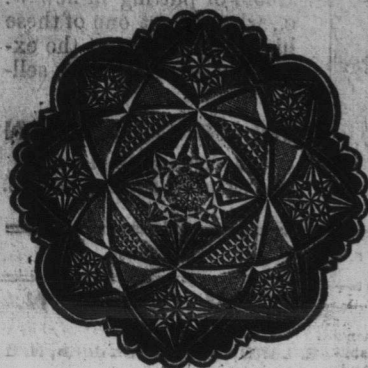


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FINEST ON THE CONTINENT.

Something About the New R. & O. Boat to be Built at Toronto.

TORONTO, Feb. 9.—The keel of a new palace passenger steamer for the Richelieu and Ontario Navigation company is this week being laid at Bert's ship yards. The steamer, when completed, will cost between \$450,000 and \$475,000, and C. F. Gildersleeve, of Montreal, the general manager of the company, when in the city recently insisted that, when completed, she would be the finest passenger steamer on the continent. The boat, like the Kingston and Toronto, has been designed by A. Angstrom, marine architect. She will be 340 feet long over all. The Kingston is 290 feet long, but these figures do not represent the difference in size of the two boats. Mr. Angstrom says that the new vessel will be 60 per cent. larger in accommodation through-

out than the Kingston. Other dimensions are: Beam of hull, 48 feet; width over the guards, 75 feet; depth of hull, 15 feet. The boat will be equipped with 266 staterooms, including 22 parlor rooms and 9 bath rooms. The cabin will be built with two tiers of staterooms, but so arranged that a third tier may be on the main deck. There will be accommodation for second class passengers on the main deck forward. The vessel will be completed in the spring of 1902, and will replace the steamer Montreal, now plying between Montreal and Quebec. The name has not yet been decided upon. She will be capable of running 20 miles an hour, an ample service, several miles greater than that possessed by the boats now on the line. The architect and the proprietors of the new steamer maintain that, in steadiness of equipment and elegance throughout, she will surpass the big boats on the upper lakes or any others in America.

SOUTH AFRICA.

Boers Believed to be Pretty Nearly at Their Last Stand.

Better Understanding Between Britain and Portugal—DeWet's Movements.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A special despatch from Pretoria says General Dewet crossed the Orange River north of Norval's Pont Sunday night, going in the direction of Philippstown. The British are following.

The Cape Town correspondent of the Standard says reports have been received there from Delagoa Bay asserting that the natives of the north Transvaal have risen against the Boers.

CAPE TOWN, Feb. 12.—Joseph Chamberlain, secretary of state for the colonies, has addressed a communication to Sir Alfred Milner, approving the remarks made by Sir Alfred in his reply to the Afrikaander deputations sent to him by the Afrikaander congress at Worcester with resolutions addressed to Queen Victoria.

"The government has no intention," says the colonial secretary, "of changing its policy which it has repeatedly declared and which has been approved overwhelmingly by the empire."

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—A special to the New York Herald from London, dated today, says:

A very curious sentiment prevailed in London yesterday in regard to the condition of affairs in South Africa. It was one of supreme hopefulness, so much so that there had never been such buoyancy of sentiment since Lord Roberts took Pretoria. There is absolutely no doubt that news has reached here from German sources showing that the Boers are pretty nearly at their last stand in their continued harassment of the British.

The development of General Kitchener's well laid plan leaves them in a very high hopeless condition. This view of the situation is also taken upon the stock exchange. The government felt upon yesterday to deny that General Sir Evelyn Wood was going to the front. The whole idea is simply ridiculous. He is not only stone dead, but he is not in the least person a grata, with King Edward, whose wishes he went out of his way to oppose in the matter of certain appointments a few weeks ago. The King of Portugal's departure last evening, I hear from a diplomatic source, has been intentionally made much of. There is no doubt that during his stay here a most important understanding was come to between England and Portugal. This gives still greater weight to the publication yesterday of a delayed telegram saying that the Portuguese were operating with the English to prevent the landing of war material for the Boers.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—"Sensational developments are impending here," says the Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail. "There have been wholesale thefts of military stores, and prominent officials and merchants are implicated. Several arrests have already been made along the railroad line."

KING GEORGE GOES HOME.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—King George, of Greece, started homeward at 11 o'clock this morning. King Edward, the Duke of Cornwall and York, Prince Charles of Denmark and the members of the Greek legation in London accompanied him to the Victoria station, where a guard of honor was in attendance. The route from Buckingham palace to the station was lined with cheering crowds.

After the King of Greece had bidden farewell to the others, he and King Edward entered a saloon, carriage and embraced, each kissing the other on both cheeks. The train started in the midst of the rendering of the Greek anthem and hearty cheering.

FOUR THOUSAND GIRLS TRIKE.

SCRANTON, Pa., Feb. 12.—The strike of the 4,000 silk workers in Scranton has resolved itself into a lockout. The mill owners and managers today declared they will not re-open their mills until the girls are willing to resume at the figures which were offered nearly two weeks ago, and in which there was a concession of 25 cents a week to each employee.

The strikers are determined to stay out until their demands shall be granted. They have asked all silk workers in the country for moral and material assistance, requesting them to strike if the mills at which they are employed handle material from the Scranton mills.

HAVE BOUGHT A NEWSPAPER.

MONTREAL, Feb. 12.—It is stated here this morning that the Morning Telegram of Winnipeg has been purchased by Mann and McKenzie, railway contractors, for \$30,000, and that \$45,000 will be spent in improving the plant in the east to manage the paper in the interests of the contractors' railway schemes. This leaves the conservative party without an organ in Manitoba.

LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—This being the anniversary of the birth of Abraham Lincoln, all the down town exchanges and banks will be closed. It will be a legal holiday. The custom houses and other government offices will be open for only a short time.

A LOTTERY

To Put Fort Erie in the Same Class as Monte Carlo and Such.

RUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—The Times this afternoon says: A syndicate of sporting men from various parts of the United States and Canada have established a lottery in Fort Erie, and the first drawing is to take place some time this month. Negotiations have been going on for some time, but everything has been done so quietly that the fact was not disclosed until today. The tickets for the coming drawing have been sold throughout the United States, Canada and in South America.

The lottery is conducted similarly to the old Louisiana, and was operated in Montreal until its charter there expired a short time ago. It is now known as the Fort Erie Art Gallery Association. Tickets are sold at prices ranging from 25 cents to \$1, and the prizes range in value from \$50 to \$50,000, the capital prize.

The drawings are to be made in public, and the prize winners are entitled to receive not money, but pictures. For example, the winner of the capital prize will get an oil painting, the estimated value of which is \$50,000 and the Art Association will buy back the picture that may be won. This lottery and new pool rooms just established there, it is hoped, by the village authorities, will make Fort Erie as notorious as Monte Carlo, Monaco, and Baden.

