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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DEC. 20, 1905.

MR. BORDEN AT TORONTO.

Elsewhere we report that part of Mr. Borden's banquet speech at Toronto which refers to indemnity of members, the allowance to the opposition leader, the increase in the salary of the premier and the pension of retired cabinet ministers. Mr. Borden is of the opinion that this legislation was introduced too late in the session to have received proper consideration, and he favors a reconsideration of the matter at the next session of parliament. It is evidently his belief that a fuller discussion and more complete explanation of the increased indemnity to members may show some justification of the change, which is not so much an increase as it appears to be. As to the other features of the legislation included in what is sometimes called the "gray bills," Mr. Borden is by no means satisfied that they are wise or necessary, and proposes that they shall be taken up again and dealt with early in the session, when there is time for discussion and consideration.

BAD WEATHER FOR BEARS.

Mr. Thomas Lawson may be right in his attack on the frenzied financiers, but he made an unhappy mistake when he persuaded a number of investors to assist him in making up a pool to bring down the price of Amalgamated. That criminal has committed the offense of not going down to twenty-five cents on the dollar. On the contrary, the shares are worth nearly double what they were when Mr. Lawson began to hammer them down.

There are four vacancies in the house of commons, and at least one more will be announced before many days. In the Northwest the seats vacated by resignation of Mr. Walter Scott and Mr. Lamont, now members of the Northwest legislature, have not been filled. The election courts have vacated Compton and Sherbrooke in Quebec, and the unseating of Mr. Gallery of the St. Anne division of Montreal is certain. In his case the only element of doubt is whether he will be disqualified. Of these vacant seats only Sherbrooke was held by conservatives. The writ has been issued for Compton, which was vacated a few days ago, while the elections in other constituencies which have been vacant some months are further postponed.

SHE MIGHT BE PROUD.

The mother of Professor Oster is in her one hundredth year. She still has an active intellect and is said to be much interested in the opinions of her distinguished son concerning old age.

A QUESTION FOR CONSIDERATION

Several young men and boys employed by the dry goods firm of John Macdonald & Co., Toronto, were committed for trial two or three days ago charged with stealing goods from the house. Subsequently four others in the same establishment were arrested, and stolen goods were found in their possession.

SHIPPING NEWS.

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CANADIAN NEWS

Another Seat Goes in Haultain's Favor.

Bennett Retires From Politics—Commercial Travellers Object to Provincial Taxes.

KINISTINO, Sask., Dec. 18.—All polling places in this constituency at which vote was taken on election day have been heard from and give Shadd (conservative), 32 majority. There are still ten polls where the vote has not been taken, owing to inability to post notices in time, and on these the result will hang. In the meanwhile this constituency is transferred from the liberal to the conservative column, giving Haultain ten seats temporarily.

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RESOLUTIONS

ADOPTED BY QUEBEC CONSERVATIVES.

MINORITY RIGHTS.

The best interests of the country require that minorities should be treated with full justice in the exercise of all their civil and religious rights. Any violation of rights that are founded upon the federal constitution and upon pledges entered into by the crown is contrary to British institutions under which we live. These rights are inviolable.

LABOR PROBLEMS.

The conservative party believes that it is urgent to adopt laws for the better protection of the laboring classes and to improve their position. The department of labor, organized at a great cost by the liberal government does not fulfil the object for which it was created; this department should be reformed in such a manner as to satisfy the needs of this numerous and important class of our population.

IMMIGRATION.

The system of immigration now in vogue being contrary to the best interests of the country, it should be reformed without delay in such a manner as to assure a judicious choice of immigrants, and to avoid unjust competition for the Canadian working-man.

MILITIA SYSTEM.

The conservative party is ready to make any expenditure which may be necessary to provide our country with an efficient militia, fully equipped, according to modern requirements, but it condemns the exaggerations, extravagance and abuse of every nature committed by the existing department of the militia, without regard to the needs of the country, with no definite plan, and without improving its militia system and with utter disregard of the representations and legitimate demands of the volunteers themselves.

NATIONAL POLICY.

Having ever in view the maintenance of our national policy of protection, it is necessary to re-adjust the Canadian tariff to meet the treatment towards Canada by foreign countries adopted towards Canada.

TRANSPORTATION.

It has become urgent to create additional transportation facilities while developing means already existing and removing all the obstacles which retard the development of our ports. The government should assume such ports, equip them with every modern appliance, and make of them free ports, subject to free zones. It is necessary likewise to facilitate commercial relations between every part of the confederation, by developing our means of interior communication by land and water, so as to render every part of the country easily and cheaply accessible.

PROTECTION FOR FARMING.

It is advisable to assume an efficient protection for the product of our farmers against the competition which foreign products make on the local market and to guarantee to our farmers a ready, rapid and remunerative outlet for their products in foreign markets.

TEMPERANCE PLATFORM.

The conservative party declares that the laws concerning the making, inspection and sale of alcoholic liquors should be so amended as to lessen the terrible results of intemperance.

INSOLVENCY LEGISLATION.

It is urgent to provide a uniform insolvency act which will accord equal protection to all creditors and will diminish the heavy expenses, at the same time rendering liquidation more rapid. This is a commercial necessity for which the conservative party believes it is necessary to provide.

FEDERAL LANDS.

The conservative party condemns the present administration and sale of the public lands of Canada. It energetically censures the scandalous frauds and shameless speculation of which the liberal government has made itself guilty to the detriment of the interest of the country and the real settlers.

WASTE AND EXTRAVAGANCE.

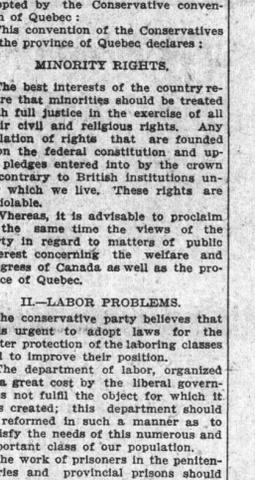
The conservative party appreciates the necessity of making such expenditure as it is necessary for the development and progress of the country according to the extent of our resources, but it condemns the extravagance and waste of the present administration and the rash obligations to which the government has pledged the national credit.

ELECTORATE FRAUDS.

It is imperative that more rigorous laws be enacted against corruption and electoral frauds so as to put an end to the flagrant abuses which for years past have falsified the popular verdict in general and partial elections and have compromised the fair name of Canada.

HER PHYSICIANS DESPAIRED.

ADVISED CHANGE OF CLIMATE. Pe-ru-na, Used as a Last Resort, Cured Her of a Severe Attack of Catarrh of the Lungs.



MRS. IDA CALDWELL.

The Sensational Cure of Mrs. Caldwell is the Talk of Her Acquaintances.

Mrs. Ida Caldwell, 506 Pearl Street, Sioux City, Ia., Vice-President Order of Washington, writes: "I suffered with catarrh of the respiratory organs of and on for the last three years until I thought it was chronic. My chest and lungs were irritated and I had to use the greatest care not to expose myself to chilly air or dampness as it increased my troubles. My physician advised me to try a change of climate, but I was unable to leave my family. Reading of the wonderful cures performed by Peruna, I bought a bottle. It was with the greatest satisfaction that I found it the one medicine among those which cured me. I was relieved within three days and after two months and a half the irritation was gone, my lungs perfectly healed and my health restored."—Mrs. Caldwell.

TO PREVENT ADVERSE LEGISLATION

President Paul Morton Asks Policy Holders to Give Him Their Assistance.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—An appeal to policy-holders in all the states of the union to lend their assistance in preventing adverse legislation is made by President Paul Morton of the Equitable Life Assurance Society, in a circular letter which is being sent to policy-holders. President Morton says that the insurance business is certain to be the subject of great consideration by legislatures soon to convene. As a result of what has been printed and said about insurance during the last six months.

BIRTHS.

