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GENERAL.

The British navy estimates for the next year provide for an expenditure of \$179,000,000, an increase of sixteen million. A number of new battleships, cruisers and other craft will be built.

Ice gorges in the Platte river and its tributaries have caused serious floods in Central Nebraska, doing great damage to railway and other bridges. Floods are also reported from Kentucky, Mississippi and along the Allegheny river.

Geo. Perry, the negro lad whose death in Boston jail was recorded yesterday, confessed that he was implicated in the murder of Miss Agnes McPhee and Miss Clara Morton. His spiritual adviser, however, has some doubt of the truth of the admissions.

The negro William Albert of Bangor has been committed for trial, charged with the murder of Patrolman Patrick H. Jordan, who was shot on Saturday night.

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FLAMES OF DEATH

Horrible Scenes at an Explosion of Oil Tanks.

A Score are Dead and Far More Injured—A Literal Wave of Death.

OLDFAN, N. Y., March 10.—From 18 to 20 lives were lost and an equally large number of people were burned or bruised by an explosion of oil late last night following a wreck on the Erie railroad, north of this city. The bodies were blown to pieces by the force of the explosion, and the exact number of dead will not be known for several days. The number of injured, too, is uncertain as a large number of them were able to reach their homes and received treatment there. The known casualties are as follows: Dead—Norman Brown, Johnny Tobbin, Johnny McCready, John McLaughlin, all four being boys about 16 years old; Walter Swift and John Steninger, Olean; A. V. Driscoll and Richard Connell, North Olean; Harry Codden, Boardmanville; six unidentified bodies at Woodward's undertaking rooms; boy blown into Olean Creek and drowned, body not recovered; two or more unknown persons' bodies consumed in burned wreckage.

At the hospital one of the patients said a young boy was blown into the creek near him. He tried to save the lad, but he was unable to do so. The boy was drowned.

The scenes following the explosion will never be forgotten by those who saw them. It was about 9 o'clock in the evening when the train was wrecked. An Erie freight train west bound broke in two on the hill two miles north of the city.

At first the forward part of the train, released from the weight of the cars behind, sprang forward with increased speed. Brakes were applied and the front portion of the train was brought almost to a standstill at the iron bridge across Olean Creek. The rear cars, gathering momentum, crashed down the hill, crashed into the forward part of the train. Most of the cars in the train were tank cars, filled with refined oil or gasoline. They weighed thousands of tons, and the impact was terrific. One of the tank cars caught fire soon after the collision. The exact cause of the fire is not known, but it is supposed to have started from a spark struck from the grinding pieces of iron in the wreckage. In a few minutes another car of gasoline caught fire and burst in flames with a terrific report. Portions of the roof of the car fell and were hurled a distance of several hundred feet. The flames shot high up in the air, presenting a brilliant spectacle. In this early accident so far as can be learned no one was injured. A large crowd quickly gathered. Hundreds of people, from Olean, North Olean and surrounding countryside gathered to watch the brilliant display of flames. For two hours the people stood massed together, seemingly fascinated by the bright white flames that shot hundreds of feet into the air, and became less intense the crowd began to edge a little closer to the wreckage, until at about 11 o'clock some venturesome boys approached to within a hundred feet of the burning debris.

Suddenly there was a terrific explosion. Great masses of white flames shot hundreds of feet into the air and literally rolled down the bank sides into the gully where the spectators were standing. The heat was intense. Men and boys fell before the wave of white light to rise no more. Huge pieces of iron were hurled through the air, and the crowd, moving down human beings by the score. Some managed to scramble to their feet and get away from the flames, but others lay still in death. The scene of agony and horror at the moment was beyond description. A veritable rain of fire came down upon the crowd.

Men and boys with their clothing a mass of flames ran down the track shrieking in their agony. Some of them fell to the ground unconscious, while others grovelled in the ditch or jumped into the creek in a mad endeavor to put out the fire that was consuming them.

Many of those who were hemmed in by the flames probably never knew what happened. They dropped where they stood and never again moved. The groans and cries of those maimed or burned were frightful to hear.

As soon as the telephone could be reached all the doctors in the city were summoned. Express wagons and other vehicles were pressed into service in the meantime. Those in the vicinity of the wreckage who escaped the injury made valiant efforts to rescue the wounded who were dying within reach of the withering flames. Boys were burned to death by the flying pieces of iron that the flames rolling down upon them until they perished. Nothing could be done to check the flames. They began to die out about midnight.

A short distance west of the iron bridge a dead line was established beyond which no one was permitted to pass, as one of the burning tanks was still thought to be in danger of exploding.

The scene was a sad one. Weeping women and fear-stricken men were huddled together, many unable to find missing sons, brothers, or husbands, and not knowing whether they were among the dead lying strewn along the track in the crowd of onlookers.

It was about one o'clock in the morning when Deputy Sheriff Waterhouse came forward and called for 20 volunteers to carry stretchers on which the dead and injured were to be borne to the ambulances and wagons which now had begun to arrive. Three times as many as were called stepped forward.

It was a gruesome sight. A strong light was shining down the track, but instead of serving to illuminate it seemed to blind the sight with its dazzling whiteness. The first intimation of the proximity of a dead body was when the stretcher bearers stumbled over two corpses lying in the middle of the track. One of the bodies was of a grown man all burned to a crisp and totally unrecognizable. The body nearest the burning cars appeared to be that of a boy. Every stitch of the clothing was burned and the flesh was beginning to burn. It could not be approached owing to the intense heat. The body was draped in a sheet and others were also incinerated.

For a distance of several rods from the wreckage in attitudes of sadness of agony lay corpses, on all of which the clothing was still burning. Several bodies were recovered from the water where they had been blown by the force of the explosion. In all fifteen bodies were recovered and laid out beside the track out of reach of the flames. Over all the flames threw a sickly glare and the smell of burning flesh was sickening. When the last body had been rescued the stretcher bearers formed a procession and

SIX PERSONS DEAD

As a Result of the Burning of a House in Dawson.

DAWSON, Y. T., March 9.—The Aurora road house at Dawson, Yukon Creek, twenty miles from Dawson, has been burned. The thermometer stood 52 degrees below zero. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bernice and two children, formerly of Portland, Oreg., and Thos. Baird, formerly of Lannark, Ont., former of Hunter government road, were burned. The remains of Mrs. Bernice and two children were found in bed. The mother had covered the little boy with her body. The remains of two men were found near the door of the barroom. Both were sober and industrious men. The fire is supposed to have started in an oil tank stove which was in a dangerous position. Bernice had been warned of the danger, and also of the danger of the bedroom being cut off by fire.