A \$20,000,000 COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 12.—The Tribune says:—The long talked of syndicate of Trojan collar, cuff and shirt wholesale houses is now regarded as a certainty by the manufacturers concerned. No outside capital will be required by the combination, the name of which will be the American Collar, Cuff and Shirt Company. With a few exceptions every well known house in the trade having factories at Troy, will, it is said, be identified with the new order of things.

The interests of those represented in the deal aggregate \$20,000,000. Instead of having individual offices in the different cities a single clearing house will be established in each market covering the general business.

UNEASY SPAIN.

MADRID, Feb. 12.—The republicans held several meetings yesterday to celebrate the anniversary of the proclamation of the republic. The progressists endeavored to march in procession to the meeting with the federalists, but the police barred their road and compelled them to disperse. The meetings were enthusiastic. The provincial prefects now announce that tranquillity has been restored in the various departments.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The Madrid correspondent of the Standard wiring at midnight says: It is asserted tonight that about 40 arrests have been made. Several policemen and some of the rioters have been injured in Madrid as well as several rioters and four gendarmes at Saragossa, where martial law has been proclaimed.

MADRID, Feb. 12.—The government has suppressed the republican organ, El Pais.

WHY AMERICAN FIRMS SUCCEED.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—A parliamentary paper complies with the house of commons request of December 14, for the American and British bridge companies to supply the Uganda railroad. An American company agreed to erect the bridges in 46 weeks. The lowest English bid for the delivery of material on board ship at London was 60 weeks. The American company offered to lay down the material at any British port for five guineas less than the average price of the British company's delivery in London.

The American company agreed to erect the bridges for £18 per ton, only £2 10s. more than the average British price for delivery in London.

THE KING'S THANKS.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Feb. 12.—Albert E. Jones, chairman of Victoria club, has received the following response to the telegram of condolence sent to the king: "Buckingham Palace, Feb. 12.—The private secretary is commanded to convey the thanks of the king for the kind expressions of loyalty and sympathy contained in the message which you have forwarded to his majesty. January 31, 1901."

A MILLION GRINDSTONES.

CLEVELAND, Ohio, Feb. 12.—The Independent Stone Company, with headquarters in this city, has been formed with a capital of \$500,000. It will combine the quarries at Amherst, Independence, Freeport, Chagrin Falls and Lake's Abraham, on Lake Huron. The company will have a capacity of 1,000,000 grindstones annually.

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 12.—Strong north-westerly winds, fair, becoming cold Wednesday; strong north-westerly winds, fine and cold.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 12.—Forecast—Eastern states and northern New York—Show flurries in west; fair in east portion tonight; colder Wednesday; fair, brisk northwesterly winds.

WILL WED AN AMERICAN.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—The newspapers here today announce the engagement of W. Bayard Cutting, the private secretary of Joseph H. Choate, the U. S. ambassador, and Lady Sybil Cuffe. Lady Sybil Marjorie Cuffe is the youngest daughter of the Earl of Desart, (Hamilton John Agmondesham Cuffe). She was born in 1875.

PHILIPPINES.

The United States Has Still a Large Contract.

Another Year at Least Required to Pacify the Inhabitants.

(Correspondence of the Associated Press.)

MANILA, Jan. 10.—Progress toward the pacification of the Philippines has certainly been making more rapid strides during the opening days of the new year than during any similar period in 1900. Conservative military men, and those of longest experience fighting Filipinos, seem to be the most conservative in summing up the events of 1900 readily concede that, taken altogether, the progress made last year was decidedly slow. Now the situation has begun to brighten.

The military men were far from sharing the optimistic views of the Philippine commissioners as expressed in their report prepared last November, but they did place confidence in the general preparations for a more aggressive campaign.

News of the result of the presidential election appeared to be received with characteristic native indifference; but General McArthur's proclamation of Dec. 20, designating all "who do anything to the interest of the occupying army" as "war rebels or traitors, punishable at the discretion of the tribunals of the occupying army," was a proposition so plain that all who can read it. The term during the last campaign, the largest number of rebels having expired, and the carrying out of the commands of General McArthur's proclamation having begun with the arrests of large batches of insurgents, a scurrying for the mountains of the insurgent leaders who were trying to play double games became fewer and several hundred natives soon found themselves en route to Manila under guard.

While the army industriously chases the remnants of the insurgent army up the mountain sides the no less indefatigable Philippine commission is building up a framework of civil government as effective as the representatives of the administration can make it.

The average army officer, judging from his standpoint, places the date of ultimate pacification at not sooner and generally much later than one year hence. The commission, placing more faith in the lesson of autonomy, and the enlightenment of progressive civil government, looks forward to an earlier peace. It is a very common saying in Manila that the longer an American remains in the Philippines the less capable is he of forming a definite opinion on the situation. The Filipino is learning, by unhappy experiences, that he cannot be permitted to serve two masters, and every American here agrees that the various forces at work in the interest of closing out the remnants of hostility and establishing law, order and justice will, from all present indications, have accomplished radical results before the close of 1901.

TUMBLER PLANT DESTROYED.

ROCHESTER, Penn., Feb. 12.—Early this morning the town of Rochester suffered the greatest fire in its history, and the loss is estimated by Supt. Soudil, of the Glass company, at \$1,500,000. The fire started in the copper department of the National Glass company's plant, the largest tumbler plant in the world. The night employees turned out and endeavored to subdue the blaze, but a strong wind prevented them from checking the flames, which soon spread to the piling department and thence to the main factory, and within one hour and a half from the time the fire was discovered a large part of the plant was destroyed. The plants occupied seven acres of ground and employed 1,500 people, of whom 500 will be rendered idle.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

HONG KONG, Feb. 12.—One of the generals at Tientsin has asked the authorities here to prepare sea rations for 30,000 troops in April. This is supposed to indicate a return of Indian expedition.

SHANGHAI, Feb. 12.—The Nankin correspondent of the Mercury says: "With a view of compliance with the peace conditions, Lu Kun Yi has memorialized the throne in favor of the abolition of all likin stations in the interior and the collections of likin on foreign imports at ports of entry by foreign customs. He is also in favor of an increase customs tariff and of the establishment of mints, with the coinage of a standard dollar."

AN INTERESTING CASE.

MONTREAL, Feb. 11.—The trial of the Deloit case, in which E. Deloit seeks to have the civil courts affirm the decision of the ecclesiastical courts annulling the marriages on the grounds that both parties being Catholics, could not be married by a Protestant minister, opened this morning. Counsel for Deloit asked for a postponement, and the counsel for defendant accused him of having the trial come before Judge Mathies, who has already given one decision in the case, favorable to plaintiff, instead of having the trial take place before the present judge, Archibald, who is a Protestant. The judge gave plaintiff's counsel till tomorrow morning to show why the trial of the case should not at once proceed.