ROURKE—On Dec. 7th, at 558 McLaren Street, Ottawa, to the wife of J. E. Rourke, a son; still-born.

DEATHS.

CRAWFORD—At the residence of R. E. Lyon, Gray's Mills, Kings Co., on Dec. 16th, Mary Ann, aged 92 years and 10 months, relict of the late Isaac Crawford of Springfield.

DELANEY—In this city, on the 15th inst., Mary, widow of Patrick Delaney, leaving one daughter to mourn her loss.

GREENE—Entered into rest on Dec. 16, Thomas Eyles Greene, aged eighty-four years and two months, leaving five sons and five daughters to mourn the loss of a loving father.

NORTHERUP—At Belleisle Creek, Kings Co., N. B., on November 25th, after a brief illness of pneumonia, which he bore with Christian resignation, Samuel H. Northrup, in the 71st year of his age, leaving a sorrowing widow, one son and five daughters to mourn their sad loss.

MAHONEY—Died at his residence, 34 Horsey Street, Thursday morning, Francis Mahoney, aged 78 years.

McBRIDE—At the home of G. N. Havenor, 32 Wright Street, Miss Margaret McBride, entered into rest.

PORTER—At Garnet Town, Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, Jno. Porter, aged 88 years.

Funeral on Friday, 2:30 o'clock. (Boston papers please copy.)

GILL—Died at Galt Hospital, Lethbridge, Alberta, of typhoid fever on Dec. 15th, George Gill, formerly of this city, aged 28 years, leaving a brother and sister to mourn their loss.

MACINTYRE—At 255 Rockland road, on Dec. 16th, Mabel Shives, beloved wife of Adam P. Macintyre.

McDADE—At Waco, Texas, Sister M. F. Regis, second daughter of James McDeale of this city. Interment at Waco.

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W. J. OSBORNE, Principal. Fredericton, N. B.

Grand Manan.

GRAND MANAN, Dec. 17.—The steam mill on the Grand Harbor brook has been set up and commenced operations. Three cranes have been established, whose crews are busily engaged cutting lumber.

Well fishing is about over for this year at least. The catch has not been a large one by any means, but the advanced price of herring has made it nevertheless a very profitable season for the fishermen. The same may be said of the pickled herring and salt fish catch, all of which are bringing good prices, especially cod and pollock.

A fisherman says the much despised silver hake can be sold at a good price as a pickled fish, and next year he intends putting up a quantity of them. If they could be cured in good shape and successfully put on the pickled fish market, it would open up a fine fishing industry for our fishermen.

At the regular annual meeting of Harbor Light L. O. L., No. 55, the fol-

Christmas Dinner for Every Poor Family in St. John.

Mrs. Hall Says People Are Exceptionally Generous This Year—No One Will Go Hungry—Lots of Work in Sight.

Mrs. C. F. Hall of the Associated Charities, said to the Sun last evening that she did not see how it could be possible for any family in St. John to be without a Christmas dinner this year. Such a season's work she has never done, nor has the generosity of St. John people ever been shown more freely. Requests have simply showered in on her from all sides for the names of persons in poor circumstances, or of any to whom a good dinner would bring extra pleasure.

GAS EXPLOSION WRECKS CHARLOTTE ST. HOUSE.

Wall of Dr. McAvenny's Dining Room Shattered—Workman's Pick Struck Spark Which Fired Gas.

"My God, the house will be blown in," were the words that sprang to the lips of Foreman Ward of the gas company's crew engaged in locating a leak in front of Dr. McAvenny's house, Charlotte street, on Saturday afternoon as a spark struck by a pick from the iron pipe ignited the escaping gas. All within the family were much startled, but a peculiar thing happened; for a space of time which seemed eternal for those awaiting the spark but which was probably confined to a second, there was no sound. Then suddenly there came a deep boom from the house, and the noise of falling stone and plaster, splintering of beams and laths followed, as the exploding gas burst its way through the dining room wall into the house.

An extraordinary feature about the case was that the ignited gas did not follow the course of the pipes now supplying the house, which go in under the vestibule, but travelled around the corner of the house, following an old and disused gas service, and when topped by the masonry wall blew a hole clean through this and into the dining room within a radius of ten feet of the hole.

NEWLY MARRIED.

She was newly married, and did not know a little bit about housekeeping or shopping, and she was giving her very first order. It was a crusher, but the grocer was a clever man, and was used to all kinds of orders, and could interpret them easily.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Dec. 17.—A dispatch received here from Boston reports the outbreak of a revolution there.

It says that the streets were barricaded and that fierce fighting took place. The military employed artillery, and many persons, including subjects of the Ottoman empire, were killed. The dispatch says that a similar state of affairs prevails in Po.

Electrical trains are to be run between Dover and London for a time. It is thought that they will prove satisfactory and cheap, and they are to be given a thorough test.

R. L. BORDEN ON THE PENSION BILL AND WESTERN QUESTIONS.

Opposition Leader Was Heard at His Best at the Banquet Given in Toronto on Thursday Last—A Portion of His Speech.

The banquet to R. L. Borden, M. P., leader of the opposition, given in Toronto on Thursday evening is said to have been one of the most successful ever held in that city. Among those who took part were representatives from nearly every province, including the premiers of Ontario and British Columbia. The reports say that Mr. Borden has seldom been heard to better advantage. Following is the portion of Mr. Borden's speech which dealt with the Northwest pension bill and the indemnity question:

On reading Mr. Borden's words, we loudly cheered, and when the applause had subsided he spoke as follows: The inspiration of your presence and your enthusiasm makes my task tonight an easy one. This banquet was tendered to me as a mark of respect for a year ago, but for obvious reasons I was unable to accept at that time. Since then many things have happened. We met defeat in the general election, and we have passed through a session of parliament which has aroused very great public interest, and recently we have fought four by-elections in this province and the province of Nova Scotia. These by-elections have accepted as distinct evidence of encouragement. The enormous reduction of the usual government majority in three of the ridings and the triumph of the conservative candidate in the fourth are unusual features in the public life of this country.

The conservative candidates made plucky and splendid fights in every instance. Mr. Smith, in Wentworth, overcame great odds, and his victory is conspicuously a matter of congratulation. His presence in parliament is desirable in the interest of the conservative party, but especially in the interest of the country, as he is a business man of great ability, enterprise and experience, who possesses also a very thorough knowledge of public affairs and public questions, such as transportation and especially cold storage, and is a recognized authority in the house.

At the past session, parliament was called upon to consider a government measure providing for the establishment of two new provinces in the Northwest. I need not recapitulate tonight the extraordinary circumstances attending the introduction of that bill. It seems to have been prepared and even presented to parliament without the knowledge of two very important members of the administration. Its most notable provision was not submitted to Mr. Borden until within a few hours of its introduction, although he was fully consulted on every other detail of the bill. This was especially remarkable, as Mr. Haultain had been invited to Ottawa for the purpose of presenting his views upon the provisions of the bill, and he had frequently conferred with the administration not only his own assistance, but that of his officers as well.

The bill was introduced on the 21st of February. Dismissals in the cabinet, the resignation of one minister and the threatened, if not actual, resignation of another.

There are some reasons why Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine is the most suitable treatment obtainable for children.

It is pleasant to the taste, and children like to take it. It is composed of simple ingredients of proven value in the cure of throat and lung troubles. It is positively free from anything of an injurious nature, and can be used with perfect safety with the smallest child, so long as directions are followed.

When you make up your mind to safeguard your children by keeping Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine in the house, do not allow your dealer to persuade you into taking something on which he has a larger profit.

Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine has saved us many doctor bills, and I would not be without it in the house for many times its cost.

of the opposition by his party. He says: "The opposition, it is hoped, will see the necessity of rejecting this bill and provide by subscription by members of the party such compensation for labor and lost time as the leadership may deem to require."

