

ALL HE DESERVED.

The ex-Soldier, Leo Smith, Thoroughly Shown Up.

He Received the Maximum Amount—

Statement from Ottawa as to the Disbursements of the Fund.

Some time ago the Sun published statements made by Leo Smith, a returned South African who had lost both legs during the war, to the effect that he had not received any aid from the Canadian Patriotic Fund Association at Ottawa. These statements were contradicted by the local militia officers, who stated that Smith had received \$2,000, the maximum amount granted to widows or disabled soldiers.

The following statement received from Ottawa is self-explanatory: The Canadian Patriotic Fund Association has paid out in relief since its organization on the 15th January, 1900, to the 31st October, 1903, \$254,110.17. The number of cases favorably reported upon by the relief committee, all of which received grants, was 1,070. Many of these cases were reconsidered several times. Some were reopened, while others were not entertained.

MAN KILLED. C. P. R. Fireman S. A. Clergy Crushed to Death—Freight Train's Fatal Collision With Shunting Engine in C. P. R. Yard.

An accident, with fatal results, occurred Saturday morning in the west end of the C. P. R. yard at Brownville. At a quarter of four o'clock the first section of No. 87 freight train, engine #72, in charge of Conductor Haskell and Engineer Twilings, eastbound, was coming into Brownville and the engine either lost control or on account of the slippery condition of the rails, was unable to stop his engine in time.

Advertisement for a meat chopper: 'It won't chop wood but Sargent's Gem Food Chopper will chop raw meat, cooked meat, vegetables of all kinds, fruit, crackers, bread, eggs, cheese, nuts, figs and other foods, and It will chop them all rapidly, easily, coarse or fine, in uniform pieces, without mashing, squeezing, tearing, or grinding. W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, St. John.

GERMANY WILL BE NEUTRAL

In Whatever Fight Russia and Japan May Possibly Put Up.

The Great Bear Now Concentrating Two Hundred Thousand Soldiers Around Vladivostok, to Occupy Korean Frontier.

LONDON, Jan. 10.—The Associated Press can announce on the highest authority that Germany has decided that in the event of war between Russia and Japan, it will maintain a strict neutrality. Other members of the Dreibund will observe a similar attitude.

PELUCIAR DEATH. Of A. G. Hill, a Prominent Resident of Malden, Mass.

THANKS FROM CHICAGO'S MAYOR. OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—His Excellency has received the following letter from Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, dated January 4th:

CHAMBERLAIN HOLDS TRUE. Called the Duke of Devonshire's Bluff as Soon as It Was Presented to Him.

LONDON, Jan. 11.—An acrimonious correspondence between the Duke of Devonshire and Joseph Chamberlain is published this morning. The Duke, who is president of the Liberal Unionist Association formed at the time the Liberal party split on the home rule question, wrote to Mr. Chamberlain suggesting that the association should dissolve owing to the difficulty of allocating the funds, now that the party has become divided by the fiscal controversy.

TO BE OR NOT TO BE? Laurier May Call on an Election, or Call Parliament Together.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—There is no change in the political situation. The government is still halting between two opinions, seemingly unable to make up its mind whether to call parliament or to dissolve it. The government press has been instructed to talk session, but conservatives should not be lured into security. The time to organize for the campaign is now.

CANADIAN BRIEFS. MONTREAL, Jan. 11.—The commissioners have concluded their investigation into the origin of the fire which destroyed the Mount Royal club house, and have reported that they were unable to determine the cause, or that any one can be held responsible for it.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—Militia department advised that the regulations under which commissions in the British army may be obtained by officers of colonial local military forces and students from the colonial universities, dated January, 1903, have been amended to provide that ages of candidates will be between 18 and 25 years, instead of 18 and 22. The new competitive examination in military subjects will be as follows: Military history and strategy, tactics, military engineering, military topography, military law, military administration and organization.

REV. DR. WILSON,

The Pastor of Zion Methodist Church,

Delivered an Interesting Sermon, the Subject of Which Was "1904, a Forecast"—A Year of More Than Ordinary Interest.

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MEN'S SUIT PRICES CUT.

In order to add still more interest to the CLOTHING SALE which is booming up this store, we have added Men's Suits to the list of Bargains. Read a few of the Cuts.

J. N. HARVEY, MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING, 199 and 201 Union Street, St. John.

BRITISH VICTORY.

Forces in Somaliland Smashed Mad Mullah's Men.

A Special Despatch Given Out by the War Office Last Evening—Killed One Thousand Dervishes—British Loss Mostly Officers.