THE WEATHER.

Highest temperature today, 40; lowest temperature, 30; barometer reading at noon, 30.74 inches; wind at noon, direction East, velocity 12 miles per hour.

TORONTO, March 10.—Forecast—Moderate to fresh easterly winds, cloudy to fair and continued mild. Wednesday, east winds, fair to cloudy and mild.

Synopsis.—The weather is clear in the eastern portion of the maritime provinces, the rain being now confined to the south western part. There are indications of a storm developing in the Mississippi Valley. Easterly winds promise to prevail along the coast between New England and the Banks.

PERSONAL.

Edward Lantala, M. P. P., left for Boston yesterday afternoon. He will return in a few days.

Rev. Robt. C. Fulton of St. Martins, is in the city and left this morning for Chatham to attend the annual meeting of the Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick.

James Robinson, M. P., Mrs. Robinson and Miss Robinson, of Miramichi, left for Ottawa Monday night, via the I. C. R. to be present at the opening of parliament.

Miss Whelpley, who has been training at the General Public Hospital, has resigned.

W. H. McQuade, proprietor of the Grand Union hotel, is ill.

E. C. Elkin left for Bath, Me., yesterday.

Harry Hall left yesterday afternoon for Ottawa. He was farewelled by his former associates in the Bank of New Brunswick.

Wm. Robson, of the firm of Manchester, Robt. Allison, Ltd., arrived home yesterday after a business trip to England.

Hon. L. P. Farris, of White's Cove, is in the city.

Mrs. C. C. Gregory of Antigonish, who has been in the city since Thursday last, left for home yesterday.

Books C. Peters, of Moncton, arrived in the city yesterday en route to Boston, New York and other American cities on a vacation.

E. E. MacCreedy, of Fredericton, is at the Dufferin.

Senator King is in town. He will go to Ottawa yesterday afternoon.

Bowman B. Law, M. P., of Yarmouth, went to Ottawa yesterday, accompanied by Mrs. Law.

C. W. Stockton, past master of the St. John County Orange Lodge, left yesterday afternoon for Chatham to attend the Grand Lodge of New Brunswick.

It is understood that C. E. A. Simonds, the well known legal gentleman of this city, intends leaving here about the 1st of May. Mr. Simonds has purchased a farm in Nova Scotia and intends to follow up agricultural pursuits in the future.—Fredericton Gleaner.

FOR THE NORTHWEST.

Rev. Mr. Barr sails on Liverpool on the Lake Manitoba on April 1st with 2,000 settlers, whom the English papers describe as pilgrim fathers and mothers. The children are drawn from all parts of the country, and include fifty sons of clergymen and five nephews of Lord Dufferin. Six physicians of independent means will nurse the clergyman's expedition. Amongst the supplies carried will be one thousand tents, two thousand waterproof sheets and a large supply of army blankets. It is stated in English Journals that three towns are to be called Preston, Barview and Lloydville.

Another 2,000 immigrants leave soon after the first steamer sails and 10,000 more will go to Canada next year. The greatest anxiety is expressed that the pioneers should be carefully piloted and well settled, so that the British movement Canada-ward will receive no check.

WINNIPEG, March 6.—The advance party of the large English colony which is to be established north of Battleford arrived yesterday, headed by Geo. Douglas, who states that fully 35,000 will come to this colony this year, and will bring with them three clergymen, three doctors, and all kinds of mechanics, including carpenters, blacksmiths, and builders.

THE STANLEY AND MINTO.

The following despatch was received this morning by the I. C. R. passenger department from Stationmaster Webster of Pictou:

The Minto and Stanley can be seen from Pictou this morning. They are in the same pan of ice, off the coast about Arisaig and about twenty-five miles from Pictou. There is about one and a half miles of ice at the mouth of Pictou harbor, but the rest of the strait so far as can be seen from Pictou is nearly all open water.

It is believed that the continued mild weather has considerably weakened the ice pan in which the steamers are fast, and that if the Stanley could once make a start she would have no difficulty in freeing both herself and the Minto.

DEATHS.

BROWN.—At her late residence, 45 Acadia street, on March 10th, Frances M. H., wife of Thomas Brown, leaving a husband and four children to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.

SAFE ROBBERS

Broke Into John O'Regan's Wholesale Establishment, Only Got a Few Dollars—Valuable Papers Recovered—No Arrests Made Yet.

A daring safe robbery was perpetrated at an early hour this morning in John O'Regan's wholesale liquor establishment at the foot of Union street. Valuable papers along with an amount of money and some goods were stolen, but the papers have since been recovered.

Officers Thorne and Totten patrolled York Point beat last night, and when making their first round between eleven and one o'clock they found everything secure in Mr. O'Regan's place. About three o'clock, as the officers were standing near the Grand Union hotel, a heavy, rumbling noise was heard. One of them expressed the opinion that it sounded like thunder, but the other thought the noise was made by some men who were unloading a steamer at Gibbon's wharf. As the sound seemed rather unusual the officers proceeded to investigate and tried the doors in the vicinity of the electric power house. Upon reaching O'Regan's they noticed broken glass on the sidewalk and saw that three large panes of glass in the office window were missing. These panes had been broken at eleven o'clock. Officer Totten at once went to the rear of the building and found that the back door had been forced open by the pulling of the staple to which the lock was fastened. Once inside this door the way was clear to the office, as the inside doors were left unfastened. The officers went to the office, and much to their surprise found the place in a state of disorder, the whole front of the heavy safe being blown out, and papers and other articles scattered round the floor.

Word was immediately sent to Deputy Jenkins and Detective Killen, who went to work on the case. They found that a hole three-eighths of an inch in diameter had been drilled in the door of the safe just above the combination lock, and the front blown out by dynamite or some other powerful explosive. The door of the safe was lined with fire clay, and this had been scattered all over the office, while the inner casing of the door was blown to fragments. The heavy outer casing was bent and twisted, but was not torn from the hinges.

The interior of the safe was divided into a number of compartments, among which were a cash drawer and an iron box for papers. This box, which slid in a wooden receptacle in the corner of the safe, had been taken out and was somewhat damaged. An empty cigar box was picked up on Smyth street, opposite Elliott's blacksmith shop and a steel chisel near the fire plug on Union street just above R'egan's. The papers had been removed from the iron box and the box itself is still missing.

It is believed that the robbery could not have been committed by one man but that at least three were concerned in it. The police are doing their utmost to discover the thieves, and their work thus far is highly creditable.

Monday is collection day with wholesale liquor men, and the burglars no doubt expected to get a big haul.

INDIANTOWN.

