

OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

MONCTON.

Moncton, March 12.—"Water, water everywhere, nor any drop to drink" was the ancient mariner's plaint as he gazed upon the wide expanse of ocean...

The health, and expect to return to the region in a few weeks. Mrs. Robert Remie gave a reception on Tuesday afternoon at her residence for the pleasure of her sister, Miss Florence...

engaged cottages for that season at St. Andrews by the sea. Allan J. Macdonnell, of Montreal, has taken "Chestnut Hall," "The Anchorage" will be occupied by a New York laundress...

er left for Montreal, where she will visit her sister, Mrs. John J. Beeson. Mrs. Alexander Robinson is visiting from St. John, and is in the city as the guest of Mrs. F. P. Thompson...

lower basin excellent for skating, which was much enjoyed by the young people for a few days during the first of the week...

Hillsboro. Hillsboro, March 8.—The anniversary dinner of the Hillsboro Reform and Literary Club that was to have taken place on Thursday last has been postponed on account of the unavoidable absence of the president...

Hopewell Hill. Hopewell Hill, March 13.—The funeral of James Wilbur, of Mountville, took place yesterday from his late residence, and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. Dr. Brown, pastor of the Baptist church...

Windsor. Windsor, March 10.—Mr. C. E. W. Dodwell, Halifax, was in town last week. He is well maintained, and has been visiting his mother, Mrs. William Dimock, College avenue...

Mr. and Mrs. B. H. Kerr have returned from a visit to St. Andrews. The members of the Ladies' Curling Club played a game on Thursday evening...

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Williams spent Sunday in Pictou (N. S.), the guests of Mrs. Williams' mother, Mrs. Logan. Miss McDougall is visiting relatives in Truro...

Mr. George H. Eaton has gone to Quebec for a few days rest. Mrs. Hazel Grimmer entertained a small party of lady friends at tea Thursday evening...

Sackville. Sackville, March 10.—The Ecclesie Society gave a successful entertainment on Friday evening. Three scenes from "Annie Lytle" were well rendered by Misses Berley, Killam and Masters. An oratorical medley by Misses Purdy, Dennis, Tait and Gunn called forth much applause...

Woodstock. Woodstock, March 10.—Mrs. Henry McKay arrived yesterday from Boston to visit her parents, Captain and Mrs. Dunlop. Post Office Inspector Cook made a flying business trip to Woodstock the first of the week...

Washademoak. Washademoak, March 4.—On Thursday evening the place was visited by a terrible thunder storm. A most remarkable thing happened on Cansler Island...

Sussex. Sussex, March 10.—Mrs. F. E. Law, of St. John, spent Sunday with her daughter, Miss Grace Law. Mr. D. P. Gosselin, of Boston, is spending a week at his home in Sussex...

Grand Falls. Grand Falls, March 10.—Miss Emma Peabody, St. Leonard's, is visiting Miss Peabody Evans. Mr. Charles Edmundson, spent Sunday with Mr. G. A. Hallett...

St. Stephen. St. Stephen, March 9.—Miss Alice Criley gave a thimble party last Saturday afternoon. It was particularly pleasant and enjoyable. The engagement of Miss Florence Renne to Mr. Rufus Soule, of New Bedford (Mass.), was announced this week...

St. Andrews. St. Andrews, March 8.—Tales, idle tales, it seems to me that we have been hearing about the fine weather we are to enjoy during March. However the good people must think there is fine weather coming some time, and are evidently expecting a warm summer, as so many have...

Chatham. Chatham, March 9.—Mrs. A. E. Reilly, who has been spending the last three weeks with relatives in town, has returned to her home in Moncton. On Monday night, Mrs. George E. Bish...

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In several young men, who will be glad to be welcomed, as the fair sex are very much in evidence, with the sterner sex are well, they are scarce.

H. V. Harris, manager of the Midland Railway, has decided to remove to Windsor and with his family will come here the first of April, having rented the pretty residence at Avonlea lately vacated by Mr. and Mrs. E. Norman Dimock. Mr. Harris has been residing in Truro for the past year and will be heartily welcomed back to our town.

Friends of the proposed hospital are very much elated over the judgment delivered by the full bench of the supreme court, March 8, in the case of Paulin vs. Town of Windsor. By the decision in favor of the town Windsor is given possession of \$20,000 for the hospital.

The Windsor bankers and a combined team of bankers from Wolfville and Kentville played a very exciting game of hockey here last week. The visitors won, 6 to 5. After the game the teams took supper at the Y rooms. Keen interest is still manifested in hockey and promises to continue until the close of the season.

KENTVILLE.

Kentville, March 10.—The town is greatly agitated over the temperance question, and on Friday evening of last week the County Temperance Alliance held a meeting in the Opera House at which 1,000 persons were said to have been present. The meeting was interesting and at times rather exciting. The chief speakers of the evening were Rev. George McMillan, Rev. R. Williams, Rev. S. Adams, Rev. C. H. Day, of Kentville; Rev. Mr. McLeod and Rev. D. E. Hart, of Canard; Rev. Mr. Corbett, of Canard.

