construction seems exceedingly remote. But, as already observed, it would be interesting to know what relations existed between Dr. Webb and certain well known liberal politicians.

THE BOARD OF TRADE.

The board of trade will meet this evening. It is to be hoped the matter of increased harbor facilities will be taken up and definite action urged upon the business community. In the past the board of trade has proved itself to be an organization of great benefit to St. John, and at this critical time in the history of the winter port of Canada that body should not hesitate to take the initiative and insist that the parties interested come together and arrange for at least some addition to the present facilities before next winter. As the Star has pointed out, this is not a political question, but a matter of national importance. The suggestions made by Mr. T. H. Estabrooks in yesterday's Star are commended to the attention of the board. If this plan is not feasible, then let us have another.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, May 5.—The house held its first morning session today. A number of private bills were passed. The divorce bill for the relief of James Brown was passed. Mr. Charlton and Mr. Ross of Victoria, N. S., protesting against parliamentary divorces and advocating creating a divorce court.

Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick gave notice of his resolution to exclude foreign built ships from coasting privileges until they obtain a license on payment of 25 per cent duty.

The house went into committee on Hon. Mr. Fielding's bill giving the government power to borrow fifteen million dollars. The minister explained that the borrowing powers conferred in 1897 were exhausted with the exception of two million dollars. Temporary loans had been made from the Bank of Montreal of six millions at three and a quarter per cent. Since 1897 the borrowing of the government through the savings bank increased nine millions.

The resolution passed and a bill to the same effect read a first time.

The fruit marks act was passed to its second reading in committee, and also the bill respecting the board of trade.

The house went into supply, taking up the first batch of supplementary estimates for the current year. On the vote for public buildings, Hon. Mr. Tarte stated that the government was paying \$18,000 a year rental for departmental offices hired outside. Mr. Tarte thought a building affording equal accommodation could be provided for a capital outlay of less than half a million, but the budget was already so large that nothing could be done about it this year.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

In the afternoon session the house in committee discussed the Yukon telegraph lines. Mr. Tarte was questioned about the contract for telegraph poles given to Mr. Rochester, who went out to the Yukon as a government officer and resigned long enough to take this pole contract.

Mr. Tarte admitted that this should not have been allowed, and said that he had told his superintendent that he had done wrong.

Mr. Barle of Victoria, B. C., said Mr. Tarte had bought food supplies from Vancouver, dealing with one favored firm without tenders. Mr. Tarte said this firm, which has supplied many thousands of dollars worth of goods, got a contract for three years and since then had been allowed to furnish at the same price.

Mr. Kemp asked why Mr. Tarte did not send out circulars and give other people a chance to supply.

Mr. Tarte in matters of this kind my first duty is towards my party. Closely pressed by Mr. Borden of Halifax, Hon. Mr. Tarte admitted that the Rochester contract was a wrong proceeding. Mr. Borden elicited from Tarte that Rochester was employed by the government when he made his

contract and that he was keeping government books and living at government expense in a government camp while he was carrying out his government contract.

Mr. Borden said he had no doubt Mr. Rochester could be compelled to repay his whole profits to the government. The whole transaction was most disgraceful, and he (Borden) believed that the parties to it could be prosecuted in the courts.

Mr. Tarte claimed that the price paid for poles was a fair one, but immediately afterwards said he did not know what was the length or size of the poles, or what kind of wood they were.

Mr. Tarte asked the opinion of the house on the question whether he should charge on the Yukon telegraph system a sufficiently high rate to make handsome profits.

Mr. Clarke, conservative, of Toronto, said the government should set an example by charging only such rates as would maintain and operate the road and pay interest on cost of construction. He hoped the time would come when public ownership would be established for all telegraph lines in Canada.

This proposition was supported by several other members.

Mr. Tarte said he proposed to try the experiment of greatly reducing the rates, though his officers did not support that idea.

On the item for the St. John immigrants building, \$12,000, Mr. Tarte said the total cost of this building would be \$33,596. Part of this vote was to pay interest to Contractor Pullen, as the government did not have money to pay him when it was due.

EVENING SESSION.

In the evening on the vote for public buildings in the Yukon, Mr. Leonard (opposition), of Laval, Quebec, read the correspondence brought down by the department, which seems to reflect on Judge Dugas, of the Yukon court. Louise Collinette sent an affidavit setting forth that she had been engaged as a matron of the court house at Dawson at \$30 per month. Afterwards she was given an allowance for rations. She stated that Judge Dugas requested her to act as maid servant at his private residence in addition to her official duties and finally compelled her to pay him \$30 per month from her salary.

A man named St. Denis affirmed that he was engaged as caretaker of the court house, but Judge Dugas required him to perform all the duties of a man servant at his residence, and also compelled St. Denis to pay him part of his salary on allowance. Finally these employees asked to have their duties defined, and the judge caused them to be discharged. It came out in the discussion that Judge Dugas now receives from the government \$5,000 salary and a living allowance of \$5,000. Last year he got \$5,000 salary, \$3,000 allowance, and over \$4,000 in addition was paid for rent of his house, fuel, light and other expenses.

The minister of justice and Mr. Tarte said they did not know about these things, the former, however, declaring that Judge Dugas had the position clear of personal service from public officials and that his living allowance was sufficient for all purposes. Mr. Fitzpatrick expressed the opinion also that his living allowance was intended to cover fuel and light. Further questioned, Hon. Mr. Tarte said he did not think anything could be done about it now. The money could not be got back.

Mr. Borden wanted to know who authorized these improper payments, and why illegal payments could not be recovered.

Mr. Tarte said he had no explanation except that this was the policy in the past, and that Dugas was still complaining that he did not get enough.

On Nova Scotia items, Mr. Kaibach called attention to the Petite Riviere breaker and the necessary works in Eversburg, which Mr. Tarte was neglecting.

The marine and fisheries supplementaries were taken up, when Mr. Borden of Halifax read a letter concerning the lights at the entrance of Halifax harbor, and Hon. Mr. Sutherland said he would have the matter inquired into during recess.

NOTES.

The house will not sit on Thursday, Ascension day, but will sit on Saturday.

The imperial authorities have granted permission to the Queen's Own Bugle band to attend the coronation. The whole expenses of this band of 52 pieces will be borne by Col. Pellet, the commanding officer.

A HALF STARVED MAN.

John Oram of Strait Shore was found last evening in a little hotel in the woods below the asylum annex. He said he had walked from St. Stephen and had been lying in that hut for fourteen days without food. He was attended by Dr. Grey and brought in the ambulance to the hospital. Dr. Grey says the man was undoubtedly weak and half starved, but he was inclined to doubt the story of the fourteen days' fast.

PERSONALS.

Mrs. Percy A. Clarke will receive on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons of this week at No. 11 Coburn street.

