

FATHER OF THE SENATE. Hon. William Miller Attains Seventieth Year. After Forty Years of Life in the Legislative Halls of His Native Land He Still Gives Promise of Many Years of Usefulness.

Hon. William Miller, senior member of the roll of the senate of Canada, has attained the seventieth year of his age. He has had a long and distinguished career in the service of his country. Born at Antigonish, N. S., February 12th, 1834, of Irish parentage, he was, says Mr. G. A. Macdonald, St. Andrew's grammar school and the Antigonish academy, and, when, but a lad, became a public school teacher. Subsequently he studied law, and was called to the bar in 1860, and entered upon the practice of his profession in Halifax, the capital of his native province. Possessed of fine powers of intellect, an orator, an attractive personality and large stores of energy and application, his course while in the active practice of his calling, was both brilliant and successful. In 1872, he was deemed worthy of silk, by the late Sir John A. Macdonald, then minister of justice, and, at a later date, the same statesman asked his acceptance of a seat on the bench—a compliment already paid him by the Hon. Alexander Mackenzie, during the first liberal regime, both offers, however, being respectfully but gratefully declined. As a member of the Nova Scotia assembly, to which he was returned in 1883, Mr. Miller was afforded a rare opportunity for the display of his talents, a ready and keen debater, it is not too much to say, that, although so young, he often proved himself more than a match for the able and experienced statesmen who then sat in that illustrious chamber. He has ever been able to bear himself with courage and statesmanlike ability in the discussions arising there, in connection with the question of the confederation of the British North American colonies. From the first Mr. Miller was an advocate of the union of all the colonies, and regarded with disfavour the scheme originally propounded in Nova Scotia, for a union, separate, of the maritime provinces, simply and apart from old Canada, as then constituted. At a later stage, however, after the larger union had been determined upon, at Quebec, he deemed it his duty, while still heartily approving of confederation, to sternly oppose and denounce the financial terms then agreed to, as being unfair to the maritime provinces, and particularly Nova Scotia. His opinions carried such weight with the people that a most hostile feeling became everywhere to arise, which threatened the success of the confederation. At this juncture, realizing the seriousness of the situation, Mr. Miller boldly adopted a course of action which solved the difficulties of the position and earned for him the gratitude and friends of union and progress throughout the whole of the provinces. At his suggestion, a delegation (of which he was invited to be a member, but declined) was appointed by the government of Nova Scotia to proceed to England for the purpose of securing, under the auspices of the imperial authorities, such modifications of the Quebec scheme as would make it more acceptable to the people of his province. His speech on this occasion, delivered in the House of Commons, in 1866, produced a profound impression, and is often referred to by Thomas D'Arcy McGee as a masterpiece of native eloquence. At the London conference presided over by Sir John A. Macdonald, that followed, the desired changes were made, and so, in this respect, the British North America act may be regarded as the result of the compromise so patriotically insisted upon by the young Nova Scotian legislator. On the triumph of the union cause, although personally desirous, on account of his youth and activity, of securing a seat in the house of commons, it was deemed expedient that he should be called to the senate, and he reluctantly yielded to the wishes of his friends, foremost among them being the most lamented "mild statesman," Archbishop Connolly—in this particular. His name, therefore, with those of seventy-two other gentlemen, was placed in nomination, and he was elected to the senate, on the 11th of November, 1867. Of the four survivors, three alone now hold seats in the red chamber, viz., Senators Miller, Wark and Atkins, and of these but the two former have seen regular and continuous service. Mr. Miller, therefore, according to seniority and his place upon the roll, is now the father of the senate. As a member of this, the supreme bench of the national legislature, Senator Miller has continued to render many and highly important services to his country. At different periods he has served as chairman of the joint committee on telegraphs and harbors, banking and commerce and internal economy committees, and was appointed to the speakership in 1888, remaining in office until the dissolution of parliament in 1891. He made an ideal speaker, courteous and dignified of manner, and quick and clear in his decisions. In 1886, he was offered the conservative leadership of the senate, and in 1892 he had the high honor of being chosen chairman of the joint committee of both houses of parliament, on the con-

dition of the criminal law, and was specially thanked by the government for his services in that capacity. In 1891 he was elected to the privy council, his appointment thereto being one of the last official acts of the great conservative chief, who was ever a kind and loving "Old Comoro" in his intercourse with the subject of this sketch. Senator Miller enjoys a high and well deserved reputation as a constitutional authority, and there is probably no one now in the Canadian parliament who is better versed in parliamentary law and usage. His experience and knowledge in these and other directions, have not infrequently been of eminent service to the senate, the Esau des Chaleurs railway scandal, the Cook-Cartwright enquiry, and the opposition to the Bell telephone bill (for which he has received an illuminated vote of thanks from the corporation of Montreal), being cases in point. Although ready and effective in debate, the "father of the senate" now but seldom addresses the chamber, and only answers to the speaker on rare occasions to contribute to the discussion. One of the happiest of his efforts was his speech, last session, on the address in answer to the speech from the throne, in which he eloquently expounded the cause of Mr. Chamberlain, and outlined the duty of the dominion in regard to imperial preference. As a loyal and devoted citizen, an upright and able statesman, and as a tried and true fellow subject of the King, the Citizen extends the glad wishes of Senator Miller, and wishes him many happy returns of the day—a wish to which his splendid physique and indomitable will give every hope of realization.

CARE OF THE FEET.

A strengthening bath for sensitive delicate feet is prepared by boiling gently for a half-hour in five quarts of water the following herbs: Dried mint, 1 ounce; dried sage, 1 ounce; dried Angelica, 3 ounces; juniper berries, 1-2 pound; rosemary leaves, 1 pound. Use at moderate heat, and bathe the feet in for 20 minutes before going to bed, and repeat for several successive nights. The more the feet are bathed and rubbed the better the condition of the feet will be, and the less their tendency to enlarge. All callouses should be gently scraped with a file or pumice stone, and if the skin is cracked, the cracks should be treated with a mixture of equal parts of castor oil and salicylic acid. The feet should be trimmed square, kept at moderate length and will improve by adding the same ingredients to the bath. (How seldom one sees a well kept foot!) Be careful not to destroy the spongy substance below the nails, this is the specific guard to prevent their growing into the flesh. The pressure of a tight shoe or the rubbing of an ill-fitting one tends to cause granulations, or false nails to grow under the corners of the toes. These can sometimes be scraped away after soaking the feet in hot water, and the stratum can be prevented by inserting a bit of absorbent cotton under the nail. Any slight wound as paring the nail too closely or arrested circulation, resulting in the toe becoming red, should be the originating cause, as also habitual neglect. The very slightest wound, made in paring the nails, or the use of a corn plaster, or the use of a bath with an antiseptic lotion, or boric acid or glycerine and carbolic acid solution in the proportions of two of the former to one of the latter. One of the best remedies for corns is to put a piece of lint soaked in a solution of salicylic acid under the corn, and change it daily. Corns are caused by pressure, and the pressure should be removed. The corn should be soaked for 20 minutes in hot water, softened with borax or ammonia, and it can be made fragrant by adding a little toilet vinegar. A remedy which is pronounced infallible against corns, tending to restore health to surrounding parts and preventing their return, is this: Boil till tender the outer, strong skin of an onion any apply it warm to the toe, binding it on with a linen bandage. If fresh application can be put on night and morning the corn will detach itself in two or three days, and will not return unless the irritating cause remains. That painful affliction, the bunion, which destroys the symmetry of a foot, is caused by cruel pressure on the main joints of the great and little toes. It not promptly attended to it may cause permanent disfigurement and life-long suffering, for the synovial membrane, lining the joint, is liable to become diseased. The heels are absolutely essential, and a shoe broad enough to prevent all pressure to facilitate a cure. Sometimes a poultice of slippery elm and flaxseed will afford relief. The joint should be protected from all pressure or rubbing by a large ring of felt and chamois combined. Constant care and attention will prevent corns and bunions from reaching an acute stage. Daily rubbing of any surfaces inclined to become calloused with pumice stone, gently and lightly, will discourage it.

Norway, Serbia, Greece and Bulgaria are the only European nations which have but one house of parliament.