BLOWN TO PIECES.

LONDON, Feb. 12.—An explosion occurred today in the Chilworth gunpowder works, near Guildford. Six men were blown to pieces.

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Dated the Sixteenth day of January, 1901. C. N. SKINNER, Recorder of said City.

JOINTISTS CLOSE UP.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—Jointists of this city generally heeded the warning to close their places by noon today, and when Chief Clerk and his officers visited the 23 places this afternoon they found all closed with one exception. No arrests were made.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 12.—As a result of meeting of citizens of Topeka all the joints of the city were closed last night. The citizens made the preliminary demand that the sales be discontinued by noon yesterday, and so far as is known the order was regarded.

VALLEJO, Feb. 12.—The anti-clerical demonstrations were resumed in Vallejo today.

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POOR TRAIN SERVICE.

An inspection of the I. C. R. timetable shows that a train leaves St. John at 7:55 a. m., another at 12:50 p. m., and the next one at 5:15 p. m. The one due to leave at 12:50 is the C. P. R. express. It has happened very often lately that this train has been late, and on a number of occasions did not arrive here until late in the afternoon. The result of this has been that passengers could not leave the city by the I. C. R. from the time the morning train departed until after five o'clock. In the afternoon, no matter whether the C. P. R. express were one hour or six hours late, the I. C. R. authorities made no provision to send out the train. The result of this has been that not only at St. John, but at all stations along the line, passengers have waited hours for a train, which, perhaps, did not come at all that day. Reference has frequently been made of late to the very bad passenger service given by the I. C. R. and it is certainly not easy to justify the state of affairs which very often makes it impossible for passengers to leave the city on that road from early morning until late in the afternoon.

CANADIAN FIRE RATES.

It was reported some little time ago that the Canadian Fire Underwriters' Association had decided upon advanced rates in Ontario and Quebec. This report was without foundation. The association, however, will meet on Wednesday, when positive action will be taken. It is not expected that an actual advance in rates will be announced, but rather that cities and towns of the two provinces will be specifically rated. Exposed blocks and congested parts of the city will probably have extra rates imposed on them. The Hamilton spectator says: The reason given for the proposed changes is the general unsatisfactory condition of the insurance business in Canada, but the recent heavy losses in Montreal would appear to have stirred the companies up. The movement to rearrange the basis in Ontario and Quebec is, it is pretty definitely known only the first step towards changes in the ratings of cities and towns in other provinces, so that eventually the entire Dominion will be included.

A MISTAKEN POLICY.

Miss Maud Gonne, who is flattered by her friends with the title of the Irish Joan of Arc, is in New York. She wishes to prevent Irishmen from enlisting in the British army. Miss Gonne assures the newspapers that the Boers will be able to hold out for two years at least, and that it is difficult to get recruits for the British army. This spectacular young woman, who gravitates between New York, Dublin and Paris and keeps herself before the public with such success, is not advancing the interests of the cause she claims to represent. Neither France nor the United States will settle the Irish question. The majority of the people of Ireland are not in favor of the tactics which she pursues. That country would get along very comfortably if the agitation would leave it alone, whether they are of the stamp of Mr. Flavin of Chicago or the beautiful Miss Gonne.

INDIA'S MEMORIAL.

The loving remembrance in which our late Queen is held by the inhabitant of India is substantially attested to by the liberal contributions which have been with great promptitude handed over to Baron Curzon, the viceroy of India, to assist in erecting a fitting national memorial. Baron Curzon has already acknowledged the receipt of more than £500,000. Some of the native princes are making offers of magnificent subscriptions. The form which the memorial will take has not yet been decided upon.

The Chatham World fears that there will be a scarcity of girls in that town in the future. A female infant born the other day was the first of its sex to appear in Chatham for three months. A Philadelphia paper has discovered that the birth rate of males in that city to females is in the proportion of fifteen to fourteen. If this keeps on the new man joke will be no joke at all, but a sad and pitiful reality.

The Fredericton Herald, speaking of the counties returning supporters of the local government, says they would have had Kings, too, if some day had not stuffed the Hon. C. Jay says he didn't do it. See?

THE MONUMENT.

It will be observed that the Soldiers' Monument Fund inaugurated by the Star has received a notable contribution in the amount contributed at the memorial services in Trinity church. The amount has been handed in by the rector of Trinity to Mayor Daniel, who is the treasurer of the fund. His worship has also opened a subscription list, and contributions will be received by him and acknowledged. The Star begs to remind its readers that the subscriptions as yet to this fund have been very slow in coming in. This paper will be very glad to receive and acknowledge contributions, and hopes to see a ready and general response to its appeal. We have honored the living heroes, let not the dead be forgotten.

The address in reply to the speech from the throne was moved in the senate yesterday by Senator Ellis, who was very warmly greeted. Mr. Ellis, discussing the South African war, said that all creeds and all nationalities had fought in the cause of the empire, and should occasion again offer would fight for the Empire's freedom.

SCOTCH MEMORIAL TO QUEEN.

EDINBURGH, Feb. 9.—Lord Rosebery, after paying tribute to Queen Victoria and King Edward, proposed that the Scottish memorial to Queen Victoria take the form of the restoration of Linnithgow palace, the home of so many great Scottish kings. Linnithgow palace is one of the magnificent remains of ancient royal residences in Scotland. It was probably founded by Edward I. of England, who reigned from 1272 to 1307. The palace was built by James IV., James V. and James VI., and contains some beautiful carvings, especially in the hall, banquet room, parliament hall and Queen Mary's bedroom, from which there is a magnificent view. It was there that Regent Murray was shot by Hamilton in 1570. Linnithgow is a town of Scotland, capital of the county of Linnithgow, on the Upland Canal, seven miles by rail west of Edinburgh, and twenty-eight miles east-north-east of Glasgow.

FREDERICTON NOTES.

At Fredericton, on Saturday, Mrs. J. J. Colter presented Corp. Brown, Corp. Kitchin and Pte. Harvie, on behalf of the Daughters of the Empire, each with a magnificent pin.

Arthur Barrett has volunteered for the South African Constabulary and on Saturday successfully passed the medical examination before Surg. Col. McLearn. Sergt. W. Utton, who served with the first contingent in South Africa and has since his return home been acting as drill instructor to the garrison at Halifax, is in the city, a guest at Long's hotel. Sergt. Utton is anxious to return to Africa and has volunteered for the constabulary. Arthur Limerick, who returned from Boston, came home with the view of enlisting for South Africa and will at once volunteer and pass the medical examination.