Mrs. Thomas C. Daniel will receive her friends on Wednesday and Thursday, 7th and 8th streets, at her home in Hampton.

MARINE MATTERS.

The Norwegian bark Russell arrived last evening from Mandal to load deals for the U. K.

Sale of Ladies' Umbrellas.

Five prices that represent unusual value:

LADIES' UMBRELLAS AT 75c.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS AT \$1.15.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS AT \$1.25.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS AT \$2.10.
LADIES' UMBRELLAS AT \$2.75.

Umbrellas suitable for sun or rain.

The coverings, even in the cheapest lines are most durable.

The handles are beautiful, consisting of pearl, onyx, ivory, natural wood, etc., in all the new and desirable styles, and many are trimmed with sterling silver in the most chaste designs. No two handles are alike. We repeat the price: 75c., \$1.15, 1.25, 2.10 and 2.75.

It has been a long time since an Umbrella offering was made that comes anywhere near this from a great value standpoint.

Sale Commences WEDNESDAY Morning, 7th Inst., in Silk Room, Second Floor.

Manchester Robertson & Allison

COMMON COUNCIL.

Special Meeting to be Held to Consider The Library Site.

At yesterday afternoon's session of the common council, after the common clerk had reported on the civic election reports of the boards were taken up.

The treasury board recommended the payment of bills; that \$15.40 be refunded to Thos. S. Weeks, it having been wrongfully assessed against him; that they be authorized to negotiate a loan of \$30,000 if found necessary to enable the chamberlain to meet current expenses until the assessment is collected; that upon Wm. C. Lord executing a proper release to the city he be paid \$100 for damages alleged to have been done his property in Lancaster by the cutting of a road through the same.

The report was adopted. The committee appointed to receive applications from the owners of real estate who are willing to convey to the city of St. John a site for the library the city proposes to construct reported as follows:

1. A lot 80x100 feet situated on the corner of Germaln and Princess streets can be procured from the trustees of Edward Sears for the sum of \$6,000. The area of the lot, 8,000 square feet.

2. A lot of land 90x184 feet, situated on the Chipman lot (so called), fronting on Prince William street, can be obtained from the agent of the Hazen estate for \$5,000. The area of this lot is 16,500 square feet.

3. A lot situated on Prince William street and extending to Canterbury street, the area of which is 10,000 square feet, which may be selected so as to give a front wholly on Prince William street, or partly on Prince William street and partly on Canterbury street. This lot can be obtained from Emerson & Fisher for \$6,000.

It was decided after a good deal of discussion to postpone the matter until May 12th.

The board of public works recommended that the tenders of Hilyard Bros. and Murray & Gregory to supply 2,000 and 3,000 feet of square blocks for the streets respectively at 60 cts. per square foot be accepted; that if the Allan line will agree to contribute one-half of the cost of the erection of additional office room, it be made at No. 2 warehouse, the estimated cost being \$300 to \$350; that the platform between No. 2 and 3 warehouses, Sand Point, be raised; that J. H. Hinds be given a lease of a property on Protection street for another year; that the tender of the Carritte, Patison Manufacturing Co. to furnish 300 blbs. of refined asphalt at \$4.68 be accepted. They submitted the scale of wages for the pay of the ferry employees, which was published the other day along with the rules and regulations for the government of the employees.

Section two was struck out and the remainder was adopted. The ferry employees' pay section does not apply to Engineer Lewis and Mate Estabrooks, who have not served for five years.

The reports of the safety and sewerage boards were adopted, and that of the auditors on the chamberlain's accounts was referred to the treasury board.

CARPETS, CARPETS, CARPETS.

Will you let us dust or renovate your carpets this year. We will satisfy you. UNGAR LAUNDRY, DYING AND CARPET CLEANING WORK. Telephone 58.

INVESTIGATING MORGAN SYNDICATE.

LONDON, May 5.—An attempt was made today in the house of commons to get the scope of the inquiry into the shipping subsidies enlarged, in consequence of the many wider questions which are supposed to have been raised by the Atlantic combination.

The government leader, A. J. Balfour, however, pointed out that it was better to allow the Earl of Camperdown's committee to proceed with the investigations as arranged. He said the government itself was investigating what was going on, adding significantly, that he would strongly advise Mr. Channing (advanced liberal), who raised the question, to do all he could to enable the committee to promptly get to work.

All over the maritime provinces the people say Red Rose tea is good tea.

BIRTHS.

CROSDALE.—Born at Moncton, May 4th, to Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Crosdale, a daughter.

H. M. S. POLYMORPHIANS.

Arranging for the Coronation Celebration—Big Tree-Planting Project.

The executive of the Haymarket Square Polymorphians met at B. J. Wilkins' last night and decided to hold the usual ceremony of planting trees at Haymarket square on Loyalist Day, May 18th.

It was decided to call a general meeting on Monday next, and at this meeting the matter of planting some hundreds of trees on either side of the Marsh road, from the square to the One Mile House will be finally dealt with. It is the intention of the club to make a grove of this road. It is also the intention at the next meeting to make final arrangements for a reunion of the members of the H. M. S. P. C. in the shape of a smoker to be held at Victoria rink at an early date, when an extensive programme will be carried through.

It was resolved that the club take part in Coronation Day proceedings and a committee was appointed to report to the club what form their share will take. The opinion was expressed by members that it is probable the club will hold a parade similar to those of the past, including representations appropriate to the occasion. Members of other clubs, Salvage Corps and firemen, it is hoped, will take action in the matter, so that the demonstration will be made as imposing as possible.

ST. JOHN DRY DOCK.

OTTAWA, May 5.—On the item for the Kingston graving dock in committee of supply in the house of commons this evening, Mr. Wilnot of Queens and Sunbury, brought up the matter of the St. John dry dock and asked the minister what the purpose of the government was in regard to this matter.

Hon. Mr. Tarte replied that George Robertson had organized a company and had sought guarantees from the imperial and Canadian governments. Mr. Robertson had made great efforts to secure imperial assistance, but he (Tarte) could not say whether he would succeed. He hoped that the Canadian government guarantee, now authorized, would be sufficient. Mr. Tarte added: "We placed on statute book last year a law which authorized us to guarantee two per cent to any company which would build a graving dock, whose plans would be approved by the department of public works, and we hope that the company formed by Mr. Robertson will be able to build that dock."

This seems to mean that the government does not propose to increase the subsidy to three per cent, as Mr. Robertson has urged the administration to do. Until Mr. Tarte made this declaration no answer had been given to Mr. Robertson.

BANGOR NEWS.

BANGOR, Me., May 5.—Ezra Fisher, aged 35 years, under arrest on a charge of stealing hens, committed suicide in a cell in the Bangor police station this afternoon by hanging. He took a belt which he wore, placed it about his neck and fastened it to an iron bar at the top of the cell door, then drew his legs up beneath his body. A few moments before he was discovered dead he was given a drink of water by the man in charge of the station at the time.