Does he really believe that this is desirable? Might it not be apprehended that such a salary, if available at all, would be supplied by the corporate and moneyed interests which, in Mr. Smith's opinion, and in the opinion of others as well, are to have, independently of this, a sufficiently predominant influence in any political party?

According to Mr. Smith the leader of the opposition is supposed to be under a sense of obligation to the government because parliament has attached a special indemnity to the position which he holds for a moment, but which I trust will not be held by the leader of the present government or one of his colleagues.

THE INDEMNITY QUESTION. The special indemnity to the leader of the opposition has caused much criticism. Part of this has come from those whose good or bad opinion do not very much regard, but some of it has come from quarters which entitle the views thus expressed to most attentive and respectful consideration.

Under the provisions of the constitution the prime minister occupies a most distinguished position, is invested with enormous powers and discharges extremely important functions. Certain most important functions are discharged by the leader of an opposition under the same constitutional conventions.

Let me say at once that I never suggested or initiated in any way the idea of a special indemnity to the leader of the opposition. The question was raised among some members in the house during the past session. When it was brought to my attention I endeavored to have it dropped, but I was unable to do so.

REPLY TO GOLDWIN SMITH. Goldwin Smith has voiced that criticism, and I select his words as those of a man whose opinions are entitled to respect, and who undoubtedly speaks that which he sincerely believes. His view is thus expressed:

It is assuredly surprising that the leader of the opposition as a man of the world, to say nothing of political character, should have allowed himself to become a pensioner of the government. To say that his independence is not impaired seems absurd.

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY. Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets, brought down to you by the great druggist, R. W. GROVE'S signature is on each box.

YORK CO. LOAN CO. PLACED IN LIQUIDATION.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—The York County Loan was taken out of the jurisdiction of the Ontario government today, when Judge Teetzel, on application of Scott and Scott, acting for Montreal, Toronto and other creditors, granted an order under the Dominion Winding-Up Act.

The National Trust Company was appointed provisional liquidator. The Dominion Permanent Loan has withdrawn from the amalgamation offer. The Ontario government has appointed W. H. Cross of Clarkson & Cross, accountants, to conduct the audit of the York County books for the benefit of the shareholders, and he will be assisted by the National Trust Company. The desire is to fully protect the interests of the shareholders.

WANTED. "If you want work, or if you desire to increase your income during spare time, write us now, and we will give you profitable work in your vicinity. We pay well for services rendered. PELHAM NURSERY CO., Toronto, Ont."

MEN WANTED — Reliable men in every locality throughout Canada to advertise our goods, tack up show-boards on trees, fences, along roads and all conspicuous places, also distributing small advertising matter. Salary \$500 per year, or \$75 per month and expenses \$3 per day. Steady employment to good, reliable men. No experience necessary. Write for particulars. EMPIRE MEDICINE CO., London, Ont.

MONEY TO LOAN. H. H. PICKETT, B. C. L., Barrister, Solicitor, etc., Canada Life Building.

More than one man has been called crazy for advertising largely, but no one seems to remember his aberration after he makes a comfortable fortune. —Paper and Printing Journal.

FATAL EXPLOSION AT ROSSLAND, B. C.

One Man Killed and Many Injured by Explosion of a Ton of Gelatine—Damage \$50,000.

ROSSLAND, B. C., Dec. 16.—At two o'clock this afternoon about a ton of gelatine in a thawing house of the Centre Star Mine exploded through some unknown cause, killing John S. Ingram, formerly chief of police here, and injuring several scores of people. Ingram was in charge of the powder, and death removed the only possible source of information as to the cause of the explosion. His body was recovered from the debris badly mangled. Lockhart, assistant diamond drill operator, who was at work near the Centre Star office, was badly cut about the head and legs, but will recover. Several members of the office staff and men in the compressor building were hurt by flying glass or being thrown violently against the machinery.

Buildings in the immediate vicinity were twisted out of shape and windows all broken. The Big War Eagle boarding house is badly damaged, some of the inmates being injured slightly. In the city the shock of the explosion caused much consternation, and did a large amount of damage. The windows of the plate glass windows on Columbia avenue were smashed, many people receiving cuts from fragments. Merchants had Christmas goods displayed on the street, and many of the goods among these. The amount of glass destroyed is enormous, and heavy importations for repairs will be necessary.

The Centre Star, War Eagle and Le Roi mines will be shut down for a few days because of the injury to steam and air pipes, and the compressor machinery and practically wrecked buildings containing them.

The damage caused is exactly appraised, but it is thought it will probably reach \$50,000.

"OZONE SOLUTION"—SPECIAL OFFER. There is just one way by which you can get a package of "Celery King" free with a bottle of "Ozone." That is ask your druggist for "Solution of Ozone, the coupon kind." Each bottle of this contains a coupon, which we send you a full twenty-five cent package of "Celery King." Never take "Ozone" without "Celery King" if you want the best results.

SAD DROWNING OF YOUNG BOY

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17.—A sad event occurred yesterday afternoon near Murray River bridge, when the ten year old son of Wm. McPherson, Glen Williams, was drowned while crossing the channel. The little lad saw a couple of boys skating on the opposite side of the river and started across the channel. The ice there, however, was very thin and gave away. When the other boys saw the danger they went to the rescue, one boy plunging in after him, but their attempts were unavailing, so they put to the shore for help. In a few minutes quite a number gathered, but the body could not be found. Efforts to recover the remains were made again today, but without success, had as the current is very strong it is likely the body has drifted some distance.

SERIOUS FIRE AT AMHERST, N. S.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 17.—At 11 last night fire was discovered in a small building at the west end of Park street, owned and occupied by Harry Farnes as a grocery. Although three-quarters of a mile from the fire station, the department dived out the fire, but the interior of the building was destroyed and the stock ruined. The damage was about \$700; covered by insurance. Origin of the fire is unknown.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use Kuntzoff Headache Powders, 10 cents.

CLIMATE. and Her of Lungs.

Thousands owe their lives to hundreds of boxes in every household. We can send you a free trial of our medicine. It is a cure for all lung troubles. It is a cure for all coughs, colds, and bronchitis. It is a cure for all asthma, whooping cough, and all other lung troubles. It is a cure for all chest pains, and all other chest troubles. It is a cure for all weakness, and all other ailments. It is a cure for all diseases of the lungs, and all other diseases of the chest.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS

ANDOVER, N. B., Dec. 11.—Mrs. J. Thrus Carter has returned from her trip to Florida, where she spent several months with her sister, Mrs. Taylor.

Mrs. Geo. T. Baird is home from St. John after an absence of a few weeks. Dr. King, son of Senator King, of this province and M. P. P. of Vancouver, B. C., is the guest of Senator and Mrs. Baird.

Rev. Mr. McCaskill of Fort Kent, Me., was in the village last week and attended the Presbytery meetings at Kintore and Woodstock.

Miss Nellie Sadler is visiting at the home of Senator and Mrs. Baird. The ladies of the Baptist church will hold an Experience Social in Beveridge's Hall Christmas night, to raise funds for their new church, which is nearing completion.

Notice has been received of the death of Carleton Clark in the provincial hospital, St. John, where he had been sent for medical treatment. His remains are expected by train today. He has been for a number of years a resident of Andover. He leaves a wife and large family to mourn their loss.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 11.—Work has been suspended on the Grindstone Island breakwater, which was begun some months ago, the cold and stormy weather rendering a continuing of operations impracticable.

Joseph Turner and his daughter, Miss Apphia Turner, who have been spending several weeks with relatives here, have returned to their home in Point de Bute.

Among the attractions for Christmas week will be a church wedding on Wednesday evening, Dec. 27th, when a well known young lady school teacher of this village, now teaching in the northern part of the province, will be united in marriage to a prominent contractor and builder of Campbellton. The ceremony is announced for 8.30 p. m. in the Baptist church.