Indiantown is commencing to take on its spring appearance. The ice has disappeared from the streets, the clank of hammers and chisels can be heard on every hand about the water front, while the air is impregnated with the odor of paint and varnish.

The steamboat and tugboat people are up to their eyes in work and about every craft that makes Indiantown its headquarters has been or is undergoing repairs and painting to a greater or lesser extent.

The Star line will face the season's work with their two large steamers, the Victoria and David Weston, in excellent shape. They will be re-splendid with new paint. Samuel Thorne, who for many years past had charge of the Star Line freight shed, has branched out as a steamboat manager. His place will be filled by John McMullin, who last year acted as mate of the David Weston.

The May Queen will go on her old route as soon as navigation opens. Since tying up last fall her boilers and machinery have been thoroughly overhauled by Charles Bradley. Last week Wm. Knight started work with a gang of carpenters to make some improvements.

The str. Majestic has been undergoing extensive repairs at Marble Cove. New guards were put in. She has yet to be painted.

The tug Winnie is having a new boiler put in by Jas. Fleming & Son.

A horse hauling one of the Dominion Express Co's wagons struck work this afternoon. It lay down quietly in the nice soft mud on Germain street and seemed very contented to stay there. It refused to move until the wagon was unhitched when it arose and, without exhibiting any pride over the victory for labor, followed the driver peacefully to its stable.

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BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Sarah May Tait was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from her father's residence, Union street. Rev. T. J. Deinstadt officiated and the body was interred in Fernhill.

At half-past two o'clock today the funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Fowler took place from the residence of her son, John T. Fowler, Carmarthen street to St. John the Baptist church. The burial service was conducted by Rev. W. C. Gaynor and interment was made in the old Catholic burying ground. The pall-bearers were David O'Keefe, Edward Riley, Peter McCart, Capt. Cassidy, James McGrath and J. Sheehan.

The body of the late George Baxter, died in Yarmouth, was brought to the city by the steamer Yarmouth last evening. The funeral took place at half-past two this afternoon from his mother's residence, High street, to Fernhill cemetery. Service was conducted by Rev. D. J. Fraser.

UNCLE RUBE.

On St. Patrick's night, March 17, the Rose Dramatic Society will present the beautiful rural comedy Uncle Rube. This is a beautiful play of country life in Vermont and has splendid characters, bright wit and merry humor. The proceeds go to the R. C. orphans.

LOCAL.

Harry McClaskey is winning great success as a singer in the United States.

J. D. O'Connell of Sussex has obtained an option on Sheep Island, near Grand Manan, and will probably purchase it.

Dr. Silas Alward delivered a very interesting lecture in the Unitarian church last night on The Last Great Tribune. John Bright was the central figure of his discourse. The church was filled and the lecture greatly appreciated by all.

Hard Coal—Scotch, \$8; American, \$8.50; Gibbon & Co.

Moore's mill at Pleasant Point and Chas. Miller's mill at Pokok have resumed operations after being down for some time.

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LOST—On Thursday afternoon on King street, between M. R. A's and Victoria Hotel, a gold chain bracelet. Finder will please leave at STAR OFFICE.

DEVILN ELECTED.

TORONTO, March 9.—The Telegram's London cable says: Charles R. Devlin, Canadian immigration agent, was today elected to succeed Colonel Lynch as member of the British house of commons for Galway. The predicted opposition did not materialize.

TORONTO, March 9.—The News's London cable says: United Ireland of Dublin says of Devlin's candidacy in Galway: "If the people of Galway are not lost to all sense of nationality, self-respect and common shame, they will kick this enemy of Ireland out of their gates and secure the same from being allowed to that of the city of blind leaders of the blind."

The Free Lance says: Prostitution is the worst vice naturally occurs to us when we contemplate this action of patriots of Galway in throwing their beggary constituency into the arms of a Canadian immigration tout. God help Ireland.

WINNIPEG, March 9.—Members of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employers on the Canadian Pacific here went out on strike at four o'clock this afternoon. The Calgary members are requested to do the same.

DIED.

KEITH—At his home at Pettedoc, Sunday, March 8th, M. B. Keith, in the 75th year of his age.

WHITE—In Boston, March 5, Isabelle White, formerly of St. John, N. B., in the 4th year of her age.

MENULTY—In South Boston, March 8th, Mary, beloved wife of Michael McNulty, 45 years.

BAXTER—At Yarmouth, N. S., March 7, John K. Baxter, aged 37, of the 4th B. son of late George Baxter, leaving a wife, mother, son and brothers to mourn their loss.

MORRISON—March 9th, at 127 Duke street, St. John, Margaret Morrison, widow of the late George Morrison, and daughter of late James M. Hopley of the post office department.

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THE FREEMAN.

The disclosures concerning the Freeman are interesting. They bear out what the Star said yesterday concerning Mr. Blair's use of the "resources of civilization." The only reason that the Freeman was not a Blair organ during the recent campaign was that the owners declined to sell out. But the minister seems to have succeeded in getting a few paragraphs inserted that were intended to injure the chances of Mr. McInerney. The more the people learn of Mr. Blair's political methods the less likely they will be to talk about St. John being "under a debt of gratitude" to him.

The Gazette last evening denied that Mr. Blair had any desire to gain control of the Freeman. Of course Mr. Blair did not come down and offer to buy it. But he felt and feared the effect of its course, and it is a fact that at a time when the Freeman was in need of funds a gentleman came from Ottawa and sought to get control of the paper in Mr. Blair's interest. Whether he intended to kill it or convert it into a campaign sheet is of course not known, for the effort failed.

OLD HOME WEEK.

Yesterday's Star contained a report of the annual meeting of the Nova Scotia Tourist Association, at which the question of an Old Home Week was discussed, and the view expressed that the provincial government should aid the association in carrying out the project.

In today's Star appears an article from the Boston Transcript, from which the Star is indebted to Mr. W. S. Fisher. It tells of the organization of an Old Home Week Association for the State of Massachusetts, with the governor as president. The report is perhaps chiefly valuable in that it contains an address by ex-Gov. Rollins of New Hampshire, the originator of the Old Home Week idea. It will be seen on reading the whole report that the plan works out well and is being more generally adopted throughout the New England states.

The Star is of opinion that the maritime provinces should also have, each of them for itself or all of them together, an annual Old Home Week. Of course it cannot be properly arranged by either or all of the tourist associations, as at present constituted. But governmental aid and countenance should be available. If the proposition made by a member of the New Brunswick Association, that all the tourist work for the province be taken over by a department of the provincial government, with a good man in charge, should be favorably considered by the government, an annual Old Home Week might very properly be made one of the features of the work. Ex-Gov. Rollins in the address quoted, sets forth sound reasons for such an annual reunion, and his remarks are worthy of a thoughtful reading by the people of this city and province.