BANGOR, Me., May 5.—Clarence A. Mears of Rockland tried to take his life tonight by drinking an ounce and a half of laudanum. He was discovered by the people where he roomed in time so that physicians saved his life. He left letters to his mother in Rockland and to a young woman in Bangor bidding them good by.

DEATH OF MRS. ALEX DUNCAN.

Alexander Duncan, section foreman of the I. C. R., has the deep sympathy of his many friends and associates in the sad bereavement he suffered yesterday by the death of his wife, Catherine. Throughout the smallpox epidemic, when Mr. Duncan and four others in the same house were stricken with the dread disease, Mrs. Duncan, without any assistance save from Dr. Morris, waited upon the sick night and day and brought them all through safely except her son Willie, who died. But the strain was too much for her. Saturday

CITY COUNCIL.

The New Council Was Inaugurated This Morning.

Addresses By Ex-Mayor Daniel and Mayor White—Letter From Ex-Ald. Armstrong—Committees Appointed.

This morning the old city council retired and the new council came in. There is but little change in the personnel of the board. Ald. Waring, Armstrong and Colwell are replaced by Messrs. Lewis, Hamm and Stockhouse, while Dr. W. W. White is now the official head of the city in place of Dr. J. W. Daniel. Mayor White was then sworn in, took the chair and gave his inaugural address. Both of these addresses were heartily applauded.

All of the members of the council save Ald. Colwell, Armstrong, Waring and Macrae were present. There were also present besides the aldermen elect: Mrs. W. W. White, Mrs. J. W. Daniel, Mrs. F. E. Sayre, Miss K. Troop, Mrs. K. M. Tius, Mrs. Baxter, ex-Mayor Sears, James Osborne, I. Olive Thomas, Frank Kinnear, James Barber, ex-Ald. McLaughlin.

After Mayor Daniel had declared the council open Ald. Robinson arose and said that the beautiful day might be taken as an omen of the manner in which the new council would perform its duties. During the regime of Mayor Daniel everything had passed smoothly, and he hoped that this term would be a repetition. He moved that the regular order of business be now proceeded with.

Then on motion of Ald. Baxter, Chas. E. Taylor was appointed harbor master, and on motion of Ald. McLaughlin, Robert Dalton was appointed deputy harbor master. On motion of Ald. Maxwell the appointment of harbor inspector was left to the board of works.

The following constables were then appointed: Brooks ward, William Smith; Guy's, T. Ketchum; Sidney, John Weatherhead; Duke, Edward Edgins; Queens, Richard Coughlan; Kings, K. McLeod; Wellington, J. Prince; Prince, E. K. Herrington; Victoria, H. Wiley; Dufferin, John Bond; Lansdowne, W. D. Morrow; Lorne, H. S. French; Stanley, T. X. Gibbon. The following additional constables were also appointed: R. F. Godfrey, W. A. Beckett, Richard Hawling, H. W. Mindon, John Mullin, Calvin Powers, G. W. Mullin, W. J. Cassidy, P. McBratney, E. S. Dibblee, Richard Heffer.

On motion of Ald. Robinson the following were appointed port wardens: A. W. Adams, W. H. Harding, J. Hamilton, R. H. Fleming, Jas. Knox, William Dulahey, P. J. Kennealy, Neil McKellar, P. L. Ferguson and J. W. Brittain.

Mayor Daniel then read the following letter from Ald. Armstrong, who is at present in Ottawa:

To His Worship the Mayor and the Members of the Common Council, Saint John:

I much regret that business requires me to be in Ottawa on the day of the last meeting of the present council, thus preventing my being able in person to take, at least for the present, leave of the council. I desire to thank you for the consideration which I have received from you during the two years I have had the honor to represent Kings ward. Now that that period is expiring I hope, as I believe, that I retire with the respect of the board won by attention to the city's business.

I regret that I do not retain my seat for another year, for I had hoped to be able to assist those of you who think the time is now about ripe to advocate a change in the mode of election of aldermen. The present system, which, while requiring war qualification, necessitates the obtaining and holding of a majority of all votes cast in the entire city, tends to deprive a representative of that independence which is necessary to good and economical civic government. An alderman under this system may well feel that a vote against an expenditure or concessions asked for in a particular locality, whether proper or otherwise, will be remembered against him when he next seeks the suffrages of the electors. A plan which has been suggested for civic elections appears to be far preferable to the present system, and it is one which also has advantages over the prior restricted ward areas, viz: to divide the city into seven districts, each district having say three representatives to be elected by residents in such district. The ward system, with three representatives; Sydney and Dukes ward into another, and so on, thus making a council of say twenty-one members, not at all too large a body to properly look after the city's business. Each district could thus have one representative on the works, safety and water boards respectively, thereby reducing the members on each board to seven. The council as at present constituted is so limited in number as to throw too much work upon an alderman desirous of doing his full duty to the city, whose private business demands are not light.

I am also strongly of opinion that a permanent auditor should be appointed, removable only by almost unanimous vote of the council. The salaries now paid to the two auditors if paid to one would probably procure the continuous efficient services of one.

The permanent auditor should, I think, supervise all bills and make his report thereon when presented to the treasury board. The present system of auditing after the bills are paid is not much more than a means of ascertaining whether the chamberlain, an excellent officer, holds vouchers to correspond with the items charged in his accounts.

To you, Mr. Mayor, I beg to specially express by hearty appreciation of the excellent services which you have unstintingly given to the city's affairs, and for each member of the board I have nothing but the kindest feelings and good wishes.

I am, Your obedient servant,

J. R. ARMSTRONG.

St. John, N. B., May 3rd, 1902.

His worship then read his retiring address. He said:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

On taking this chair two years ago I alluded to several things in connection with our city government which I thought should be looked after by the council and action taken thereon. I would like before leaving to recall these matters and see what we have done in connection with them during these two years.

With regard to the streets—There has been a good deal done in the way of street work, especially has Douglas Avenue been made as fine a thoroughfare as a macadamised road can make it and other streets have been attended to in a similar manner and much improved, but it remains true that while macadam does very well for suburban roads and for some city streets that have not much heavy traffic upon them, it becomes expensive and unsatisfactory when called upon to bear such heavy traffic as some of our central streets are called upon to bear. When in Quebec last October, a city like our own having many steep hills, I found vitrified brick and granite blocks much used, and all the carriages that I spoke to on the subject spoke favorably of the vitrified brick as a roadway pavement. I still hope that a plan of street making will be adopted by which those streets of our city which have to bear the burden of much traffic will be gradually paved with some more lasting and satisfactory material than is at present in use.

With regard to the water supply—much has been done to improve it during the past two years and other things have been ordered and will be carried out by the city which will put our water system on a satisfactory basis.