The hockey team paid a visit to Yarmouth on Friday of last week though they did not carry off any honors they were thoroughly delighted with their trip.

Mrs. A. V. Pines and little daughter, Eleanor, are spending the latter part of the week in Wolfville.

The principal and teaching staff of the Academy and public school spent Friday and Saturday in Middleton, where they were visiting the McDonald Consolidated School. In the evening Grade XI gave a very successful presentation of Tennyson's "Princess." The teachers expressed themselves delighted with the school, thoroughly equipped and up to date, but all decided that east or west, the home school was the place they liked best.

The party consisted of Principal Robinson, Mr. McNutt, Miss Farrell, Miss Smith, Miss Best, Miss Chase, Miss Blanchard, Miss Hamilton, Miss Swanson, Miss Kalbach. Mr. Blaikie entertained the members of the Snowbird Club with a drive Wednesday evening to Wolfville with supper at the Royal Hotel.

Mrs. Wessel returned on Saturday from a visit in Boston and New York. One of the most interesting discussions of interest to the pleasure loving is the Bal Masque to be given on Monday in Hester week. Costumes are hard to procure and one's ingenuity is taxed to the utmost. A costume is expected from Boston and this will solve a difficult problem for many.

Mrs. J. Marven Walker spent the latter part of the week in Middleton.

SYDNEY.

Sydney, March 9.—Mr. and Mrs. C. V. Wetmore are home from New Brunswick. Mr. O. P. Band, of Band, Furrill & Meredith, architects, is visiting for Ottawa, where he will reside.

Mr. H. C. Creighton, superintendent of the Canadian Express Company, St. John, was in Sydney last week. Mr. John A. Young has returned from Montreal.

For the last few days the skating has been perfect, with hundreds of skaters and ice boats skimming around the harbor was a picture. One of the ice-boats came from North Sydney to Sydney in seven minutes. The small boy was very much in evidence with seals of cotton tacked on his last summer fishing lure.

Mr. James Burdell spent part of last week in New York.

Mrs. A. E. Nesbitt entertained about twenty-five lady friends at afternoon tea Thursday.

After Dr. Kendall's Bible class meeting Sunday afternoon Mrs. Kendall served tea to the class.

Mrs. Stewart Burns and the Misses Burns, Crassat et al., entertained the ladies of the Methodist church Friday afternoon.

Mr. Alex. Dick, general agent of the Dominion Coal Company, is in Boston on business.

Mr. McCurdy is visiting her sister, Mrs. J. T. MacDonald, New Glasgow.

Mrs. W. H. Stiles, of New Glasgow, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Myers.

Mr. Meredith Rountree left Friday on a three months trip to England, accompanied by Mrs. Rountree and two children.

What was probably the last carnival of the season took place Wednesday evening. About 200 skaters were in costume. Those who received prizes are: Miss Anne Dousley, Miss Grace Muggie, Miss Edith Richardson, Miss Jack Sulzinger and Harvey Richardson.

Miss Mary Brookfield, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Rowlands, King Road, has returned home.

Mrs. P. R. Bentley, Whitney avenue, was at home to about fifty of her friends Friday evening.

Sacred Heart church was crowded with women every night last week to hear the Dominion Ladies. This week the services are for men and Sunday night more than 100 listened to the sermon.

Miss McMillan, Sydney Mines, was in town yesterday.

et out. Wednesday and navigation is now unimpeded.

The death of John Watt occurred at his residence, LeBlanc, on Tuesday last, after a protracted illness of consumption, aged 37 years. He leaves a wife and several small children. His four sisters survive—Mrs. Albert Bice, Sequelle; Mrs. John Wagscott, Grandville Ferry; Mrs. Frederic Carter, Bridgewater, and an unnamed sister, Annie, in Boston. The funeral took place on Thursday and was largely attended. The internment was in Woodlawn cemetery, after which the Anglican clergy officiating, while the funeral ceremony of the Oddfellows was read by Rev. J. S. Coffin, chaplain of Western Star lodge, of which the deceased was a member.

Capt. McMillan and Lieut. Harvey of the Salvation Army, fared well on Sunday night last and left on Thursday. The captain went to Yarmouth and the lieutenant to Sussex (N. B.) Lieut. Wylder, of Sussex is expected to arrive here today.

Captain J. A. DeJoy and Mrs. DeJoy, of Grandville Ferry, leave here today for New York, where they will stay a few months and attend the St. Louis Exposition before they return.

E. D. Anand, manager of the Union Bank of Halifax agency here, is visiting St. John.

John H. How was on a visit to his parents, Capt. William Snow, and returned to St. John on Monday.

Reginald Jefferson, son of E. L. Jefferson, of this town, who has been in Jefferson Army camp in Toronto, returned home on Wednesday.

Arthur H. Williams, of Halifax, has been in town this week.

DIGBY.

Digby, March 11.—Schr. W. Farnell O'Hara, Capt. William Snow, is discharging 49,185 pounds of mixed fish at Snow's wharf, the result of two days' fishing.

Schr. J. W. Gaudin, Capt. Gaudin, was blown to the southeast of Georges during the recent gale. She has arrived at Yarmouth and shipped 14,000 pounds of haddock to the Digby fish wharf.