SCHOOL FOR THE BLIND.

The thirty-second annual report of the board of managers of the Halifax School for the Blind has recently been issued and shows the school to be in every way in a satisfactory condition. In December, 1901, 117 pupils were in attendance. During 1902, 28 others entered and 24 either graduated or remained at home, leaving 121 now in the school. Of these, 69 are boys, 48 girls, and four are male adults; 74 are from Nova Scotia, 32 from New Brunswick, 5 from Prince Edward Island and 9 from Newfoundland.

The teaching staff of the school remains the same as last year, with the exception of the musical instructor. H. B. Campbell has been appointed to take the position made vacant by the death of A. M. Chisholm. During the past school year certificates of competency were granted to four pupils from Nova Scotia and one each from P. E. Island and Newfoundland. Owing to the fact that greater accommodation is required in the school on account of the increasing numbers applying for admission the erection of a new building will shortly be commenced. The new one, which will be connected with the present building, will be used for school work, while the old one will be utilized for residence purposes. For this new building the satisfactory sum of \$32,057.65 has been promised, \$20,000 being from the Nova Scotia legislature.

The financial statement shows that the receipts during 1902 amounted to \$19,822.22, of which \$4,351.63 was contributed by the New Brunswick government and municipalities. At the beginning of the year 1902 there was a balance on hand of \$50.26. During the year the expenditure for all purposes connected with the management was \$19,590.78, leaving a balance of \$281.70 now in the bank.

A HINT TO FARMERS.

There is a suggestion to farmers: Carleton county farmers last year shipped out of that county over the C. P. R. 26,770 tons of hay and 153,000 bushels of oats, for which they received at the stations \$178,170. The railway's agricultural agent estimates that this hay and grain removed \$16,

and also that the above hay and grain if fed to beef cattle would bring in at least \$162,000, and with the best class of cattle much more, and retain all the fertility of the crops on the farms. All expenses of pressing and moving hay would be avoided.

A despatch states that a general has been killed and another one captured by revolutionists in Honduras. It was a rather bad day for generals, but the crop does not often fail in that region. And not infrequently the general who is killed one day is very much alive the next day. For this reason extended obituary notices of such dignitaries are not usually published until after they have been killed more than once.

With the thousands of immigrants pouring into the west there should be at least a few for New Brunswick. But the immigration policy of the New Brunswick government does not go beyond printing contracts for handbooks.

Where did all the money come from that the government party used on election day? It is a question frequently asked. It did not fall from the clouds, nor was it donated by charitable persons. Those who contributed it will get it back again, with interest.

The dominion parliament will begin its session this week. We shall probably soon know what the Grand Trunk wants, and Mr. Blair's attitude toward it will be worth watching.

Mr. John L. Carleton is now taking a turn at the wheel as crown prosecutor. The attorney general and Hon. Mr. McKeown are apparently not equal to the arduous task.

If the legislature at the coming session does not reform the ballot it will deserve the contempt of the people.

Has anyone heard of any tenders being called for to provide timber for new wharves in St. John harbor?

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

The local government will meet on Wednesday at Fredericton. There are three Allan steamers at Sand Point now.

Two Springhill came down from Parrabro yesterday with two coal barges.

Schs. Susie N. and Rolfe, which came down the bay yesterday from Port Greville, report that the bay is full of drift ice.

Miss Whelpley, one of the nurses in training at the general hospital and of this city, has resigned from the staff.

At the meeting of the Fabian League on the night of March 19, the Rev. W. C. Gaylor will be the speaker. The reverend gentleman's theme will be "Bribery and Corruption."

The 94th anniversary of the Queen square Methodist Sunday school will be celebrated on Sunday evening, when The King's Garden, a fine musical programme, will be given.

The Elder-Dempster str. Lake Ontario is expected here today. From Trinity church, has resigned to accept a similar position in the choir of St. John's church, Miss Shute was formerly in St. John's choir, and is returning now to her old position.

Mrs. M. A. Hutchings, 236 King street east, acknowledges with thanks Trinity church, has resigned to accept a similar position in the choir of St. John's church, Miss Shute was formerly in St. John's choir, and is returning now to her old position.

The first annual meeting of the New Brunswick Southern Railway Company was held on Monday morning, 12th inst. Mr. J. H. McLean, Major J. B. Egan, and Col. H. H. Stevens were elected directors. Col. McLean was appointed president of the board.

The special Gospel meetings of the Tabernacle church will be continued all of this week, beginning at 7.50 p. m. There will be a special meeting for men on Wednesday night, another for young people on Thursday night, and one especially for the Sunday school on Friday night.

A gentleman from Montreal, who has toured Canada from Pacific to Atlantic, told the Star yesterday that Trinity church choir, has the best Anglican choir in the dominion. He regards Mr. Strand as a great choir-master as well as a painstaking organist.

PROVINCIAL.

Professor Robertson has been asked by Premier Tweedie to go to Fredericton and talk over with the government the questions of establishing a college for agriculture and a scheme for the consolidation of rural schools.

Post Office Inspector Colter has gone to Dalhousie in connection with the arrest of the postmaster, J. A. Johnson, charged with being implicated in the theft of \$500. Yesterday Inspector Colter, assistant Inspector Whittaker and Detective Chamberlain were investigating matters. A. J. LeBlanc has been sworn in postmaster temporarily.

Rev. Chas. Hannigan of St. Stephen, will be raised to the dignity of priesthood in the cathedral next week. Rev. Mr. Hannigan is now deacon, having been advanced at the seminary, Quebec, where he has completed his studies. After ordination as priest he will be attached to the St. John diocese.

TORONTO, March 9.—Mayor Urquhart delivered an address before the Quaker Club today, in which he advised state ownership of railways, telegraphs and long distance telephone system, and that the municipalities should own water works, gas, electric light, street railway and local telephone systems.

MONTREAL, March 9.—The directors of the Richelieu Co. held a meeting today. It is not yet known how much damage was done to the hull of the steamer Montreal, and an expert will be engaged to make examination. After the meeting a leading agent of the Montreal Marine Association, Messrs. Superior to anything in Canadian lake waters.

OLD HOME WEEK.

Massachusetts Forms a State Association.

How New Hampshire Started the Plan—Addressed by Hon. F. W. Rollins and Dr. Bangs.