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A GOOD MOVE. Fredericton Board of Trade and the River Service. Urges Adequate Steamship Accommodation on the St. John, From Gagetown as Well as From Indiantown—Other Reforms Noted.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 11.—The annual meeting of the Fredericton Board of Trade was held this afternoon in the city council chamber, the president, Mayor Palmer, presiding, with a large attendance. Election of officers resulted in the re-election of all officials, viz: President, John Palmer; vice president, John J. Weddall; treasurer, M. Tennant; secretary, J. W. McCready; D. Fraser, Jr., Aid. J. S. Scott, A. B. Kitchen, Ed. Moore, W. D. Hooper and W. E. Farrell were elected members. President Palmer's address briefly reviewed the work of the year dealing with the session of the fifth chamber of commerce of the Empire and the entertainment of two parties of delegates on their tour through the Dominion.

CHICAGO'S HORROR. List of Recognized Dead Has Now Reached 571. CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Having heard the testimony of seven chorus men and eight chorus girls of the Mr. Bluebeard company with regard to the Iroquois Theatre fire, Assistant States Attorney Barnes took a non-suit in the case against them today.







GROWTH OF WINTER TRADE.

Comparison of this Season's Business With Last.

More Sailings this Year and Great Increase in Exports, but Imports Have Fallen Off.

M. Sutherland has prepared the following statement which will be presented by him at the meeting of the Canadian freight agents to be held in Montreal in the near future. The statements deal with winter port trade at St. John up till the end of December, 1902 and 1903.

Table with columns for Line, 1902, 1903, Tons, and Tons. Includes sub-sections for SAILINGS, IMPORT TONNAGE, and EXPORT TONNAGE.

In this it appears that the Furness, Donaldson and Allan lines show a falling off. Much of the Allan import stuff now goes to Halifax and this season the Donaldson steamers are not carrying nearly so much structural iron as they did last year when American manufacturers were unable to fill orders.

Table with columns for Line, 1902, 1903, Bush, and Bush. Includes sub-sections for GRAIN SHIPMENTS and CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

CHOPPED HIS FOOT OFF. Terrible Experience of a Lumberman—Rode Horseback Four Miles with Dangerous Wound.

Patrick Mahoney, who during the winter has been working in the lumber woods not far from Clarendon, arrived in the city this morning on the Fredericton express with his foot almost severed in two. Since yesterday afternoon, when he first met with the accident, Mr. Mahoney has shown marvelous courage.

CHURCH AT ST. JOHN. A church at St. John, N. B., is being built on the site of the old St. John's church. The interior is a fine example of the Gothic style.

PARTRIDGE ISLAND FOG WHISTLE.

A Letter From Schofield & Co. to the St. John Board of Trade.

At the board of trade meeting held the other day the letter sent in by Schofield & Co. was referred to a committee for consideration.

THE POLKS WE READ ABOUT. There seems to be no way in which a honest, modest man can get his name in clear type, for every one to see.

NOVA SCOTIA CAPTAIN AMONG CANNIBALS. He Could Have Married a Princess—A Negro's Skin for a Pair of Slippers.

To have entertained the king of a tribe of African cannibals at dinner and to have been presented with one of the ruler's dusky daughters in appreciation of the courtesy was the unique experience of Captain F. L. Foot, of the British barquentine Mary Herd.

CRUSHING FINLAND. LONDON, Jan. 2.—A Russian correspondent of The Times says that by an order of the Czar in April last year the control of the elections in the Finnish provinces was given to the governors so as to prevent the election of those hostile to the new state of affairs.

HIS FATAL BLUNDER. "Is it true," asked the pilot of the lumber schooner, "that your wife eloped with a policeman?"

Catarrh is Not a Luxury OR A NECESSITY. Catarrh makes a man ridiculous—it makes him an object of ridicule and it makes him dangerous.

MODERN JAPAN.

The Man to Whom New Nation Owe Its Existence.

His Name Today the Most Honored in the Land—Died a Martyr—The Flame Which He Lit is Burning Brighter.

FOUGHT MIKADO'S BATTLE. Yoshida died more than the nine years of life remaining to him than many a patriot has done with his sword.

STEVENSON ON YOSHIDA. Had there been no Yoshida-Torajiro, it is doubtful if there had been any modern Japan.

GRASPED THE GREAT IDEA. Yoshida-Torajiro was born some time in the second quarter of the nineteenth century.