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NEW CATTLE REGULATIONS. Official Notice Re the Three Feet Alleysways. An Order in Council That Will Have a Serious Effect on the Shipment of Cattle from All Canadian Ports.

There has been considerable talk about Sand Point and the various steamship offices of late about the notice recently sent down from Ottawa, requiring that all steamers which carry cattle from this port and other Canadian ports shall have alleysways three feet wide in the centre of the ship. The official notice is here given: At the Government House at Ottawa, 18th day of January, 1904. Present: the Governor General in council. Whereas representations have been made that the width of alleysways between rows of cattle, etc., should be increased on ships engaged in the transportation of live stock from sea to ports in the United Kingdom; and it is deemed expedient that the Canadian rules governing such transportation should be thereto amended: Therefore the governor general in council is pleased to order that the last paragraph of the fourth section of the Canadian rules and regulations for the shipping of live stock as amended by the order in council of 23rd July, 1903, shall be and the same is hereby repealed and the following substituted therefor: "Alleysways in front and between pens used for feeding and watering cattle must have a width of three feet, except at ends of alleysways in bow and stern of ship, and where obstructions, not less than three feet in length, occur, the width may be reduced to a minimum of eighteen inches; alleysways in front and between pens used for feeding and watering horses must have a minimum width of three feet. Two or more thwartship alleysways at least eighteen inches wide must be left on each side of deck so that supporters can be readily reached and kept clear of obstructions. For sheep thwartship alleysways not less than eighteen inches wide in the clear shall be left between pens and fore-and-aft alleysways three feet wide in front of each pen, except at obstructions and at ends of alleysways, as provided for cattle. There may be a minimum width of eighteen inches. When two tiers of sheep are carried the minimum width of the fore-and-aft alleysways in bow and stern of ship shall be two feet clear of all obstructions. Sufficient space must be left at the sides of the hatches to permit the feed in the hold to be readily removed and handled. The governor general in council is further pleased to order that no food or other obstruction shall be placed or stored in alleysways. (Signed) JOHN J. McGEHE, Clerk of the Privy Council.

ALBANIANS ROUTED. Lost Eight Hundred Killed and Wounded—A Turkish Victory. SALONICA, Feb. 19.—The Albanians who were being driven from their homes by 2,500 Turkish troops and three guns yesterday reported to be pursued by 25,000 Albanians at Balak. The Turkish losses are said to be heavy. The Albanians are reported to have been ordered to Veroshov (31 miles north of Uskub).

AT NEW GLASGOW, N. S., Where Many New Brunswickers Make Their Home.

It is really surprising the number of persons from New Brunswick who have come to live permanently in New Glasgow during the past twelve or fifteen years. Probably the first firm to do business here was the New Brunswick Lumber Co., which was established in 1850. The firm was owned by Messrs. Fraser, Fraser & Co., and later by Messrs. Fraser, Fraser & Co. For a dozen of years they did business in the large store of Thos. Cook, next to Norfolk hotel. They are from St. John. B. E. Fanjoy was for some years with Fraser, Fraser & Co., and left from about six years ago to start business for himself. That he has been successful beyond his highest expectations goes without saying. His brother, J. W. Fanjoy, is also from St. John. L. Higgins & Co., the Parlor Shoe Store, opened up some fifteen or more years ago. They first did business in a small shop near Joe Murray's. For a number of years they did a good trade. Geo. E. McDonald and W. E. Cooke bought them out and carried on the business for several years; later Mr. Cooke bought out Mr. McDonald's interest, and still later the business again fell into the hands of its original owners, H. H. Heckman is the present manager here, who succeeded W. Bishop, who came here from New Brunswick, and is now in Sydney. The Barkers come next in point of prominent firms from the sister province. This firm carries on a big business in several towns in both provinces. Andrew's Grace is manager here, and the business is carried on better or more capable hands. As a salesman he is hard to beat. To show his appreciation of the old home, he went to St. John, N. B., and brought his "batter half" from there. W. T. Robb is from St. John. He is the efficient Y. M. C. A. secretary. The strange thing about him is that

he is about the only single man here from that city. Mr. Robb has been in Y. M. C. A. work in Halifax and Kansas. His brother is secretary at Charlottetown, another brother is missionary to Corea. Geo. White is a native of St. John. He has one of the neatest and brightest stores in Pictou Co. For a long time he has been in the mercantile business. Alex. McNeil conducts the south end grocery store. He is from Shediac, and moved here last summer. He bought out A. W. Grant, who had previously purchased from Geo. McFarrie, who now travels for a St. John firm. J. T. Wilson is from Fredericton and represents the Manufacturers Life Insurance Co. Mr. Wilson's wife is also from the capital of New Brunswick. J. P. Deverber is among the many who have come to Pictou to make their permanent abode. He is the popular manager of the Bank of Commerce and is married to Miss Carmichael. He is not like many bank men, tossed about from place to place. He has been here for a score of years. Mr. Deverber is from Point Du Chene, and in a quiet way is building up quite a business. Mr. Dick is from Chatham, and is connected with the I. Matheson furniture store. He has been there for a number of years. He bought a house from J. P. Waterbury, who also was a New Brunswick man, and has made extensive improvements there. E. W. Rowe is from St. John. He is connected with the Waldren photo gallery. Mr. R. was married last year to Miss M. R. Both are valuable acquisitions to the St. George's church choir. T. C. Campbell is from Moncton, but was born in Pictou. For a long time he was a popular I. C. B. conductor, but after the change of government he was chosen as the best available man in sight for district superintendent. Mr. Payne, who is Mr. Campbell's secretary, is also a New Brunswick man. L. S. Brown, chief train despatcher, is from Campbellton, as is Mrs. Brown. Thos. A. O'Brien is a St. John boy. He conducts an A-1 meat shop and is working up a good trade. He was not here very long before that feeling got over him that it was not good for him to be alone, so he took up himself a partner, Miss Flo McDougall. Geo. Mealy is from Charlottetown, N. B. He is a C. P. R. telegraph repairer and has lived in New Glasgow for many years. He has a very comfortable home in the south end of the town. J. J. Taylor is a native of Moncton. He is an engineer, and is the most recent to come to reside here. He has taken one of J. C. Reid's new houses. He is married to Miss Hudson, formerly of Pictou. For some years they have been living in North Sydney, Mr. Taylor being in the employ of the N. S. Electric Co. J. H. Wilson is from St. Stephen, and is engaged in the printing and stationery business. Since coming here he has taken up himself a wife, Miss Nellie Wolf. Jos. Allen is from St. John. For many years he has been connected with I. Matheson & Co. establishment.

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NO TAX ON GRAIN. LONDON, Feb. 19.—Replying in the house of commons today, the chancellor of the exchequer, Austen Chamberlain, said the government had no intention at present of re-imposing the tax on grain, which was abolished last year.

THE PARIS BOURSE. The March Century's leading article will be a pen picture of "The Paris Bourse" from Cleveland Moffett, with illustrations by Andrew B. Macdonald. The article is published in the Paris Bourse, as balanced against the eleven thousand of the New York Stock Exchange, and the three thousand of London. The Paris Bourse is a government institution, existing and operating under direct government control. The New York and London exchanges are, as every one knows, private associations, with laws that are binding upon members only because of their voluntary acceptance. Cleveland Moffett's vivid, picturesque style is well known. His story of the life and work of this "place of meddling bewilders" is a stranger, and a more interesting, than any other. It is a "stronghold of the Seventy, the great financial machine of France," will be well worth the reading. Mr. Moffett is a graduate Yale, and was on the European staff of the New York Herald for several years. Later he was foreign editor of the New York Recorder, but for ten years has devoted all his time to magazine work.

Teacher—Johnny, what is adamant? Johnny—You can't fool me. Adam never had an aunt.—Comfort.

Piles. Dr. Chase's Ointment. To prove to you that Dr. Chase's Ointment is the best and most reliable for every form of Piles, Hemorrhoids, and all other ailments of the rectum, you should try it. It is a strong assertion of the popular belief that the Maritime Provinces ports in favor of the Port, Maine.