(Boston Transcript, March 5.) An Old Home Week Association for Massachusetts was formed at a meeting in Lorimer Hall, Tremont Temple, this afternoon. Perhaps 100 people were present, and some interesting speeches were made. Later a constitution and bylaws were adopted, similar to those of similar associations in neighboring states, and a list of officers was chosen having Governor Bates as president.

Dr. C. H. Bangs of Lynn, who has made a very complete compilation of figures dealing with the New England people who are in other parts of the world, presided at the meeting. T. F. Anderson was made secretary. In opening Dr. Bangs spoke in part as follows:

NEW ENGLANDERS SCATTERED. When we consider that from Vermont two out of every family of five, from New Hampshire, two out of every six, from Maine two out of every seven, from Rhode Island and Connecticut two out of every nine, and from Massachusetts two out of every twelve, of the present generation have left the "old home," and are now residing outside the state of their birth, we can clearly perceive the origin of the sentiment that underlies the old-home week movement.

New Hampshire was the first state to fully estimate the strength of those home ties of which the poets have ever sung, and in 1899, through her chief executive, Governor Rollins, she invited all her absent sons and daughters to return to their old homes for a week of reunion. So satisfactory of all concerned were the results of these reunions, that old-home week has become a fixed festival in the state, and thousands plan their vacations from year to year so that they can be at their old homes at that time. Thus by a simultaneous home-coming a great number of old friends can meet together and renew their friendships amid the surroundings of their childhood.

So spontaneous was the enthusiasm awakened by the old-home week sentiment that Maine, in 1900, adopted the same plans pursued by New Hampshire, and old-home week observances have been a decided feature of the past three summer seasons in the Pine Tree state. Vermont fell into line in this movement in 1901, and has very happily combined the reunions of old-home week with the patriotic observances of the anniversary of the battle of Bennington. Massachusetts, in 1902, in taking up the custom went one step further and passed a law whereby such city or town could appropriate money for the observance of old-home week, and estimated that during the week beginning with the last Sunday in July, this year Connecticut is making ready to adopt the custom, and it may be taken up by Rhode Island also. Going outside New England we find that the custom has been adopted quite extensively in other localities.

Some idea of the strong ties of sentiment that bind the New England states to each other and to the other states of the union may be gathered from the following summary: In connection with the observance of old-home week, the Massachusetts people remember that it represents only present conditions, and does not refer in any way to the thousands of native emigrants who have, in generations past, gone out from these states to fight the battles of civilization, and who have done such noble deeds as to have opened the upper Hudson to the Mississippi, from the Mississippi to the Rocky Mountains, and from the Rocky Mountains to the golden sands of the Pacific. There are over 1,000,000 New England born people who are now living outside their native land, and who are equal to the united population of the four great territories that are now seeking the privileges of statehood, and is greater than the population of eighteen of the different states of the union. Maine has furnished 216,551, New Hampshire 124,948, Vermont 163,541, Massachusetts 299,614 toward this grand total of 1,012,357.

This great industrial army, which outnumbered the entire strength of the union army at the close of the war, has invaded every part of our nation. Three hundred and twelve thousand of these New Englanders are scattered throughout the states of Nevada, Idaho, and Wyoming, have gone to the middle and extreme west. There they have founded cities and built up states in which the spirit of New England institutions is reincarnated and which stand as a credit to New England on all great questions of public policy and national honor. Twenty-two thousand are scattered along the seaboard from Delaware to Florida, and there are about 3,000 in other parts of the South. In the nearer states of New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania there are 177,322, while the interchange between the New England states themselves amounts to nearly half a million people. California has been the objective point of over 50,000 from New England, and 30,000 have settled in Colorado, Washington, Oregon, Illinois stands close to California, with 46,000 to her credit. Next in order is Minnesota, with 30,000, Wisconsin with 23,000, Michigan, with 22,000, Iowa with 21,000, Ohio with 19,000, and Missouri, Indiana, Kansas and Nebraska with a total of 42,000, which is equal to the entire population of Nevada.

New York has drawn upon New England for 126,000 of her people, and the draft has been honored. Sixty-five thousand have gone to swell the population of New York city, while the New England colony in Chicago numbers 22,000, that in San Francisco 10,000, and an equal number have followed in the footsteps of William Penn to help build up the Quaker city. The five states that will observe Old Home Week this year will invite over 950,000 of their former citizens to revisit their homes and renew the associations of their youth. With a general observance of Old Home Week we can safely predict such a homecoming as Massachusetts has never known before.

HOW THE IDEA STARTED.

Another address from ex-Governor Frank W. Rollins of New Hampshire, the originator of the Old Home Week

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Idea, was read by the secretary and went as follows:

A great deal of the success of the Old Home enterprise was due to the idea itself. If it had been called anything else but "Old Home Week," it is doubtful if it would have lived, but the name seemed to have a powerful sentimental effect, and to catch the ear. I often asked the question: "How did you happen to think of it?" The idea grew by a process of evolution. I was engaged in trying to discover some means to bring back to the small towns of New Hampshire some of the good blood which had left it. This purpose of draining away the brightest intellects had been going on for many years and doubtless will continue. The problem then was how to re-interest them in the place of their nativity, and get them to spend part of the year there, and give the old towns the assistance of their presence and the advantage of their wealth; but, above all, the inspiration of their presence and encouragement. I thought of many schemes of bringing this about, but at last settled upon some kind of a reunion, at which the project could be laid before them. It then occurred to me that this might be made an annual reunion, at a fixed date, because if it recurred every year at a certain period, people could make their plans so that they could be sure of meeting those who were dear to them in their youth, at that time. One of the dearest things in the world is for a person who has been away many years to go back and miss the dear faces and find simply vacancies where he once met the glad grasp of the hand and the merry twinkle of the eye. By all coming home, at a certain time each year, great benefit was obtained and this feeling of vacancy and loss eliminated. Of course, there was always a certain element of sadness in going home, and there are always people to be missed, particularly in one's own town, and it is perhaps more of a bitter sadness; it is perhaps more of a sweet sadness, and the meeting with so many of those who are connected with one's youth and the days which were bright and glad some help to relieve whatever grief there may be present. The first year (1898), it has been a distinct success. It was first inaugurated in New Hampshire, and its inauguration was heralded from one end of the country to the other. We had many thousands coming from all parts of the country, and some even from foreign lands. So enthusiastic were the people who could not possibly get away to come to New Hampshire, that they held celebrations during "Old Home Week" in their present homes. This was the case in Montana and California, in addition to those who actually came. Hundreds of people wrote letters, showing that the sentiment and the call had strongly appealed to them, and that they were only prevented by press of duties or lack of means from coming themselves. I do not think there was a celebration in the States which was not a distinct success and they were largely spontaneous. The amount of work which was put in to make them a success was very small, comparatively speaking, and this has been shown in an increasing degree from year to year. Some of the most successful meetings are those held in the small towns where nothing is attempted more than a picnic and a few speeches, and perhaps a little music. After all it is the getting together and the meeting of our friends and the visitation of places once very dear to us that is the essential thing.