Last Sunday was Student's Sunday, and the U. N. B. students attended church in a body, and were addressed by Rev. G. M. Campbell.

LARGE TREES.

J. L. Black & Son, of Sackville, have a large crowd of men at work in the Abouhagan woods, something over a hundred all told. The other day they came across two trees which would quite a distance toward the erection of a small house. The first tree was a pine. It contained eight logs, fourteen feet long. The first one was 32 inches at the small end. The eight logs produced 1917 feet of lumber. The other tree was spruce, and while not nearly as large as the pine, was considered large for this variety. It contained five logs, two sixteen and three fourteen feet long. The first one was 25 inches at the small end. This tree contained 927 feet of lumber. The two trees therefore contained 2,850 feet of lumber.—Post.

TO PROSECUTE MRS. NATION.

State, instead of the Saloonkeepers, to Conduct Case Against Her—Trial Set for March 10.

WICHITA, Kan., Feb. 9.—County Attorney Conley has decided to have the state take charge of the prosecution of Mrs. Carrie Nation and relieve the saloonkeepers of that responsibility.

Under a decision of the supreme court, if the state prosecutes, Mrs. Nation can easily be convicted on the charge of malicious destruction of property. There are three charges of that kind against her in the district court here. If convicted she will have to serve one year in jail and pay \$1,500 fine.

Her attorneys admitted that this was a new move to them, and it would go hard with their client under his new scheme. They were figuring that saloonkeepers would try to prosecute, and they could impeach them as having no legal interest.

Under the new arrangement saloon owners whose property was destroyed by Mrs. Nation will only act as witnesses.

Mrs. Nation's trial has been set for March 10, and Judge Dain says she will tolerate no delay or trifling excuses. If Mrs. Nation is in the east on a lecture tour she will be compelled to return here for appearance. Warrants are already in the hands of Sheriff Simmons, and will be served as soon as practicable.

WATERBURY, N. Y., Feb. 11.—Mrs. Mary Penny, aged 46, widow of the late Barton Penny, a well known lake captain, committed suicide at Henderson yesterday by taking strychnine. She said she was tired of living and had nothing to live for.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 11.—Hugh Guthrie, South Wellington, moved the reply to the address from the throne. It was seconded by Charles Marshall, of Bonaventure. R. L. Borden replied. In the course of his speech he directed attention to the fact that the imports from Great Britain had only increased in three years from \$3,000,000 to \$7,000,000; while those from the United States had increased from \$50,000,000 to \$93,000,000. Mr. Borden asked if the government was making any provision to pension wounded soldiers and widows. As yet little had been done beyond the payment of the insurance found by Sir Charles Tupper. He also enquired as to the fast Atlantic service, and the Alaskan boundary question. Sir Wilfrid Laurier stated in regard to the pensions that nothing would be done until the course of the imperial government had been determined. There was no further debate and the reply passed, the discussion upon it being the shortest in the history of the house. A number of annual reports were laid on the table.

THIS ESTIMATES.

The main estimates were brought down today for 1901-1902, and came somewhat as a surprise. The government had evidently taken to heart the lesson of last year, when the unexpected collapse of the estimate of the reply to the address found them utterly unprepared with public business and it was not until a month later that the report was laid on the table.

The total for all purposes this year is \$20,885,322.55, while \$19,912,445.59 is authorized by statute. In nearly all departments increases are provided for, except in the militia department, and when the supplementary estimates are submitted the total promises to surpass that of the previous year by several millions.

The total amount to be voted on current account is \$24,139,878.67. The statutory appropriations amount to \$19,912,445.59. This makes a total of \$44,102,323.55.

In addition there is the following capital expenditure:

Militia	\$ 75,000.00
Railways and canals (capital)	5,124,500.00
Public works (capital)	704,000.00
Public works (Yukon)	153,000.00
Dominion lands	240,000.00
Total capital	6,296,500.00

Total expenditure \$50,398,823.55

The following are among the New Brunswick items:

I. C. R. Estimates—To Increase Accommodation.

St. John, \$100,000.

To extend car shop, Moncton, \$25,000.

E. I. railway, \$476,000.

Aggregate increases of \$190 are provided for in the estimates for New Brunswick post office inspectors' office.

In St. John post office, three stamp-presses and seats at \$39 per annum each are provided for.

A messenger gets \$35 increase, and the increase for third-class clerks total \$280.

St. John—Dominion public buildings—Repairs, etc., \$7,000.

St. John immigration buildings, \$11,000.

Back Bay, towards extension of wharf, \$4,900.

Ray d'Or, to complete extension of wharf, \$2,750.

Burnt Church wharf, \$3,000.

Campbellton wharf, extension and repairs, \$2,000.

Campobello, Wilson's beach, repairs to breakwater, \$5,000.

Chatham custom house wharf, reconstruction and repairs, \$1,600.

Hopewell Cape, new wharf, \$12,000.

Lord's Cove, Deer Island, extension of wharf, \$1,000.

River St. John, including tributaries, \$16,000.

St. John harbor—Negotown Point breakwater, \$20,000.

St. John harbor, repairs to and extension of protection works at base of Fort Dufferin, \$1,500.

Shippegan wharf at Lameque, \$3,200.

Harbors and Rivers.

Nova Scotia \$ 98,235

P. E. Island 4,500

Maritime provinces generally 277,000

Ontario 250,200

Manitoba 11,400

N. W. T. 5,000

British Columbia 2,000

Generally 5,000

Dredging 392,000

Slides and booms 30,000

Roads and bridges 45,000

Telegraph lines 38,500

Miscellaneous 134,600

Total \$1,422,285

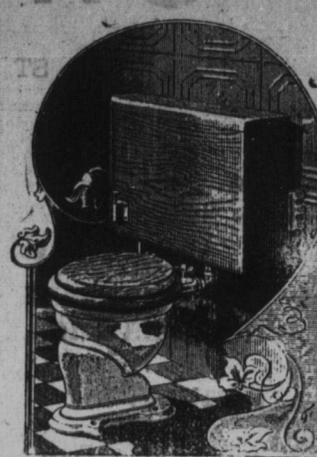
S. S. ERNA IN TROUBLE.

HALIFAX, N. S., Feb. 11.—The steamer Erna, from Bermuda to St. John, put in at Yarmouth today for a supply of coal. She is badly loaded up and experienced a hard passage. She left Bermuda on the 3rd of February. Several seas boarded the vessel, which carried away some of the doors, flooding several of the compartments and doing some slight damage. She has been ordered to proceed to Halifax direct.

