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"BOBS" SOUNDS WARNING NOTE

Britain's Field Marshal in Magazine Points Out Defects in the Army--Too Late to Remedy Them, He Says, After Hostilities Begin--Wants Better Inducements for Men to Enlist.

London, Dec. 29.—The army as it is at present is to be, in the text under which the Field Marshal reads Britons a man worthy to be on the duty of a soldier of Great Britain would meet the requirements of modern warfare. After frankly pointing out existing deficiencies, Earl Roberts writes: "The terrible lesson awaits the nation if we do not better ourselves. I hold that no national services will be undertaken for modern warfare moves fast and fierce. A man who is not a soldier in the true sense of the word will be of no use in the field of battle. No amount of money will buy a man who is not a soldier. The soldier must be a man of high intelligence, self-reliance and the power of leading must be on a proportionately high level. "The sooner this is realized to the fullest extent," he says, "the better for all ranks. The British army has an army fit in all respects for war under modern conditions. Among other things she must have a larger proportion of mounted troops for rapid reinforcement in order to quickly seize points of vantage. "He orders the action of the government in ordering new quick-firing guns for the complete re-equipment of the army and says these guns will be 123 pounds for horses and 183 pounds for field artillery. Simultaneously with Lord Roberts' article, it is officially announced that 120 batteries will be supplied with new guns at a cost of \$17,500,000 and that the order will be executed within twenty months. Lord Roberts concludes his article as follows: "It will be necessary to have a reserve force of officers amounting to some thousands. These can be made available by a system for the military training of the entire youth of the country. Such a reserve is essential to our success, no matter what system our army may be organized."

DOUBLE SUICIDE IN BOWERY LODGING HOUSE

New York, Dec. 29.—The bodies of two men who had registered as George Weber and George Brown and who, the police officers, evidently committed suicide together, were found today in a room in a Bowery lodging house. Both men were about 32 years old. Besides Weber was a small black box containing cyanide of potassium and a note saying: "If I am successful in my attempt it is not only my way out of it, as I can see I am too, but also the way out of it for you. I can see you get me out of the way as soon as possible." In Brown's pocket was a letter addressed to the coroner, and in his company was a pocket watch and a copy of the Gospel of Luke, on the flyleaf of which was written: "If you abide in Me and My word abide in you, ye shall not come into condemnation, and ye shall not be judged, for ye will have done what ye will."

MONCTON HAD \$10,000 BLAZE THURSDAY NIGHT

The Building Totally Destroyed and Another One Guttered--Many Concerns Suffer Heavy Loss--Fire Caused by Lamp Exploding--Loss Partially Covered by Insurance.

Moncton, Dec. 29.—(Special)—A bad fire broke out just before 8 o'clock tonight in the large two-story wooden building owned by C. A. Steeves, barrister on Main street, and before being extinguished did \$8,000 or \$10,000 damage. The building was occupied on the first floor by B. C. Peters, music store; George Younger, dry goods, and Strathcona Coal Co., office, and the second floor by C. A. Steeves, law office; A. D. Willard, residence. The fire started in the Peters' store used in developing pictures and was caused by a lamp exploding. Mr. Peters and little brother were in the room at the time. Mr. Peters had his hands slightly burned and hair singed in an unsuccessful effort to put out the flames. The fire spread very rapidly and before the firemen could do any effective work it had extended to the walls and ceiling and smoke was issuing from all parts of the building. It proved to be one of the most stubborn fires the department had to handle for a long time. The difficulty was in locating it and getting water at it. It was nearly an hour before the flames appeared through the roof. When it was seen that the Steeves' building was bound to be gutted the firemen turned their attention to saving W. C. T. U. hall adjoining and Mayor J. T. Ryan's building on the other side. The effort to keep the fire out of Ryan's building was successful, but the fire spread to the W. C. T. U. hall and the fight had to be continued there. It took the firemen four hours to stay the fire's progress. The Steeves' building is gutted from top to bottom and is a total loss, while the W. C. T. U. hall is also badly gutted, the roof burned off and the stores on the ground floor deluged with water.