IN COLLISION. G. P. R. Steamer, Lake Michigan, Beached in a Sinking Condition. She Left St. John on February 5th, With One of the Largest Cargoes of Season. LONDON, Feb. 19.—The British steamer Lake Michigan, Capt. Owen, from St. John, N. B., Feb. 5, and Halifax, N. S., Feb. 8, for London, which passed this week yesterday, has been in collision with an unknown vessel and is anchored near Dunwich awaiting tugs. The vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided is reported to have been sunk. The Lake Michigan is seriously damaged amidships. Her engine room and stove hole became full of water, the captain signalled the water was gaining on the cargo and the steamer was finally beached in a sinking condition. It has now been ascertained that the vessel with which the Lake Michigan collided was the British bark Matterhorn, which has reached Dover in tow, with her head gear gone and bows damaged.

EXPLAINING THE GRIT DEFEAT. The Press on the St. John Election. The following comment from the leading daily newspapers published in the Maritime Provinces makes interesting reading: (Moncton Times, Conservative.) The result in St. John is eminently satisfactory. The result is a hard blow for Mr. Emmerson, but if it has the effect of changing the mind of public life, a benefit will accrue to the body politic generally. (Halifax Herald, Conservative.) The change in the two Lower Province constituencies, of something like 300 votes, is a very sharp warning to the government as to what it may expect in those provinces when the general election is called. And the warning should be taken to heart, since the chief issue in both constituencies was the Cox-Hays hundred and twenty millions gift. Enterprise will not be satisfied to do their best to finish, and after all the excuses they could muster, they lost heavily. (St. Andrew's Beacon, Liberal.) Hon. H. A. McKeown was defeated in St. John on Tuesday, after a plucky canvass. He had many agencies arrayed against him and many unfair advantages to meet. Not the least of his difficulties was the absence of proper newspaper support. (Fredericton Herald, Liberal.) One of the unfortunate conditions under which Mr. McKeown labored was the lack of newspaper support, always one of the strongest features of an election campaign. With two Tory organs actively arrayed against him, with the old Liberal organ the Telegraph stalling him in the back, the Globe indifferent, and only the New Brunswick Patriot, it is little wonder the tide of battle was turned against the Liberal candidate. (St. John Election, Chatham Advance.) The result of the by-election in St.

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the result is a condemnation of the liberal party and its policy generally, and it is scarcely worth while wrangling with those who take such a position. The conservatives of St. John have won a victory, but their very victory shows practically no increase of voting strength. A trifling increase of a hundred votes or so, comparatively speaking, nothing. The seat was won by the conservatives, not by the increase of their own vote, but by the decrease of the liberal vote, who, in cases which may arise, neglect to consider the duties of citizenship and to stand by an administration which has done well for them and their country. The liberal party in St. John has been handicapped throughout the campaign. The hardest blow was the election of Mr. Blair, who should have pursued a policy in the past tempered by cautious second thought, rather than by the impulsive utterances. The success of the constituency carried over by Mr. Blair, who should have pursued a policy in the past tempered by cautious second thought, rather than by the impulsive utterances. The success of the constituency carried over by Mr. Blair, who should have pursued a policy in the past tempered by cautious second thought, rather than by the impulsive utterances.

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Canada's S... Live, Lusty

FREDERICTON. The public celebration of a reception at Fredericton today forms the most recent years. Messages of congratulation poured in, to the high regard in which the Dominion is held by its friends. His Majesty the Governor General Laurier and many of the Dominion are in doing honor to the event.

After referring in messages of respect to the distinguished individuals who were present to present a beautiful dress on behalf of the mayor of Fredericton.

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CENTENNIAL MARK.

Canada's Senator Was One Hundred Years of Age Friday.

Live, Lusty, Active, Moves, and Has His Being Like a Boy.

A Message of Congratulation from His Majesty King Edward VII.—Frederick felt good last night.

FREDERICK, Feb. 19.—The celebration of Senator Wark's centennial today forms the most historic event in recent years. All day long messages of congratulation from all parts of Canada poured in, bearing testimony to the high regard the veteran statesman holds in the hearts of his countrymen. His Majesty King Edward VII. has sent a message of congratulation to the high regard the veteran statesman holds in the hearts of his countrymen. His Majesty King Edward VII. has sent a message of congratulation to the high regard the veteran statesman holds in the hearts of his countrymen.

May it please Your Honor: We, the mayor and Aldermen of the City of St. John, thank you for this opportunity furnished us, on this memorable occasion, the one hundredth anniversary of your birth, of presenting the congratulations of a fellow citizen, whom we have the honor to represent, and also of ourselves, with the prayer that the Almighty, in His divine wisdom, may bestow upon you for many years, an active and useful life among us, identified as it has been with all professions, callings and trades in the province, together with your clear intellect, rendered your long service in the legislature of this province, both as a member of the house of assembly and afterwards in the legislative council for sixteen years, and a portion of that time a member of the executive government, of the greatest service to the welfare of the province. The election of her late Majesty, at the time of the confederation of her North American colonies, in placing you in the senate of our new dominion is a high testimony of the standing in your experience was esteemed, and the duties of which high position you have continued well and faithfully to perform from year to year to the present time.

The changes and advances you have been permitted to witness in the short space of years in this legislative body, and your comprehension, at the time of your arrival in this country, in 1825, you being then twenty-one years of age, steam was in its infancy, no railway or transport by steam power, not telegraph or use of electric currents, or other great advancement in the useful sciences; you, sir, have been spared to bear witness to the unlimited beneficence of the Almighty in His great gifts to mankind during the past century.

You have loyally served your country during the reign of five sovereigns of Great Britain—George III., George IV., William IV., Victoria, the Queen, and her present Majesty, King Edward VII.—and during all your active and energetic life not the slightest stigma has been cast upon you, and you have been known throughout our dominion as an upright and honorable gentleman, and an example for future generations.

We desire to convey to your daughter and family our esteem and respect, after your residence of over thirty years in this city, and to express our admiration at that happy home love and care which has no doubt largely contributed to the maintenance of your unvarying vigor and good health.

loton and Richibucto addresses, Chancellor Harrison read the following address: FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF NEW BRUNSWICK.

The University, Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 19, 1904. To the Honorable Senator Wark, LL.D., Fredericton, N. B.: Venerable and Dear Sir, We, the faculty and students of the University of New Brunswick, desire to join in the tributes of congratulation and respect that are now being laid at your feet by friends and well wishers from far and near. You have always been a true and powerful friend to our provincial university. By your vote in the legislature, by your pen in the public press, and your money in a generous gift, you have upheld the cause of the higher education in New Brunswick. The university looks upon your influential support with pride and gratitude. Your long life is a noble example to us of plain living and high thinking, and we one and all beg you to accept our affectionate congratulations on your attaining your hundredth year. With the deepest respect, we beg leave to remain, Yours very sincerely and affectionately, (Signed) THOS. HARRISON, Chancellor.

Twenty-five killed by dynamite explosion. Carload of the explosive in a Railway Collision.

Bodies and Wreckage Hurdled Incredible Distances—Everything Within a Half a Mile Wrecked.

OGDEN, Utah, Feb. 20.—Twenty-five persons have been killed, fifteen others injured, several it is believed fatally, and a great amount of railroad property destroyed by an explosion of a carload of dynamite at Jackson, a telegraph station on the western end of the great Ogden-Lucien cut of the Southern Pacific railroad. The explosion was caused by a collision between two freight trains, due, it is said, to the failure of the air brake apparatus to operate. Eight of the dead and five of the injured are Americans, the others are Greek laborers. The dead: T. W. Burke, section foreman, his wife and three children; J. W. Burke, a former general foreman; J. W. Holley, messenger, and his wife; Andrew, Ind.; Owen Dermody, conductor, formerly of Beaver Dam, Wis.; seventeen Greek laborers.

Not Medicine. Liquezone is the result of a process which, for more than 20 years, has been the constant subject of scientific and chemical research. Its virtues are derived solely from gas, made in large part from the best oxygen products. By a process requiring immense apparatus and

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 24, 1904

MR. MONK AND THE QUEBEC LEADERSHIP.