The advantage is not altogether to the city, or the country towns. Indeed, I am sure that the benefit is at least fifty per cent. to those who return. Of course the towns are greatly benefited. I do not like to say much about the practical benefits that they have received in the way of gifts of buildings, improved roads and repairs to churches, schools and seminaries, although they have been very large, but I do like to dwell upon the renewed courage it has given to the towns, the general uplift the spur that it has given them to improve their conditions in order that they may each year greet their returning sons and daughters with new zest, and show them the improvements made in their little town during the year. The tendency is now to have something to point to, as accomplished during the year past; a new piece of road built, a new building erected, a new school established, a debating society, a lyceum, or something else in the way of progress.

We people of New England must bear in mind that, while a few years ago the summer resorts of the country were largely right here, and the people had to travel to us from the south and from the west during the heated term, today summer resorts are springing up in nearly every state and throughout Canada; all along the Great Lakes and by the smaller lakes of Minnesota; through the mountains of the south, and, of course, in the Adirondacks, and along our Atlantic seaboard summer resorts innumerable have come into existence, so that our New England summer resorts and our New England towns have a large and increasing com-

OFFICERS CHOSEN.

Committees were then named, on motion from the floor, to effect organization. That on constitution and by-laws was composed of William A. Hunnewell of Somerville, C. S. Ensign of Newton, and George M. Whitaker of Boston; and that of nomination for officers of Representative C. H. Adams of Melrose, J. M. Dean of Fall River, and Mrs. J. A. S. Hutchinson of Cambridge. While these committees were at Secretary Anderson read a number of letters, all ardently in favor of forming an association. Inclosed were letters from United States Senator Hoar, Lieutenant Governor Guild, Postmaster Hibbard and many representatives of societies, boards of trade and city and town governments. The chairman then called on Representative Adams of Melrose to say a few words as the "father" of the Old Home Week bill which went through the Massachusetts legislature in record time last year. He said the only discussion on that bill was on the question of a date, and not a voice was raised against the measure. He was opposed to any noisy demonstration for Old Home Week.

The constitution reported by Mr. Hunnewell's committee stated the name of the association as the Massachusetts Old Home Week Association, and regarding the object said:

"Article 2.—The object of this association is to promote the observance of Old Home Week in Massachusetts by assisting in the organization of old-home-week associations in the various cities and towns of the commonwealth, and by disseminating literature relating to the movement; and, in general, to stimulate patriotic interest in their former home on the part of natives of the state now living outside its borders.

"Article 3.—Any resident of the state of Massachusetts, or any person born in the state, is eligible to membership in this association."

Mr. Adams's committee submitted this list of officers, which was adopted: President, Governor John L. Bates; Boston: vice-president-at-large, Charles H. Bangs, M. D., Lynn; vice-presidents, Hon. George Frisbie Hoar, Worcester; Hon. John D. Long, Hingham; General Charles H. Taylor, Boston; General Charles H. Masury, Danvers; Henry M. White, Brookline; Hon. George Sheldon, Deerfield; Hon. William B. Plunkett, Adams; Charles H. Adams, Melrose; Rev. David L. Keble, Granville Centre; Hon. William C. Lovering, Taunton; Darius M. Nickerson, Jr., Harwich; secretary, Thomas F. Anderson, Boston; treasurer, Major Henry L. Higginson, Boston; executive committee, Hon. Elihu B. Hayes, Lynn; Mrs. Austin C. Wellington, Cambridge; Dana J. Flanders, Malden.

Blanks were distributed for the names and addresses of those present, thus starting the membership list.

BIG BUSINESS TRANSFER.

P. Nase & Son of Indianapolis have bought the interest of W. E. Noble and several others in the J. W. McAlary Co. This practically means the absorption of the McAlary Co. by the Messrs. Nase, who have been one of Indianapolis's most progressive firms for years past. The McAlary Co. was a comparatively new concern, and among the heaviest stockholders were W. E. Nobles, Senator King and Robert Richardson.

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NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

Advertisers must send in copy before 9.30 a. m. to insure insertion that day. It would greatly favor the Star if the copy could be sent in during the afternoon prior to its publication.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. Canon Richardson has a black Persian lamb cap that does not belong to him, his own having been taken by mistake. He would be glad to return it to the owner.

A concert will be held in the vestry of the Carleton Baptist church on Thursday evening. Some of the best local talent will be represented, and an excellent programme will be rendered.

ST. LUKE'S Y. M. C. A. The annual meeting of the young men's association of St. Luke's church was held last evening. There was a good attendance of members. The annual report of the secretary and treasurer were submitted and showed the association to be in a prosperous condition.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Willard Smith, president; A. G. Brown, 1st vice-president; D. Tapley, 2nd vice-president; Stanley Harrison, secretary-treasurer; Usher Miller, assistant secretary-treasurer; Long Craft, sergeant-at-arms. Managing committee consisting of the above officers with R. Adams, H. Campbell and L. Belyea.

THIS MORNING'S CONCERT.

Quite a lengthy entertainment consisting of vocal solos and duets and one round sparring exhibition was given by two cats on South Market street this morning. The performance started about two o'clock and did not end until nearly five. The audience was small, being composed chiefly of sleepless occupants of the Victoria hotel and adjoining buildings and they came in on passes. They showed their appreciation of the effort of the performers by throwing frequent bouquets.

THE WATER DEPARTMENT. As an example of how the water department do things the fountain at the head of Rodney wharf, Carleton, has been shut off during the past two weeks. The fountain was allowed to run during the earlier part of the season in spite of the severe cold, but at the time of the last cold snap, two or three weeks ago, it was shut off and has remained so ever since. The cold weather only continued for a couple of days and since then the need of water has been greatly felt. There is no other place handy where horses can be watered and the shutting off of this fountain is causing much inconvenience.

A MILLINERY HINT. Straw braids will be shown this season in large variety of patterns and colorings, and of a soft make, easy to be manipulated.

Lace and sequin crowns will be popular. A new thing is pendant sequin. Drop ornaments or tassel effects are a novelty used principally on ready-to-wear outing hats, and they are shown in jet and silk cord effects. An new feature in ornaments is old gold with settings of imitation turquoise and coral.