No mails were received from outside yesterday. The Salisbury and Harvey train left Albert at the usual time yesterday morning, but on account of ice on the rails, was unable to get to Salisbury until late at night, returning today.

Work at the new plaster quarry on the Stiles property here, which has been conducted for some weeks by the N. B. Adamant Co., closed down for the present this week. They got out about 500 tons.

James I. came to England in 1603, as a stranger who had never before been in the country, and whose claim to the sovereignty, as Queen Elizabeth's successor, was founded on his descent from Henry VII., first of the Tudor line—his mother, Mary Queen of Scots, having been Henry's great granddaughter. George I. came to England in 1714 as James I.'s great-grandson, and the successor, in accordance with the act of settlement of 1701, of Queen Anne, his kinswoman. He had previously visited this country in the reign of Charles II.—London 'Modern Society'.

CASTRO GIVES IN; WAR DANGER PAST

Franco-Venezuelan Trouble Is About Over.

South American President Has Withdrawn From His Objectionable Position—Amicable Settlement Probable

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A Caracas despatch to the Herald dated Thursday, says: President Castro withdrew on Wednesday not only the objectionable phrase, but his counter protest, thus avoiding the necessity of answering the reply of France to the Venezuelan memorandum which would have made a settlement impossible. This act is a confirmation of the announcement of the policy of President Castro in the line of a resumption of universal friendship.

Trouble between President Castro and the French government arose indirectly out of the dispute with the French Cable Company. The company's concession was annulled by the Venezuelan courts, and a further suit was brought for alleged complicity in the Matos revolution. The company through its resident director, M. Brun, protested. He was expelled, and furthermore President Castro ordered the company's land lines closed. Then M. Talgny, French charge d'affaires, protested in the Venezuelan courts. To this President Castro made a counter protest, and the minister of foreign affairs declared M. Talgny a persona non grata, refusing to hold further communication with France through M. Talgny.

France considered this an attack on her foreign policy, sent warships to Martinique and prepared for a naval demonstration. The American minister tried to effect a compromise by proposing that both the protest of M. Talgny and the counter protest of President Castro be withdrawn, but his efforts were without avail, France refusing to recede from her position. Now President Castro takes a definite step to effect an amicable settlement.

NEW YORK, Dec. 15.—A Caracas despatch to the Tribune, dated Dec. 12, and cited in transmission, says: Clyde Ross, treasurer of the Asphalt Trust, who came here from Philadelphia with Captain Robert K. Wright, local manager of the New York & Bermuda Co., to effect a settlement with the Venezuelan government in the latter's suit against the company, called yesterday for New York on the Philadelphia without having accomplished his mission.

President Castro refused to interfere with the \$11,000,000 damage suit proceeding in the court against the company or with the decision in a previous action annulling its concession.

SNOW TOO DEEP FOR SURVEY

And Grand Trunk Pacific Suspends Work.

MONCTON, Dec. 16.—Murray Fleming, a former I. C. R. boy, one of the men discharged by Mr. Emerson for political reasons, passed through Moncton yesterday on his way to Sydney, where he is to superintend the installation of some machinery at the steel works. Mr. Fleming now holds a good position with the Parsons Manufacturing Company of New York, and is just from the State of Alabama, where he had been for the last nine months on the firm's business. Needless to say, he finds some change from the climate of the far south to that of Canada in December.

The Grand Trunk Pacific survey party under Engineer Weatherbee, which is at present near Grand Falls, will, it is understood, suspend operations in the course of a few days. The depth of snow is given as the reason, but it is more than likely that the suspension of operations is a part of the government policy to delay the survey as much as possible. The snow was deep last winter, but the surveys went on.

There is no clue yet to the party who stole the mail bag at Moncton station a few days ago, and apparently very little effort is being made in that direction. Alexander Murray of the Oak Hall, St. John, is to succeed George B. Willett in the management of the Humphrey clothing store, Mr. Willett is to open an insurance and real estate office the first of the year.

Surveyor General Sweeney returned yesterday from Chipman, where he was holding an investigation into charges against Labor Act Commissioner Fraser of Red Bank, who, it is alleged, made fraudulent returns, whereby grants were issued when the required work had not been done. No decision has yet been given in the case.

D. L. A. Scott, formerly of the Humphrey Clothing Co. in Moncton, and later with the same concern at Charlottetown, is now located in the west at Calgary, where he is carrying on a confectionery business.

"Why not?" queried the visitor, getting interested. "Because," was the reply, "you can dribble very well, but you never pass." The next time the bottle was taken out, the local man got a drop of it.

DODDS KIDNEY PILLS. CURE FOR ALL KIDNEY DISEASES. BRONCHITIS, RHEUMATISM, GRAVEL, GOUT, MIGRAINE, HEADACHE, NEURALGIA, SCIATICA, LUMBAGO, SPONDYLITIS, CALCULI, CATARRH, HEMATURIA, ALBUMINURIA, DIABETES, SYPHILIS, AND ALL URINARY AFFECTIONS. SOLD EVERYWHERE.

A STRANGE TRIAL IN LONDON COURTS

LONDON, Dec. 14.—The trial commenced at the Old Bailey today of Hugh Watt, the financier and former member of parliament, on the extraordinary charge of instigating agents to murder his divorcee's wife, Julia Watt. Sir Reginald Beecham, whose divorced wife is now Lady Violet, wife of the defendant, counsel for the prosecution, made a long statement, going over the ground covered at the police court trial, and contending that Watt was of perfectly sound mind notwithstanding his strange conduct.

RICHMOND, Dec. 16.—The main channel closed up this week and the fishermen are getting their smelt nets and rigging out. Fish are scarce. W. H. Hogan, accountant for R. O'Leary, who has been laid up at his home in St. John for several weeks, returned to town this week.

Mrs. J. T. Bourque is home from a visit to Bathurst. The ladies of the Methodist church held a successful fancy sale and refreshment table in the Temperance hall last evening.

The annual meeting of Wellington L. O. L., No. 51, was held in the Orange Hall, Kirkland, Charlton Co., on Tuesday evening, Dec. 5th. A large number of the members were present, and after general business was disposed of the chair was taken by Bro. Thomas Sec. David Gidney, Fin. Sec. George D. Davis, Treas. J. Fred Saunders, D. C. Chas. Nicholson, Lec. Geo. Crawford, Robert Greer, Thos. Given, David Dykeman, Hugh McCluskey, committee.

PREFERRED AN OLDER ONE. "You wish to marry one of my daughters? The youngest will get £5,000, the second £10,000, and the eldest £15,000. You don't happen to have one still older?"

STRONG PLATFORM OF CONSERVATIVES

Would Take Vote on Prohibition Question.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 15.—The platform agreed upon by the liberal-conservative convention will be published tomorrow morning. It condemns the partisan administration of justice by the party now in power and pledges the conservative party to a different policy and the enactment of effective laws to safeguard the franchise and secure the independence of parliament.

The liberal-conservative policy on education, agriculture, railways and roads is set forth. In regard to expenditure is committed to the present, the present denuded and a policy of building and maintaining the highways of the province. A prohibition plank is adopted as follows: "We pledge ourselves, if returned to power, in one year thereafter, to cause a vote of the electors of the province to be taken upon the question of prohibition of the sale of intoxicating liquors within the province, and if a majority of the vote cast upon said question be in favor of prohibition we further pledge ourselves to enact a prohibitory law at the next session of the legislature after such vote is taken."

Planks are devoted to mining and the fisheries. It is held that the mining laws should be reorganized and the clause is as follows: "That, whereas miners by reason of the hands of their occupation are unable to procure life insurance, except at a very high rate; and in view of the large sums contributed to the provincial revenue from royalties, we pledge ourselves to make provision for a system of life insurance for the benefit of the miners and their widows and orphans." The clause concludes with a resolution promising to safeguard miners and other workmen as to the payment of their wages.