Another despatch from Yarmouth says: Steamer Erna, Capt. Bruhn, nine days out from Bermuda to St. John, put in at this port this morning short of coal. Captain Bruhn reports one of the roughest passages in his experience. They met with increasing northerly and northwesterly gales from the time they left Bermuda, Feb. 2, and a terrific snowstorm since the 5th. On the 6th a terrific sea struck the steamer, flooding the captain's cabin and main saloon, breaking the windows and forcing the hatches. The carpenter while trying to repair the damage, was struck by a sea and driven against a plank, cutting his head open and rendering him unconscious. He is not yet able to be about. The Erna carries three passengers.

TORONTO, Feb. 11.—Arthur White says that there is a probability of large nickel works and smelter being established this year at Burk's Peak, Ont. A new nickel mine has just been opened there.

A Chance to do Your Plumbing Cheap.



I am offering this first class, highly sanitary, up-to-date

Low Down

Closet Combination,
Worth \$24 for \$14.99,
For one month only.

If you are thinking of making changes in your Bath Room or putting in new w. c., why not get one of these high class closets at the extremely low price I am selling them at.

John S. COUGHLAN

122 Charlotte Street
Shop Tel. 1067. Residence Tel. 1165.

ANNUAL MEETING W. H. M. S.

Secretary and Treasurer's Reports—New Officers Elected.

The annual meeting of the Women's Home Mission Society of the Presbytery of St. John was held in St. Andrew's church yesterday afternoon. A large number were present and the session was both interesting and profitable. The president, Miss Grace W. Leavitt, occupied the chair and gave a brief and cordial address of welcome. Rev. Dr. Macrae and Rev. D. J. Fraser took part in the opening exercises. The report of the treasurer, Mrs. F. W. Murray, was as follows:

RECEIPTS.

Feb. 12—	Cash in hands treasurer	\$160 75
Donation James Seaton		75
Contributions from Presbyterian churches for furnishing room in Home for incurables		114 60
Contribution from Mrs. Gilbert Murdoch for furnishing room in Home for incurables		25 00
Postage		14 75
Collection at public meeting in St. Stephen's church		7 50
Contributions St. Andrew's church		42 50
Contributions St. John's church		11 50
Contributions Carleton church		5 00
Contributions Calvin church		10 00
Contributions St. Stephen's church		42 25
Contributions St. David's church		43 41
Total		\$478 21

EXPENDITURES.

March 12—	Rev. E. A. McCurdy, agent, Halifax	\$150 00
Drift and postage		42 50
James Seaton, printing 500 reports and 100 post cards		13 75
Postage		10 00
May 30—	Furnishing room in Home for incurables	139 10
June 15—	Admission fee Local Council of Women	2 00
October 16—	Expenses delegates public meeting St. Stephen's church	6 00
Sexton St. Stephen's church		1 00
November 12—	Corresponding secretary, for stationery and postage	90
Rev. Arthur Morton, Fairville, N. B.		50 00
P. O. order and postage		22
February 11, 1901—	Cash in hands treasurer	\$263 06
Total		\$115 31

The secretary, Miss Belle Morrison, reported that nine regular meetings and six meetings of the executive had been held during the year. At the last annual meeting Rev. T. P. Fotheringham had made an appeal on behalf of the Presbyterian patients in the Provincial Lunatic Asylum and had recommended that the society make a grant to the pastor of the Fairville church, who would assume spiritual oversight of the Presbyterian patients. At the March meeting of the society this grant was made. All money outside of this was sent to Rev. Dr. McCurdy at Halifax. It was also decided to furnish a room, at the Home for Incurables. This has been done. One hundred dollars was needed, but through the liberality of the churches \$129.63 was raised. The committee desired to express their gratitude to Mrs. Gilbert Murdoch for a contribution of \$25, and to others for smaller donations.

Brief addresses were given by Rev. Dr. Macrae, Rev. Dr. Morrison, Rev. Mr. Burgess and Mr. Morgan. A hearty vote of thanks, moved by Mrs. E. A. Smith and seconded by Mrs. John Thomson, was extended to the retiring president, Miss Grace W. Leavitt, and to Mrs. O. R. Campbell, the retiring corresponding secretary. The officers for the ensuing year were elected as follows: President, Miss Grace Murphy, president. Vice-presidents: St. David's church, Mrs. A. Binning. St. Andrew's church, Mrs. John Thomson. St. Stephen's church, Mrs. Geo. MacLeod. Calvin church, Mrs. Armstrong. St. John's church, Mrs. Fotheringham. Carleton church, Mrs. Brittain. Corresponding secretary, Miss McLean; recording secretary, Miss Morrison.

POLICE COURT.

There was only one case in court yesterday, that of John Coy, who charged Edward Higgins of St. Patrick street with assault, breaking in his door and threatening him with a revolver. The case grew out of a distraint for rent, made by Higgins as landlord, on Coy's personal effects. Higgins had Constable Mullin on hand to do the seizing, but the rent was out for financial gain and not for battle, for he rested easily downstairs while Higgins went upstairs to force the position. As expected, he met with resistance and there was a scuffle, in which a whip was used. Finally Higgins drew the shooter, but did not do so, he said, until Coy made a threatening movement with a hatchet. When the trouble was over the constable went upstairs and took possession of the household effects of Coy.

Amos A. Wilson, who appeared for Coy, contended that Higgins was liable, as he had no right to enter Coy's rooms and use violence, and no right to draw a revolver. The magistrates observed that the powers of a landlord were great, but of course, he had no right to threaten

HOTELS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.

E. LeROY WILLIS, St. John, N. B.

J. J. McCAFFREY, Manager.

PARK HOTEL.

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Centrally located facing King Square. Newly furnished throughout. Best \$1.50 a Day Hotel in the Lower Provinces.

TO LET.

TO LET—Flat No. 185 south side Paradise row, now in occupation of Mrs. Mary Charlton. Rental \$100. May be seen Wednesdays and Fridays, 3 to 5.

TO LET—Flat No. 138 Orange street, six rooms, separate entrance, rent \$50 per year. Apply to E. W. PAUL, 156 Waterloo street.

TO LET—Lower flat, No. 178 Duke street. For particulars apply to A. GILMOIR, 45 King street, or J. S. ARMSTRONG, 37 Charlotte street.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

WANTED—Situations for a number of young women, to do house work or look after children. Apply to MR. GARDINER, Glad Tidings Hall, Brunswick street, between 10 and 12 in the morning.

MONEY TO LOAN.

On Freehold and Leasehold Property—repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

WANTED.

WANTED—Two intelligent boys to learn the cabinet making. Enquire at factory, east end of Union street. J. & J. D. HOWE.

to shoot. But the evidence showed that a hatchet was in use also and he, therefore, dismissed the case.