TREES IN A FAMOUS STREET. The Strand, London's Thoroughfare, Will Be Made a Shady Walk.

THE RECORD OF FAILURE. The story of his failure is a sad one. Learning that Commodore Perry of the American fleet was at Yeddo, he journeyed thence on foot from Choshu.

KEEP UP VIGOR AND AVOID DISEASE. IT IS THE RUN-DOWN, THIN-BLOODED PERSON WHO FALLS EASY VICTIM TO DISEASE.

AGENCY OF MARINE AND FISHERIES DEPARTMENT. ST. JOHN, N. B., December 7th, 1903.

SENATION IN SUNBURY. A lot of talk was started in Sunbury yesterday by the resignation of Henry Wilnot, one of the councillors for Lincoln.

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PAPA, WHAT WOULD YOU TAKE FOR ME?

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ST. JOHN AND THE TRANSPORTATION QUESTION.

The transportation commission which is authorized to investigate and report on "the whole questions of transportation and terminal facilities," began its work of enquiry on Saturday. As the commissioners go from place to place to study local conditions, and to hear the statements of men in all parts of the country on the special features with which they are best acquainted, it was to be expected that the evidence presented would deal largely with the questions and problems concerning this winter port. Nature and human enterprise have placed St. John in a position which makes it inevitable that the development of Canadian export trade through Canadian channels shall take for extensive and constantly enlarging terminal equipment at this point. Any commission charged with the duty of enquiring into national transportation business must take account of the fact that in eight years there has grown up at this port a new winter traffic which last year employed 300,000 tons of shipping in five months, and was represented by an export trade of over thirteen millions. The commission will not find in their travels anything more interesting or significant than the development of this winter port, and they will easily ascertain that the development must go on, the trade increasing at the same or a greater ratio, if it is not turned away because the port lacks the equipment to take care of it. Measured by tonnage, last year's traffic was fifty per cent larger than that of the year before. Measured by values the increase was over sixty per cent. Taken either way the business about doubled in two years. Again, the current season, month by month, shows a gain over last year, and if ships of two lines had not been turned away, because the owners or managers said that they could not get berths for them, the gain would have been larger than any previous year's increase. The commissioners may find elsewhere many striking features of trade development, but they will meet nothing more worthy of their attention than this.

But these commissioners are not here to satisfy their curiosity or to gain instruction for their own use. Their visit has an important practical purpose. The government desires instruction. It is stated in the order in council, that the transportation questions are "involved and complicated," and that since the government must adopt means to enable Canada "to control the transportation of its products," it has been thought that "the most efficient mode of conducting such an enquiry and obtaining the required information is by means of a commission of competent and experienced experts." In short, Mr. Bertram, Mr. Bedford and Mr. Fry are gathering information for the government as to the best course to pursue for the development of the transportation business of Canada, and especially on the important question of carrying this

traffic entirely through Canadian channels. It need hardly be said that if the trade is to go through Canadian channels in winter, St. John is a most important point in the enquiry.

The mayor of the city, the president of the Board of Trade, and Mr. S. Schofield together made an admirable presentation of the case at the Saturday meeting. The statements of the mayor and Mr. Schofield may be taken as supplementary to each other. Speaking for the corporation which he represents Mayor White dwelt upon the immediate necessities of the port and on the plan which has been devised to meet them. Since the commissioners are gathering information for the use of the government in dealing with transportation it may be assumed that they will furnish it at such times and ways as will make it most useful. If they see that the situation at any point is so grave as to require immediate action it is not to be expected that they will wait until the time for action is past and then solemnly tell the ministers about it. Therefore the reasonable desire was expressed that the commissioners would bring to the immediate attention of the government the necessity of settling at once the question of providing the four berths required for the present emergency. So far as these works are concerned it is hardly a question of promoting an increase of Canadian export traffic through Canadian channels. It is rather a question of retaining in Canadian channels what is there now and allowing the natural development to go on. Inaction would be a method of driving to foreign channels the trade which belongs to Canadian routes and which would follow them if it had a chance. No words of ours could prevent the matter more clearly and forcibly than it will appear in the official record of the hearing.