Adequate support and assistance is guaranteed to the fishing interests of the province. The platform concludes with a plank regarding crown lands and provincial audit.

Messrs. Butts of North Sydney, and Jamieson of Amherst, were active in the preparation of the clause regarding the coal miners.

SIR WILFRID ON THE STAND

Contradicts Statement of Senator Choquette

QUEBEC, Dec. 15.—The superior court room was packed to the doors today when the case of Parent v. Choquette was called. Only one witness was examined, but he was a very important one, and when Sir Wilfrid Laurier took the oath interesting evidence was looked forward to.

The case this morning was on a plea put in recently by Senator Choquette that a reconciliation had taken place between the parties, but this he failed to prove by Sir Wilfrid this morning.

Sir Wilfrid was examined by Senator Choquette and cross-examined by Taschereau. In answer to the defendant, Sir Wilfrid stated that during the last federal session Senator Choquette had informed him that Hon. S. N. Parent had taken action against him, and requested him, in the interest of the liberal party, to try and have the matter settled. He (Choquette) was willing to agree to any arrangement made by Sir Wilfrid.

The latter subsequently saw Parent, but he refused to do so as terms were made by the senator, remarking at the time to Sir Wilfrid: "Either Choquette is right or wrong. If he is right, let him proceed, and if he is wrong, let him apologize. I don't want his money, but I insist on my reputation."

Sir Wilfrid saw Parent again in November last, but he still insisted upon an apology. In reply to Taschereau, Sir Wilfrid said he was not aware of liberal members of this province were opposed to the nomination of Parent as chairman of the commission. He knew Senator Choquette was not enthusiastic about the appointment and the same could be said of one of the liberal members.

Asked if that member was not Talbot, Sir Wilfrid replied it was. Sir Wilfrid also stated that the appointment of Parent to the chairmanship of the trans-continental railway commission was not directly or indirectly conditional upon the withdrawal and settlement of the present case. This statement is a contradiction of Senator Choquette's affidavit already alluded to.

When Sir Wilfrid's evidence was concluded and the reading of a number of letters which had passed between witnesses and defendant, Senator Choquette filed a declaration withdrawing his plea of reconciliation.

The interval had been distinguished by a revolution, the execution of Charles I., the protectorate of Oliver Cromwell, the restoration of Charles II., and an unsuccessful rebellion in favor of James II.'s illegitimate son, the Duke of Monmouth. The two daughters of James II., Queens Mary II. and Anne, though of the Stuart line, have always been considered usurpers by true Jacobites.

Wool! Wool! The Farmer who has wool to sell or exchange is invited to enquire for the cloth and yarn which will wear a long time: Hewson Tweeds & Yarns. Made at the big new mill at Amherst. HEWSON WOOLEN MILLS, Limited, Amherst, N.S.

Have you a friend in St John? Ask him if he reads THE SUN, In the morning and THE STAR, In the evening. These papers have a combined circulation of about 10,000 a day.

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A splendid picture of King Edward VII, or 5 Picture Post Cards, will be sent to any new or old subscriber sending 75 cents for a subscription one year in advance.

CHLOROFORM USED TO KILL MRS. NAFTIL

ASHBURY PARK, N. J., Dec. 14.—Physicians today found the chloroform was used to kill Mrs. Morris Naftil, the aged woman who was murdered and robbed yesterday afternoon in her apartments here. It was at first thought that she had been smothered to death by a heavy bed tick which was found over her face. Her husband and her four sons, who are making every effort to learn the identity of the murderers, announced today that \$1,000 in cash was secured from Mrs. Naftil yesterday. Mr. Naftil said that his wife carried this amount in a chambray bag attached to her clothing and that this bag was found empty.

PASSENGER ARRESTED.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 14.—Alfonse Lismer, a passenger of the steamer Cedric, which arrived here today from New York, was arrested on a charge of absconding with \$6,500 belonging to the paint firm of King & Landesmann of New York, of which he was manager. Lismer's wife, who did not accompany her husband ashore, proceeded on the Cedric to Liverpool in ignorance of his arrest. He had \$6,093 on his person when arrested.

MORE CHARGES

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 14.—Responding to a summons from District Attorney John B. Morgan, Congressman William S. McNary called upon that officer this afternoon in relation to charges reflecting upon Mayor-elect John F. Fitzgerald, made by Mr. McNary at rallies previous to the city primaries. The congressman had reiterated his charges during the election canvass after having been urged to do so by a democrat who had allied himself with the movement to elect Frothingham.

THE MAJOR COLLAPSED.

A good story is told of a military candidate who was addressing a meeting of voters in a rural village. He was an avowed champion of flogging in the army and was considerably heckled on the subject. Defending himself, the gallant major urged that there was no necessary disgrace in being flogged. "Why," he exclaimed, "I was flogged myself once, and it was for telling the truth." "And it cured 'ee, now doubt," said the crushing rejoinder from a rustic auditor, to an accompaniment of shrieks of laughter. "Don't you think, doctor, that you ought to bleed my husband?" "No, madam, not until he gets well."

DR. MELVIN'S SIDE OF THE SMALLPOX STORY FROM QUEENS

He Had Nothing to Do With the Quarantine of Kennedy's House.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—In your issue of Saturday, the 16th inst., W. G. Kennedy, in the course of a letter to your journal, states that his premises were quarantined by my order, or, that he was so informed. Permit me, through you, to assure your correspondent that such is not the fact, as will appear from the following:

(1) That, to the best of my knowledge and belief, I never saw or heard of Mr. Kennedy until I read his name in the letter already adverted to.

(2) That I had, absolutely, no authority whatever to order any quarantine, or any other procedure connected with the epidemic in Queens county.

(3) That I was requested by the board of health to go to Queens county for a specific purpose, viz., to give an opinion relative to an epidemic disease present there, and my advice, if it were asked.

(4) That I went to said county, saw a number of cases, pronounced my opinion upon them (a written one), and upon their return, presented it to the chairman of the board of health, Dr. Caswell; gave a little advice, when specially asked, and returned at the earliest possible moment. Forgoing will make my position clear, and thanking you for the opportunity of correcting this misapprehension, I am faithfully yours, GEO. G. MELVIN.

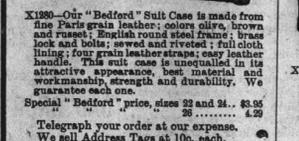
163 Princess street, St. John, N. B., 16th, Dec., 1905.

HE NEVER PASSED. It was at the match between the New Zealanders and the Irish Team last Saturday that a visitor from across the Channel got into conversation with an Irishman. During the conversation, the visitor kept pulling a bottle of whiskey out of his pocket, and having a drink without asking his companion to have a drop. At last the local man said, "Have you ever played football?" "Oh, yes," replied the visitor, "and was up to international form." "Oh, I don't believe that."

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Our "Bedford" Suit Case

This Case is famous. We have sold many thousands of them. It is the best suit case we know of for \$3.95.