CHAMBERLAIN'S "UNCLEAN" FUND

Lord Coleridge Says it is Given by Trust Makers and Such Like NO USE FOR CRIMINALS

British Government Tried to Dump a Convict into Canada, But He Will Be Deported--Rhodes' Scholar Funds Fund for Colonists Only. Montreal, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The London correspondent of the Canadian Associated Press writes: "A Canadian Rhodes scholar has written to the Morning Post, commenting favorably on the treatment accorded the Rhodes' scholars by the dons and other students. He says there is some feeling among the colonial scholars that the Rhodes' scholars should have the portion of the scholarships now lavished on the United States. 'The Americans who hold the balance of power, seem much less likely than the colonials to carry out Rhodes' aims.' "Mrs. Chase writing to the Times, relates Lord Cromer's statement that Canada is averse to receiving a slave pauper child. She quotes a telegram in reference to her scheme from the Premier of Nova Scotia: 'Our government approves and we assist in a practical way.' New Brunswick under certain conditions has promised 200 acres for each homestead farm the government purchase. "Lord Coleridge, speaking at Liverpool, said that the meaning of the great support given to Mr. Chamberlain was that incompetent manufacturers were trying to stave off competition by destroying it. 'That was why all the 'unclean herd of monopolists, tariff mongers and trust makers were entering measures into the Chamberlain's coffers. They had already corrupted a portion of the press, and were distributing broadcast the most deceitful pamphlets.' "In the fiscal bill devoted largely to a review of industrial conditions of this and other countries, is a table showing the amount due to depositors per head of population, in which Australia is put third with \$7.80, and Canada eleventh, with \$2.73. "Sigmund Frederick Anderson, a convict from Sweden, sent to Canada as the best means of getting rid of him, is to be deported by the Canadian officials."

CONVICT'S DESPERATE WORK UNSUCCESSFUL

Birmingham, Ala., Dec. 29.—While a train carrying 130 convicts in the employ of the Tennessee Coal & Iron R. R. Co., was going from mine No. 3 to the prison, Will Filler, a negro convict, exploded a stick of dynamite in one of the coaches with a view to effecting a wholesale release. G. J. Dawkins, a convict from Henry county, was killed; guard picket lost a leg and arm; George Delaney, one of the trainmen, was hurt, and several convicts were slightly injured. During the stampede, guards from the other cars rushed forward and prevented the escape of any of the convicts. The explosion blew out the end of the coach.

GERMANY TO TACKLE ANOTHER TRIBE

Has Subdued Two in Southwest Africa, But Third One Needs Civilizing.

Berlin, Dec. 29.—The continued shipment of troops to German Southwest Africa at a moment when the Hereros are completely vanquished and the Witbois are suffering from one defeat after another, finds an explanation in colonial circles that the rest of the colony is pacified. It is believed that the operations against the Ovambos will prove to be a more serious matter than the campaign against the Hereros and Witbois. The Ovambos are more numerous and better armed. CARLOAD OF GAME SHIPPED FROM CALAIS SEIZED AT BOSTON. Marion, Mass., Dec. 29.—Acting Chairman John W. Delano, of the Massachusetts Fish and Game Commission, who arrived at his home here from Boston tonight, told the story of an extensive seizure of contraband game in that city today. A freight car at the Boston & Maine R. R. freight yards in Charlestown was searched and twelve deer, four halves of deer, two hind quarters of moose and 289 partridges were seized. A few days ago, according to Mr. Delano, U. S. Marshal Charles K. Darling received a notice from Chairman Carleton of the Maine Fish and Game Commission stating that a carload of deer had been shipped from Calais to Boston, consigned to "Mrs. Clara Wilson" and marked "household goods." Marshal Darling was requested by Chairman Carleton to seize the game. Mr. Delano was called into conference and securing a warrant he and Deputy Commissioner Thomas Burney, of Lynn, today went to the freight yards, located the car and seized the contents. The game was taken to a cold storage warehouse where it will be kept until the courts direct its disposal. Commissioner Delano said that neither Mrs. Clara Wilson nor the shipper of the game could be identified. Worst Blizzard in Years. Calumet, Mich., Dec. 29.—The blizzard which has been sweeping northern Michigan for the past three days, the worst in years, has caused one death, numerous accidents and paralyzed business generally, causing heavy financial loss. In a head-on collision between two locomotives on the Rock Island and Two Lake railroad of the Calumet and Hecla Mining Company during the blinding snow storm, Engineer Gushel was killed and Fireman Patrick Oudeshuy seriously injured.

OTTAWA'S MAYOR IN LIVELY FIGHT

He is Charged by Ex-Chief of Police With Protecting Gamblers

Ottawa, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The Chaudiere Gambling Club case has commenced to cut somewhat of a figure in the municipal contest. Mr. Morris says that Mayor Ellis prevented the late Chief Powell from prosecuting the club. Chief Powell says: "The mayor said to me, 'you had better put on a couple of men to watch the place and find out who goes there.' I told him that was unnecessary. I already know who patronized the place and I gave him a list. I said I would be there to watch it. Mayor Ellis said: 'Don't mind it. If you do you will bring a lot of prominent people into it but watch the place and it will look as though we are doing something.' It will satisfy the council." "I then put on the men to watch the premises. Afterward I was informed that Charlie Kelly went to see the mayor, and the next thing I heard was when Mr. Ellis sent for me again and told me to take off the men. I am prepared to take my oath to what I have said. The fact that no raid was made is proof of what I say. Mayor Ellis was the only police commissioner in the city at the time. That is why I consulted him."