While the mayor and the president of the Board of Trade dealt with the immediate requirements, Mr. Schofield took up the larger question, which is more closely related to the purpose of the commission. It was thought by many that when Mr. Fielding was interviewed here in harbor improvements it was a mistake for a delegation of the Board of Trade to wait upon him with a large and comprehensive scheme on the same day that the city council met him with a statement concerning the berths needed for next winter. This view may have been correct, for Mr. Fielding was not charged with the investigation of general transportation questions, and it was well to have his attention concentrated on the most pressing question. But this transportation commission is making a complete and comprehensive investigation of the whole transportation matter. Its report may be expected to affect the general policy of the government not for this year or next year, but for many years to come. It has been suggested that the enquiry itself may occupy two years. If that is so the Rodney slip wharves should have ceased to be a live question before the final report is made. By that time, at the present rate of progress, the four berths will be fully occupied and the question of further accommodation will be urgent.

Is this too much to say? This very year ships of the Allan line and Head Line have been taken away which would have occupied one berth. One berth at the government wharf on the east side has been occupied with C. P. R. traffic. If the four proposed berths were available, two of them would be required for the ships that were under contract for this season. Looking back over the table of increases furnished by Mr. Schofield and the Board of Trade, we may safely conclude that the natural growth of the business would require one additional berth each year. In the year 1903-4 the number of sailings was 24 larger than in the previous year, while the average tonnage of the ships was about one-eighth larger. This year would have shown a still larger increase if the original programme had been carried out, and the want of room is a reason given for the departure from the contract arrangements. But even as it is if the gain in the three years ending with this season shall be continued for three more seasons we shall, even if the four berths are provided, again be confronted with the question of providing for traffic. The commissioners are here not merely—not even principally—to see what needs to be done to handle the traffic expected next year and the year after, but to consider where the traffic is to be shipped and how it is to be handled winter and summer, when the exports of the west shall be many times larger than they are now, and when we shall have ceased to use foreign ports for some two-thirds of our winter exports, as we do now.

Since the commissioners will probably not visit St. John again it is well that Mr. Schofield's argument was made, and any one who can give the information which he gave the commissioners, or strengthen the case by additional reasons ought to do it. It is not clear what was meant by the statement of one of the commissioners that one of Mr. Schofield's suggestions was contrary to the policy of the government and therefore could not be dealt with by the commission. The statements made by the ministers to parliament, and the language of their own order, go to show that the commissioners are not sent out to report in accord with government policy, but to assist the government in framing a

policy. If the government has already settled everything the commission might as well disband. Nor can it properly be said that a course is not in accord with government policy because it is different from the custom of the past. Until last year it was contrary to government policy to make the canal free of tolls. A new policy in respect to terminal facilities ought to be equally possible, even if the present government remains in power, while in the event of a change of government it is certain. But the suggestion of Mr. Schofield does not involve a change of policy. The case would be met by showing the same liberality toward this port that is exhibited toward the port of Quebec.

But the main thing now is that the commissioners should thoroughly understand the exceptional, the unique sacrifice made by St. John city to this winter port business through the experimental stage, the impossibility of further provision for the traffic from that source, the absolute necessity of immediate steps to provide for traffic already offering, and of the construction within a short time of a large and comprehensive system of terminal facilities to take care of that share of the Canadian export trade which must in the nature of things come this way. Let these facts and possibilities be fairly grasped and the rest will follow, for it cannot be believed that governments and commissioners will take infinite pains to direct the finance through Canadian land routes only to drive it at the end to foreign seaports.

IN THE QUEBEC DISTRICT.

While it has been generally supposed that the conservatives would in the next election make great gains in those parts of Quebec province known as the Montreal district, and the district of Three Rivers, the opposition has not hitherto ventured on extensive claims in respect to the group of constituencies embraced in the Quebec district. But recent proceedings go to show that the conservatives expect to make a strong fight in this field as well as others. The renomination of Hon. T. C. Casgrain was a most enthusiastic demonstration. Now comes the announcement that Mr. William Price, the Quebec lumber king, has been nominated by the Rimouski conservatives. This county was carried by the government in 1900 by a majority of 269. It is not certain that Mr. Price will accept the nomination, but it is reported that he and two or three other members of the highest business standing are considering the question of entering the campaign for the restoration of the conservative cause in the rather hard ground of Eastern Quebec.

RATHER INCORRECT.

Speaking of the Kings-Albert convention the Moncton Transcript says: "A rather suggestive fact is that while the list of delegates of those actually present from Kings County is given by parishes yet the Albert County delegates are not named. It is said that a score were present, and that they were men of eminence and standing, but it was not thought worth while to mention their names." This evidently refers to the report of the Sun, though the convention was also reported quite fully in the Telegraph. But both the Telegraph and Sun gave the list of delegates, with the parish in which each delegate came. In both papers the Albert names follow in the same list with those from Kings constituting the nominating committee. The Transcript writer must therefore have seen them before he wrote that the delegates were not named. The relations between the Transcript and the Truth are becoming more strained every day.