The fishing schooner Trilby has been sold to Frank Lent, of Westport to parties in Liverpool for \$175.

Digby, N. S., March 12.—There are no vacant houses in Digby and cottages are in demand. Some of the men employed here are talking about moving their families to Annapolis where tents and real estate are away down compared with our town. The suburban train and Yarmouth accommodation will enable these men to leave in Annapolis and work in Digby. There is certainly a chance here for investors to make money building cheap cottages, which would easily rent for \$50 to \$100 per year and double tenements would bring about \$175 or \$200 per year.

TRURO.

Truro, March 9.—One of the last sleighing parties was given by the young ladies of the A. and B. classes of the academy to their gentlemen friends. After a delightful ride the party gathered at the home of Mr. D. J. Thomas, "Spina Kop," where the evening was spent most pleasantly.

Five o'clock was the starting time for Mrs. W. K. Murray. The afternoon was very unpleasant, but those present enjoyed the affair.

The same evening a parlor social was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. McLaughlin, Dominion street. Owing to the disagreeable weather only a few gathered, so that the proceeds were small.

An interesting and instructive lecture was given Monday evening in Pleasant street church by Rev. A. C. Borden, who is on leave from his post in Truro. Borden is visiting his cousin, Mrs. S. H. Tupper, Queen street.

At the students' meeting in the Y. M. C. A. parlors Saturday evening, Mr. D. Solan, principal of the normal school, gave an interesting address on "A Forgotten Poet." The poet was Charles Hayward.

A reception was given Friday evening by the students of the Empire Business College in these rooms. There were two novel means of entertainment, one was the presenting of a picture to each guest, he to write an advertisement about it. The other was a leap year affair, just before the presentations, the young gentlemen were given places behind a screen, the young ladies fishing with a string over the top for the young men. Whoever was caught was taken by his fair fisherman and supper.

A pretty wedding was celebrated Thursday at the home of Mrs. Harry McDonald, daughter of Mr. Gilmore McDonald, South Main street, was united in marriage to Mr. Charles Archibald, Bellers Farm, Truro. The knot was tied by Rev. G. B. McLeod, pastor of First Presbyterian church, in the presence of a few intimate friends.

The bride and groom left for their new home in a navy blue traveling suit. She was accompanied. After the ceremony the happy pair left for Montreal. They will also visit Ottawa, where Mr. Archibald will attend the National Stock Association meeting. On their return they will reside at Belle Hill. Among the presents was a handsome clock from some of Mr. Archibald's friends.

Mr. R. S. Boyd returned Saturday from Toronto and Montreal.

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JAPAN'S RAPID ADVANCE.

While Russia has not yet begun to fight on the land and while the world has yet to hear of a decisive battle in which the skill and courage of the yellow men have been fairly tried against the dogged men of the white race...

A CONTEMPORARY'S TROUBLE.

The Telegraph Herald gets out of the editorial block and tackle for the purpose of dragging the Telegraph out of a pit of error. The Herald discovers that the Telegraph does not know anything at all about the present status of the Grand Trunk Pacific project...

THE SECRET BALLOT.

The new ballot bill, now in the hands of a committee, which is to report to the legislature on Tuesday next, contains several provisions which make it superior to the Dominion act, and it will, of course, be infinitely superior to the provincial law now in force...

THE SESSION.

It is anticipated in the speech from the throne that the session just begun at Ottawa will be a short one. Shorter than the last one it certainly should be, and if the government succeeds in limiting the discussion of its railroad policy, a few weeks should suffice for the transaction of the country's business...

has led the administration farther and farther away from the popular feeling concerning the solution of the transportation question. As it stands the people are asked to build the railway but are not to be permitted to own it. They are merely to pay for it. They are not likely to appreciate so costly a privilege, for it may not be entirely clear to them why they should not own it after paying for it.

OUR WARY NEIGHBORS.

Hon. Clifford Sifton stands charged with the atrocious crime of seeking to drag the United States of America into the Far Eastern trouble and trying to get the American people to rescue the British Empire from a peril, with which it is not yet squarely confronted. Mr. Sifton's accuser is the New York Commercial which cites as damning evidence the Canadian minister's speech recently attributed to him in which he said that the Anglo-Saxons must stand together. That portion of the Canadian statesman's remarks which has raised the choler of the Commercial is as follows:

The sympathy of every loyal British-American subject—and of every American, too, for that matter—is with Great Britain's ally. If Japan does her best, it will be for the benefit of the Anglo-Saxon race. I think you will see British and American soldiers fighting side by side with the Japanese in a common cause. While the combined fleets of the three Powers will sweep the seas of whatever enemy they may meet.

The Commercial fiercely resents the description "Anglo-Saxon" as applied to the people of the United States. Perhaps, indeed, Mr. Sifton was more complimentary than the facts warrant, for it is true, as the Commercial hotly asserts that there are in the republic some 9,000,000 negroes, 11,000,000 foreign born persons, and many more millions of Jews, Germans and Italians who though born in the United States preserve the language and traditions of Europe. Mr. Sifton though fully aware of the polyglot condition of the country and the resulting divergence of interests, chose to make no mention of these things, and the omission is not likely to inflame the best people among our neighbors, oddly as it affects the Commercial.