NEW YORK MAY HAVE TWO MORE MURDERS TO UNRAVEL

Indications Point to Foul Play in Cases of Women Recently Found Dead. New York, Dec. 29.—The two young women who met tragic deaths in the city in a manner suggesting suicide, are believed to have been murdered. The girl who was found unconscious in Riverside drive, and who died without regaining consciousness, was recognized tonight by John F. Mangano as his sister, Mary Mangano, who had been employed here as a domestic. She left home Christmas morning to attend church, and about midnight her brother identified the body in the morgue as that of his sister. The other woman, who was discovered dead in a Deane street basement, was recognized as Mrs. Cecelia Butler, the widow of a railroad employe, who died two weeks ago. Coroner Scholer believes Mrs. Mangano was murdered. The police incline to the belief that Mrs. Butler's death followed an accident, though they admit that many of the circumstances of the case point to a possible murder.

HON. A. G. BLAIR HAS NEW POSITION

Appointed Counsel of Toronto Roller Bearing Company, Also a Director. Toronto, Dec. 29.—(Special)—It is announced here tonight by the Toronto Roller Bearing Company, Limited, that Hon. A. G. Blair has been engaged as its counsel to take up the work of organization of kindred companies in the United States, Great Britain and foreign lands. He will also take a seat on the board of directors and become a director.

CHECKER MATCH FOR BIG STAKES

Two Scotchmen, Detained, Playing for Admission to United States MUST HAVE \$25

New York, Dec. 29.—Two cautious Scotchmen are playing a checker match in detention room for immigrants on Ellis Island and for admission to the United States. Between them they have \$25 and have been told that if either one had that amount he would be admitted; otherwise both would be refused admission. "They are members of a party of fifteen converts to the missionaries of the Holy Ghost and the United States and they came from Glasgow, bound for Shiloh Hill, Maine, the headquarters of the sect, all of whom will be returned to Glasgow on Saturday unless one or the other can produce \$25. William Munroe and Alexander Sinclair thought they knew a way to secure the admission of one or the other, and so agreed to a checker match. Munroe had \$18 and Sinclair, the elder, \$7 in the beginning. After two days play Munroe has only \$5 left.

EAST BOSTON TUNNEL OPEN FOR BUSINESS TODAY

Formal Opening Yesterday Attended by State and Civic Officials. Boston, Dec. 29.—All the residents of Noddle Island, an East Boston town known in colonial days, united tonight in celebrating the official opening of the new tunnel under Boston harbor, uniting East Boston with the city proper. Although the tunnel will not be opened for public traffic until tomorrow morning, today was given over to formal trips of inspection by state and city officials, and to a grand jubilation arranged by the East Boston citizens' committee. During the forenoon the tunnel was inspected by state and city officials, while tonight more than 500 members of the East Boston citizens' committee made the trip under the harbor. Following this there was a street parade in East Boston, followed by a banquet in Masonic hall. Bands were stationed in all the sections of Noddle Island, and the district was lit up with fireworks throughout the evening. At the banquet in Masonic hall speeches were made by many prominent citizens.

PARENT TO RETIRE AT LAURIER'S REQUEST?

Report That Opponents of the Quebec Premier Have Downed Him--To Take Brunet's Place. Quebec, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The different opponents of Mr. Parent, who yesterday in interviews with Sir Wilfrid Laurier had, all express themselves as satisfied with their visit. It is now rumored here that under the present state of things and owing also to fatigue and weariness, the premier of Quebec will resign in a few days to take Mr. Brunet's place on the transcontinental railway commission. Mr. Brunet, in his turn, will accept Mr. Parent's position on the Grand Trunk Pacific direction.

CAPE BRETON MINERS MAKE THREE YEAR CONTRACT TO WORK

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 29.—(Special)—It was officially announced tonight that the miners had given their assent to the terms of the three years contract proposed by the Dominion Coal Company a few weeks ago. The contract effects all the employees of the company in an about the mines. It is now expected that as a result of this understanding the company will be in a position to renew all its long term contracts and enter into negotiations with the Dominion government looking for an extension of their output to Ontario markets.

PROVINCE HAS \$5,000 SURPLUS

Figures for the Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31 Show Receipts Considerably Greater Than Expenditure--Territorial Revenue the Largest on Record--Receipts Exceeded Government's Estimates.