To give an idea of the amount of work done to improve our supply during the past two years I may say that in that time there have been laid 23,686 feet of pipe at a cost of \$45,731.03, of which 10,927 feet at a cost of \$14,121.48 have been renewals and the remainder being for distribution in the south and north ends of the city and the 10 inch pipe on Union Point Road, Lancaster. The laying of the 20 inch main up Erin, Clarence, Albion and St. David streets to Union street, and the 18 inch main along Brussels street, together with the laying of the 12 inch main through Clyde street and across the I. C. R. to Celebration street caused the winter pressure in the mains of the Little River distribution system, as I am informed by the superintendent, to increase to an average extent of 7 to 8 pounds per square inch. The raising of the dam of the reservoir three feet, already commenced, will when complete increase the storage capacity there by 50 per cent, and it is satisfactory to know that the lands draining into this reservoir have been purchased by the city and we shall no longer have to contemplate the possibility of the water being contaminated by running over and through cultivated fields before reaching the reservoir. In addition to the improvement of the water supply there have been built during the past two years 10,675 feet of new sewer at a cost of \$30,616.23, the diameters of these sewers varying from 30 inch brick on Millidge Avenue to 9 inch, which was the smallest diameter used, so that in the matter of water and sewerage supply, the two prime necessities for the comfort and health of the people, I think this council has done well and money spent for these purposes when and where required, will, I am sure, not be begrudged by the people.

The matter of dealing with the assessment law has been advanced one stage by the passing of an act to obtain information under oath by a commission, which commission is also empowered to frame an act and submit it to this council. The members of the commission will, I have no doubt, be appointed by the new council.

During the year ending June 30th, 1901, there entered our harbor from sea and coastwise, comprising both steam and sail, 4,273 vessels having a tonnage of 1,076,282, and during the same period there left for sea and coastwise 4,256 vessels, with a tonnage of 1,041,391 tons, or a grand total inward and outward of 8,529 vessels of 2,117,673 tons. The business of this port is therefore a very important and increasing one and compares very favorably with that of any port in the Dominion. One of the most important duties this council has to perform is that of conserving the interests of this city as a seaport. In view of the fact that there is not sufficient deep-water wharf accommodation on this side of the harbor for our present business it is gratifying to know that the McLeod wharf has at last been purchased and that when it is put in proper condition to do steam work, the revenue to be derived will justify the purchase and pay all the necessary expense incurred. Gentlemen, the outlook for our winter export business was never so bright as it is today. This last season's port has been such a success that our business has been such as to put the business on a firmer and more profitable basis than it has ever been on before, and gives early promise of its being thoroughly self-sustaining. In this connection I may remind you that last

fall a resolution was offered in this council to amend the regulation permitting the taking by the winter port steamers of lumber to the extent of 35 per cent. of the cargo free from wharfage dues, but it was felt that the time was inopportune on account of absence of sufficient notice and it would consequently not be fair to the steamers and the resolution was withdrawn. During the past winter over 30,000,000 feet of lumber have been taken by these steamers exclusive of timber, an amount equal to fifteen ordinary steamer loads, on which the loss to the city treasury must have been between \$1,500 and \$2,000. It appears to me that this matter might now be very well taken up again and readjusted, as the business no longer requires this concession to make it successful.

The reduced rates at which these steamers carry the lumber does not accrue to the benefit of our shippers, but merely reduces the price to the trans-Atlantic consumer, and makes so many cargoes less for other steamers which would be taking it away, giving continuous employment to our ship laborers and activity in the harbor instead of the array of empty wharves which is our position today.

I believe that during the next few years the development of business through this port by both I. C. R. and C. P. R., even though the third railway option should not materialize, will be great beyond our most sanguine expectations. How is it to be accommodated? That is the great question with which you are face to face today, the settling of which will require the best judgment and will make the incoming council one of the most important councils this city has ever had. It will probably cost \$2,000,000 to put this harbor in a proper condition to handle the business that will be offered in the next few years. My one regret in leaving the council is that it will deprive me from having any part in shaping the policy of the Council in this important matter, but I have sufficient confidence in your judgment and in that of the new members to be presently added to believe that the best possible course will be pursued, and to that end you have my very best wishes.

I believe that it is of the very best augury for the settlement of this question that the honorable the minister of public works believes in nationalizing those ports in the Dominion which are necessary to carry on this national undertaking and that he has mentioned in parliament our port and harbor as the winter port of Canada, and consequently a necessary link in the national chain. With this expression of opinion before us on the part of the minister who is taking such an active interest in the transportation problem of this Dominion, and being represented in line with the same subject and who wields a powerful influence in the cabinet, I think we may be justified in feeling satisfied that this important matter will be settled in a manner satisfactory alike to the people of the Dominion and of this city as well.

Since the union in 1889 our debt has increased from \$278,927 to \$3,673,591.96, or nearly \$1,000,000, but during the same time the cost of the debt has only increased from \$159,991.95 to \$177,151.58. In other words, we have obtained our present terminal facilities, the great extension and improvement of our water and sewerage system, which have been made in that time, and other important works for which debentures have been issued, at a very considerable saving to the city. In June next will be still further reduced by \$4,865.88 per annum by paying off \$54,148, from accrued sinking fund, and re-issuing \$122,500 of 6 per cent debentures at 3-1-2 per cent.

This lessening of the rate of interest has been a very fortunate thing for our city, and has enabled us to carry out our financial burdens which otherwise might be more than we could readily assume. It is well to remember, too, that besides our own specially civic debt of \$3,673,591.96 our citizens are liable for the school debt which amounts to \$453,791.00 and our proportion of the county debt of \$56,000 for hospital, almshouse, etc., so that the total debt for which we are liable is really \$4,177,752.96, a very considerable indebtedness for a city of our size. As against this, however, it is well to remember that \$1,373,800 is entirely for our water property, which is really a valuable asset, and is paid for entirely by our water rates, while we have on our sinking fund \$490,409.45, so that our actual debt is really \$2,787,373.41. As taxation, however, in this city is now of such proportions that it cannot safely be materially increased until the population also has materially increased. I think the outlook for greatly increased business in this city is so good as to justify the belief that the next census will show a considerable addition to our present population.

During the past two years the business done through the mayor's office has more than held its own as the following statement of the income during the past four years will show:

| | 1898-1899 | 1899-1900 | 1900-1901 | 1901-1902 |
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| National League Games Yesterday. | | | | |
| At Chicago— | | | | |
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| Batteries—Benson and Kling; Murphy and Ryan. Attendance, 1,100. | | | | |
| At Brooklyn— | | | | |
| Boston, Mass. | 0 000 000 000 1 3 1 | | | |
| Brooklyn, N. Y. | 0 11 000 000 2 4 10 1 | | | |
| Batteries—Mairley and Kittredge; Hughes and Farrell. Attendance, 2,000. | | | | |
| At Cincinnati— | | | | |
| Cincinnati, Ohio | 0 000 000 000 2 3 10 3 | | | |
| Batteries—Living and Bergen; Leever and O'Connor. Attendance, 1,600. | | | | |
| At New York— | | | | |
| New York, N. Y. | 0 000 000 000 0 9 3 | | | |
| Batteries—McCoe and Jacklinton; Kennedy, Evans and Bowerman. Attendance, 6,100. | | | | |

Yesterday's American League Games.