X1280—Our "Bedford" Suit Case is made from heavy cowhide, brass lock and clasp, easy leather handle, fine finish, stitched-in steel frame and valance, straps in body and cover. This suit case is unequalled in its attractive appearance, best material and workmanship, strength and durability. We guarantee each one. Special Christmas price, size 22 and 24... \$3.25

Ladies' Cowhide Suit Cases

X1281—Suit Cases made from heavy cowhide suit case leather, brass lock and clasp, easy leather handle, fine finish, stitched-in steel frame and valance, straps in body and cover. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$3.25

One of our Strongest Cowhide Suit Cases

X1282—Suit Case, made from select Paris grain leather, olive, brown and russet, hand-sewed French edge, English round, steel frame, solid brass lock and clasp, three hinges, easy leather handle, full leather lined, shirt pocket and dome fasteners. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$3.75

An Extra Fine Suit Case

X1284—Extra Fine Suit Case, made from select cowhide suit case leather, colors olive, brown and English russet, round steel frame, closed-in French-stitched edges, stitched leather corners, full leather lined and shirt pocket solid brass trimmings. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$3.75

Double Lock Suit Case

X1285—Special Double Brass Lock Suit Case, made from fine heavy cowhide grain leather; olive, brown and russet; two grain leather straps going around outside; full cloth lined; four inside straps. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$5.95

Deep Club Bags

X1283—Deep Club Bag, made from cowhide, with handsome wavy slot, brown, black, olive and russet, English steel frame, sewed, solid brass trimmings, leather lining and pockets. Special Christmas price, size 18... \$6.99

Fine Club Bags

X1284—Suit Case (exactly same as club, made from solid olive or brown grained cowhide leather, brass lock and clasp, two pressed hold-in-place by riveted leather holders, full cloth lined, four inside straps. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$3.25

Our "Crescent" Suit Case

X1286—Suit Case, made from select Paris grain leather, olive, brown and russet, hand-sewed French edge, English round, steel frame, solid brass lock and clasp, three hinges, easy leather handle, full leather lined, shirt pocket and dome fasteners. Special Christmas price, size 22... \$3.75

Extra Strong Trunk

X1287—High-Grade Club Bags, brown, olive, black and russet, very strong, double handle, hand-sewed leather covered, English steel frame, solid brass lock and roller hinges, made in smooth and boarded grain leather, full leather lined, with pockets, deep square end. Special Christmas price, size 16... \$7.75

Club Bags

X1288—Solid Fine Grain Leather Club Bags, with leather lining and brass trimmings, easy leather handle, pressed base, inside pockets, sizes 12, 14, 16 and 18 inch, in black, brown or olive colors. Special Christmas price, size 12... \$2.99

High Square Model Waterproof Canvas

X1289—High Square Model Waterproof Canvas covered Trunk (exactly the same as club, with leather corners, clasp, bolts, hinges, holders and lock) made from bottom and centre bands, heavy elm slats and hinges, tray with covered base. Special Christmas price, size 30... \$3.95

DR. A. W. CHASE'S 25c CATARRH CURE... Is sent direct to the diseased parts by the improved slower. Heals the ulcers, clears the air passages, supports the inflamed throat and permanently cures Catarrh and Hay Fever. Sufferers from Catarrh of the Throat, Nose and Lungs, or any other of the above named ailments, should at once procure this medicine. Sold by all Dealers, or Dr. A. W. Chase, Medicine Co., Toronto and Buffalo.

HOWARD D. CAMP WAS COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

On the Charge of Manslaughter---He Was Let Out on \$8,000 Bail---Dr. Macrae's Able Plea in His Defense.

Howard D. Camp, accused of manslaughter in connection with the death of Edith F. Clark, was on Saturday afternoon committed for trial at the close of the preliminary hearing of his case, conducted in the police court before Magistrate Ritchie.

The witnesses examined in the morning were Mrs. Robert J. Clarke, stepmother of the deceased; Dr. G. A. B. Addy, who performed the post-mortem examination; Dr. Roberts, Dr. Scammell, Barpee Brown and Wm. McKay.

The only witnesses called in the afternoon were Miss Muir and Miss Maxwell, the Victorian nurses.

The most striking feature of the hearing was the extremely clever and ingenious address made by Dr. A. W. Macrae on behalf of the prisoner, and to which very many complimentary references were made by both the magistrate and the solicitor general.

While admitting that the address of Dr. Macrae had impressed him very favorably, the magistrate decided nevertheless that there was enough evidence to put the accused on his trial.

Camp was released on bail, the magistrate asking for his own recognizance of \$4,000, and George Fleming and Frank F. Peters in sureties of \$2,000 each.

His case will come up for trial at the next term of the court, which opens on the second of January before Chief Justice Tucker.

Camp was arraigned on the following indictment: "The information and complaint of Wm. Walker, clerk of the city of St. John, in the city and county of St. John, taken on oath before me, the undersigned, Robert J. Ritchie, police magistrate for the police district of the city of St. John, this sixteenth day of December, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and five, who saith that he suspects and believes that one Edith Floyd Clark died in the city of St. John between the tenth day of November last past and the present date did commit manslaughter contrary to the statute, and against the peace as to the cause of death was held before Daniel Berryman, Esq., a coroner for the city and county of St. John, and that the jury upon such inquest found that death was due to blood poisoning occasioned by an unlawful act, to wit, abortion, upon said Edith Floyd Clark, and that the said Howard Camp was a party to such unlawful act."

W. WALKER, CLERK. ROBERT J. RITCHIE, MAGISTRATE.

Mrs. Robert Clark, the stepmother of the deceased Edith Floyd Clark, was the first witness called. She said Edith was 24 years of age. She died on the 22nd of November, having been confined to her bed from Sunday night, Nov. 13th, until her death. The doctor who examined her on the 13th of November identified the part bottle of ergot that has previously been shown in evidence, and said that it was brought to the house by Howard Camp on Monday evening, Nov. 13th.

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On the next day she told witnesses that she wanted to give a set of furs, watch and a china cup to Muriel Goodwin, and had a jacket to another little girl. On the following day, Saturday, the 16th of November, she said, "You might not think it, but I am not going to get better this time."

Mr. Macrae objected to hearsay evidence. On that Thursday before the doctor came in Edith said: "Don't you worry, I know I am not going to get better this time. When witness was putting on her rings she said, 'What will you do with my rings when I die?' Witness said they would be left on her fingers. She then said, 'Will you give one of my rings to Mrs. Harry Reynolds to remember me by?'"

Dr. G. A. B. Addy described the post-mortem examination on Miss Clark's body for half an hour of ergot, and recognized the bottle in court as the one which he filled. The contents of the bottle in court smelled like ergot.

To Dr. Macrae—Witness said that no record was kept of prescriptions being refilled.

Mr. Macrae then informed the court that there were three prescriptions filled at the Brown store on the 13th of November and delivered at Miss Clark's house, and there were a number of bottles about the girl's room and that probably this one bottle was brought forth to drum up a charge of manslaughter.

The witness then said that any prescription he had filled could be produced.

Dr. Scammell was the next witness. He told of having been present at the cutting operation on the deceased on Sunday, 19th. The operation was successful. He then told of the conversation he had with Miss Clark and which was the same as given on other occasions.

Dr. Macrae objected to the evidence of conversation on the ground that the girl did not believe that she was going to die.

The evidence was allowed. Dr. Roberts was the next witness called and Dr. Macrae said his objections to the evidence would be the same as on the previous witness's testimony.

Wm. McKay, a drug clerk in Barpee Brown's store, said he thought he had seen Camp in the store but could not remember when.

MISS MAXWELL. Miss Edith Maxwell sworn: "Did you hear any conversation between the doctors and the patient?"

Dr. Macrae objected that this was hearsay evidence, but the magistrate allowed the question.

The witness said that the deceased had stated that an instrument was used on her, and that some medicine had been brought to her by her friend, Howard. She also said that the patient had said to her that the doctors might have spared her, as Howard would have told them all.

MISS MUIR. Miss Muir was then sworn: "Did you have any conversation with Miss Clark before the operation?"

Dr. Macrae objected to this question. The witness—The deceased said she hoped she would get better, but she did not think she would, and also said she hoped the operation would save her life.

natural conclusion is that she was not in the fear of death. People often say when in a morbid state of mind, "Well, I am not long for this world," and similar remarks, and they are only laughed at.

"According to the evidence of the stepmother the girl was persistently saying she was not going to get better, but under what inducement did the physicians get the girl to submit to an operation? She would not have had the operation performed if she was in a hopeless expectancy of death."

"The doctors told the girl that they wanted a statement to protect themselves, yet they waited until after they had consulted the council of the Medical Society, before they decided what evidence they would give."