Fredrieton, Dec. 29.—(Special)—The Royal Gazette, which is out this evening, contains the provincial accounts for the fiscal year. The province, it will be seen, has a balance on the right side of the ledger for the year ended Oct. 31 last, the surplus being \$5,007.14. The showing, officials say, is the best since the Eastern Extension claim was paid. The income from territorial revenue is the largest in the history of the province and the premier, as provincial secretary, is naturally proud of it. The statement as it appears in the Gazette follows here:

Table with columns for RECEIPTS and EXPENDITURE, listing various government departments and their financial figures.

ANOTHER PORT ARTHUR FORT IN JAPS' HANDS

Wedge Now Driven Into Inner Circle of Stronghold's Fortifications--Mikado's Warships Sighted Passing Java on Lookout for Baltic Fleet.

Headquarters of the Japanese army here Port Arthur, via Fusan, Dec. 29.—Rihlung fort was captured at 3 o'clock this morning with a thousand Japanese casualties. Seven dynamite mines, exploded at ten o'clock, made breaches in the front wall, through which a large body of Japanese troops charged under cover of a tremendous bombardment and captured the first line of light guns. A bitter fight resulted in the capture of the fort. The garrison, numbering 500 men, escaped. Outside of the capture of 203 Metre Hill of the western section of the forts, little is known of the positions occupied by the Japanese, but it would seem from the material available that the inner circle of the fortifications is now cut in three pieces and that 203 Metre Hill prohibits communication between the forts. The Japanese heavy guns on 203 Metre Hill are unable to hit, thus making it apparently impossible for the Russian second Pacific squadron to make use of Port Arthur even should the Japanese content themselves with holding the strong positions they now occupy. Rihlung Fort, situated on Rihlung Mountain, formed part of the forts defending Port Arthur. Rihlung is situated about two miles from the outskirts of the town of Port Arthur from which it bears due northeast. The fort just captured is a mile and a half south of Rihlung. The possession of these two forts should make a most important breach in the fortifications of Port Arthur, and cut off communication between the Golden Hill forts and the forts of the western section of the inner circle fortifications.

Japs Closing in on Doomed Fortress

The Foo, Dec. 29.—The Japanese line at Port Arthur is now, as a result of the general attack beginning Dec. 25, much closer to Liaotou mountain. Chinese who left Port Arthur yesterday and arrived here today report that a greatly inferior Russian force defended the outermost of the trenches for three days, retiring when the Japanese artillery had secured an enfilading position. The fighting mostly was at a range of two-thirds of a mile, the Japanese firing mines. The Russians retired to Chingakoo. Japanese who arrived at Che Foo today from Port Dalny, say the recent fighting

SKRYALOFF GOING HOME

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—Vice Admiral Skryaloff, commander of the Vladivostok squadron, will return to St. Petersburg in January. Kuropatkin Still Sanguine. Moscow, Dec. 29.—M. Danbarov, the well known newspaper correspondent, telegraphs an account of an interview which he had with General Kurapatkin. (Continued on page 8, sixth column.)

FROM ALL OVER NEW BRUNSWICK

MONCTON.