It is not certain that when Emperor William said that Blucher and the German Legion had saved the British soldiers at Waterloo from destruction he forgot that only one third of the troops under Wellington's command were British. The British loss in killed and wounded was proportionately much larger than that of the continental soldiers of the same army. The Kaiser may have had the idea in his mind that if Blucher had failed to arrive the Dutch, Belgians and Germans would have saved themselves by flight, while the British would have been so foolish as to stay and be killed.

The Canadian Northern railway is said to have made a contract with the Illinois Steel Company for 25,000 tons of steel rails at \$32 per ton. This \$650,000 contract might have gone to Great Britain if the tariff preference applied to rails. But rails are still free and the British producer has no advantage. The United States producer is absolutely secure in his home market with a prohibitive duty, and will make to foreign purchasers whatever prices seems necessary to obtain the trade.

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"Here at Ottawa alike," says Professor Goldwin Smith, "genuine liberalism has been stifled by opportunism."

Bktn. Ethel Clarke, at St. George's, Bermuda, is arranging to tow to Hamilton.

EMMERSON SENT FOR.

Our Own Henry R. to Become a Member of Laurier Cabinet.

Government Urged to Take Radical Means for the Extermination of Dog Fish—Sir Fred Borden at the Canadian Club.

(Special to the Sun.)

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—There will be "something doing" in political circles this week. Emmerson, M. P. for Westmorland, has been sent for, when he leaves here again for home it will be as one of his excellency's advisers and with the prefix "hon." before his name. There is much speculation as to whether or not Emmerson will get the portfolio of railways and canals. In some quarters Fielding is credited with being disposed to surrender the finance portfolio for the additional prestige and patronage which the railways portfolio will give him. Emmerson will be here Thursday or Friday.

The government has received from Premier Seddon of New Zealand a request to join with that colony and Australia, Cape Colony and Natal in a protest to the imperial government against the proposal to introduce Chinese labor into the Transvaal mines. A deputation representing Canadian carriage makers will upon the government tomorrow. The tariff upon carriages is 35 per cent, but it contended by the Canadian manufacturers that often American built vehicles are entered at extremely low value, thereby coming unduly in competition with the carriage of Canadian make. It is to secure the fixing of a minimum value for duty that the deputation will see Fielding and Paterson. Sir Frederic Borden at the Canadian Club here today devoted the major portion of his time to a defense of the removal of the limitation in statutes preventing a Canadian officer from assuming the position of general officer commanding. He said it might be some time before a Canadian officer would be able to command the militia,

but surely Canadians were old enough now to be trusted to make their own choice, and if there were an officer qualified for the position to select him. The principal objection which had been raised to this proposal was that it would result in a political opponent and that the militia force would be injured thereby. He had no fears on that score whatever, as if political appointment were made the result could only be that the country would rise up in condemnation of the government and would drive them from office.

Prof. Emmerson is arranging for five Marconi wireless stations in the Gulf. He has secured authority to install several submarine bell alarms at danger points along the eastern coast. Numerous complaints have reached the department of fisheries recently regarding the prevalence of dogfish on the coast of Nova Scotia. It is claimed that this class of shark is doing great damage to edible fishes. The government is being urged to appoint a commission to investigate into the habits of dogfish and to devise a scheme for their extermination. Some of the interested parties go so far as to suggest a bonus on all dogfish killed, and on that a good deal of election talk just now it would not be a matter of surprise if this government of commissions and bonuses were to do something in that direction.

Eddy's paper mills were closed down today, all the men declining to go to work on the company's terms. The firm has two months' stock on hand. Paper makers' strike is still on. A notice has been notified to keep away from Hull until the struggle is over.

NOVA SCOTIA.

Incorporated to Breed Foxes and Other Fur Bearing Animals. Gold Seeking Adventurers Return From Terra del Fuego With Empty Pockets. Big Fire at the Joggins Coal Mines and All the Hands Are Therefore Idle—Nine Horses Suffocated—Fire Still Burning.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 11.—The death occurred unexpectedly today of Augustus Allison, cashier of the Confederation Life and agent of the Dominion Meteorological department in this city. In the house of assembly today a bill was read a second time incorporating the Cape Breton Fur Co., the incorporators being Sydney men. Mr. McLeod (Cumberland) took some exception to a clause which he thought would allow the company to kill animals in contravention of the game law, but the bill passed. The company proposes to breed foxes and other fur-bearing animals.