Mr. Sifton's opinion that "should occasion require" British and American soldiers will be found fighting side by side with the Japanese is neither wild nor offensive. "Should occasion require" is a qualifying phrase of much power. At present seven out of every ten Americans are Japanese sympathizers, and even the New York Commercial would find it difficult to imagine complications which would place the American soldiers with the Japanese in a common cause. It is just as well to remember that the "Anglo-Saxon" business and the "hands-across-the-sea" talk have been fostered by no one so eagerly as by successive American ambassadors to Great Britain.

As the United States will be governed by interest rather than sentiment in its attitude toward the quarrel in the Far East and as neither Mr. Sifton nor anyone else has been foolish enough to estimate the American position by the sword from motives of friendship alone, it is somewhat diverting to find the Commercial solemnly warning all the world that Uncle Sam does not propose to rescue any British chieftains which may become hot under Russian fire. Says the grave and gifted New York writer:

If Great Britain is expecting the United States to join her in an anti-Japanese struggle, she is wrong. The United States is not likely to be drawn into a conflict which she has no interest in. The American position is not to be estimated by the sword from motives of friendship alone, it is somewhat diverting to find the Commercial solemnly warning all the world that Uncle Sam does not propose to rescue any British chieftains which may become hot under Russian fire.

Even if the republic "minds its own business"—which it has been unable to do to late because it has been feverishly busy in adjusting the affairs of its smaller neighbors—it might still be found backing up Great Britain in the East, for should the British find it necessary to step in both business and sentimental reasons would impel the United States to participate. At this writing there is little reason to believe that either Russia or Japan will be aided by another Power, and the abnormal temperature of the Commercial is without warrant.

Mr. Sifton really said no more than that the United States would go to war if its interests demanded such action and that if the Americans did go to war they would be on the winning side—that is to say, the British side. The statement is moderate and safe in spite of the fact that the Americans, unhappily, are not so "Anglo-Saxon" as they might wish to be.

A marked copy of the Christian Science Sentinel (Boston) (copyright 1904) by Mary Baker G. Eddy. It has been received by the Telegraph. The article marked for notice and consideration is one in which complaint is made that the daily newspapers print news articles concerning Christian Science which would be suppressed if the persons concerned were Methodists, Baptists or Presbyterians. As far as this newspaper is concerned, like most others, it carries with no man's religious belief, and if a Methodist, Baptist or Presbyterian should decline to support a physician when one of his children was seriously ill and the child died as a result of that neglect, it would print the news no less promptly than if the offending parent were a Christian Scientist. Nor does this paper assert that no man has a right to believe

that a Scientist can effect the cure of any or all human ailments. It is a fact, however, that the law very properly directs that in certain cases parents or guardians shall summon medical aid for their children or wards and that there shall be no useless sacrifice of life because any particular person's opinion in regard to disease are opposed to those of the majority by whom and for whose protection the law are framed. The laws governing the conduct of parents and guardians in the circumstances referred to are necessary and healthful and should be obeyed. Obedience to the law might prevent some unpleasant news stories from circulation in the newspapers, but it does not appear that such obedience would lessen the efficacy of healing by prayer, which, it must be added, is scarcely likely to be destroyed by the presence of a physician who combats pneumonia as a surgeon who sets a leg.

In these days few persons are disposed to assert that any earnest seeker after truth is necessarily a bad citizen, but all admit that their fellows should observe the laws of the land. That is fair. Christian Science, like other beliefs, suffers at times from impostors and charlatans who seek to make money by swamping the truth. For these Christian Science is not to be held responsible. Yet when Christian Science asks the work-a-day world to regard the practices of the minority without suspicion or prejudice, why may not the majority fairly ask the minority to regard without prejudice the common belief that when a human being falls ill it is wise to summon a physician?

As evidence that this newspaper is without prejudice it is pleased to quote a brief extract from a letter, written by George Tomkins of Brighton (Mass.), to Mrs. Eddy, which appears in the Christian Science Sentinel, a copy of which is at hand:

My wife's brother's case was called hopeless by the doctor. One evening he asked, "What are you reading?" His sister replied, "Nothing that will harm you." He replied, "That is good for me; read it for me." It was your "Unity of Thought" complete. He died, and she is rejoicing in Christian Science.

From another letter of absorbing interest printed in the Sentinel, the uninitiated might erroneously infer that Bright's disease is not nearly so troublesome and stubborn as a broken toe. Mr. E. Crawford, of Cleveland (O.), writes that he sprang from bed at 2 o'clock in August last to answer the telephone "and broke the third toe short off at the second joint." He found the pain terrible, but answered the phone and returned to bed. The struggle between Truth and Error then became serious. To quote:

I then pressed my left foot against it, to see how it would stand. Later I fell asleep and knew no more of the toe until I awoke in the morning, when, putting the foot to the test, I found it was as good as what had happened in the night. For again the doctor said, "It is not good for you; read it for me." It was your "Unity of Thought" complete. He died, and she is rejoicing in Christian Science.