"The deceased told one nurse that she hoped the operation would save her life. After the operation she told the other nurse that she hoped she would get better, but that she would not. All the doctors said to her on Monday was that she was not likely to recover."

"A young man brings to the woman to whom he is engaged a medicine which will help her, and is he to be sent up for trial on a charge of manslaughter because of that?"

"Why did the doctors torture that poor girl? It was because of personal animus against a certain physician. They admitted that their object was to strike from the rolls another practitioner. I cannot see a title of evidence which has been made a charge of manslaughter. There is no evidence that the use of either medicine or instrument was procured by Howard Camp, or that he suggested it, or that he caused anyone else to do anything illegal."

"If a messenger brought a prescription from a druggist, with a doctor's name on it, and the patient said it was her friend Howard who had brought it, is that messenger to be placed on his trial for manslaughter?"

"I think that the crown has utterly failed to connect Camp in any way with the death of Miss Clark, and I ask that my client be discharged."

THE SOLICITOR GENERAL. The solicitor general said at the outset that his learned friend had certainly gotten all out of his side of the case that was possible, and had presented his facts very ably and very ingeniously.

"I have, however, tried to bring all the evidence out, whether favorable or unfavorable to the crown's case. My learned friend says there is no evidence, but there is evidence of a carriage. There is evidence that Dr. Preston used an instrument and got \$25 for it. There is evidence that the deceased died from blood poisoning. There is evidence that the accused took a bottle of medicine to the deceased, which is used in such cases as hers. There is also evidence that the deceased said she would get other people to do it."

He did not think Dr. Roberts and Dr. Scammell would endanger their own personal reputations for the sake of persecuting another physician.

The solicitor general went on to say that on another such case he had concluded by stating that he thought there was enough evidence to send the prisoner up for trial.

MAGISTRATE RITCHIE. The magistrate in summing up the evidence after the solicitor general had concluded, remarked that if his experience had been less, he might have been moved by Dr. Macrae's eloquent appeal. Part of his argument was most ingenious, and calculated to make the evidence in this case very different from that given against Dr. Preston. The magistrate confessed that he had certainly been staggered by the force of Dr. Macrae's argument, as he had been by the force of the argument presented by the crown, and that he had asked what would have been done by Dr. Macrae had he thought however, that he would be obliged to take the view of the solicitor general, and send the prisoner up for trial.

Camp was then requested to stand up and asked if he had anything to say in his own behalf. His reply was the same as Dr. Preston's, "Not guilty, your honor."

Dr. Macrae then made an application for bail, which was granted.

CANADIAN NEWS

Bad Fire on Saturday in Montreal.

Atty. Curry Still After the Plumbers

Collision on the Victoria Bridge

Tariff Commission.

PRINCE ALBERT, Sask., Dec. 16.—Practically nothing new was brought before the tariff commission at yesterday's sitting here. The local Board of Trade, Grain Growers' Association and Agricultural Society agreed in a request for a general reduction in the duty on agricultural implements, the request being practically that the existing duties be cut in half. They agreed with the stand taken by grain growers of Manitoba and by stockmen of Alberta, but not touching on new lines. An average of twelve and one-half per cent. on implements they felt would meet their wants.

Members of the commission explained in detail the system on which tariffs are made up, pointing out the difference to the manufacturer between the tariff and the actual protection accorded him.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 15.—A Regina despatch says the result of the Saskatchewan elections is still in doubt, though there is a possibility that the Liberal majority will be sustained by a slight majority. The Liberals returned give 9 seats to Haultain and 9 to Scott, with seven in doubt. Of those in doubt Haultain claims 3 and Scott 3. The final result may give Scott 13 seats and Haultain 12.

TORONTO, Dec. 16.—County Attorney Curry, it is understood, will appear in court on Tuesday next. The case against individual members of the Master Plumbers' and Steam Fitters' Association of having conspired to obstruct the business of the city in connection with the addition of houses to the city is to be taken up. The charge against one hundred and fifty master plumbers of conspiracy also will be presented.

The hardware branch probably will be first dealt with. It is said that the documents obtained at Mr. Hardy's office show that combines have existed in such lines of trade as nails, tacks, etc., for some fifteen years.

FATAL THEATRE FIRE. LOREANE, Ohio, Dec. 17.—Four lives were lost in a fire which destroyed the Verbeck Theatre here early today. The dead are James Dwyer, an employee of the theatre, who slept in the basement and Mrs. William Marsh, wife of the stage manager of the theatre and her two young children. Mr. and Mrs. Dwyer occupied apartments on the third floor. Mr. Marsh was absent when the fire broke out but his wife and the children were suffocated. Mrs. John Vesper was rescued, unconscious, by firemen. The loss is \$50,000.

FIRE IN MONCTON CHURCH; CONGREGATION DIDN'T KNOW IT. MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—While the congregation of Central Methodist church was gathered for worship at 11 o'clock this morning, a light was being made by Chief Ackman and a few members of the fire department in the basement of the church to save the edifice from destruction by fire. A blaze in the floor over the furnace was seen by the janitor a little before the service was to begin. Chief Ackman, who was in the vestry, telephoned for the alarm and then without giving a general alarm proceeded to fight the fire. It was eventually put out and worship was not disturbed. Many in the congregation were unaware of what had transpired. Practically no damage was done.

MONCTON SHAREHOLDERS WILL HAVE INVESTIGATION. MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—J. G. McDonald, the well known contractor, is reported seriously ill at his home in Upper Coverdale. Mr. McDonald, who has been engaged for the last two or three years on some railway contract in Nova Scotia, was obliged to return home some weeks ago, on account of illness, but he has not improved, and it is feared he may not recover. Mr. McDonald was in the west some years ago and erected some of the largest buildings and other structures in Winnipeg during the first big boom.

Moncton shareholders in the York Loan are moving to have an investigation of the company's business here. Arthur E. Boyd, a printer formerly of Moncton, but for some years living in the United States, has just been elected vice-regent of the Eastern Council, No. 42, the Royal Arcanum. This is the largest council in Boston, having a membership of over 600.

Moncton's open air skating rink was opened on Saturday night. The covered rink opens Monday night, and the curlers have a good sheet of ice. The first regular play will take place on Monday.

ATHENS, Dec. 17.—The cabinet of M. Raftis resigned today as the result of the defeat of the government over the election of a president of the chamber of deputies. King George has summoned former Premier Theoklis to form a cabinet.

CONGRESS WILL SOON ADJOURN

FOR THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The four days before the holiday adjournment will be dedicated in the house to further discussion of federal control of insurance and to completing the enactment of the Panama emergency appropriation. There are many members who desire to talk about insurance. Speaker Cannon has concurred in this general view in the house that the president's message furnishes as good a basis as anything else for this debate.

Committee work will progress during the debate. The ways and means committee will continue its hearings of the Philippine tariff and the Statehood Bill is to be perfected, but will not, under the present plan, be brought into the house until January 4.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 17.—The senate will meet the wishes of the house for an adjournment for the Christmas holidays on Thursday next. Meantime the senate will probably content itself with comparatively little work unless there should be difficulty in agreeing with the house on the terms of the Panama Canal emergency appropriation bill. That measure will go to a conference committee early in the week and there will be a united effort to reach a conclusion before the holiday adjournment.

The action of the senate in attempting to eliminate the bond provision and make a separate law of it, will probably be the principal bone of contention in the conference committee. The reorganization of the senate committee will be announced Monday or Tuesday.

Senator Gallinger will make an effort during the week to have the Merchant Marine bill passed by the committee. The bill, with the end in view of having it in position to be pressed when congress reconvenes.

PANIC IN HOTEL FIRE

IN SKOWHEGAN, MAINE.

SKOWHEGAN, Me., Dec. 17.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Hotel Hession on last night, driving fifty or more persons from their lodgings to the street. Many of the inmates were terrified from the alarm of fire, and there was a small panic. Mrs. H. T. Conant, one of the lodgers, suffered a broken leg in jumping from a second story window. The other occupants escaped from the building without injury.