John Cochrane, son of Sergt. Cochrane, and who has been at St. for the past year, has returned and has accepted a position in W drug store.

DYKEMAN'S

3 Entrances

ESSENTIALS TO THE MODERN DRESSED WOMAN. Gold spikes, sold everywhere at 5c. each, 2,000 of them at 20c. per dozen or 2c. each. They are worn on the ends of belt ribbon and tie ribbons.

"Lorraine"

Belt Loop

In gold and silver, 5c. per set. This loop gives the belt the drop appearance in the front and is worn in conjunction with the new style waist and corset. Or if worn without it gives the effect of the new form waist.

Belt Buckles.

The new shape having the drop effect, 25c. and 35c.

Ribbons.

About one thousand yards of them. Ribbons for ties, ribbons for trimming, ribbons for fancy work. Many of the 4 and 6 inch ribbons in taffeta are just half price, 15c. and 17c. being asked for 30c. and 35c. ribbons.

Gold Lace for

Trimming Collars

half inch wide, 17c. per yard. Gold lace insertion, one-half inch wide, 15c. per yard. Gold braids, 5c. 6c. and 10c. per yard. In all of the leading widths. This braid is not the kind that will turn brown at the first suggestion of dampness. It is the kind that stays bright while it is worn.

Gold Buttons.

Also the kind with a lasting brilliancy. They are double lacquered and are superior to the common brass buttons usually sold. Price is only a few cents more and you have something that will add to the appearance of the garment rather than detract.

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We are closing out all our Men's, Women's and Children's

Felt Boots, Shoes, and Slippers AT COST.

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NOW LANDING.

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FOR DRYING BARDINES.

(Bangor News) An invention of great importance to the sardine industry has lately been perfected by Capt. W. E. Leighton, of West Pembroke, Me., after eight years of experimenting. It is an arrangement for drying the fish by means of hot air and a system of fans and does away entirely with the ovens. By this new method 300 cases can be dried in an hour.

Capt. Leighton has sold the rights to the Coast Packing Co., who are putting the new dryers in at their factories, displacing the ovens.

SHELDON'S FISHERIES.

Shelburne County, N. S., had fifty seven vessels engaged in the fishing industry last year. These were valued at \$60,425, and employed 588 men; 1,002 boats were engaged, valued at \$26,000, and employing 2,257 men, making the total number of men employed, 3,045, and the value of boats and vessels, \$116,425. The value of the nets used by our fishermen was \$28,595.

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted. For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

Read the Ads.

in the Star.

LOCAL NEWS.

Mrs. Herbert Flood, Elliott row, is entertaining her lady friends at an At Home this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The engagement of the D'Oles Company at the Mechanics' Institute has been cancelled.

Valentine Lodge, A. O. U. W. meets tonight in Foresters Hall. The Royal Arcanum will meet in the Knights of Pythias Hall.

Mrs. Daniel A. Morrison will conduct the lesson for next Sabbath at the Primary Union weekly meeting in the Y. M. C. A. lecture hall, Friday afternoon.

An alarm of fire from 341 was rung in about ten o'clock this morning.

Stephen Fry went to work on the editorial staff of the Gazette this morning. Mr. Fry is a son of Court Stenographer W. H. Fry, and will attend to court work.

Mrs. Thomas Odell of Indian town underwent an operation in the General Public hospital yesterday. The operation was successful, and Mrs. Odell is doing nicely.

All applications for liquor licenses are to be handed in to the office of Inspector Jones and the commissioners by March 15th. Licenses are granted early in May.

A well known professional gentleman lost a large sum of money after leaving the Bank of New Brunswick this morning. It had not been found up to the time the Star went to press.

Members of the Royal Kennebec Yacht club intending to join the club theatre party for "Neil Gwynne" tomorrow evening will meet at the Hotel Dufferin at half-past seven o'clock on that evening.

Manifests were received today for seven cars of meal, twenty-four of flour, six of wheat, six of provisions, two of corn and two of pork over the C. P. R. for export.

No date has yet been fixed for the formal opening of the Alexandra school, Indian town. Judge Freeman, chairman of the board of school trustees, says it all depends on the convenience of his honor the lieutenant governor.

More interest is being taken in tonight's race between Parker and Duffy than has been apparent at any skating event for some time. The friends of both men are confident of the success of their favorite.

In the last issue of the University Monthly, published by the students of the U. N. B., there is an excellent article on Oliver Wendell Holmes by Chester Martin, son of H. S. Martin, Douglas Avenue.

Chatham World—There threatens to be a scarcity of girls in Chatham in the future. A female infant, born the other day, is said to be the first of the sex to seek the light in Chatham for precisely three months.

A number of the friends of Archibald Smith, Victoria street, called last evening and helped him celebrate the 16th anniversary of his marriage. Mr. and Mrs. Smith were presented with a handsome China tea set.

The clock for the police court room has arrived. It will be laid out, and hereafter no unbecomely clumping of heavy boots or shuffling of professional feet will disturb the solemnity of the court when justice has her mill grinding.

Officer Amos, of the police force, was instrumental, perhaps, in saving a lot of valuable goods last night. He found the door of Sharpe's jewelry store on King street open, and made it secure. Later the officer fastened the door of the Canadian Drug Co. on Prince William street.

The law firm of Pearson, Covert & Pearson, Halifax, give notice that application will be made at the present session of the dominion parliament for an act to incorporate the Dominion Shipbuilding Company for the purpose of building, repairing, equipping, operating, and maintaining ships.

Henry Bradshaw, of north end, has his name on the police books in the central station, for driving his horse on the main street sidewalk. Most people would hardly blame Henry for this, for of late the general public has had to take to the middle of the street to get along at all, and the only place left for teams naturally would be the sidewalks, commonly known now as the crystal way.

NAIL AND WIRE MARKET. American manufacturers have advanced wire nails ten cents per keg and barbed wire is also up ten cents. This will not affect the Canadian market at present. All steel and iron products are very firm in the American market.

FIREMEN CALLED TO MEET. The St. John firemen are requested by Chief Kerr to meet tomorrow evening, at 8 o'clock, at No. 2 Engine room for the purpose of taking into consideration the holding of a benefit concert for the benefit of the poor of St. John.

BAWDY HOUSES WIPED OUT.

The British Street Houses Will Soon All be Abolished—Sheffield Street.