Had a Methodist, a Baptist or a Presbyterian been cured of Bright's disease, or subjected to a broken toe after a three day struggle, as graphically described in the foregoing, this unpropitious newspaper would have given the glad news to the world with no more hesitation than is here displayed.

DISCUSSING MR. BLAIR.

As was natural enough Mr. Blair's name, his anti-G. T. Pacific speech and his tame acceptance of office under the government had defied, figured freely in Monday's debate on the speech from the throne. The government's view that Mr. Blair was the man best fitted for the chairmanship of the Railway Commission and that his fitness alone won that position for him is more interesting than convincing.

The government estimate is that Mr. Blair made the mistake of his life when he did not swallow the government's railway policy at first. But a great and growing number of people in Canada believe and openly affirm that the greatest mistake of Mr. Blair's life was made when, having put his hand to the plough, having initiated a brilliant and effective campaign against the railway policy, he drew back from the great work, became silent, remained silent and received a position of high emolument at the hands of the administration which he had pilloried as plunging the country into "a sheer and unjustifiable squandering of public money" by making the indefensible bargain with the promoters of the Grand Trunk Pacific railway.

This country understood Mr. Blair when he electrified parliament and public by rising like a lion in the path upon which the government had entered. It cannot be affirmed that this country understood the ex-Minister of Railways so well when, after that signal but single thundering, he turned his back upon the duty which he himself had proclaimed imperative and which none was so well fitted as he himself to perform. His arrangement of the government's railway policy was so convincing that the country expected him to follow it up by opposing the scheme in and out of parliament with all the art and energy at his command. Had he taken this, the expected and logical course, and followed it strenuously to the end, he might have

forced the government to eliminate the most objectionable features of the bill or better the measure finally. He chose another course. It was in doing so that he made the crowning mistake of his life, a mistake which is irreparable.

Considering that the ex-minister has retreated not a word of his fiery and forcible indictment of the government's railway scheme, and that his speech will be quoted during this session and during the next campaign as unanswered and unanswerable, the task of defending his appointment in debate cannot take up with anything approaching headlong enthusiasm.

ANTICS IN MAINE.

Stories of the sacrifice of animals and the threats to sacrifice children during the recent "religious" excitement at Beal's Island, near Jonesport, Maine, have occupied considerable space in the newspapers from St. John to Florida, but not until now has it been proclaimed that New Brunswick is responsible for the disgraceful antics in the Maine village. The Beal's Island News of yesterday contains a curious report signed by the first selectman, the deputy sheriff and the constable of Jonesport in which these three troubled functionaries profess to rectify the plain facts in the case. They begin in this fashion:

"Several ministers from the Province of New Brunswick came to the island a few weeks ago and commenced a series of meetings, preaching 'Advent and holiness doctrine.' Mrs. Beal, a woman of forty-five years of age who had been in exile here for a long time, attended these meetings and became over influenced by the preachers and the excitement unbalanced her mind. She had considerable influence over several members of her family, and through her religious hallucination she ordered a pet dog and a cat slain, which was done by a member of her family. Her husband and brother decided it would be wise to stop the meetings and break up the excitement, with the idea of restoring Mrs. Beal's reason."

The three officials closed the meetings, placed Mrs. Beal in an asylum, and sent away the "preachers." And in that they did well. But why they rush into print it is not easy to understand. Silence had been gained. It is likely now that they can never again be elected to the high offices they now hold. Could they have denied the Beal's Island ghost dance in toto there might have been some excuse for writing to the newspapers. But here are three grown men forced to acknowledge the disagreeable and shocking truth that their foolish fellow citizens stood about while a demented creature killed a dog with his bare hands at the bidding of his maniac mother. Why did not the selectman and the other dignitaries restrain these bedlamities and save the reputation of the community? What were they doing when it became necessary for others to interfere to prevent the sacrifice of human beings? Where were the selectman and his law officers when one of the exhorters tried to cast out devils and succeeded only in increasing the visible supply? The New York Herald says of one incident:

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MANY IMPORTANT MEASURES DISCUSSED IN LOCAL LEGISLATURE.

Many Sections of the Highway Act Explained by Hon. Messrs. Tweedie and LaBilios—Attorney General Answers Mr. Hazen's Criticisms About Consolidation of Statutes—Details of New Ballot System Given Out

Fredericton, March 11.—The house met at 3 o'clock.

Hon. Mr. Tweedie presented the report of the Executive Home and Hospital, St. John.

Mr. Hazen said before the highway act was read a second time he would like to obtain some information in regard to it from the chief commissioner.

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Directors Will Not Consider the Matter Until After Insurance Adjustment.

Total Value of Property Was \$70,000, and Insurance is \$29,500—Cause of Cancellation is Not Determined.

The fire in the Maritime Mail Works, reported Friday morning, destroyed the property. The buildings, plant and stock were valued at \$70,000.

Three buildings were consumed, the largest being 200x75 feet, one story; another 120x35, two stories, and the other had been just about completed.

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DOMINION HOUSE IS NOW READY TO DEBATE SPEECH FROM THRONE.

Parliament Opened Friday With Usual Pomp—St. John's New Member Introduced—Supreme Court Judges Refuse to Attend Opening Because Woollack is Removed—Amendments to Redistribution Bill.