A few weeks ago the I. C. R. and P. E. railway members of the International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Men, through their joint protective board, asked the railway department that the pay of ordinary trackmen be increased from \$1.30 to \$1.50 per day, with corresponding increase for foremen. The department complied to the extent of \$1.40 for trackmen, and a corresponding increase for foremen. This the men declined to accept, holding out for the original demand. It was understood a compromise has been effected. Yard hands are to receive the \$1.50 a day, with corresponding increase for foremen. The men who are employed in the yard are because living is dearer in towns than in country districts.

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MEDICAL EXAMINER

Of the United States Treasury Recommends Pe-ru-na.

Other Prominent Physicians Use and Endorse Pe-ru-na.

Dr. J. L. WELLYN Jordan, Medical Examiner of the U. S. Treasury Department, graduate of Columbia College, and who served three years at West Point, has the following to say: "Allow me to express my gratitude to you for the benefit derived from your wonderful remedy. One short month has brought forth a vast change and I now consider myself a well man after months of suffering. Follow sufferers, Peru-na will cure you."



A constantly increasing number of physicians prescribe Peru-na in their practice. It has proven its merits so thoroughly that even the doctors have overcome their prejudices against so-called patent medicines and recommended it to their patients. Peru-na occupies a unique position in medical science. It is the only internal systemic cathartic remedy known to the medical profession today. Catarrh, as everyone will admit, is the cause of one-half the disease which afflicts mankind. Catarrh and catarrhal diseases afflict one-half of the people of United States.

Robert R. Roberts, M. D., Washington, D. C., writes: "Through my own experience as well as that of many of my friends and acquaintances who have been cured or relieved of catarrh by the use of Hartman's Peru-na, I can confidently recommend it to those suffering from such disorders, and have no hesitation in prescribing it to my patients." Dr. R. Roberts, Muskogee, I. T., writes: "Peru-na is the best medicine I know of for constipation and to strengthen a weak stomach and to give appetite. Besides prescribing it for catarrh, I have ordered it for weak and debilitated people, and have not had a patient but said it helped him. It is an excellent medicine and it has cured so many cases. I have a large practice, and have a chance to prescribe your Peru-na. I hope you may live long to do good to the sick and the suffering." Dr. M. C. Gee, writes from 613 Jones St., San Francisco, Cal.: "Peru-na has performed so many wonderful cures in San Francisco that I am convinced that it is a valuable remedy. I have frequently advised its use for women, as I find it assures regular and painless menstruation, cures leucorrhoea and ovarian troubles, and builds up the entire system. I also consider it one of the finest cathartic remedies I know of."

CANADIAN ARTILLERY.

OTTAWA, Jan. 10.—General efficiency returns of the Canadian Artillery were published yesterday. Of the field batteries, 2nd Ottawa was first, with 644 points out of a possible 840. Sydney battery scored 483.

In the Garrison Artillery competition, following is the result: TOTAL MARKS. Highest Establishment. 1st—Halifax Regiment, 1st division: 1st—Capt. Marshall, 205 2nd—Capt. W. J. Duffusworth, 114 3rd—Capt. A. W. Duffus, 115 4th—Capt. G. W. C. Hemley, 204 2nd Montreal Regiment: 1st—Major E. R. Barton, 206 2nd—Major E. V. M. Renouf, 206 3rd—Capt. J. H. Davidson, 205 Colougur Company: 1st—Major J. W. Odell, 215 TOTAL MARKS, 440. Lower Establishment. 1st—Halifax Regiment, 2nd division: 1st—Capt. P. T. Ernst, 271 2nd—Capt. M. C. Denton, 274 3rd—Capt. S. H. Hamilton, 271 4th—Capt. T. M. Sealey, 269 3rd New Brunswick Regiment: 1st—Capt. J. M. Robinson, 308 2nd—Capt. J. L. Drake, 324 3rd—Capt. W. H. Harrison, 301 4th—Capt. L. W. Barker, 301 4th P. E. Island Regiment: 1st—Capt. A. A. Bartlett, 309 2nd—Capt. A. G. Peake, 301 3rd—Capt. D. Leslie, 276 5th—Capt. A. A. Johnston, 270 Following is the result of service and competitive practice with light quick-firing guns at St. John: R. G. A.: No. 1 Co.—Capt. A. T. Ogilvie, 173 No. 2 Co.—Lt. W. B. Almon, 279 3rd Regiment: No. 1 Co.—Lt. A. L. Fowler, 105 No. 2 Co.—Lt. R. T. Britton, 105 No. 3 Co.—Lt. W. Vassie, 105 No. 4 Co.—Lt. C. S. E. Robertson, 81 4th Regiment: No. 1 Co.—Capt. A. A. Bartlett, 309 No. 2 Co.—Lt. J. R. Darke, 302 No. 4 Co.—Lt. W. A. Leslie, 292 No. 5 Co.—Lt. J. J. Donahoe, 292 Following is the result of service and competitive practice with light quick-firing guns at St. John: R. G. A.: No. 1 Co.—Capt. A. T. Ogilvie, 108 No. 2 Co.—Lt. W. B. Almon, 101 3rd Regiment: No. 1 Co.—Capt. J. M. Robinson, 106 No. 2 Co.—Capt. J. L. Drake, 102 No. 3 Co.—Lt. G. A. Hilliard, 102 No. 4 Co.—Capt. L. W. Barker, 105 4th Regiment: No. 1 Co.—Lt. C. Leigh, 111 No. 2 Co.—Capt. D. Leslie, 111 No. 4 Co.—Lt. McNutt, 102 No. 5 Co.—Capt. W. A. Johnston, 102 BLISSVILLE, SUNBURY CO.