The statement that Mr. Monk has resigned the leadership of the Quebec wing of the conservative party will be heard with personal regret by those who have the pleasure of knowing him. The reasons given by some of the Montreal papers are the condition of his health, and the impression he has that some conservatives in the province do not sympathize with all his opinions or methods. It is a pity that Mr. Monk should entertain this opinion, if he does, because probably no other leader of either party has ever been more respected and esteemed, or has enjoyed a greater measure of confidence. It has been the fortune of political leaders of both parties in Quebec province, and for that matter in all the provinces, to be freely criticized by members of their own party. That is one of the penalties of leadership, and Mr. Monk might well accept it as his fair share of the inconveniences of prominence and responsibility. Mr. Monk is a very high-minded and punctilious man, and is moved by a strong sense of duty. For this reason, when he believed that the general election was pending a few months ago, he did not carry out his intention of retiring from the leadership, lest it might embarrass his friends and leader, and it appears that he takes action now in order to give the party time to make other arrangements. It is represented by journals of the other party that Mr. Monk believed that the general election was thinks his friends may attribute the failure to capture some of the Quebec seats in the by-election to some shortcomings of his in the provincial leadership.

We are not in possession of any direct or exclusive information on the subject, but the person who should find fault with Mr. Monk for failing to accomplish more in Quebec during the three years of his leadership would be singularly exacting. It is not often that an opposition makes gains in by-elections, but one seat has been added in a by-election to the seven Quebec seats carried in 1900 by the conservatives. In several other large majorities have been nearly wiped out, and today the conservative party is more popular in that province than it has been since 1896. It is not for us to say how much of the credit is due to Mr. Monk, but it has occurred under his leadership. He will not be able nor will he desire to deprive himself of his influence as one of the party leaders by resigning the titular position which he has held and which came to him unsought. Mr. Monk was one of the junior members of the party in the house, and the defeat of Mr. Bergeron made it necessary that if any French speaking member were chosen it should be either he or Mr. Casgrain. Mr. Casgrain had seen a good deal more of public life, but the extent and nature of his law practice was such that he could not attend to even the parliamentary duties of provincial leadership, and he preferred to follow Mr. Monk.

It will not be a wise course for the conservatives in parliament to elect a successor to Mr. Monk. Whatever necessity for a Quebec leader may have appeared to exist in 1901 there is none now. Then Mr. Borden was united in his present position. He and his friends might have supposed that the affairs of the party in Quebec could be better supervised by a member from that province speaking the language of the majority, and understanding the provincial conditions. But Mr. Borden has in three years made himself well acquainted with the Quebec people and they understand him. He has even acquired the use of the French language. It is a matter of more importance that with three years of experience his position as a leader has long passed the experimental stage, and the choice of the party has been abundantly vindicated. The time has come when he should take the position of other national leaders of both parties. There was no joint leadership of the opposition under Sir John A. Macdonald, or Sir Charles Tupper, or Mr. Mackenzie, or Mr. Elsie, or Sir Wilfrid Laurier. Why should there be under Mr. Borden? Ontario, which sends to parliament over fifty conservative members, has no provincial leader in federal affairs. Neither have the maritime provinces with twelve members. It is a poor compliment to the conservatives of Quebec to suppose that they require moral leadership from other parts of Canada. Organizations and committees are needed there as elsewhere. The province has not been without such management, and very effective it has proved to be. Who is to believe that anyone who could follow Mr. Monk as leader would do better work in that position than he has done, or that Mr. Monk would do more effective work than he can as an active private member.

It is now a fortnight since Mr. McKewen vacated his seat in the provincial legislature. If Mr. Tweedie did not wish to disfranchise in part the city of St. John, he would have issued the writs in time to hold the election before the meeting of the house. There is a fair prospect of a great treshet in this province if soft weather comes suddenly with so much snow on the ground. There are said to be eighty liberal applicants for the position of Deher of the Black Rod. The salary is \$1,800, and there is no work to do. So far as can be learned, General Manager Hays has lost his interest in the reservation of land for the Grand Trunk Pacific terminus at this port.

THE MONTMAGNY PLATFORM.

Last night Mr. Lavergne, the young liberal member elected on Tuesday in Montmagny, spoke with Mr. Bourassa at Montreal in support of the programme of "the National League." The platform on which Mr. Lavergne was elected was recently printed by the Sun. It protests against Canadian participation in any imperial war. Mr. Bourassa and Mr. Lavergne would even forbid Great Britain from organizing a contingent of Canadian volunteers on Canadian territory. In short they propose to place the mother country on the footing of a foreign country, and to enforce absolute neutrality of Canada in all British wars except those that are fought in defence of this country. Should Canada be attacked these two supporters of Sir Wilfrid will not deprive the mother country of the privilege of coming to her defence. Among the declarations made at last night's meeting was the statement of Mr. Bourassa that he would take the risk of the rupture of the colonial tie rather than accept the Chamberlain policy.

It is possible that Sir Wilfrid is mistaken in supposing that the election of liberal candidates on this platform is useful to him. It is undoubtedly true that between Sir Wilfrid Laurier and Mr. Bourassa there is a perfect understanding. The anti-imperialist leader has full authority and sanction from the premier to carry on his campaign in places where it can be worked to good effect. Young Lavergne is a pet and protégé of the premier. He comes from his own town of Athabaska, and is the son of Sir Wilfrid's former law partner and close friend. The relations are so intimate, and the influence of the older man so potent over the younger, that there can be no doubt of Sir Wilfrid's acquiescence, if not his suggestion of the role of the young candidate for Montmagny. But it may be found that Sir Wilfrid's supporters will not be quite satisfied with the Montmagny platform.

THE SLANDERERS OF ST. JOHN.

Now it is the Halifax Recorder, liberal, which has broken out. It says: Mr. Fielding's course while acting minister was to see that some of the gross injustices done Halifax under administration of that department by St. John, for St. John, and in St. John, first last and always, was done away with. Therefore, because this is permitted its share of the traffic going to enjoy some of the privileges of being a Canadian port, accessible at all seasons, St. John merchants, greedy, grasping and selfish, stay away from the polls, or vote for the Tory candidate. We hope the government will realize that such a support is purchased too dearly. We know they will. It was time to crush some of the Tory monopoly. Mr. Fielding's course of simple justice, the administration of the Telegraph, weakened the government there, but Halifax voters will note the fact and remember when the time comes that it was the government's best determination to do justice by Halifax and abolish the St. John monopoly that has lost them the seat. Other constituencies beside Halifax will not forget this and will, with Halifax, heartily support the government for its action, despite the bulldozing and the revolt of St. John. It seems that the only way "the sympathy of people in St. John, to use the Telegraph's expression, can be aroused is by the feeding of them constantly at the public trough. Well, indeed, is this attitude described, "hog-bag," and the city named "hog-town."

The fact remains that the government candidate, the minister of railways and their campaign speakers, made a most direct and constant bid for local support on local issues. The canvass on the government side was the most narrow and sectional ever addressed to this constituency. St. John was told again and again that the government scheme would give St. John all the Grand Trunk Pacific traffic, and that Halifax would get none. An insidious attempt was made to deceive the people into the belief that if they voted right they would get all the dredging they wanted. On every platform the government was presented as the special friend of St. John, even on the last day of the struggle, one of the addresses of Mr. Emmerson's party here addressed a manifesto to the people

advising them not to administer a slap in the face to the government in this emergency. Here is the address itself as printed in the Globe under the heading "A Call to Voters": "Citizens of St. John, liberals, conservatives, or Independents, who have the zeal and welfare of the city at heart, will, I sincerely trust, vote for Mr. McKewen at the by-election, and will not by their votes assist those who are trying to give the government 'a slap in the face,' a government that has done so much for St. John and has the power and willingness to do much more to assist this port and add to the wealth and prosperity of this city."

"GEORGE ROBERTSON."

This is not the letter of an irresponsible man, but of a member of the legislature, and one of Mr. Emmerson's fellow speakers and companions during his campaign here. There is not a suggestion that the government give its support on its merits or on account of its general policy. It is not even suggested that the city of St. John have a duty to perform as electors of the Dominion of Canada. The letter is a plea that not only liberal electors who do not approve of the course of the government, but Independents who have individual views on the larger issues, and conservatives who condemn the general policy of the administration, and have no confidence in the leaders, should ignore all national and party considerations and give a selfish sectional vote. It goes further and suggests that if conservatives and others who condemn the government should vote according to their convictions they would deprive the city of some benefit which it might otherwise wisely expect. Mr. Emmerson as the leader of the campaign is responsible for all this sectionalism. It was in fact only a repetition of his own methods in Westmorland.