Moncton, Dec. 27.—Mrs. McNaughton, of Salisbury, mother of Dr. J. A. McNaughton, has been in the Moncton hospital for the past week undergoing treatment for blood poisoning in the hands. The case was so serious that it was found necessary to amputate a finger. Friends have received word here of the death of Mrs. Frank Trites, at Steveston (B.C.). Mr. Trites is a native of the parish at Moncton and is a brother of Hiram Trites, of this city. Upon the arrival of the express from St. John last evening a young man was taken off the tender of the engine in a perishing condition. The man had apparently been drinking and had got into the back part of the tender unknown to those in the engine and laid down. He had come some distance and when found was in a critical condition. When he arrived here he was given medical attention and ultimately came around all right, and the doctor thinks he will not suffer any serious effects as the result of the cold ride. A novel spectacle for Moncton was witnessed yesterday when L. Higgins, representing the I. C. R., scattered 2,000 cents among a large crowd of small boys. The scene was watched by many citizens. The lowest marking of the thermometer in Moncton this season was 16 below. George Edgington and William Spiller, two former well-known I. C. R. mechanics, who are now working at Waterville (Me.), were among those spending Christmas at their former homes in this city. Mr. Edgington left Moncton thirteen years ago and this is his first visit during that time. Dr. and Mrs. Couthard are here from Boston on a visit to Mrs. and Miss Baxter. Mrs. Couthard was formerly Miss Jean Robinson, daughter of Rev. Dr. J. M. Robinson, formerly pastor of St. John's Presbyterian church here. Joe Bruce, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, Montreal, accompanied by his wife, spent Christmas in the city with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Bruce. Mrs. Bruce remains here for a short visit. Frank Holstead, of Winnipeg, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home in Moncton. General Manager Pottinger's private car, No. 75, came down from Montreal this morning on the Maritime express. W. A. Dube, district superintendent of the C. P. R., is in the city on railway business. Roy Essey and Ernest Martin, students at McGill, are spending their vacations at their homes here. The largest turkey shown in the city market Christmas week weighed 21 lbs. It was shown by R. E. Mitton, of Salisbury, and sold for nearly \$30. Dr. Hayward and wife, of St. John, spent yesterday in the city with Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McCully. Moncton, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The question of preparing a series of text books for the French schools of the maritime provinces was fully discussed at an inter-provincial conference held this forenoon in the parish of the Bishop, in St. John. Present were Premier Murray, of Nova Scotia, and his colleague, Hon. A. H. Comeau, M. P.; Doctor A. H. McKay, chief superintendent of education for Nova Scotia; Hon. C. H. LaBillette, chief commissioner of public works; Dr. J. R. Inch, chief superintendent of education for New Brunswick; and C. M. Leger, M. P. After discussing the project of better education in both languages, it was decided to suggest to the boards of education of each province the appointment of a committee from each province of at least two persons, fully qualified to prepare the manuscript for four readers. Besides these two persons, who will be paid for their work, the committee will be assisted by the chief superintendents of the three provinces, and Hon. Messrs. LaBillette and Comeau will be honorary members. The government of Nova Scotia has now submitted to the printer the manuscript for a complete series of English readers. These will be used by the joint committees and considerable translated from them. It was also suggested that the committee be empowered to secure the services of an expert from any part of Canada to make the work perfect. The whole work before publication will be submitted to the different boards of education for approval. It is expected that the complete series will be ready to be placed in the schools at the beginning of the term in August, 1906. Moncton, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—An I. C. R. track man shoveling snow from the station platform, had a thrilling escape from being run over by a train this afternoon. The C. P. R. train from the east and the Campbellton express were coming into the depot at the same time, and the workman was on the track of the Campbellton train, intent upon his work. The noise of the C. P. R. prevented his hearing the train approaching from the opposite direction. The engineer saw the man's peril, blew the whistle and put on the air brake, but the trackman would undoubtedly have been struck but for the timely assistance of a stranger, who pulled him from the track as the engine swept past. Many of the by-standers witnessed the employee's close call. Moncton, Dec. 28.—Philip N. Hamm, of St. John, who is moving to Moncton to establish a biscuit factory here, has begun the work of building a large brick oven and putting machinery in the Record building, near the corner of Main and Pleasant streets. This property, together with a vacant lot, has been purchased by Mr. Hamm. Peter Clinch, secretary of the St. John insurance underwriters, visited Moncton this morning for the purpose of testing the water pressure since the completion of the second main. It is stated that Mr. Clinch was not so favorably impressed with the pressure as the city council felt that he might be. Mr. Clinch came like a thief in the night and the city fathers were not aware that he was ordered to come to Moncton until he arrived on the scene. He called on the mayor at an early hour this morning, and after testing the pressure at one or two places, expressed the opinion that the second main had not made the difference he expected to find. It is feared by the civic authorities, therefore, that his report will be against