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| At Philadelphia— | |
| Philadelphia, Pa. | 3 010 000 000 0 2 10 0 |
| Batteries—White and White; Kenna and Powers. Attendance, 2,500. | |
| At Boston— | |
| Boston, Mass. | 3 002 100 000 0 6 3 |
| Batteries—Winters and Warner; Hughes and Robinson. Attendance, 2,300. | |

ceremony he took the chair and doctored his robe of office.

The aldermen were then sworn in. They were present except Ald. Macrae of Wellington ward. The new members then took their seats and the city constables then came forward and took the oath of office.

Mayor White then delivered his inaugural address, which was heartily applauded. He said:

Gentlemen of the Common Council:

It is a time honored custom for the mayor of the city, on first entering upon the duties of his office, to deliver what is termed an inaugural address. A purely personal expression of opinion, it can in no way forewarn the settled policy of the common council; and the fate of any recommendations it may contain rests entirely with that body. As the junior in civil political experience, as well as in years, to many of the gentlemen before me, I confess to some hesitancy in bringing forward suggestions; but I am encouraged to follow the example of my predecessor in office in this respect by a full confidence that the generous consideration shown me as an alderman will not be withheld from me as mayor.

The election of the City of St. John has committed into our hands an important trust: the administration of the civic government for the ensuing year. I find, on assuming this duty, that the estimates have already been passed and the appropriations for the public services allotted. A serious limitation to power is thus encountered at the very outset. We are responsible to the public for our actions during the year, and yet, in so far as supply can control them, they are regulated by others than ourselves. This is an anomalous principle, which should be changed. Plenary authority should co-exist with undivided responsibility. The usually few changes in the personnel of the succeeding councils has minimized an evil which but for this must long ago have been remedied.

A study of the balance sheet prepared by the chamberlain, dated December 31st, 1901, reveals a satisfactory condition of the finances. Liabilities of \$3,786,734.07 are offset by assets amounting to \$5,000,197.57, leaving a credit balance of \$1,213,463.50. A very large portion of these assets consists of real estate taken at a low valuation, the funded debt, bearing interest, on the above date, was \$3,673,591.96. Since that time the McLeod wharf has been purchased for \$400,000—a reasonable price for a valuable property.

An analysis of the funded debt, and a comparison with that of the year 1889 is instructive:—

| | 1889. |
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| \$2,471,942.18 at 6 per cent. | |
| 102,400.00 at 5 per cent. | |
| 163,886.52 at 4 per cent. | |
| \$2,738,228.70. | |
| Interest \$159,991.95. | |
| | 1901. |
| \$1,523,591.96 at 6 per cent. | |
| 27,600.00 at 5 per cent. | |
| 2,013,132.13 at 4 per cent. | |
| 190,000.00 at 3 1-2 per cent. | |
| \$3,673,591.96. | |
| Interest \$177,151.58. | |

During the present year, of this debt \$176,646 per cent. debentures will mature; and of this the city from its sinking funds accrued will pay off and cancel.

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SPORTING NEWS.

ATHLETIC SPORTS.

At St. Stephen's Park on Coronation Day. ST. STEPHEN, May 5.—The Thistle Athletic Association, a local organization of young men, has conducted a number of enterprises to a successful termination, has been successful in raising a sum of \$1,000 for the purchase of a new building for the association on Coronation day, June 26th. The events will include half mile, one mile and two mile open bicycle races, novices' half mile run, 100 yards for boys, obstacle race, running broad jump, running high jump and pole vault. Gold and silver medals to the value of \$125 will be offered in prize, gold medals being awarded for first in all contests having more than three competitors a third prize will be given. Committees have the details in hand and will spare no effort or expense to make the event successful and the day enjoyable. The sports are open to all amateurs in New Brunswick and Maine. Excursions will be run from all points.

ATHLETIC.

FREDERICTON, May 5.—It is thought the proposed athletic contest, U. N. B. v. Acadia, will have to be abandoned for the year. It was expected to have met here on the day preceding the elections, May 29, but Acadia students will then be in the midst of examinations and cannot come. An effort is now being made to have the meet on May 24th, but with slight prospect of success.

BASE BALL.

National League Games Yesterday.

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| At Chicago— | |
| St. Louis, Mo. | 101 000 000 000 2 10 4 |
| Batteries—Benson and Kling; Murphy and Ryan. Attendance, 1,100. | |
| At Brooklyn— | |
| Boston, Mass. | 0 000 000 000 1 3 1 |
| Brooklyn, N. Y. | 0 11 000 000 2 4 10 1 |
| Batteries—Mairley and Kittredge; Hughes and Farrell. Attendance, 2,000. | |
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MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

It is a very easy matter to put Red Rose tea to the test. One package will convince you of its excellent quality.

The City Cornet band fair, which was closed during the smallpox epidemic last fall, will be re-opened in St. Andrew's rink on the 19th inst.

The Simeon Jones Co. Ltd., have given their employees half holidays on Saturdays through the months of June, July, August and September.

Mrs. J. W. Curran, the well known artist, who has been ill at the General Public Hospital, died yesterday. Mrs. Curran painted the presentation of the colors to the 62nd regiment, recently on exhibition here.

Beginning tomorrow at 5.50 a. m., British mails will close on Wednesdays at the St. John post office, to be forwarded per Hamburg-American line, sailing from New York on Thursdays.

Detective Killen has received a letter from Trooper Frederick A. King of the South African constabulary. It shows that the members of that force are kept busy, but all the St. John men are feeling quite well, though not very well satisfied with their work.

In an attempt to arrest some of a gang of disturbers on Barker street last evening, Officer John Smith, acting sergeant on the north end division, severely strained a tendon in the calf of his left leg. He reached the station with great difficulty and was totally unable to go out on duty again last night. His injury threatens to incapacitate him for some time.

PROVINCIAL.

Over two thousand men for South Africa are now in camp at Halifax, and General O'Grady-Haly has arrived to inspect them.

At Blackville, N. B., yesterday, fire destroyed the old Division hall, which has lately been used downstairs for the Methodist church services and upstairs as a gymnasium.

The funeral of Mrs. Mary Rosalia, wife of Charles Ryan, and her infant was held Saturday at Norton. A very large number attended. She is survived by her husband and five children. Mrs. Ryan was the eldest daughter of Conductor Kelly, of the I. C. R., this city.