THE APPEAL TO THE SUPPOSED LOCAL CUPIDITY OF ST. JOHN.

The appeal to the supposed local cupidity of St. John failed. The people voted on national questions in spite of the effort made to divert attention from them. They prefer the opposition tariff policy, the opposition transportation policy, and the attitude of the opposition to imperial preference. They have no confidence in the political character and no respect for the methods of the ministers. These views they expressed by their votes. The disappointed and angry politicians are those who tried to get a snap verdict on sectional grounds and who failed.

THE RUSSIAN POSITION.

The Russian minister of war and four royal grand dukes are about proceeding to the scene of war. It is not said that the officer who has had charge of the operations hitherto is to be recalled. Alexeff may remain as a civil officer or as nominal commander-in-chief. But the advice is that who minister and General Kourapatkin, or Kurapatkin as it is also known, will control the military operations. This officer and statesman is thirty years old. He served with Skobelev in the war between Russia and Turkey, and later had command of the troops in Turkestan. The dispatches represent him to be a very popular officer. He has worked himself up from a modest position, for it is said that he had only the rank of captain when he was chief of staff to Skobelev in the Balkans, and had a large district command in Turkestan when he ranked as colonel. The dukes who are reported to be embarking for this war include near relatives of the Czar. Alexis, the High Admiral, is a brother of the late Czar Alexander III. Boris is a cousin of the Czar, as he is the son of Grand-Duke Vladimir, who also was a brother of third Alexander. There are several Grand-Dukes Michael. One is a younger brother of the Czar, aged twenty-five, and a soldier. Another, who is field-marshal and chief of artillery, is a brother of Alexander II, and therefore great uncle of the Czar. Still another is the third son of the one last mentioned. Nearly all the members of the Russian royal family are trained officers in the regular army or navy. It appears to be true that Russia has decided to make Harbin a point hundreds of miles behind Port Arthur, a force of the concentration of the force. This position is remote from any prospective scene of military operations, and Japan may hold Corea and nearly the whole of Manchuria without attack from that point. But it does not follow that the advance posts of Russia will be evacuated or weakened. Russia has valuable railway property, strong fortifications, and a great deal of equipment on the peninsula. That property in these positions will certainly not be abandoned if they can be held.

AMONG THE DESPATCHES RECEIVED BY MR. HAZARD.

The government candidate who was elected by a greatly reduced majority in Prince Edward Island, was one from Mr. Emmerson. It was thus printed by the local organ of the government: MACEAN, N. S., Feb. 17th. Heartiest congratulations. You saved the situation for the Maritime Provinces. H. R. EMMERSON. Evidently Mr. Emmerson regards the situation lost on the mainland.

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IMPROVEMENTS ON THE C. P. R.

Company Will Spend \$600,000 on This Division.

Road to Be Put in Better Condition—Twenty-nine New Steel Bridges to Be Built.

During the coming season the C. P. R. will make an effort to put the road on this division in a condition equal to any in Canada. In the past this road has not been quite equal to the L. C. R. in New Brunswick, but this division will now be completely completed, it is believed that the road will be the best in Eastern Canada. For some years ago the renewal work required on this road has been in the form of permanent improvement, stone and steel replacing wood to a great extent. This year the same plan will be followed, and it is now estimated that about six hundred thousand dollars will be spent.

THE LARGEST ITEM IN THE ESTIMATES IS ONE PROVIDING FOR ONE HUNDRED AND ONE MILES OF HEAVY STEEL RAILS ON THE BROWNVILLE AND MOOSEHEAD SECTIONS.

In these sections the present fifty pound rails will be replaced by eighty pound ones, and this will complete the heavy track between Moegantic and St. John. The cost of this stretch of new rails will be almost \$140,000, and there will be required almost 13,000 tons of rails. There are certain sections of the road on which some heavier ballasting is required, and this will cost about \$85,000, however, is only one item in the general plan, the desired outcome of which is to put the track in such a condition that it will not be seriously affected by sudden changes of weather, and will be able to withstand any amount of traffic. In the carrying out of this plan at least two hundred new steel bridges and culverts are to be built. Ten of these are on the main line, chiefly towards the western end, and the remainder are on branch lines all over the division. Some of these bridges and culverts are necessary, but the majority are to replace wood structures. In all cases the openings for the passage of water are being made much larger than in the past, thus doing away to a certain extent with the possibility of damage by freshets. For the same purpose many of the embankments along the line are to be widened, and also the cuttings on the main line. In addition to this the C. P. R. will go ahead with the ordinary work of the division, including the laying of sidings and the building of new shops and yards and furnishing power for the new shops being erected there. Improvements will be made to station houses and other buildings to the extent of \$55,000, and of this between \$2,500 and \$3,000 is granted for the carrying out of new immigration buildings in St. John.

THE FIRES OF ECZEMA.

So keen is the suffering of many people who endure the stinging, itching sensations of Eczema that they speak of it as being on fire. By its soothing, healing, antiseptic influence Dr. Chase's Ointment positively cures Eczema, Salt Rheum, and every form of itching skin disease. It is of inestimable value in every home, and when once introduced becomes a household necessity. Dr. Chase's Ointment is the standard of the world over, and has no rival.

DEMOCRACY AFLOAT.

(London Figure). As a magnificent steamer, the property of the Peninsular & Oriental Company, was steaming into Southampton harbor, a grimy coal-lighter floated immediately in front of it. An officer on board the steamer, seeing this, shouted: "Clear out of the way with that barge!" The lighterman, a native of the Emerald Isle, shouted in reply, "Are ye the captain of that vessel?" "No," answered the officer. "Then speak to yer salar," said the lighterman. "I'm the captain of this."

SPOKANE, WAASH., FEB. 22.—John Thayer, wanted at Toronto, Ont., on a charge of forgery, alleged to have been committed in 1901, has been captured in Spokane. He has consented to return without extradition. Thayer has been working in Spokane nearly two years under an assumed name.

JAPAN FORGING FIGHTING.

Another Attack on Port Arthur is Reported, but Not Confirmed—Great Gratitude to British Naval Officers.