reduction of Moncton's present insurance rates at the present time. The following officers of the I. C. R. are present: E. A. Payne, president; John Mackenzie, N. B. P. and A. M., were fully installed by R. W. George Ackman, D. P. M., assisted by P. M. F. U. Hall, G. D. C.; R. P. Dickson, W. M.; M. J. Steves, S. W.; G. L. Harris, J. W.; A. Davis, chaplain; J. W. Whitehead, treasurer; E. W. Givan, secretary; G. O. Spencer, S. D.; R. H. Munns, J. D.; F. W. S. Colgate, S. S.; Charles Welch, S. S.; A. J. Tingley, D. of C.; Jas. Barton, I. G.; H. A. Johnson, Tyler. Lodge Shaftesbury, No. 208, S. O. E. B. S., last night elected the following officers: E. A. Payne, president; John Mackenzie, vice-president; G. A. Wilson, chaplain; C. E. Norton, secretary; William Perry, assistant secretary; Samuel McFarlane, treasurer; D. Gilson, first committee man; Frank Cuthbertson, S. Mills, T. Force, J. Clarke, S. Roundall, managing committee; C. P. Fawcett, I. G.; G. Taylor, O. G.; Dr. Bédouard, physician; Dr. E. O. Stevens, Geo. Wilson, John Clarke, auditors; G. H. Pick and J. T. Hawke, trustees. D. W. Murray and W. Pirie, representing the I. C. R. truckmen of Halifax, are here interviewing the minister of railways and management. Y. C. Campbell, district superintendent of the I. C. R., New Glasgow, is in the city. Mrs. F. M. Crowe is spending some weeks in the city with her mother, Mrs. D. Boyce Scott. W. J. Patterson is home from McGill Medical College to spend the Christmas holidays. The annual Christmas entertainment in connection with the Free Baptist Sunday school was held last night. Presentations were made to the teachers and scholars of the school, and the organist of the church, Master Stanley Johnson, was presented with a purse of money. Charles Stackhouse, formerly of the I. C. R., is home from Montreal to spend a few weeks. Mr. Stackhouse is now in the C. P. R. employ. FREDERICTON. Fredericton, Dec. 27.—On Friday evening members of the Free Baptist church presented the pastor, Rev. A. A. Ridout, with a fine silver cup. The Christmas offerings at St. Dunstan's church amounted to \$416. The Sussex hockey team is to play here on January 4, and Logan and Merritt are expected here to race on Monday next. The Gibson Baptists have decided in favor of church union. Samuel Staggard, arrested on Friday for shoplifting, was allowed to go after a lecture today. The third offering Scott Act case against John McJoy was held on Friday. Two witnesses gave evidence but none was damaging to the defence. Rev. H. E. Cooke, 'Disciples' minister at Bart's Corner, was last night presented with a purse of \$22. The body of Mrs. P. O. Ross, who died at Everett (Mass.) on the 24th inst., was taken through here today on the way to Bart's Corner, where deceased's husband was a Baptist minister for 25 years. John D. Scully was among the visitors to the city for Christmas. He left here in 1870 and since that time has been in the Canadian Northwest, visiting his former home here on several occasions during that time. Scully will remain until Saturday when he will leave for St. John to visit his aunt before returning to the west via Boston. The new Roman Catholic church at Campbellton was opened yesterday. The structure, which is finished inside with wood, is sixty feet by thirty-four feet. The building is all finished except a little of the painting. Fredericton, Dec. 27.—(Special)—At the regular meeting of Hiram Lodge, P. and A. M., officers were installed for ensuing year as follows: W. M., Fred Goulet; S. W., C. A. Burchill; J. W., G. S. Stanger; treasurer, M. Tennant; secretary, Alex. Burchill; S. D., T. S. Wilkinson; J. D., J. S. Allen; and John C. Alway; J. S., George J. Barrett; D. of C., George V. Diblee; chaplain, H. C. Creed; I. G., John Christie; Tyler, Wm. Lockhart. Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dayton, St. Marys, was the scene of a very pretty wedding at 4 o'clock this evening, when their second daughter, Berrie (Sally), was married to the Rev. Ernest A. Tracy, a prosperous merchant of Tracy Station, who is the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Feeble, in the presence of a number of invited guests, chiefly relations and immediate friends. The bride was charmingly attired in cream silk with white veils and carried a bouquet of carnations. There was no bridesmaid or groomsmen, but Mrs. John Garraty, of Cambridge (Mass.), an aunt of the bride, was master of honor. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The bridal presents included a gold watch and chain from the groom, a silver tray from Chief Supt. Inch, and volumes of Shakespeare and Tennyson's works from Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left by tonight's train for St. John and their intention is to visit Boston, Montreal and Quebec before proceeding to Kingston to take up their residence. John E. Price, general superintendent of the I. C. R., and T. C. Bures, engineer of maintenance, are in the city today. It is reported the visit was on business connected with the Fredericton Railway bridge, which it is said will shortly be taken over by the government and made free for intercolonial trains. The bridge is now the property of the Fredericton Bridge Co., but the government has a large sized claim against it. At a meeting of the school board this afternoon, Miss Jose Davis, of this city, was appointed to a vacancy on the staff of the Regent street school, in room of Miss Reed, resigned. The appointment takes effect after the next summer vacation and Miss Hughes will have charge of the school during the interim. The will of the late Miss Mary Jacobs has been admitted to probate. The estate, which is valued at \$3,900, is bequeathed to Misses Brennan and Mahoney, of the Diocesan Church Society. Rev. J. De Wolfe Cowie and T. Carleton Allen, are the executors. Five inches of heavy snow and hail fell