C. P. R. CLERKS DISCHARGED.

MONTREAL, March 9.—A dozen clerks were discharged today at the head office of the Canadian Pacific Railway. The officials say the clerks were laid off owing to need to reduce the staff, but those who rest their positions say membership of the new organization of railway clerks was the cause. All were members of the branch of the international union, formed here last week. President Myers, of the union, has been summoned to Montreal.

POKEY JOE'S PILGRIMAGE.

Pokey Joe Hogan has gone. The poor old fellow was disappointed in his efforts to get transportation to the capes yesterday and started out to walk to Moncton. Through the kindness of some of those whom he met he was provided with money sufficient to purchase food for a day or two. He was last seen going over the Marsh bridge yesterday afternoon, scuffling along the road, and contentedly eating biscuits from a bag in his hand.

FREDERICTON ELECTIONS.

FREDERICTON, March 9.—The civic election was held today. The contest was unexciting, there being opposition in only two wards. In Wellington, Scott received 475, and Alderman Stockford 409, defeating Alderman Ryan. In Kings ward J. A. Edwards polled 446, Rogers 402, defeating Alderman Boyce.

DELEGATION TO OTTAWA.

W. M. Jarvis, president of the board of trade, D. J. McLaughlin and John Thomson leave tonight for Ottawa, where they will be joined by W. S. Fisher, who is now in New York. The delegation will interview the government on the subjects of harbor dredging, Negrotown Point lighthouse, the Lurchar lightship and other matters.

POLICE COURT.

John Oram silently acquiesced in the statement that he had been slightly exhilarated in the Union depot last night. He was gathered in by Officer Collins and hauled to the lockup. This morning Oram wanted to go to the woods to work in a lumber camp, but his longings for exercise will be relieved during the next few days by the bucksaws and wood pile in the jail yard.

THIS EVENING.

Concert in Centenary church schoolroom. Rehearsal Chapman Festival Chorus in York Theatre. The Carleton branch chorus will meet in Temperance Hall. The quarterly meeting of the U. E. Loyalist Society will be held at the rooms of the Historical Society, Market building, Tuesday evening, March 10, at 8.15 p. m. A paper will be read by Doctor Doyle.

NO DISAGREEMENT.

Secretary Stanley of the Ship Laborers' Society denies that there have been any secret meetings of members of that society or that there is any disagreement among the members arising out of politics or anything else.

COUNTY COURT.

Case of McHugh, Charged With Assaulting Mrs. McCabe.

Crown Makes a Strong Case—Prisoner Contradicts Crown Witnesses—Case Continued.

The St. John county court opened at 10 o'clock yesterday afternoon, Judge Wells presiding.

- The docket is as follows: Criminal. 1. The King v. Dunham and Baker. 2. The King v. McHugh. Civil Docket.

Jury:—1. Rankine v. Seeley, H. W. Robertson. 2. McManus v. Gleeson et al. A. A. Wilson. 3. Sun Life Assurance Co. v. Monteith, H. W. Robertson.

Non-Jury. 1. Graves v. Anderson, G. H. V. Belyea. 2. Bostwick et al v. Dunlop, G. H. V. Belyea.

The case of Rankine v. Seeley was made a remanet on motion of A. A. Wilson, K. C., the defendant's attorney, H. W. Robertson, the plaintiff's attorney, consenting. The grand jury brought in a true bill in each of the criminal cases. The indictments were for assault. The accused had been out on bail, but after true bills were found against them they were sent to jail.

In the county court this morning the case of the King v. Edward McHugh for assault on Mrs. Annie McCabe came up before Judge Wells.

Several witnesses were examined, making a strong case for the crown. The defense opened with the testimony of the prisoner, who denied positively most of the assertions of the plaintiff. Other witnesses for the defense are being heard this afternoon.

John L. Carleton, K. C., appeared for the crown, and L. A. Curry, K. C., and A. W. Baird for the prisoner. The following composed the petit jury: A. G. Blakelee, T. W. Robinson, S. T. Golding, Robt. O'Brien, Jos. W. Potts, Thos. McMaster, Sam J. Richey, Charles H. Ramsay, Rainsford W. Williams, James W. Smith, Hugh Campbell, Edward L. Strange. In opening the case Mr. Carleton briefly related the circumstances of the assault and called Mrs. McCabe as the first witness for the crown. She told of going to the Salvation Army meeting on Charlotte street on Thursday evening, Feb. 12. She left there a little after nine o'clock, accompanied by her husband. He went on ahead and witness stood talking with the doorkeeper. Following down the stairs she saw the prisoner and two others standing at the foot. The prisoner caught hold of her coat and made an indecent proposal to her, offering her money. She repulsed him and started to cross the street. The prisoner followed and spoke further to her. He then went on down Charlotte street, and she followed, intending to tell a policeman and have him arrested. Near the alley between St. Andrew's and Queen's Rink he struck her with his fist in the mouth, loosening two teeth, one of which came out. He also struck her over the head, knocking her down. McHugh was also about to kick her when his companions pulled him away. She shrieked and a crowd gathered, some running after the prisoner. She went to the police station and found nobody there. Finding a policeman at the market she took him to the steamer Yarmouth, where she identified the prisoner and had him arrested.

Cross-examined by Mr. Curry Mrs. McCabe said she had never seen McHugh before that night. She resented some of the counsel's questions and retorted sharply, declining positively to answer on some occasions. She positively identified the prisoner as the man who had insulted and beaten her, and through a rather trying cross-examination stuck to her original story in every particular. Mr. Carleton re-examined briefly.

Lars Carlgen, second officer of the steamer Yarmouth, was with McHugh in front of the S. A. barracks the night of the assault. When Mrs. McCabe came down the steps he did not see the prisoner take hold of her. Heard a conversation, but did not hear what was said. Saw prisoner follow her way to Vanwart's corner and then saw them going down street together. Later he heard a woman cry and went over and saw McHugh running down street. He saw another man go across the street toward the couple before he heard the woman cry. He did not see any blows struck.

Do Mr. Curry the witness said he had known McHugh for two years and judged him to be a respectable man of good character.

Berton McCabe, husband of the complainant, said that on the night of the assault he and his wife left the barracks together, but she stayed to talk with the doorkeeper, while he went on home. He had not been home long when he heard his wife had been assaulted and went out after her. When he returned she was home. Officer Thomas Sullivan told of making the arrest on complaint of Mrs. McCabe. When she came to him she was bleeding at the mouth. When he arrested McHugh there was blood on the knuckles of his left hand.