TOKIO, Feb. 22.—It is reported here that Vice-Admiral Togo has again attacked Port Arthur. It is impossible to confirm the statement, but the navy department says it has had no news from Togo today. It is considered very probable that the vice-admiral has made another attack on the Russians as he is engaged in blockading Port Arthur. TOKIO, Feb. 22.—The British naval officers who brought the Japanese armored cruisers Nishin and Kasaga (purchased from Argentina) from Genoa, Italy, to Japan, will be received in audience by the Emperor tomorrow. The noblemen's club banqueted them today. Gratitude toward Great Britain here is intense. The announcement here that Japanese fugitives from Manchuria had been saved from further Russian cruelty by the good offices of Mr. Conger, the United States minister at Peking, was received with the highest evidences of appreciation. Japanese convertible war notes have been taken to the north with Seoul and Chempo. They are of various denominations, the highest being ten (10). It is reported that the panic in the north is increasing owing to the apprehension of a Japanese attack. Russian financial credit there is completely destroyed. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—Heavy snows and blizzards over the Siberian coast, especially east of Baikal are largely increasing the difficulties of transporting troops, besides better enabling Chinese brigands to operate. Japanese agents are reported north of Vladivostok, inciting the brigands to action. WASHINGTON, Feb. 22.—Officials here are apprehensive that friction may follow the present trip of the German general staff, has published an article discussing Russia's prospects of reinforcing her army in East Asia. The paper takes a pessimistic view of the capacity of the trans-Siberian railway, and especially of the section crossing Lake Baikal, where it says the difficulties to be overcome are enormous. The limited capacity of the line is said to be a much more serious matter than the threatened damage to it by natives. The paper estimates that the present troop moving capacity of the railroad from Russia's experience of last summer in moving two brigades to Tschita, east of Lake Baikal, which was only accomplished at the rate of 5-12 miles an hour. At this rate it would take 36 days to convey 25,000 men from the Ural mountains to Mukden or Vladivostok. The paper assumes that the present strength of the Russian army in East Asia to be 158,761 men, and upon the foregoing estimate of time required to move troops it declares it will take until April 20 for Russia to raise the strength of her East Asiatic army to 235,000 men. CAPTURED FOUR RUSSIAN TORPEDO BOATS. LONDON, Feb. 22.—The Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph reports that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boats at Port Arthur by using Russian signals. The despatch appears to confirm reports from various quarters of a fresh attack on Port Arthur by the Japanese. The report reached Nagasaki from Che Foo and it adds that the Russian crews of the four torpedo boats have been transferred. No other news of this attack has been received. It is reported that the Che Foo correspondent of the Morning Post in a despatch dated Feb. 22 says the statement is current there that the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers in the attack on Port Arthur on Feb. 14 sank or damaged two Russian torpedo boats in addition to the torpedo boat already reported to be sunk. There is also a report that the report of the Telegraph's Nagasaki correspondent also refers to the earlier attack. Vice-roy Alexeff's retirement to Harbin is now an accomplished fact, and a correspondent of The Associated Press reports that Port Arthur is now strictly a naval stronghold, and the forts are now being manned by naval gunners. Only twenty foreigners are now at Port Arthur and they are traders displaced from their merchandise. Some of them are under suspicion and there is likelihood of their being arrested. There are many complaints of unwarranted arrests, unexplained expulsions and defamation of character by the Port Arthur police. The report that large bodies of Cosaks and other troops are occupying Newchwang and Hsin-Ming-Tin are unfounded. A despatch to the Mail from Hong Kong says a British squadron is concentrating there and that a corresponding French concentration of ships is occurring at Saigon, Indo-China. This is supposedly a result of the Anglo-French understanding. According to the Nagasaki correspondent of the Daily Telegraph, the American squadron, the vessels of which are variously reported at Che Foo and Shanghai, is going to make a demonstration at the mouth of the Yalu River. ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 22.—Prince Khilkoff, minister of railroad communication, has proceeded for Manchuria from Irkutsk, after having seen that the railroad on the ice across Lake Baikal was laid. He was personally entrusted with \$250,000 to effect the expeditions termination of this work. Prince Khilkoff reports that the Siberian railroad is able to move 20,000 a day to their destination, but that the transit from western points to the far

COMMODORE NICHOLSON OF OUR NAVY

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COMMODORE Nicholson

Commodore Somerville Nicholson, of the United States Navy, in a letter from 187 R St. N. W., Washington, D. C., says: "Your Peruna has been and is being used by so many of my friends and acquaintances as a sure cure for catarrh that I am convinced of its curative qualities and I unhesitatingly recommend it to all persons suffering from that complaint."—S. Nicholson. "The highest men in our nation have given Peruna a strong endorsement. Most of all classes and stations are equally represented. If you do not derive prompt and satisfactory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will be pleased to give you his valuable advice gratis. Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, O."

A TRULY IRON NERVE.

It is related of the Russian Field-Marshal Paskievitch that in the course of the siege of Varsovie, being somewhat exhausted by a hot fire from a certain battery, he ordered it to be shelled, but to no purpose. His troops did not seem able to locate the enemy, and he had no effect. Finally, the field-marshal himself galloped forward and sternly demanded: "What imbecile is in command here?" "I am," answered an officer who appeared. "Well, captain, I shall degrade you, since you do not know your business. You should have ordered the battery to be shelled, but to no purpose. His troops did not seem able to locate the enemy, and he had no effect. Finally, the field-marshal himself galloped forward and sternly demanded: "What imbecile is in command here?" "I am," answered an officer who appeared. "Well, captain, I shall degrade you, since you do not know your business. You should have ordered the battery to be shelled, but to no purpose. His troops did not seem able to locate the enemy, and he had no effect. Finally, the field-marshal himself galloped forward and sternly demanded: "What imbecile is in command here?" "I am," answered an officer who appeared.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, DEL.

Feb. 22.—The tug Walter Luckenbach arrived here today with the barque Buena Ventura and reported having lost the barges General Knox and West Point last night during a dense fog five miles south-southwest of Five Fathom Bank Lightship. The tug became separated from the barges by an unknown steamer crossing the bar. The vessel was bound for Newport News from Providence. Both of the lost barges had from New York, and owned by Louis Luckenbach.

TIMELY CALLING.

How the Pastor Saved a Life. A man near Fort Gay, W. Va., made an entire failure in getting strength from the kind of food he ate and not knowing that the trouble was with the food kept on losing health until the doctors gave him up to die. It was supposed to be consumption because he was wasting away steadily and slowly dying. His minister called from time to time and one day brought along a package of Grape-Nuts thinking from what he knew of the famous food that perhaps it might help him. The sick man took it at once and found that day began to get well. In writing he says: "I walked to town today three miles, have gained over forty pounds in about two months, and my neighbor don't know what to say. I frequently am told it was as if I am raised from the dead. Everybody here knows of my case, you can tell people to write to me at the Rev. L. D. Bryan, I will make a sworn statement that Grape-Nuts saved my life." Name given by Postum Co., Battle Creek, Mich. This is another illustration that which all other foods one can be brought back to health and strength on Grape-Nuts. There is a reason. Look in each pkg. for the famous little book, "The Road to Wellville."

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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Current Items From Correspondents and Exchanges.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will cure in you ten to twenty minutes.

Registrar Jones reports eight marriages and seventeen births in the city last week. Ten of the new comers were girls.

The smallpox condition is but little changed from last week. The house where the disease exists in Calais is well guarded.

Elmer Clow of Eastbrook, Me., found among his apples recently quite a curiosity. The apple has evidently grown upon the blossom leaving at the top a petal as bright and fresh as upon the day it blossomed.

George Henry, caretaker of Rockwood Park, caught a wildcat in a couple of traps on Saturday night. The creature had killed at least one of the rabbits in the park and eight traps were set, with successful results. The cat was quite a large one.

The funeral of Robert R. Allan took place at 3 o'clock Saturday afternoon from his late residence, Prince street, West Side, at 10 o'clock. Rev. James Burgess conducted a service at the late home of the deceased, and at three o'clock the funeral set out for Fernhill cemetery, where burial was made.

THE SOLAR PLEXUS. Is the largest nerve centre in the sympathetic nervous system, is situated just back of the stomach, and supplies nervous energy, the vital force of the human body.

DIED AT GRAND MANAN. Mrs. Thomas Redmond died at North Head, Grand Manan, N. B., on Sunday, Feb. 21. She was 72 years of age.

DR. MORISON WILL GO. Tells St. John's congregation of his decision to accept the call to Chicago.

Rev. J. A. Morison has definitely decided to accept the call tendered him by the First Presbyterian church of Chicago and has announced his decision to the congregation of St. John's church.

POOR YEAR FOR IMMIGRANTS. Foreigners Landing at St. John Not Nearly So Numerous as Last Year.

Immigration business at St. John during the present winter has been much below the average and indications are that it will not improve to any great extent.

DOCTOR EXPLAINS. His Article in the Medical Magazine about Coffee.

One of the most famous medical publications in the United States is the "Alkaloid Clinic" in a recent number of which an entertaining article on coffee by a progressive physician and surgeon is published.

MILY LANGTRY'S HORSES. CHICAGO, Feb. 22.—Mrs. Langtry, the English actress, has purchased of Will J. Davis, owner of Willowdale Farm, Crown Point, Ind., three trotters and two brood mares.

A SHEDDIAK MAN IN CUSTODY. REXINGTON, Kent Co., Feb. 22.—A young man named LeBlanc, said to belong to Shediac, was arrested yesterday charged with stealing \$50 from a man named Babineau in St. Louis.

RAIN FALLING HEAVILY TODAY. Rain is falling heavily today.

NOTICE.

The canvassers and collectors for the SEMI-WEEKLY SUN are now making their rounds as mentioned below. The Manager hopes that all subscribers in arrears will pay when called on.

EDGAR CANNING is in Albert Co. and Westmorland.