Ottawa, March 11.—(Special)—The governor-general opened the fourth session of the ninth parliament of Canada this afternoon at 10 o'clock.

Mr. Bennett presented the petition of Richard A. Gandel for the incorporation of the upper Kent Hill Company.

Mr. Burgess presented the petition of the Citizens' Telephone Company.

Mr. Plummer gave notice of motion for a resolution in relation to the purchase of land for the Dominion House.

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PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

The engagement of Miss Maggie Mackay, eldest daughter of James Mackay of Spring Brook, Kent county, to Mr. McFarlane of Brockton (Mass.), is announced.

The wedding will take place in Brockton at an early date.

Rev. Donald Fraser, B. A., of Rexton, has accepted a call to La Hare Presbyterian Church and will arrive during next week.

Frank Davison, of Bridgewater (N. S.), is at Kansas City. He is touring the United States.

Miss Nellie Shaw, who has been visiting her home in Sydney, has returned to her home in St. John.

Mr. and Mrs. Dempsey of Ontario, passed through the city yesterday Saturday evening.

Miss Margaret C. MacDonald, of Bailey's Brook, near New Glasgow, is one of the party of American nurses who services has been accepted by the Japanese.

Major Weeks, formerly of the Charlotte-town Engineers, has been transferred to the Corps of Guides, and appointed district intelligence officer for that province.

J. P. Lewis, accountant of the Sackville branch of the Royal Bank of Canada, has received notice that he will shortly be transferred to Oxford (N. S.), to become manager of a bank to be opened there.

The death of Thomas Hunter occurred yesterday at the residence of J. D. Taylor, Pokok, in his 80th year.

He was buried at the cemetery of the town of Pokok, on Monday, March 13th, at 10 o'clock, by one, W. C. Hunter, air brake inspector of the I. C. R. at Moncton, and another brother, Roger Hunter, the printer, of this city.

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LOCAL LEGISLATURE DISCUSSED HIGHWAY ACT ALL DAY YESTERDAY.

(Continued from page 1.)

According to the terms of the bill, it was to be completed on the 1st day of April, 1914.

The entire work is practically completed ready to ship at the bridge shops of the Dominion Bridge Company.

Montreal. It is not completed in time a ferry would be run and the cost of it charged to the contractors.

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WANTED.

War Map in Colors Free
The "History of War Between Russia and Japan," by Hon. ...

BIRTHS.

CAKIN—On the 11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. G. J. Calkin, daughter.

DEATHS.

SMITH—At Fairville, March 10, Robert Smith, aged 64 years, leaving a wife and three children to mourn their loss.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
Friday, March 11.
Star Westport III, from Westport.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE—The schooner Levee, 60 tons, apply to Theo. Lellan, Grosses Co., 9-12-14-w.

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COULDN'T HAVE DEFEATED SMOOT ONCE MORMON CHURCH BACKED HIM.

ing in the retirement of the Novik and Bayan, only Russian engaged.
120 Projectiles Fired into Port Arthur.
The Chinese action was the bombardment of the inner harbor by the Japanese battleships.

Judge Hiles Makes Interesting Witness in Senate Inquiry--Effect of Laws Against Plural Marriages.

Washington, March 12.—That Reed Smoot could not have been elected to the United States Senate without having been first chosen as an apostle of the Mormon church and that after he was so chosen, he could not have been defeated, was asserted by Judge Ogden Hiles, assistant United States attorney from 1886 to 1899, and later a judge of the district court of Utah, who was a witness today in the Smoot case before the committee on privileges and elections. He claimed to have

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TRUTHFUL PARLOR NEWS HEADLIGHT Parlor Match. ASKED FOR DAILY.

REED, SMOOT, THE MORMON, WHOSE ELECTION TO THE U.S. SENATE HAS STARTED INQUIRY INTO PLURAL MARRIAGES QUESTION IN UTAH.

Attorney Van Outt took the witness to task for the statement and the colloquy which followed the close of the day's hearing. Chairman Burrows adjourned the session today subject to call. It is expected there will be a number of witnesses against the church on the matter of intermarriage.

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Duncan Buchanan, the Well-Known Millwright, Meets With Serious Accident.

Duncan Buchanan, the well-known millwright, formerly of Apohaqui, Kings county, but who has spent most of the last two or three years in northern Maine, met with a serious accident on Feb. 28. He was building a mill for E. B. Briggs, of Westfield (Me.), a town between Proque Isle and Bridgewater. Mr. Briggs was going to Houlton to purchase some machinery, and he and Mr. Buchanan were standing on the edge of a snow bank when the wind, blowing from the north, struck the mill, and Mr. Buchanan was blown overboard.

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I. C. R. MEN BACK UP PENSION SCHEME.

One Hundred and Forty Employees at Meeting in St. John.

DETAILS OF PROJECT.

The Plan Explained by L. R. Ross and Discussed by Those Present—Formal Resolution Endorsing It is Passed—Ald of M. P.'s and Senators Sought.