John Owens said he was coming up Charlotte street by Vanwart's corner the night of the assault. He saw Mrs. McCabe coming from the S. A. barracks followed by a man who fell down in the middle of the street. He heard him say he knew her, and she declared she would follow him till he was arrested. Later he heard the woman shriek and saw the man running. He saw no blood. Witness then went and informed Mr. McCabe.

John Spittal was also in Vanwart's corner that night. A lady ran across the street and said she had been insulted. A young man followed her and they had an argument, after which she followed the man down the street, saying she would get a policeman. Witness then went away. Later he heard a yell, but paid no attention to it.

Opening the case for the defense, A. W. Baird said they would be able to show the jury that the defendant did not commit any offense as stated, and that every step the complainant took after the alleged insult was in consequence of a misapprehension on her part as to the man who had insulted her. They would show that the pri-

soner used no insulting language to Mrs. McCabe, nor did he seize her by the coat, as she had stated. They would allow that he might have struck her slightly in an effort to get away from her determined attempt to fix on him an offense which he had not committed.

The prisoner took the stand in his own behalf. In his version of the incidents of Feb. 12 he stated that he and Carlgen were standing in front of the S. A. barracks, when he saw Mrs. McCabe coming out. He did not speak to her nor use any offensive language nor touch her. She went up street and came back and said witness had insulted her. She then struck him over the mouth. He then followed her across the street to see why she had struck him. Then she said she would follow him everywhere. He tried to get away from her. When they got down as far as the rink he was so aggravated that he struck her with the back of his hand. He only hit her once and had no intention of hurting her—only wanted to get rid of her. He insisted that he never touched her or disturbed Mrs. McCabe in any other way that night.

Cross-examined by Mr. Carleton, witness said he could neither read nor write. On the day in question he had been drinking. He held in detail to his story as told in his direct examination.

PILSENER BEER.

A Legal Fight Over Its Sale in Beer Shops.

Quite an interesting case of violation of the Beer License Act is being heard before Magistrate Ritchie this afternoon. It is the first of its kind to be brought up and a long fight is expected as the point on which action has been taken affects the sale of Pilsener beer in all beer shops.

Some time ago on account of developments in the police court and elsewhere it was decided that Pilsener beer was intoxicating and its sale was forbidden in all shops holding licenses for the sale of beer. Later on this order was amended for various reasons and Inspector Jones issued to all beer licensees a circular in which he stated that pending the fixing of a definite standard by the lieutenant-governor in council, he had decided that beer or other liquor containing more than two and one quarter per cent. of alcohol should come within the definition of "Intoxicating Liquor." This notice was sent in order that all beer licensees might understand the view of the law held by the inspector and that they might see to it that the beer they sold did not contain more than the two and one-quarter per cent. of alcohol.

A short time ago one of the government analysts was requested to test a sample of Pilsener beer which was being sold by John Henderson, restaurant keeper, of Main street. He did so and found that the beer contained considerably more than the percentage of alcohol fixed by Inspector Jones. In consequence of this information was made against Mr. Henderson and the case comes up at two o'clock this afternoon.

The bottle of Pilsener from which the test was made bears the label of Jas. Ready, Fairville. Both sides to the suit are represented by counsel and it is expected that quite a number of witnesses will be examined.

CIRCUIT COURT.

No Criminal Cases—Milligan vs. Crockett Slated for Friday.

The March sitting of the St. John circuit court opened this morning, Justice Gregory presiding. There being no criminal business his honor discharged the grand jury after briefly addressing them. The petit jury were discharged until Friday, March 13th, when the cases of Milligan vs. Crockett, and Milligan vs. Crockett will come up for trial.

The docket is as follows: The Docket. McKay v. Fraser—W. W. Allen, Currie v. St. John Street Railway—W. E. Wallace. Milligan v. Crockett—H. A. McKeown. Remanet. Non-Jury Causes.

Sayre v. Portland Rolling Mills—Colby-Curry & Vincent. Sayre v. St. John Bridge and Railway—Curry & Vincent. Sayre v. Portland Rolling Mills—Curry & Vincent. New Docket.

Walker v. Jackson—Curry & Vincent. Healy v. Foster—Curry & Vincent. Bank of Montreal v. Potts—H. H. McLean. Wolff v. Komenisky—H. H. McLean. McIntyre et al v. McCurdy—G. V. McLernery.

The case of McKay v. Fraser was made a remanet by consent. The case of Sayre v. The Portland Rolling Mills was also postponed on the application of Geo. R. Vincent desiring a settlement. Walker v. Jackson was made a remanet on account of the plaintiff's illness. The case of Healy v. Hon. Geo. E. Foster, J. D. Hazen applied for a postponement on account of the defendant's illness. Counsel for the plaintiff consenting, the case stands over till next circuit. This action arises from a promissory note given to Geo. E. Hazen, by him endorsed over to the present plaintiff, John Beattie. The case of Bank of Montreal v. Potts was struck off the docket. The case having been settled out of court. Assessment cases of Wolff v. Komenisky, M. K. and T. Pidl., and McIntyre v. McCurdy will be heard this afternoon.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Which Will Remove Some of the Staff From St. John.

An important change will shortly be made in the arrangement and work of the C. P. R. general office staff here, which will result in the abolition of the present accountant's office.

On many railroads the accountant's work is done in the divisional superintendent's office, but on the Atlantic division of the C. P. R. it has all been done in the general offices at St. John. It is believed that this present arrangement can be improved upon and the officials of the road have within the past day or two decided to follow the custom of other roads and have the accounting for each sub-division of the road done in the office of the superintendent in charge of those sub-divisions.

In consequence of this decision the work now handled in St. John for the whole line from Megantic to St. John will be undertaken by the divisional superintendents at M'Adam and Brownville. To assist them in this work the present accountant's staff will be transferred to each of the superintendents' offices. J. G. Shewen, the accountant here, will remain in St. John and has been

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SHIPPING NEWS.

Foreign Ports. NEW YORK, March 10.—Arrived, La Bretagne, from Havre. (Montpelier, Ind., Herald.) Peter Stout took a bath today and put on new clothes from the skin out. This is something new for Peter.

OTTAWA NEWS. OTTAWA, March 9.—Captain Farguharson, of the steamer Newfoundland, which is endeavoring to reach the coast of other roads and have the accounting for each sub-division of the road done in the office of the superintendent in charge of those sub-divisions. In consequence of this decision the work now handled in St. John for the whole line from Megantic to St. John will be undertaken by the divisional superintendents at M'Adam and Brownville. To assist them in this work the present accountant's staff will be transferred to each of the superintendents' offices. J. G. Shewen, the accountant here, will remain in St. John and has been