F. S. CHAPMAN in Kings Co. N. B.

ELMSDALE. ELMSDALE, P. E. I., Feb. 16.—Recently James Greeman, Jr., of Shamrock received a kick over the eye and nose by a horse that was playing around the barnyard.

ELMER CLOW. The unexpected death of Patrick Morrissey of Sea Cove Pond took place at his residence on the 8th inst.

WATERSIDE, ALBERT CO. WATERSIDE, Feb. 15.—A good social time was spent Saturday evening last at the residence of John Martin.

MARRIED IN MISSOULA. The engagement of Edgar S. Dorman and Miss Jennie R. Beard, two well known young people of this city, culminates in a marriage this week.

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HOSPITAL STAFF EXONERATED.

Coroner's Court in the John G. Tobin Case.

Find That Death Was Due to Measles Complicated With Pneumonia.

All Due Care Was Taken at the Hospital.

The inquiry into the death of the late John Tobin was concluded last night, when the evidence was summed and a verdict rendered by the jury, completely exonerating the hospital staff of any negligence whatever in the matter.

In summing up the evidence, C. N. Skinner, K. C., on behalf of the hospital, said with reference to Rev. Canon Richardson, who was mentioned in the inquiry, that he appeared to feel that something was wrong, or he would have been sent for.

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LETTER FROM CHAMBERLAIN.

Placed Proposed, He Says, Will Not Interfere with Development of Canadian Industries.

TORONTO, Feb. 19.—An album containing photographic views taken at the Dominion Exhibition last fall was sent by the exhibition board to the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain.

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FIGHTING IN THE BALKANS.

Turks and Arabians Killing Each Other—Feverish Activity of the Bulgarian Government.

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CHOLSON OF OUR NAVY.

Tru-na—Other Ten Testify.

PROVINCIAL NEWS.

MILLTOWN, Feb. 23.—Henry Stoddard, an aged resident of Milltown, N.S., passed away at his home Wednesday, after a brief illness with pneumonia. An invalid wife is left to mourn her loss.

Mrs. Robert Kierman of Eastport is here, called by the serious illness of her father.

Henry Balkham sustained a paralytic shock at his home last Tuesday evening. Mr. Balkham suffered shock some months ago, but had partially recovered.

Robert Smiley of Brookline, Mass., is visiting relatives in the vicinity.

At a special meeting of the town council Tuesday evening, Frank Alward was appointed as marshal.

Druggist F. A. Sharp has resumed work after a confinement of two months to his home with illness.

Mrs. Jas. Ross was pleasantly surprised at her home on Queen street last evening when a number of friends, bringing their baskets, called on her and spent a most enjoyable evening.

Harriette Keene, who has been working in the woods Tuesday, was struck in the eye by a chip of wood and it was thought that he would lose his sight, but at present the injured eye has improved so that Mr. Keene can see out of it.

The entertainment and candy sale held in the Congregational vestry on Tuesday evening by the graduating class of the High school, was largely patronized, and \$27 was realized.

McADAM JUNCTION, Feb. 17.—The machinists of McAdam recently held a social dance in the I. O. F. hall. A large crowd was present and a good time was realized.

On Tuesday, 16th, members of the Church of England presented in the I. O. F. hall "The Sweet Family." The characters were:

Arjante Ann Mrs. Wise Betty Bellinda Lina Perkins Dorothy Delish May Widge Elizabeth Elise Aggie Baker Frances Fredora Mrs. Howard Gioliana Gadabout Jennie Stankeik Ma Sweet Mrs. G. Lester

After the performance ice cream and candy were sold. A very pleasant evening was passed and \$29 was realized.

Mrs. Del. Tracey, who has been very sick, is slowly improving.

ST. ANDREW'S, N. B., Feb. 18.—The St. Andrew's post office will after April 1st be established in the brick building, the basement of which is occupied as the Beacon publishing and printing office.

R. E. Armstrong leaves by C. P. R. this evening for Ottawa on business connected with the Grand Manan fishery interests.

It is currently reported that the flat in the Masonic building, after its vacation by the post office, will be occupied by a new firm as a fishery and general grocery and provision establishment.

SUSSEX, N. B., Feb. 18.—Thomas G. Smith, of South Branch, died last night, aged 79 years. He was the oldest farmer in that locality. Funeral on Saturday at South Branch burying ground.

M. B. Gray was buried last Friday, aged 80 years. Rev. Mr. Camp of the Baptist Church attended the funeral.

MAUGERVILLE, Feb. 18.—Much interest was taken in the late election campaign in St. John, and the news of Dr. Daniel's great victory was received here with almost universal satisfaction.

Miss Bailey, only sister of the late James H. Bailey, is seriously sick.

Miss Jessie, the eldest daughter of Geo. M. Foster, is seriously ill at her home.

Much sympathy is felt for the family of the late Alexander G. Kelly in their sudden bereavement. Deceased, who was well and favorably known here, when he spent his early life.

Mrs. Annie Robinson has leased her mill and the adjacent property to Mr. Patterson, lumberman, of Grand Falls.

The young members of Sunbury Division S. of T., are preparing for a convention to be given in their hall on the 25th inst.

Miss Constance Grant is under Dr. W. B. Bridges' care for a grippe at the home of her uncle, Henry Wilton.

The funeral of the late Mrs. M. J. Hill, who died at her home in order, and saving will commence shortly. Another boiler and planing machine will be put in. A ninety light dynamo will also be added to the plant for night work.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Feb. 21.—A sad accident occurred here early this morning. Arthur Shea while in an epileptic fit, broke out of his home unknown to the family, clad in his night clothes and wandered about the city. His absence was soon noticed and the fire department summoned. After a thorough search he was found on Maryland Hill, back of the city, in an unfortunate condition, his feet, legs and hands being badly frozen. He was conveyed to Victoria hospital, where medical aid was given. Inquiry today ascertained that he had retained consciousness, but it is probable that some of his limbs may have to be amputated.

The trial of eight university students charged by Principal Crockett of the Normal School with creating a disturbance and breaking up religious exercises, was continued yesterday before the police magistrate in the presence of a large crowd of spectators. The witnesses examined were Dr. Crockett, Dr. Creed and the janitor. Nothing specially damaging to the students has yet appeared. The general opinion among the public is that the matter should have been settled by the school authorities without an appeal to the courts. The case will be resumed tomorrow.

The funeral of the late Miss Coleman took place yesterday afternoon from the Barker house. The remains, followed by a large gathering, were taken to St. Ann's Church, where Dr. Roberts conducted the funeral service. The remains were conveyed to the Rural cemetery for burial. A large number of floral tributes were offered by friends. Among those present were Colonel Conard, Percy Shaw and a number of lady relatives from St. John.

H. C. Jewett, a prominent local horseman, has imported from Indiana a pair of thorough stallions, one an English Hackney two years old, weighing twelve hundred, which took first prize at a Chicago horse show last December. The other is a German coach horse, weighing fourteen hundred. Both are splendid animals.

THE MARKETS.

For Horses and Cattle. Used for the treatment of Disenter, Worms, Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Scratches, Mud Fever, Swollen Legs, and all Skin Diseases.

W. MANCHESTER, SUSSEX, N. B.

and should prove a valuable addition to the local stock.

RICHMOND, Feb. 20.—John Girvan of Pine Ridge died suddenly on the 18th inst., aged seventy-nine years. The funeral took place at West Branch on Sunday last, Rev. J. F. Estep conducting the services.

Principal Coverworth has been unable to attend school this week through illness.

The death of Beattie, aged sixteen years, daughter of Mrs. Wm. Hamilton, of Roxton, occurred here yesterday after an illness of several weeks.

The heaviest snow storm of the season prevailed this week. The roads are badly blocked.

ALMA, N. B., Feb. 17.—T. J. Kelly has returned from Portland, Me., after a long visit to his children.

Allie Kinnie and Rolston McLaughlin have gone to Steveston, N. S., to work for John Kelly.

Your correspondents visited the Copper Cliff mine last Saturday. A good engine house and shaft house have been recently built. Manager Dryden is having the shaft timbered so as to protect the men who shall work in it.