here gently yesterday. Trains are late and traffic generally is impeded. One of the finest halls in the country is the new home of Coronation Lodge, I. O. O. F., at Nashua Bridge. It was dedicated on Monday night. The ceremony was conducted by Grand Master C. A. Sampson and followed by a banquet. About 300 persons were present. Mrs. Thomas Teasdale, daughter-in-law of Rev. J. J. Teasdale, has been presented with \$51 by friends as a Christmas remembrance. The presentation was made by John Kilbourn. Mrs. Teasdale was presented with a purse of \$10 by the L. A. Wilmot Mission Band. Charles C. D. Richards, who has been principal of the Fredericton Junction school, has accepted a position on the teaching staff of Woodstock grammar school. The factor commission meets here on next Monday afternoon and evening. On the following day the commission meets at Maryville, and from there the members go to Woodstock and St. Stephen, when the work is ended, except to make up a report. The post office officials here had the busiest Christmas season for fifteen years. American and English parcels are still coming. A crew of sixteen men left here for the lumber woods at Nepesic this morning. They go for Dunn & Gregory. It is rumored here that Capt. Kaye, of No. 1 Co., R. C. R., London, (Ont.), is to be transferred to the local depot at an early date. Capt. Kaye is a St. John boy. There is a rumor that Capt. Kaye, stationed at London (Ont.), with No. 1 Co., R. C. R., will be transferred to this city and that Mr. J. H. G. Bettey will remain at headquarters in Ottawa as an inspector of machinery. At No. 4 military department today this report was neither denied nor confirmed. Mr. and Mrs. T. Carleton Allen today celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. At Stanley last night, Lt. Col. Loggie presented to Major W. T. Howe a colonial long service medal, while O. S. Crockett, M. P., presented a similar medal to Major J. Sanson. Fredericton, Dec. 29.—Mrs. Edward King died here this morning after a lingering illness of kidney trouble. She was aged 82, and leaves four sons, one being Policeman Duff King of this city, and a daughter. John Cameron who came out of the Nashuaak lumber woods recently, suffering from appendicitis, died last night in the hospital, died last night. He belonged to Douglas, was 23 and unmarried. Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugh are here today on departmental business. John Kicker, who is in jail at Quoribus (Mass.), charged with murdering an American, is thought to be a native of Quoribus county. A man of that name and answering his description, resided at a place called Tattletown, in the parish of St. Mary, for 25 years ago when he removed to the states. The police here are confident he is the same man. The charge against Ernest Blanchard, against Charles O. Foster, of North Lake, is being tried in the police court here. Blanchard, who is a cripple, claims that he was roughly handled by Foster and that he was given a bill. One of the witnesses for the defence is Miss Carrie Hays, of Fosterville, who is said to be the heaviest woman in Canada. She tips 210 scales at 925 pounds. The new Foresters' Hall at Bart's Corner, was dedicated last evening. There was a supper and dance afterwards. Mr. and Mrs. E. Rogers, of St. John, were given a surprise party last night by friends in honor of the 25th anniversary of their wedding. Collector of Customs Street, on the night of Friday, Dec. 23, presented Mr. and Mrs. Allen with a handsome five branch chandelier. Gifts were also received from Dr. and Mrs. Hodges, and Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Kinney, St. John, and many others. Legislation must be proceeded before the Intercolonial can take over the railroad bridge here. The semi-annual conference between Chief Superintendent of Education Inch and inspectors takes place on Tuesday next. The home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Reid was the scene of a pretty wedding last night when their daughter, Berrie (Sally), was married to the Rev. Ernest A. Tracy, a prosperous merchant of Tracy Station, who is the bridegroom. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. J. Feeble, in the presence of a number of invited guests, chiefly relations and immediate friends. The bride was charmingly attired in cream silk with white veils and carried a bouquet of carnations. There was no bridesmaid or groomsmen, but Mrs. John Garraty, of Cambridge (Mass.), an aunt of the bride, was master of honor. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served. The bridal presents included a gold watch and chain from the groom, a silver tray from Chief Supt. Inch, and volumes of Shakespeare and Tennyson's works from Prof. Robertson, of Ottawa. Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton left by tonight's train for St. John and their intention is to visit Boston, Montreal and Quebec before proceeding to Kingston to take up their residence. John E. Price, general superintendent of the I. C. R., and T. C. Bures, engineer of maintenance, are in the city today. It is reported the visit was on business connected with the Fredericton Railway bridge, which it is said will shortly be taken over by the government and made free for intercolonial trains. The bridge is now the property of the Fredericton Bridge Co., but the government has a large sized claim against it. At a meeting of the school board this afternoon, Miss Jose Davis, of this city, was appointed to a vacancy on the staff of the Regent street school, in room of Miss Reed, resigned. The appointment takes effect after the next summer vacation and Miss Hughes will have charge of the school during the interim. The will of the late Miss Mary Jacobs has been admitted to probate. The estate, which is valued at \$3,900, is bequeathed to Misses Brennan and Mahoney, of the Diocesan Church Society. Rev. J. De Wolfe Cowie and T. Carleton Allen, are the executors. 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there was rosy and benediction at 7.30 in the evening. The children of the Sunday school, about 130 in number, are anticipating a good time on Monday. Their recollection of last year's treat is lively. The A. O. U. is to hold a social for the first time in the new hall on the evening of the 28th inst. The building is a fine one and the second floor, where all such gatherings will be held, the first floor being devoted to rooms, kitchen, etc., for society purposes, is fitted up with stages and will seat 300 people comfortably. The people of Johnville may be reasonably proud of their efforts during the past year. HARTLAND. Hartland, N. B., Dec. 28.—Miss Maude Phillips, of St. John, is spending a week with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. C. T. Phillips. Robert Atton, of London (Ont.), and Frank Campbell, of St. John, are spending the holiday of the old soldier here. Percy Graham, manager of the People's Bank of Halifax, and Mrs. Graham, spent Christmas with the latter's father, G. F. Smith, Woodstock. All places of business were closed on Monday, that the clerks and proprietors might enjoy the holiday. Driving and coasting amused a great many. Mr. T. S. Stinson, of Victoria, Nova Scotia, who has been critically ill, is now convalescent. Miss Kate Phillips, a nurse, recently graduated from St. John hospital, has been in attendance upon her case. Miss Helen Bowers, of Victoria, is home from Mount Allison Seminary for the holidays. Miss Edna Alexander, of Woodstock, is visiting her brother, P. Alexander. The Reformed Baptist Sunday school gave a very nice concert on Tuesday evening. PENOBSQUIS. Penobscis, Dec. 27.—Miss Mabel McLeod, who teaches school in Moncton, is home for the holidays. B. O. Groes, broker, of Salem (Mass.), spent Christmas with his mother, Mrs. J. B. Groes, and her family here. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. 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Public men in New Brunswick, particularly members of parliament, will find several questions to interest them in the immigration news of this port for the last few days.