The Hession house was a four story wooden structure on Water street and was formerly one of the best hotels of the village although it had recently been used principally as a boarding house for mill operatives. It was the Chinese curio, the best of the village, and was recently being used as a boarding house for mill operatives. It was the Chinese curio, the best of the village, and was recently being used as a boarding house for mill operatives.

It was soon seen that the hotel was doomed and the firemen turned their attention to saving of the every stable and stores close by which were threatened. The hotel with practically all of its contents was destroyed, but the nearby buildings were not seriously damaged.

EMMERSON WILL PENSION

300 I. C. R. EMPLOYES.

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RECENT DEATHS.

From Monday's Daily Sun.

A telegram from Vancouver, B. C., Saturday, announces the sudden death of Miss Mary Short, formerly of Disby, after an illness of four days from meningitis. Miss Short left St. John only a few weeks ago to spend the winter with her brother.

WHITE'S COVE, N. B., Dec. 15.—Samuel H. Northrup, one of the most highly respected residents of Belleisle Creek, Kings Co., died at his home on the 28th ult., after a week's illness of pneumonia. Mr. Northrup, who was in the first year of his age, was a consistent member of the Methodist Church, having united with that body when a young man. He led an exemplary Christian life and was a strenuous worker in both Sunday school and church. He leaves a sorrowing widow, one son and five daughters to mourn the loss of a kind husband and loving father. His remains were interred in the Methodist cemetery at Belleisle Creek on Monday, the 27th ult.

The death took place at a late hour on Friday night of Fred Fair, of Spruce Lake. Mr. Fair had been ill for a considerable period with a complication of consumption and heart trouble. Mr. Fair was unmarried, and was occupied in lumbering and railroading.

SACKVILLE, N. B., Dec. 16.—The death of Miss Maude Anderson, daughter of Mrs. Edward Anderson, occurred last evening at 7 o'clock. Her death was not unexpected, as she has been in failing health the past two years. Deceased was 44 years old. She is survived by a mother, two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Ford and Mrs. F. A. Harrison, and three brothers, Albert and Elies of Cole's Island, and Lee of British Columbia. Funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon, Rev. E. N. Nobles will conduct the service.

Valentine Wilkinson, one of Sackville's oldest residents, passed away after an illness of ten days. He is survived by a widow. Funeral takes place tomorrow afternoon, Rev. E. N. Nobles will conduct the service.

On Wednesday afternoon next there will be a sale in St. John (Stone) church school building of a number of beautiful Chinese articles, consisting of carved wood frames, silver work, drawn work, silk handkerchiefs and a variety of ornamental and unique Chinese curios. The sale will be held on Wednesday, having come direct from China. The sale is in aid of Dr. Mabel Hanington's mission work in Wing-dalk, China, and is being held by the Gleasons' Union and the Woman's Auxiliary of the Stone Church. There will be afternoon tea and a candy and ice cream table. As the articles are especially suitable for Xmas presents, intending purchasers will do well to go early. A few will necessarily be sold by falling on a slippery sidewalk in Sackville on Saturday.

Thos. Foote, formerly chief accountant of the I. C. R., died at his home recently of paralysis in Baltimore. He was a son-in-law of the late Judge McCully and retired from the railway on account of ill health in the spring of 1882.

A telegram was received in the city last night announcing the death of Thomas Rogers. Mr. Rogers until two years ago was one of the best known men in this city. He was born here and in his younger days followed the sea, but latterly gave his time to bill posting. No particulars as to the cause of death were given, but as he had been ill with an asthmatical affection before he left it is supposed that that disease was the cause.

Deceased is survived by three sisters and two brothers. All his sisters are in Boston—Mrs. William Whitaker, with whom he lived at the time of his death, and the Misses Catherine and Alice. One brother is a printer in the office of the Boston Transcript, the other brother Joseph, resides at 25 Germain street, this city. He was about seventy years of age. The body will be brought here arriving Tuesday on the noon train. Many in this city will be glad to hear of Mr. Rogers' death. He was a great favorite with everybody and had a cheery word for all.

Thomas Eyles Greene died Saturday after an illness of about ten days. He was a native of St. George and came to St. John (west) over sixty years ago. He was married to Catherine McEwen, of Weymouth, N. S., who died thirteen years ago. He leaves five sons, Herbert, Corey and George, of St. John (west); John, of Boston, and Murray, of Winnipeg; and five daughters, Mrs. John Bond, Mrs. James McLoughlin, of this city, and Mrs. Anderson, Bertha and Grace living at home. There are also twenty-six grandchildren and seven great grandchildren in the family circle. He was of an active and energetic disposition and lived to the ripe old age of eighty-four years.

News was received Saturday of the death of George Pile, formerly of this city, at Lethbridge, Alberta, of typhoid fever. Deceased was one of the South African veterans, having first served with Prince Alfred's Guards, M. I., and secondly with the 2nd Canadian Mounted Rifles, being wounded while serving with the latter body, for which he was awarded a pension. He belonged to Marlborough Lodge, Sons of England, and the Oddfellows. Both bodies will attend his funeral.

Word has been received by James McDade of this city on Friday last announcing the sad news of his daughter, Slater M. F. Regis, of Waco, Texas. No details as to the cause of her death has been received. Deceased had been in good health, as the family had heard from her very recently. Slater Regis during the fifteen years in the order has travelled extensively in the United States, being superintendent of the training school for nurses in some of the renowned hospitals of the Sisters of Charity. Several St. John people bespeak of the kindness shown them by her in the different states. She was removed to Waco, Texas, four months ago from Los Angeles. Much sympathy was shown to the family in her sad bereavement.

JAPS AND BRITISH UNITE

FOR NAVAL MANOEUVRES.

Great Plans for Mimic Sea War Next Year—Whole World Will Be the Battleground.

LONDON, Dec. 16.—The naval manoeuvres for 1906 will be based on a principal quite new in naval annals, and will be on a fuller scale than the postponed programme of this year. The Japanese fleet will thoroughly form part of the scheme which will test the strategic and tactical value of the new distribution of warships. It will be supposed that strained relations exist, and the British and Japanese navies will be on the water together over the world. The sea frontiers of all our possessions consequently will come into the scheme. As soon as war has broken out the reserve divisions will be mobilized, and the conditions that might occur with a naval combination operating against Great Britain will then be rehearsed simultaneously by the various divisions, the operations being part of one great war plan. A "skeleton" army of cruisers with admirals in command will be kept on the alert for weeks against the force. Tact, ability and intuitive judgment will be demanded of the various commands, and the scheme will be the most searching test of efficiency ever devised.

ACETYLENE GAS PLANT

WRECKED; MAN KILLED

HYANNIS, Mass., Dec. 15.—The Nicerson Acetylene Gas Company's plant, which furnished light for this town, was destroyed by an explosion which killed Osborne Crowell, who was in charge of the plant, and damaged a dozen or more buildings. Crowell entered the basement of the gas company's building, a wooden structure, to examine the gas tanks and see that everything was in order. It is supposed that Crowell's lantern ignited escaping gas. The explosion shook the buildings half a mile distant and demolished windows and doors within 300 yards of the gas plant. Crowell's body was blown to pieces and little could be found except his clothing, which he could be identified. The accident extinguished practically all the lights in the town. The financial loss is estimated at \$10,000.

TRAINING PARENTS.

What shall we do with our fathers and mothers? How shall we bring them up to be the greatest blessing credit to their sons and daughters? These are questions which sons and daughters are trying to solve. I know the story of a father who delights in watching his boys, befriended and demoralized. He is a father who is a sorrow, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

I know a mother who has formed the habit of being economical. She burns her fingers, but she is a mother who is a sorrow, says the Pittsburg Dispatch.

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