No attempt has been made to reopen the Kate Brown and Pearl Nason houses of ill fame on British street. They are closed for good. The police are watching these resorts of the past like cats, lest some daring female resume business at the old stand. In fact Chief Clark says no re-opening of these places will be permitted. The brass button brigade is on its mettle now, and will stamp out as many houses as come under the law. It is understood Ada Wilson, the sole survivor of the recent reform movement, will, it is said, leave town in a very short time. With the closing up of the Wilson house, British street will be free of these resorts, the first time almost a long lifetime. But Sheffield street, a couple of streets below, is still on the list. Between ten and fourteen little dives still exist here. Once in a while Inspector Jones reports some house as having been closed, but these have come up in court from St. John's most immoral thoroughfare. Some people are making the assertion that the closing up of the British street houses has induced north end and with similar abodes. If this is so the police will soon root them out, for the chief has laid down a plan for vigorous action, to which he says he will adhere.

THE MAGISTRATE AND INTER-DICTS.

In the proposed bill of the bills and by-laws committee of the Common Council, in which it is suggested to reduce the maximum fine for drunkenness referred to in last night's Star, it is also recommended that the magistrate place on the list of liquor interdicts those habitual drunkards who come before him.

Magistrate Ritchie has told the Star that power is already vested in him by the Liquor License Act, and that he has used it often.

Ald. J. R. Armstrong, chairman of the bills and by-laws committee, says the intention is to make it compulsory with the magistrate to place on the list of interdicts those who are convicted after a certain number of convictions. This will do away with any disagreement that might arise when it is optional with his honor.

THE NEW I. C. R. WAREHOUSE.

The new I. C. R. warehouse between the Union Depot and the new elevator will be ready to receive freight in about five weeks. The frame is already up and nearly completed. A gang of twelve men have been three months getting the heavy timbers and truss work for the roof in position. As soon as the big structure, which is 215 feet long by 35 wide, is completed, it will be used to store and receive the freight of No. 1 shed, which is badly out of repair. The piling foundations of the shed have decayed and sunk into the marshy ground, breaking the walls and seriously damaging the building generally. Some time will be taken up in making the needed repairs.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Arthur Baker of Liverpool, England, of the large print dealing firm Baker's Brothers, is in the city. He will no doubt go back to the mother country fully impressed with the fact that Canada is indeed the "Land of the Snows." Mr. Baker was fourteen days coming out to this country on a steamer—a tedious and irksome passage—and leaving Montreal last Thursday for St. John and will arrive here Sunday because of the snow blockade. It was a novel, though not very pleasant experience for the English visitor, who lost his steamer from this port by the delay, and is now awaiting the next one.

MONUMENT FUND.

Mayor Daniel has opened up a subscription list at his office for a monument in honor of the New Brunswick men who fell in South Africa. The contributions already received and credited at the Star office will be handed over to the mayor. The first subscription received on the new list is one of \$10.00, the amount of the collection taken up at the Trinity memorial service.

THE COURT BLOCK.

In all probability, when work is commenced on the Court Block to fix it up as a square, the present drinking fountain now at the site, will be removed to the centre of the new square. This will likely necessitate rebuilding the fountain. The stone of which it is constructed is very old and has already received considerable damage in its present position, where it is very much in the way.

DEATH OF J. H. MCKAY.

J. H. McKay, of No. 18, Delhi street, father of Edwin McKay, manager of the Quebec Insurance Co., here; J. O. McKay, of the McRobbie Shoe Co.; J. A. McKay, Robert McKay, of Horton; Miss Edna McKay and Mrs. W. H. Arnold, of Fredericton, died very suddenly this morning after a short illness of pneumonia. The late Mr. McKay was in his 60th year. During his life he took a great interest in the militia. He was a former Militia veteran, and was for years one of our best recruits. Mr. McKay was a charter member of Queen Lodge, No. 18, L. O. A.

TWO EMBEZZLERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—John F. Kerr and Alfred L. Foley were arrested yesterday on the charge of embezzling \$10,000 from Fleming H. Revell & Co., book publishers. Both men confess to the crimes with which they are charged and to other offences. Kerr was employed by the Revell Company as superintendent of the manufacturing department. Foley was cashier and made out all the checks in payment of bills that came to him with the approval of Kerr.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 11.—H. W. Schmidt, superintendent of the Illinois Southern railway, died at Springfield today. His son Harry died Saturday night and Mrs. Schmidt is not expected to live. It is supposed they were poisoned by eating corned beef.

THE FIRE DISTRICT.

Meeting on Thursday Evening to Discuss Important Changes Proposed.

Important changes in the fire district of this city are being promoted by the St. John Board of Fire Underwriters. The changes proposed are:— 1st. To permit the erection of all multi-story buildings in certain portions of the extreme north end or rural parts of the city.

2nd. To extend the first district—prohibiting the future erection of any but brick or stone buildings, so as to include the north side of Hammond street, both sides of Main and Mill streets, the north side of Union street from Coburg to Carmarthen streets, the south side of Union street from Carmarthen to Sidney streets, and the territory between Charlotte, German, Princess and Queen streets.

3rd. To extend the second district prohibiting the future erection of wooden buildings over 25 feet in height, in any part of the city including the west side, but not including the rural districts of the north end.

Under these changes the erection of buildings with shingle roofs will be prohibited. A meeting of the bills and by-laws committee will be held at the City building on Thursday evening next at 8 o'clock, when the proposed changes will be considered. Persons interested are invited to be present and will be given a hearing together with the representatives of the underwriters.

THE NORTH END LIBRARY.

At the meeting of the treasury board yesterday, Richard Farmer was heard relating to the petition of the north end library directors for a grant. He said the W. C. T. U. of Portland built Union Hall in 1878, and obtained \$1,500, necessary to complete the structure, from a number of gentlemen, who became, as it were, preferential stock holders. In 1883 Hon. Isaac Burpee presented a library to the town, and the Union selects a board of directors annually to manage the library. One hundred dollars rent is paid by the library, and after the stockholders received their dividend, all over and above maintenance went to the library. The W. C. T. U. received nothing but the right to use a room. An informal discussion followed Mr. Farmer's statement, but nothing was done.

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LIQUIDATORS APPOINTED.

In the matter of the Omekeag Shipping Company, before Chief Justice Tuck in chambers this morning, under the Winding Up Act, Peter S. Archibald was appointed permanent liquidator. He will have the stock on hand manufactured and then sell the liquidator; A. P. Barnhill, L. A. Curry, for the creditors.

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FREDERICTON JUNCTION.

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THE DUKE OF CORNWALL.

And How a St. John Barrister Took Him for a Newboy.

If the Duke of Cornwall should visit this country during the present year he will probably not be mistaken for a newboy, as he was when he was here last. Some time in the early eighties Prince George was stationed at Halifax in the line of his duty as midshipman or subaltern in the royal navy. There was nothing striking in the appearance of this youth, and when he went ashore in uniform, any other sailor as well as he would have been selected as the representative of the royal family by the careless observer. One day he went hunting in western Nova Scotia with some companions, and returning to Halifax, he was seated alone in a corner of the railway passenger car. His comrades had probably gone out for a smoke and had previously supplied him with a quantity of newspapers. Several St. John passengers had boarded the train at Annapolis, and a distinguished barrister of the company accosted the lad in the corner in this way:— "Boy, bring me a paper."