Acadia Mines narrowly escaped being wiped out of existence on Sunday. The large three story store of S. H. Smith, warehouse of D. R. Smith and five other buildings were destroyed by fire. Since the decline in the iron industry, the insurance companies were not willing to carry many risks and the fire causes mostly total loss. Smith's store has \$3,000 insurance and \$1,000 insurance on stock.

GENERAL.

The case of John C. Best, formerly of Sackville, convicted of murder, will come before the supreme court of Massachusetts again on May 19.

John D. Cassels was electrocuted in Boston at 12.40 o'clock this morning for the murder of Mrs. Mary J. Lane. The condemned man knelt and prayed fervently before taking his seat in the death chair.

A. D. Provand will address members of parliament and senators today on the Chignecto ship canal. He seeks some recompense to the shareholders who invested nearly \$4,000,000 in that ill-fated enterprise.

MEETINGS.

At the meeting of the Board of Health Saturday the inspectors appointed were as follows: William Davis, John R. Macfarlane, Calvin Powers and Hugh J. McElroy.

The series of musical and literary entertainments which have been held in the German Street Baptist church during the past winter, will be brought to close by a congregational social on Thursday evening.

The Young Women's Guild of Trinity church will hold a Gibson sale and tea in the schoolroom on the 20th inst. from 4 till 7 p. m. Gibson pictures, cushions &c. will be offered for sale.

The Teamsters' Association at last night's meeting expressed its sympathy with the coal drivers' strike. A special meeting will be held on Friday evening to further consider the situation. In the meantime Messrs. Starr are delivering coal to their customers at the old terms.

LIEUT. RALPH MARKHAM'S WOUNDS.

Writing of the fight at Hart's River, Fred. Bettle of St. John says:—

"Lt. Ralph Markham, who was lying on his back, was hit in the forehead and myself, got hit in the left leg, the bullet coming out and going through the right thigh. He carried him out of the firing line back to a tent and sent for a doctor. In the meantime two of us ripped his pants and started to bandage him up. As soon as we laid the wound open and saw the blood, I told Bert to cover up his face with his hat, but Ralph says: 'O, that's all right. I don't mind that.'"

"The doctor soon came up and we got him back in the ambulance wagon. I think he will be all right in a couple of months or so."

WANTED.—A Case of Headache

that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

MONTREAL, May 6.—Arthur Sweetman, son of Bishop Sweetman, committed suicide today by jumping in front of a Grand Trunk train. It is said a note was found attached to his clothing in which he expressed the intention of ending his life. He was about twenty years old and had just returned from California, where he had been engaged in ranching for some years.

To cure a Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

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(EASTERN STANDARD TIME.)

One of the Mail Steamers, VICTORIA and DAVID WESTON, will leave St. John, North end, for Fredericton and intermediate landings every morning (Sunday excepted) at 8 o'clock, and will leave Fredericton every morning (Sunday excepted) at 7.30 o'clock. Freight received daily up to 6 p. m.

R. S. ORCHARD, Manager.

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Stmr. MAGGIE MILLER will leave Millidgeville daily (except Sunday) at 9 a. m. and 4 p. m. Returning from Baywater at 7 a. m. and 4.45 p. m. SUNDAYS—Leave Millidgeville at 9, 10.30 a. m. and 6 p. m. Returning at 9.45 a. m. and 5 p. m. JOHN McOLDRICK, Agent. Telephone 226.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Brk Russell, Hanover, from Randal; Wm. Thomson & Co.

Coastwise—Brk. Temple Bar, 44, Geneser, from Bridgetown; Beulah Benton, 26, Mitchell, from Sandy Cove; Ripple, 16, Mitchell, from Hampton; A. L. B. 21, Bent, from Hampton; Silver Cloud, 44, Post, from Digby; Electric Light, 34, Dilian, from St. John; Aurora, 182, Ingersoll, from Campobello.

Cleared.

St. Hamner, 1339, Joney, for London, Sch. Hattie Murrie, 10, Wasson, for Boston; J. W. McAlary Co.

Coastwise—Brk. Viola Pearl, Wadlin, for Beaver Harbor; Ripple, Mitchell, for Hampton; Beulah, Black, for Quaco; Eversley, for Quaco; Thelma, Apt, for Annapolis; Comrade, Telle, for Alma; O. Walter Scott, McDonough, for Quaco; Silver Cloud, Post, for Digby; Selina, Seely, for Apple River.

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I desire to announce to my numerous patrons and the public generally, that I have associated with me Dr. O. S. Gribbles, a graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, who comes to me with the highest testimonials as to his skill in the dental line. Dr. Gribbles is a thorough workman and makes a specialty of Bridge Work. Thanking you for past patronage and hoping for a share of your future work,
I am,
Respectfully yours,
J. M. SMITH, D. D. S.
Dental Rooms, 255 Main street.

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CORSETS
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STONE OPEN EVENINGS.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Gilbert Odell will be at home, 121 Brussels street, to receive Wednesday, May 7.

The drawing for the horse Baby Boy will be held Friday evening in the Park Theatre instead of Thursday.

THE MINERS' STRIKE and high prices can be insured against by getting your Hard Coal now from GIBBON & CO.

The regular quarterly meeting of the R. K. Yacht Club will be held in their new rooms in the Jardine building this evening. A full attendance is requested.

Trinity Church Athletic Association will open the cricket season with a practice on the Shamrock grounds on Wednesday evening at six o'clock, at which all members are requested to be present.

Hayes v. City of St. John was continued this morning and the evidence was finished. A verdict will probably be reached this afternoon. Att. Gen. Pugsley and A. P. Barnhill for Plaintiff and C. N. Skinner, K. C., for the defendant.

The little daughter of Frank Hyland, 29 Adelaide street, narrowly escaped being run over by the north end hook and ladder truck this morning while it was out for the purpose of extinguishing the horses. A dog which was with the little girl was run over and killed.

There are few signs of vegetation in the beds on King square, but a lot of sticks have been planted, giving the beds the appearance of miniature forests of ramplines in the wilderness. The man who will invent a fertilizer that will make these sticks burst into bloom will earn the lasting regard of his fellow citizens.

At the meeting of Gordon Division, No. 25, S. of T., last night, a "real good time" was enjoyed by all present. In addition to the initiation of three candidates a good entertainment of addresses, readings, recitations, vocal and instrumental solos was well rendered by the new candidates and members. Messrs. Donald, McCann, Rowe, Ledford, Lawson and Law delivered readings and speeches, and Misses F. Kinsman and G. Carpenter contributed piano and vocal solos and solo songs. Gordon Division will celebrate their 15th anniversary on Monday evening, the 19th inst.

THE WINTER PORT

Interview With Pres. Kelly of the St. John Teamsters' Union.