BLISSVILLE, Sunbury Co., Jan. 11.—J. B. Roberts, who is in his senior year at Mount Allison University, Sackville, starts today for that institution, accompanied by his younger brother, George, who enters the boys' academy. The Church of England Sunday school furnished a treat to the children last night in the hall. Speeches, gramophone selections and games made the evening pass pleasantly. Norman Foster and Jennie R. and Stanley K. son and daughter of D. Smith, went to Fredericton to attend the Normal school on Monday. Those who are engaged in the lumbering business are very active. The demand for men and teams is greater than the supply. A large quantity of poplar pulp wood is being shipped to St. Stephen. S. Bertram Smith has entered upon his duties as teacher of the Blissville Corner school.

TARTE AND BORDEN.

Enthusiastic Political Meeting at Richmond, Quebec. Speeches by the Leader of the Opposition and the Foremost Man of Quebec.

RICHMOND, Que., Jan. 11.—The most successful political meeting ever held here was addressed by Borden, Tarte, Pope and Hackett. When Mr. Borden rose he was enthusiastically greeted. The hesitancy of the government in announcing the date of elections, he pointed out, was not a sign of unity and strength among those who constituted the administration. The liberal leader prior to assuming office, had promised if elected to introduce prohibitive free trade as it is in England, to lessen the country's debt, to develop national facilities, and to put an end to election frauds. Not one of those pledges had been carried out, and he challenged Sir Wilfrid Laurier or any other member of the cabinet to point out a single act which had resulted in great benefit to the Dominion. Taxation has been increased to \$47,000,000. The government believed that bleeding good for the system, and, therefore, they have increased the national burden by millions.

"As regards the conservative policy on all these matters," continued Mr. Borden, "I may say that it has not changed. From 1878 until now it has been advocated in the same staunch manner, and with one object in view, that of building up Canada by the establishment of a tariff which will discriminate against foreign importations in favor of domestic products and manufactures. Mr. Borden then proceeded to score the present administration for its inconsistency in every important matter. Mr. Prefontaine had announced himself as favorable to protection, while at the time Mr. Fielding had preached low tariff in Yarmouth, N. S. In the distribution of campaign literature liberals were now sending pamphlets into the western west, they were afraid to distribute in the east. Their policy was a two-faced one, which cast smiles at both free trade and protection, yet followed neither. Mr. Borden also spoke briefly in French. He was listened to with exceptional attention throughout. Mr. Tarte outlined his position today in regard to public questions, reviewed his acts while a minister, explained his reasons for leaving the Laurier cabinet, and advocated a high protective policy. His address was lengthy, but bristled with facts, and the audience loudly applauded his fearless utterances.

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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items From Correspondents and Exchanges.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

The Norwegian steamer, Salerno, mail laden, sailed early yesterday morning for Belfast.

A man from Hampton received 36 cents a dozen for purely fresh eggs in the country market on Saturday.

The position in the I. C. R. freight department here, made vacant by the death of Charles Vail, has been filled by the advancement of Thomas McHugh to succeed Mr. Vail.

Mrs. Bazley has received word from England to the effect that the bronze busting for the monument in the Memorial Park is almost completed.