"The boy did not reply and the request was repeated louder and with an emphatic gesture. Still the youth showed his good bringing up by retaining the proper abstracted look. Not to be fooled by his purpose, the barrister went over to the seat, took up a paper and then a hearing together with the representatives of the underwriters.

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Superintendent Martin, of the street department, is looking hale and hearty despite the manifold maledictions heaped upon his devoted head by the ceaseless hundreds in this icy season. He told a Star reporter this morning that thirty men were now at work cutting away obstructing ice and keeping the highways and by-ways in as good repair as possible. By the first of March, however, one hundred men will be sent broadcast over the city to cut gutters, dislodge the heavy roadbed ice, and make the streets free for Old Sol's melting influences. If Mr. Martin and his men can help it spring will arrive ahead of time this year.

AN ENGLISHMAN'S EXPERIENCE.

Arthur Baker of Liverpool, England, of the large print dealing firm Baker's Brothers, is in the city. He will no doubt go back to the mother country fully impressed with the fact that Canada is indeed the "Land of the Snows." Mr. Baker was fourteen days coming out to this country on a steamer—a tedious and irksome passage—and leaving Montreal last Thursday for St. John and will arrive here Sunday because of the snow blockade. It was a novel, though not very pleasant experience for the English visitor, who lost his steamer from this port by the delay, and is now awaiting the next one.

MONUMENT FUND.

Mayor Daniel has opened up a subscription list at his office for a monument in honor of the New Brunswick men who fell in South Africa. The contributions already received and credited at the Star office will be handed over to the mayor. The first subscription received on the new list is one of \$10.00, the amount of the collection taken up at the Trinity memorial service.

THE COURT BLOCK.

In all probability, when work is commenced on the Court Block to fix it up as a square, the present drinking fountain now at the site, will be removed to the centre of the new square. This will likely necessitate rebuilding the fountain. The stone of which it is constructed is very old and has already received considerable damage in its present position, where it is very much in the way.

DEATH OF J. H. MCKAY.

J. H. McKay, of No. 18, Delhi street, father of Edwin McKay, manager of the Quebec Insurance Co., here; J. O. McKay, of the McRobbie Shoe Co.; J. A. McKay, Robert McKay, of Horton; Miss Edna McKay and Mrs. W. H. Arnold, of Fredericton, died very suddenly this morning after a short illness of pneumonia. The late Mr. McKay was in his 60th year. During his life he took a great interest in the militia. He was a former Militia veteran, and was for years one of our best recruits. Mr. McKay was a charter member of Queen Lodge, No. 18, L. O. A.

TWO EMBEZZLERS.

CHICAGO, Feb. 12.—John F. Kerr and Alfred L. Foley were arrested yesterday on the charge of embezzling \$10,000 from Fleming H. Revell & Co., book publishers. Both men confess to the crimes with which they are charged and to other offences. Kerr was employed by the Revell Company as superintendent of the manufacturing department. Foley was cashier and made out all the checks in payment of bills that came to him with the approval of Kerr.

CENTRALIA, Ill., Feb. 11.—H. W. Schmidt, superintendent of the Illinois Southern railway, died at Springfield today. His son Harry died Saturday night and Mrs. Schmidt is not expected to live. It is supposed they were poisoned by eating corned beef.

MONUMENT.

M. J. CHAPPELL, P. McREARY, J. JOHNSON, J. B. SCOTT, F. W. WITHERS, CAPT. C. F. HARRISON,

"And if unchanged that ancient banner Keep yet its place in pride, Let none forget how vast the debt We owe to those who died."

—Sir Francis Doyle (1884).

Little more than a year ago these young men were at home in New Brunswick. They responded to the empire's call; and today they sleep beneath the sod of South Africa. It is proposed to erect a monument to their memory in the city of St. John. A quarter of a dollar is the basis of subscription. Contributions may be sent as many quarters as they choose. The object in making twenty-five cents the basis is to enable all to share in the erection of a memorial to our honored dead. Contributions may be sent to the Star office. On application blank forms will be sent to be filled in with names and amounts. The Star invites all to contribute and make the monument worthy of the men who died for the flag, and worthy of the city of the Loyalists.

Previously acknowledged 739 quarters Trinity church memorial offertory, paid in to Mayor Daniel, 418 "

Total, 1157 quarters.

MAINTENANCE SKATING CHAMPIONSHIPS.

The maritime skating championships will be held again in this city this year, possibly within a month, although no date is yet fixed. The usual rule of local talent will participate, including Bart Duffy, William Merritt, Ned Dalton, Michael Walsh, Len Daley, John Hagen and perhaps Fen Parker. Parker has been rather down on championship meets ever since the time he claims to have been jockeyed and thrown several times in succession. The outcome of his present series with Duffy, though, may alter matters. Charles Smith and several others from Moncton will in all probability enter the list, as well as a flyer from Prince Edward Island. Hudson Breen will no doubt also be a competitor. Interest in skating is now very much alive.

EX-MAYOR SNOW.

In regard to the article in yesterday's Sun, the Moncton Transcript says it was the first paper to announce about the discovery of ex-Mayor Snow's whereabouts. And that the West Indies is not the post office address at which Mr. Snow has for years past received, and is still receiving his copy of The Transcript. Recently he had the address changed to his own name, and says he hopes ultimately to pay his creditors.

TONIGHT.

Annual meeting Seamen's Mission. Meeting Loyalist Society. Skating race, Duffy vs. Parker, Victoria rink. Neil Gwynne at the Opera house. Local union of C. E. quarterly meeting. Natural History Society meeting. Valentine Lodge, A. O. U. W. Foresters hall. Royal Arcanum, Knights of Pythias hall.

ST. JOHN NOT IN IT.

Next Saturday the Canadian skating championship meet will be held in Montreal. After all St. John is to have no representative, at least that is how the case looks at present. This home of fast skaters, of erstwhile world's champions, is to be without a defender of its laurels. There are plenty of men down here, Breen, Duffy, Parker, Merritt and others, but there were no "trying out" matches, no friendly tests, or any of that sort of thing.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Feb. 11.—Aaron Phillips, one of the oldest citizens of Little Lake, died on Wednesday last after a protracted illness from heart disease.

On Friday last Spafford Tracy, of Tracy, died after one day's illness from rupture of a blood-vessel in the brain. He leaves a wife and three children.

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