The first compartment in the shaft is 40 feet and its walls will be all boarded. The main compartment is 2 x 8 ft. Mr. Dryden has discovered a genuine fissure vein of rich copper ore. The vein is vertical. At the surface it is about three feet wide. One hundred and ten feet below the surface it is six feet. And at water level there is supposed to be an inexhaustible body of valuable copper ore. Mr. Dryden's object is to sink the shaft to water level and reach this body of ore. This seal engine house and shaft house have been traced it with accuracy several miles. This mine certainly promises to be a great success.

ALMA, N. B., Feb. 18.—Edward Durning died here at the age of 83. He was an esteemed citizen for many years. Reginald Durning, infant son of Judson and Eliza Cleveland, died here today.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., N. B., Feb. 20.—Harry J. Humphrey, youngest son of the late J. M. Humphrey, died on Thursday last at his home at Medina, while undergoing an operation for appendicitis, an attack of which had set in a day or two before. Particulars regarding his case were given in our issue of the 17th inst. Mr. Humphrey was despatched simply telling of his illness and an unsuccessful operation, and the second shortly after announcing his death. He was the only child of his father and had only been in the west since last April, up to which time he lived here at the family residence with his mother.

At a time he was engaged in ranching, but a short time ago accepted a position in a grocery store at Medicine Hat, and being engaged by the family of a former Hamptonian. The young man was much thought of by all his companions at school and by the community at large for his gentle, kind and courteous nature and many friends.

His removal from Hampton was regretted by all who had his acquaintance. His remains are now en route for his former home in charge of his brother, John, who only recently removed from Greenwood, B. C., to Calgary, to take charge of the agency there of a firm with which he had been engaged in former place. Besides the two brothers named, he leaves three others, and one sister, Percy and Ralph of St. John, and Fred of Vancouver, and Miss Edith who is taking an art course in New York. There is also a wide circle of relatives and friends, all of whom are deeply grieved by the sudden death.

Notice of the funeral will be given as soon as possible.

KINGSTON, Kings Co., Feb. 15.—The McDonald school house is at last in the hands of the contractor, John McDonald. The building is a fine one, and speaks well for the contractor, Mr. Sheffer, who has had the work so well done. The building is to be heated by wood furnaces, which it is estimated, will take from 75 to 100 cords of wood yearly. It might not be out of place to call the attention of the secretary of trustees to the fact that there is not any hard wood being cut in the vicinity, and if tenders are not called for shortly for the number of cords required to heat this building, next winter we will probably be without any school in it for another year.

There was a masquerade ball held in the hall here Friday evening, the 13th inst., which was largely attended. The program was in line with pneumonia, and R. C. Williams has had a severe attack of quinsy, but is able to be around again.

SAINT SARAH DEAD. NEW YORK, Feb. 20.—A despatch to the Times, from Salt Lake, Utah, says: "Mrs. Sarah C. Bigler, known to all Mormons as 'Saint Sarah,' is dead at Elmore, Utah, where Dr. Roberts conducted the funeral service. The remains were conveyed to the Rural cemetery for burial. A large number of floral tributes were offered by friends. Among those present were Colonel Conard, Percy Shaw and a number of lady relatives from St. John.

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CASTORIA. Bears the Signature of

DORCHESTER.

Fancy Dress Carnival in the Rink, Last Night.

DORCHESTER, Feb. 19.—The fancy dress carnival which took place this evening in the new rink was easily the largest social event of the town this week. About three hundred skaters, all in carnival costumes, were on the ice. The music by the Sackville Citizens' band was of a very high order. There were fourteen contests, and many praiseworthy remarks were made on the efficiency of the musicians. Special trains were run from the east and west. The delicious refreshments were especially large.

The judges met in the early part of the evening and made a careful study of the various characters. The result was announced from the balcony by Rev. H. Thomas, Gen. P. G. R. Payant, representing the character of a fisherman; lady's prize, Mrs. W. F. Tait, representing the original character of King Zou. The boy's prize was awarded to D'Arcy McGrath, Woodchurch Duke; girl's prize to Muriel Chapman, Hope. Honorary mention was made of Miss Alice Miller, and about 450 from Davies' club mention was also made of Everett Oulton as Infant Boy. The ice was in perfect condition, and everything contributed to the very delightful evening. The receipts for the evening were \$181. About \$50 will be cleared by the rink management. The judges were: Rev. Ernest Wood, E. H. Doherty, M. D. Rev. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. B. Pipes and Miss Alice Harrison.

REV. C. W. HAMILTON, Pastor of Carmarthen Street Church, Yesterday Morning Made Brief Reference to the Election.

At Carmarthen street Methodist church yesterday morning the pastor, Rev. C. W. Hamilton, took for his subject the Election, speaking from II Peter and 10, 5, 7: "Wherefore the elect shall be saved, and everything contributed to the very delightful evening. The receipts for the evening were \$181. About \$50 will be cleared by the rink management. The judges were: Rev. Ernest Wood, E. H. Doherty, M. D. Rev. H. Thomas, Mrs. A. B. Pipes and Miss Alice Harrison.

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Large Orders for Condensed Milk from the Japanese and British Governments—Recent Deaths and Marriages—General Local News.

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Cossacks Attack Japanese Skirmishers and Take a Few Prisoners— Russian Efforts to Obtain More Ships. Russia's Story of the Beginning of the War Accuses Japan of Treachery—Russia Angry at the United States.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—A dispatch from Fort Arthur says the first land encounter occurred yesterday. A picket of Cossacks attacked a small detachment of Japanese troops on Korean territory. The Cossacks captured some Japanese prisoners on whom they found maps and papers.

CHARGES AGAINST JAPAN.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 20.—A Russian account of the events immediately preceding the rupture with Japan is published in the official Messenger today with the object of rectifying the statements from Japanese sources. In this account it is stated that on receipt of the last Japanese proposals, January 18, the government immediately proceeded to examine the Japanese demands, and on January 25, M. Kurino, the Japanese minister, was informed, in reply to his inquiry, that the czar had authorized Russia to modify the special conference, the members of which would meet Jan. 23, and that his majesty's decision would probably be given before Feb. 1.

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From six o'clock Monday morning until late in the evening St. John was deluged with rain. The rain fell in a steady shower, and at eight o'clock last night this had increased to one decimal. Anyone who was on the streets yesterday will need no figures to convince him that yesterday was most disagreeably wet.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

SCITUATE, Mass., Feb. 16.—The light at the mouth of the harbor, situated at 4 1/2 m. It was erected in 1891, and was a red light on a tall, round, brick, extending to the North Breaker. CHATHAM, Feb. 16.—The relief lightship has been ordered to the harbor of Pollock Rip lightship was towed west today by the tugboat "Amelia".

THE DESTROYER.

Edward Sydney Taylor. A warship of steel and fire; Aly from nerves obey; My drum beats on my side; My drum beats on my side; My drum beats on my side.

MEN OF THE DAY.

There is something pathetic in James Lowell's announcement of his early retirement from the office of the London Chronicle. He was for many years, until reinforced by Sir Howard Vincent, the only avowed protectionist in the house of commons, but very few paid any serious attention to his arguments in those lonely times. And now, when the protectionist banner has been boldly unfurled in Birmingham, and the question made a fighting party issue, he is out of the fray. Mr. Lowell first entered the house of commons in 1855, but he has had many electoral vicissitudes. In 1873 Disraeli sent him to Ireland as chief secretary, an appointment that created considerable amusement at the time.

SIDE LIGHTS FROM THE FRONT.

(London) Punch. The situation looks like war. It is almost impossible to overestimate the gravity of the situation. But I am doing my best, but my best is a high official, who stands close to the czar, and does not wish to stand any closer, made a significant observation to the department of trade and commerce in Seoul, Korea, stating that Rev. R. Macrae and Mrs. Macrae and Miss K. McMillan, who were at Hamhung, had arrived at Wonsan, and that Rev. A. F. Robb and family hoped shortly to reach Wonsan from Song Chin.

A NICE LIGHT BUSINESS.

"Oh, yes, I've opened an office," said the young lawyer. "You may remember that you saw me buying an alarm clock the other day." "Yes," replied his friend. "You have to get up early these mornings, eh?" "Oh, no, I use it to wake me up when it's time to go home."

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