A meeting thoroughly representative of the different departments of the I. C. R. was held in a No. 2 freight shed office Saturday evening for the purpose of explaining in detail the pension scheme recently formulated by a committee appointed by the employees of the I. C. R. and P. E. I. railway.

Employees of station, track, mechanical and freight sections between Salloway and this city were present—about 140 in all—and with but little discussion the plan as outlined, was heartily approved. On conclusion, a resolution endorsing the scheme was read.

The Pension Scheme.

Insurance, with a total disability clause had been inaugurated, and while fairly satisfactory, the results wished for were not obtained. A few years ago the I. C. R. saw that on other railways a satisfactory superannuation system was in vogue. General Manager Postinger appointed a committee to study the other roads and learn the rules obtaining on the pension schemes of each. Investigation of railways in Illinois, Pennsylvania and elsewhere, was made. The best features of each system were subsequently incorporated in the plan drawn up by the I. C. R. for the benefit of its employees.

Through the then manager of railways, the Hon. A. G. Blair, the proposition was brought to the attention of the cabinet. The system members were interested only in matters pertaining to their own contingencies and there was already more legislation than could be readily taken up, so the bill was held in abeyance.

Since then the officials at Moncton have taken up the matter afresh. The present manager of railways, Hon. H. B. Emmerson, had promised to do his utmost to put the bill through the house. About a month ago there was a convention of I. C. R. employees held in Moncton. The pension plan was submitted, and suggestions tending toward its improvement were asked for. There were practically no suggestions offered for the scheme was about as good as could be devised.

How the Plan is to Work.

The chairman then gave a synopsis of the plan. Short of legal technicalities it was as follows:

- 1—A man must be fifteen years in the service before he can get the superannuation allowance.
- 2—A man must be fifty-five years old to get superannuation and be totally disabled while on duty.
- 3—He must have twenty-five years service and be totally disabled while on duty to get pension at the age of forty.
- 4—It is compulsory at seventy years of age, and optional at sixty-five, that the minimum amount given any member be \$30 per month.
- 5—This applies only to those who are employees prior to creation of the pension fund.
- 6—The rate is to be one per cent on salary received.
- 7—The amount to be asked from the government is not to exceed \$100,000 annually.
- 8—The board of management to consist of nine members, the first five to be the general manager, the general traffic manager, chief engineer and general superintendent; the other four to be representative of station, mechanical, track and stores service, these five to be named by the general manager.
- 9—Pensions not now employees must be twenty-five years or more actually at work to claim pension.
- 10—Superannuation to be granted between the ages of fifty-five and sixty-nine, both inclusive.
- 11—Length of service to count from time member has been employed on any railway that has since come under the control of the I. C. R.
- 12—If a member dies before being pensioned, after having paid in ten or more years to pension fund, fifty per cent of the money paid in to be given to his beneficiary.
- 13—Members in the insurance feature of the I. C. R., if paid total disability allowance will not be entitled to superannuation, but may draw superannuation and continue life insurance payable to his beneficiary, at death.
- 14—Amount of pension to be based on 12 per cent for each year's service on final average salary of last ten years.
- 15—Maximum amount not to exceed two thirds of salary.
- 16—All pensions to be paid monthly during good conduct.
- 17—All permanent employees to be members of the pension fund.
- 18—The receiving of a pension will not debar the member from engaging in any other work outside the railway.
- 19—After fund is started no person will be taken into the railway service as a permanent employee and get the superannuation benefit, who is over thirty-five years of age.
- 20—No member can be dismissed from service and deprived of the benefits of the superannuation fund without cause.

Some Discussion.

Mr. Tapley wished more specific information as to how 12 and after it had

been explained, said he strongly approved of the plan. Mr. Tapley, station master at Salloway, spoke similarly. Mr. Broyles agreed with Mr. Tapley. Peter Sharkey also spoke. He hoped to see the best possible advantage accrue to the employees.

Mr. Broyles wished to know if medals were accompanying the pensions. The chairman—"No, sir" (laughter). In conclusion, the chairman urged that the employees do all possible to have the bill become law. To have the bill pass would need not only the influence of the manager, but would require effort on the part of the road management, those beneath him and also the various brotherhoods. Any employee with a friend in parliament would do well to write and request his influence in behalf of the bill.

Favored by Formal Resolution.

The following resolution was read and adopted unanimously: "That whereas, on the larger railways of the continent, provision has been made for employees in case of loss of position or accident from following their usual employment; and whereas, the pension scheme recently formulated by a committee appointed by the employees of the I. C. R. and P. E. I. railway has been submitted to this meeting; therefore, Resolved, that this meeting heartily approves of the pension scheme for the employees of the I. C. R. and P. E. I. railway, and instructs the chairman and secretary of this meeting to communicate with the honorable minister of railways and canals to that effect, and also to write the senators and members of parliament for this district, asking their support when the matter is brought up in parliament."

A DESTITUTE FAMILY.

A Sad Case on Erin Street—Parents and Children Without Food.

A particularly sad case of destitution has just come to light at 127 Erin street. The victim's real name is Robert Craton, although among his neighbors he goes by the name of Clayton. He is married and lives with his wife and five children, the eldest a bright looking lad between thirteen and fourteen years of age, and the youngest scarce three.