In speaking to the Star last evening with regard to the proposed increased harbor accommodations on the west side, John E. Kelly of Somerset street, president of the St. John Teamsters' Union, said:

"In our union there are upwards of four hundred teamsters, to the great majority of whom the proposed increased facilities and consequent growth of winter port business is a matter of some concern. Of these four hundred some are employed by business firms at a weekly rate of wages, and do not depend on the winter port business, or, in fact, any particular business except that of their employers, for a livelihood. The increase in winter port traffic will not be of particular advantage to them except in so far as it tends to increase their employers' business and thus make their jobs more secure. Others in the union, while not employed weekly by any individual concerns, do the greater part of the trucking for these concerns, and in this manner depend only partially on the shipping business for their livelihood. But the majority of our men, who are not employed by the week, or who have not the monopoly of trucking for any business house, make their money by the jobs they can pick up around town. To these the shipping business is of the utmost importance. "During the past season, while the work has been by no means poor, yet those men who depend on occasional jobs could have managed to do considerably more than they have done, and in order that they might be kept busy and earn good wages through the winter, a considerable increase in the winter port business could be handled. "The members of our union, while interested in the winter port trade to a certain extent, are not so directly concerned as the members of the Ship Laborers' Union, who are directly engaged in business of unloading and loading ships, and who handle practically all the freight brought to St. John. Our men are engaged with only that part of the freight which is consigned to or by local merchants, and this is of course a small percentage of the total amount handled on the west side. In our union all the members work together for the benefit of both themselves and the others, and any matter which would be a help or an increase in the business of some would be supported by all the others to whom it is not of such importance. Hence any movement which would result in an increased business for some of our teamsters would have the full support of the whole four hundred members of the union."

RECENT DEATHS.

Capt Israel Herrey, harbor master of Digby, is dead, aged 73 years.
George McFarlane of Amherst, and who for a time lived at Rothesay, N. B., died on Sunday morning. He leaves a wife and three daughters.
T. J. B. Sutton, son of John Sutton, an I. C. R. mechanical accountant, died at his home at Moncton yesterday morning. Deceased graduated B. A. from St. Joseph's University in 1899. He was twenty-four years of age.

A Madrid cable says there are grave fears of an actual revolution in Portugal.
The collector of New York has warned customs officers that they must show more consideration in examining the baggage of passengers from Europe. New regulations will be issued.

CITY COUNCIL.

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cel \$54,148. To meet the remaining \$122,500 a new loan—forty year debentures, bearing 3 1-2 per cent. interest, with provision for sinking fund for redemption—must be made. The net gain to the city by such transaction will amount to the sum of \$4,746.58 per annum in interest account.

An Act of Union of the Cities of St. John and Portland defines that "the treasury department shall have a general supervision and arrangement of the financial affairs of the city." Clearly, by this authority, important duties are conferred; and I believe that at least one of them is to keep check upon the spending departments and see that the estimates are not exceeded, nor the proceeds of an assessment diverted from its original purpose.

The question of increased wharf and warehouse accommodation is a very live one with the citizens; and in this connection the remarks of the honorable the minister of public works are of interest. Speaking in parliament a few days ago, he declared "that St. John was undoubtedly the future winter port of Canada. It was already a great winter port. He declared that Canadians must control their own transportation routes and ship their goods by Canadian ports. We must be independent of the United States, both in transport and tariff. We must have better harbors at the terminals of the canals, better docks and elevators at Montreal. St. John would gain traffic, and the country must not be afraid to spend money in the development of these ports." The minister has promised to visit St. John during the recess and I sincerely hope some definite plan of harbor improvements may be decided upon, and, with the co-operation of the Canadian Pacific Railway, brought to a practical issue with little delay. The national character of the harbor of St. John should be freely acknowledged; and as we have cheerfully borne our share of the burden in developing the waterways of Canada, so should the provinces of this Dominion—as I believe they will—assist in providing this, the natural winter port, with every facility to enable it to successfully handle the Canadian trade.

In this connection I would mention the dry dock scheme of Mr. Robertson, and express a wish that such an important factor in our development may become a reality. The greatly increased traffic between the eastern and western sides of the harbor, especially during the winter season, has taxed to its utmost our ferry service; and with the prospect of still further increase. It becomes our duty to provide additional transportation facilities. I have little doubt but that ultimately a bridge will be built, but the demand is immediate, and should be met by the construction of a new ferry boat. The steamers at present in use are thirty and thirty-two years old, require constant repairs, and, for their size, have limited accommodation compared with modern boats. The streets of St. John are from their steep grades, narrow and are in a difficult and most expensive to keep in good condition; but there are few municipal duties which appeal more to the general public than their care. I am in favor of laying sheet asphalt, where the grade is suitable and the locality a desirable one, in small quantities from year to year. This is a very really a great pavement, requires little repair and is readily cleaned. The planting of a few trees where there is sufficient soil, and a more rigid enforcement of the by-law against street pollution would, at little cost, add much to the appearance of our thoroughfares.

The lighting of St. John south and west is carried out under contract and is so far removed from our control; in many places, however, the lowering of the lights upon the poles and their suspension from brackets would increase their usefulness.

The police force, though numerically small in proportion to our population, is efficient and calls for no special comment. I would suggest that an officer, if he could be spared, might be detailed for duty in connection with the ferry.

Great improvement has been made in the equipment of the fire department in the last few years, and I believe that this truly useful force is now in splendid condition. The department of public safety might with advantage consider the creation of a new fire company in the north end, where a station has already been built and a reserve engine provided. A suitable uniform for the firemen would add greatly to their appearance.

The disposal of garbage in some other way than by placing it upon the eastern shore of the city, where it is a perpetual menace to the health of the residents in that locality, as well as an offense to the senses, should be devised. An incinerator appears to be a solution of the problem.

During the past year the board of water and sewerage, at the suggestion of its indefatigable chairman, has undertaken an extension in the Little River Valley, which, when completed, will add to the reserve water supply fifty million gallons. A further increase of fifty million gallons can be secured at comparatively little cost, giving a total reserve of one hundred millions of gallons—an amount sufficient to make the idea of a water famine inconceivable.

Very general dissatisfaction appears to exist with regard to our assessment act; and, under the legislative authority empowering the common council to create a commission for the purpose of inquiring into the same, a nominating committee was appointed some time ago, but did not report. I trust one of the first acts of this council will be the appointing of such commission, where the widely differing views of our citizens may receive the careful consideration they deserve, and that their labors may result in practical improvements.

An alderman, I venture, to assert, should be elected for a term of two years. This would add stability to the board without removing the representative too far from the represented. Frequent elections make towards extravagance.

Concluding, I desire to publicly express to the electors of my native city, ladies and gentlemen, my heartfelt

thanks for the great honor conferred in electing me to the dignity of chief magistrate; and I sincerely hope I may be enabled to so apply the functions which by law have devolved upon me, that when the time comes to pass out of office, I may merit their approval.