The death occurred on Sunday morning of Julia, wife of J. W. Walton, 33 Metcalf street.

W. H. Thorne, Geo. McKean and Geo. McLeod, arbitrators of the Shives wharf claim, Campbellton, have made their decision.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 10.—Corporal Masters, Company 103, Royal Garrison Artillery, pay sergeant on duty, has disappeared.

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MEASLES OR PNEUMONIA?

Inquiry to Be Held by Coroner Berryman and Jury.

By direction of Attorney General Pugsley, Coroner Berryman will hold an investigation, which will be commenced Friday evening, into the circumstances surrounding the death of John G. Tobin, who died at the General Public Hospital Sunday afternoon.

Last night Coroner Berryman empaneled the following jury to assist him in the inquest: B. R. Macaulay (foreman), W. G. Scovill, J. E. Secord, A. R. Campbell, L. B. Wilson, R. C. Clarke and David Watson.

The body of the deceased was viewed by the jury and will hear evidence in the case beginning Friday night. Mr. Tobin, who was 23 years of age, worked on a farm with his father, Mr. Millidgeville. He came to the city recently to nurse his brother, who is suffering from measles.

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MILITIA GENERAL ORDER

That is of Much Interest to All Volunteers.

Monday, 4th Jan., 1904. There is so much delay and misunderstanding caused by irregularity of procedure in connection with claims for compensation due to accidents and illness that the following is published for general information and guidance.

1. Rank and name of officer, man, or horse, injured during annual training or on special parade.

2. That the applicant or injured horse was duly enrolled and attested in the militia or special service, that the following rules to be observed are performed with care.

3. That the nature of the illness, accident, injury or incapacity was unavoidable, and could not by any care or prearrangement have been prevented or avoided.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

ELMSDALE, P. E. I., Jan. 5.—The basket social held in Campbellton last night in aid of the Presbyterian church was a decided success.

Capt. James Stewart of West Point has received \$200 insurance on the loss of his schooner. The cargo of lumber, which was also lost, was a consignment to a firm in Charlottetown.

Several of the public schools of this vicinity are closed by the prevalence of mumps.

While driving on the ice recently, Philip Stewart was externally disabled. His horse fell, and on trying to regain his feet, gave a plunge that struck Mr. Stewart and knocked him down.

Saturday, the 2nd inst., was the coldest day here this season, the thermometer registering 12 degrees below zero.

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W. MANCHESTER, SUSSEX, N. B.

played by the Sackville curling club Tuesday evening, January 12th.

The first hockey match of the season took place here Tuesday evening.

CORN HILL, Jan. 7.—Both cheese factories in this place have closed down for a good season's work.

Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Chambers entertained a number of their relatives and friends on Christmas evening.

Richard Stockton, eldest son of Ezechy Stockton of Anagnone Ridge, has returned home after an absence of five years.

Miss Ella Hunt of Somerville, Mass., who has been visiting friends here, was fully recovered.

Sheep, Jan. 5.—A cold wave is still passing over this section with a fall of snow.

Cherish MacAdam has resigned as chorister of the Congregational Church, after many years of faithful service.

Mr. Alex. Dunham left Wednesday for a trip to Washington state, where she will reside for a few months.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dennison have arrived home from Marysville after a short visit.

MAJESTIC, Jan. 9.—The funeral of the late John W. Currier, who died at his home on Tuesday, took place yesterday.

SACKVILLE, Jan. 7.—The death occurred this morning at 1 o'clock of Mrs. George Campbell, Middle Sackville.

Fletcher has resumed their studies at the Provincial Normal School. John Parsons has left here to attend the Fredericton Business College.

Miss Viola Cox is teaching the Hastings school. Miss Lottie Dowling is visiting in Moncton.

HAVERLOCK, Jan. 5.—The schools opened on Monday. There is no change in the teaching staff this term.

DIET AND CANCER. Of the 57,487 who died of cancer in England in 1901 probably the majority were operated upon by cutting out the diseased part.

ST. MARTIN'S. The week of prayer is being observed in the various churches as follows:

SERVED HIM RIGHT. It was a raw, cold night, and the rain fell pitilessly as an omnibus drew up at the corner of Oxford street.

IN FINANCIAL DIFFICULTIES. MacAdam Brothers, stone cutters at Hillsboro, have made an assignment to the sheriff of Albert county.

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There is every probability that the Government will carry at least fifteen of the fifteen seats in Nova Scotia.

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FORGET THE PAST.

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