Mr. Craton is a stone mason by trade, but all winter he has not worked five weeks together at all, although when he did he earned \$2 a day. Some time ago he contracted a heavy cold, which since last Tuesday week he has been obliged to keep indoors altogether. When the reporter called there Monday night he found the family living in two small rooms, one of which contained the only bed in the house. There was a baby lying on a bed, which Mrs. Craton explained had been left with her by a neighbor woman to care for during the day. Beyond a little milk left for this infant, there was absolutely nothing to eat or drink in the house, and they had no more coal than would do them over night.

KINGS AND MCGILL.

Their Curriculum to be Identical for the First Two Years.

Among the matters settled at the meeting of governors of King's College, Windsor (N. S.), last Thursday night, was the settling of a scheme of affiliation between King's College and McGill College, of Montreal, whereby the curriculum of the two colleges will be identical for the first two years of the college course, thus effecting a saving of great value to each student, and being a guarantee of the high standard of the first two years of the high standard of the first two years of the course. The subjects will be identical in each college, and the examinations, and studies, and studies at the end of the first two years may go into McGill as a third year course, or may remain and finish his course at King's.

BRIEF LOCALS.

John Wood and Robert Brittain left Monday for Brandon, (Man.), where they will establish a boot and shoe store. Both young men bear with them the best wishes of numerous friends.

There is a movement on foot among the military men to have the camp at Salloway take a month earlier this year than last, giving the country regiments a chance to turn out full strength.

Caretton M. Killam died Monday at the residence of his father in Mount (Middletown, Kings county (N. B.). He had been ill but a short time and was thirty-three years old. His parents, five brothers and one sister survive.

The titles in Cornwallis (N.S.), are higher there than they have been known to be since the Sixty gale. Dikes at Pigeon and Pointe-a-la-Paix, and John Doyle, have gone out, and many others have suffered from the high tides.

The I. C. R. will send to the St. Louis Fair a number of live fish. The Howe Woodworking Company are making an aquarium, and the transportation of tanks are being made by Slinney & Mitchell. C. B. F. Rowe will be in charge of the exhibit.

On Wednesday, March 9, at the residence of Mark Lee, Shediac, his eldest daughter, Blanche Minerva, was united in matrimony to James Taylor Coates. The Rev. A. F. Bart, rector of Shediac, performed the ceremony. Mr. and Mrs. Coates will reside in Moncton.

At the meeting of the Methodist ministers Monday the subject of the park restoration was discussed and a resolution will be sent to the proper authorities. Rev. Mr. Marr reported that at a meeting of the quarterly board, Rev. Jacob Henney had been unanimously invited to the circuit next year. A letter of condolence was sent to Rev. Mr. Pickett, who recently lost his wife.

Lud. Madore, representing Cassavant Bros., of St. Hyacinthe (Que.), has been in the city for several days, at the Victoria Hotel and left Monday for Lamentburg (N.S.). There he is to put up a new organ in the Methodist church. The instrument will be of type 150 registers and will cost in the vicinity of \$2,700. It will be blown by water motor. The case will be a handsome one of quartered oak, in a natural finish. The organ in design will follow the architecture of the church.

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GREAT PREPARATIONS.

St. John a Very Large Distributing Centre—New Work Rooms—The Latest Ideas from New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna—Something About This Year's Shapes, Materials and Ornaments.

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Never before have the wholesale houses been as well equipped, nor have they ever had a larger or finer stock of goods. A special feature are the work rooms, which are provided for the convenience of visiting milliners, a number of whom come in before the openings to study the models and get the latest ideas in millinery. Larger and better work rooms have been provided for this season, and are already in use. This feature is greatly appreciated by the scores of milliners from all parts of the provinces who come to the openings.

All this makes for the advantage of St. John as a distributing centre. When the representatives of St. John go to New York and London, they go to the best of the millinery world, and the latest ideas from New York, London, Paris, Berlin and Vienna, getting the latest novelties, and when they have returned and the goods have arrived, the people of the maritime provinces do not need to go anywhere else than St. John to find what is new and stylish and in every up-to-date in millinery. This is the reason why the city will be full of milliners this week, coming from the villages and towns of the province. The milliners say that in this season are particularly fascinating, and they anticipate a large spring trade. The following interesting interviews are from the best issue of the Maritime Merchant, and will be of special interest to milliners and all the Telegraph's readers: "Arthur V. Brunson, who has visited the European centre for Manchester Robertson Allison, Limited, said to the Merchant that in shapes the styles are small and medium, and that there are a few large picture hats, which certain styles demand. The long, narrow Torpedo shape is much in vogue, though not so popular as the hat of the Colonial or Napoleon shapes. These hats are made of a variety of materials, one of the leading features being the use of gold and silver in the trimmings, which are put in black pleating or frill effects. In combination with the gold and silver, there are a few large picture hats, which certain styles demand. The long, narrow Torpedo shape is much in vogue, though not so popular as the hat of the Colonial or Napoleon shapes. These hats are made of a variety of materials, one of the leading features being the use of gold and silver in the trimmings, which are put in black pleating or frill effects. 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