To you, gentlemen, who have for so long been my associates, I can only say that the uniform kindness and courtesy ever extended to me by one and all, have made my duties as an alderman not only easy of performance but agreeable; and I trust that the friendly relations of the past may continue uninterrupted in the future.

Ald McGoldrick expressed his pleasure at the inaugural address and moved that it be referred to a committee for consideration. The committee appointed consisted of Alds. McGoldrick, Baxter, Christie, Millidge and Maxwell with his worship.

Ald Robinson brought up the matter of the extension of the harbor facilities. This was something which the citizens would look towards the council to take a lead. It was certainly the part of the members to give this the most careful consideration. At present, in his opinion, the matter should be placed in the hands of a committee which could furnish a full report. During the last winter the business of the port was limited by the accommodations and steamers have had to lay in the stream because there were no berths for them. He moved a committee be named to take up the matter and report. This was seconded by Ald. Baxter.

The committee will be appointed later on. Organization of the council then commenced. Ald. Maxwell moved that Ald. J. B. M. Baxter be the chairman of the council and deputy mayor for the ensuing term.

On motion of Ald. Christie the following were appointed as members of the treasury board: Ald. Robinson, (chairman), Maxwell, McMullin, Millidge, Seaton, Stackhouse, McGoldrick, Bullock and Christie.

On motion of Ald. Seaton, seconded by Ald. Christie, the board of public works was appointed as follows: Ald. Christie (chairman), Stackhouse, McGoldrick, Macrae, Tufts, Hamm, Maxwell, Lewis, Millidge, McMullin, Baxter, Bullock and Robinson.

On motion of Ald. McGoldrick, seconded by Ald. McMullin the following were appointed members of the water and sewerage board: Ald. Millidge (chairman), Lewis, Baxter, Bullock, McMullin, Maxwell, Macrae, McGoldrick, Christie, Hamm and Hilyard. The safety board on motion of Ald. Baxter is composed as follows: Ald. Seaton (chairman), Tufts, Lewis, McMullin, Hamm, Maxwell, Baxter, Hilyard, Bullock, Stackhouse and McGoldrick.

On motion of Ald. McMullin, Ald. Christie and Tufts were appointed revisors. The appeals committee on motion of Ald. Millidge is composed of Ald. Macrae, Tufts, Bullock, McGoldrick, Stackhouse, Lewis and Seaton. The by-law and by-law committee on motion of Ald. Lewis is composed of Ald. Millidge, McGoldrick, Tufts, Baxter, Macrae, Bullock, Maxwell and Robinson.

The council was then adjourned.

POLICE COURT.

An unusual condition of affairs prevails in the police court today, when the majority of the prisoners expressed themselves as being dissatisfied with the proceedings. Timothy Burke thought he was unjustly arrested. He said he had gone into the Water street lockup for a short time as he was not feeling well, and was arrested at the door for drunkenness. Samuel Bookins complained that no matter if a fellow kept away from the police for 121 years he would get two months when arrested. Bookins has only been clear of them for a month, and the magistrate regretted that he could only give him two months. Emma and Maud Lester, half sisters, pleaded guilty to drunkenness and, with Timothy Burke were remanded.

John Delaney, for being drunk on Carleton street, was fined two dollars. He had taken three drinks and has learned that he can't stand more than two.

Havelock Wilson, Frank Logan, and Wellington Logan, reported by Fishery Officer O'Brien for fishing on Sunday, pleaded guilty, and were fined five dollars each. They complained.

Patrick Kane was arrested last evening for attempting indecent assault on Edith Doucet. Kane pleaded guilty, but said he had been under the influence of liquor. He was very sorry for what he had done. Mrs. Doucet did not wish to press the matter, and as Kane appeared repentant, a fine of fifty dollars or six months was allowed to stand against him.

Harry McLaughlin, of Brussels street, was remanded for having a dog which had bitten a girl by the name of Allen. The parties arranged the matter between themselves, and Mr. McLaughlin promised to do away with the dog.

DYNAMITE EXPLOSION.

Two Men Injured, One of Them Badly.

About three o'clock this afternoon a dynamite cartridge exploded on Burpee avenue, where a number of city workmen are blasting. One of the men, Joseph Logan of Pond street, who was tamping the cartridge, was hit about the face and eyes by the flying debris and was rendered unconscious. He was taken to the hospital immediately. It was feared that he has lost the sight of his eyes. Another man named Coy was slightly hurt.

A GOOD SUGGESTION.

To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—As a class for fancy needlework has been successfully started how would it do for some enterprising young lady to start one for plain sewing, such as underwear, shirt-waists, etc.? She could charge a fair price for each lesson.

I know of quite a number of girls who would gladly attend.

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St. John, May 5th.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Margaret Curran took place at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from St. Mary's church. Services were conducted by the Rev. W. W. Craig and interment made in Fernhill. This morning the funeral of the late Miss Ellen McCarthy took place from the Mater Misericordiae Home. Requiem mass was celebrated by the Rev. Fr. McMurray and the body interred in the new Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Halligan took place at seven o'clock this morning from her home on Waterloo street. Services at the Cathedral were conducted by Rev. Fr. Cormier.

This afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Richard Lodge took place from her late residence at Fairville. Services were conducted by the Rev. A. T. Dykeman and Rev. George Steel, and the body was interred in the Man-sion cemetery.

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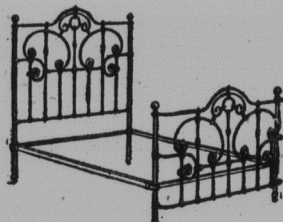
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THIS EVENING.

Natural History Society meeting tonight. Monthly meeting of the board of trade at 8 p. m.
Little Magnets at the Opera House at 8 p. m.
No. 3 company, 3rd regiment Canadian Artillery, will meet at drill shed, Fort Howe, this evening for issue of clothing.
Quarterly meeting of Royal Kenebecensis Yacht Club tonight in Jardine building.

GAY-LUPEE.

Last evening a few happy guests met at the home of Mrs. Lupee, 229 Pitt street, to witness the marriage of Miss Barbara Lupee, and John Henry Gay. Rev. G. A. Sellar performed the ceremony. After the marriage refreshments were served. The bride and groom are both residents of the city.

PERSONAL.

Mrs. Thos. Gass, who has been making a short visit at Hampton, leaves for her home in Boston this afternoon.

WOMAN GETS FIVE YEARS.

Stipendiary Fielding in Halifax yesterday afternoon sentenced Florence Davidson to five years in Dochester Penitentiary. The prisoner is 21 years of age. She went to Halifax about four years ago, and usually slept in outhouses and fields. She has frequently been before the stipendiary, but generally managed to escape punishment under the charges of vagrancy. A few days ago she entered Major Black's residence on Robie street and stole a valuable ring, for which offence she was sentenced to the term of imprisonment mentioned above.