The new conditions, caused by smokeless powder and the longer range and greater effectiveness of weapons, prolonging battles, is as possible, on account of the distance to be covered and the precautions which must be taken to avoid annihilation.

One lesson Mr. Millard dwells upon is that it is not so easy to put an effective army in the field as it once was.

UNCLE SAM AS A POLICEMAN The United States while contemplating police jurisdiction over most of this hemisphere, is occasionally reminded that its police in the Philippines are either too few or unskilled for the work of bringing to a successful issue the "benevolent assimilation" undertaken there.

LESSONS FROM THE NEW FIGHTING Shooting at men they cannot see, shot by them they cannot see, directed by a commander fifteen miles away from the firing line, the soldiers of today fight under conditions very different from those which existed even in the Franco-Prussian war.

Likely enough. The natives will die off in time anyway. There is hope in that thought. That the United States will be able to subdue them before the present warriors are aged and feeble seems most unlikely.

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PERSONAL TAXATION (Montreal Witness). We advise the people of Montreal to be very much alive to schemes for taxing them. Not that Montreal is a tax haven. She could stand a great deal more, to her own great advantage, if the money were applied to that end. But there are two things that taxation should not do. One is that it should not be a drag on the wheels of enterprise. All forms of taxing business are simply methods of hindering and driving away business. They are purely mercenary, as they cost the city more than they yield it. The other is that it should not fall unfairly. This principle is recognized, great discrimination in favor of the poor being proposed. But it is not understood, when special taxes are demanded of those who already pay their share. It is assumed that a man who does not own property or pay rent is untaxed. But this, as the council of the board of trade pointed out, is a false view. Every man who is not altogether unskilled in his means and whose household expenses balk so many who might be bringing up families for the good of the country, that those who shrink should be especially taxed. It is not a matter of degree, but of kind. It is not altogether a bad idea, but it is certainly an extra tax. All sorts of personal taxes, however, are unwise in their methods and produce an infinite amount of perjury. The requirement that employees shall give to the public authorities lists of their emoluments, with the amount of wages paid each, avowed to be them, is an encroachment on the freedom we have hitherto enjoyed, and better suited to Germany or Russia, where the police know everything about you. This principle of personal taxation was developed to the utmost in Great Britain during the terrible years that was borne during the Napoleonic wars; but there it falls, not on a class, but on all incomes above a certain amount. It was in the form introduced into the United States during the stress of the civil war, and many cities have cleaved to it. We are glad to note that our finance committee proposes to take counsel with each citizen before it enters on this path of diabolism. It will find how generally such taxes are evaded, and as a consequence how unfairly they fall on those who occupy it. Property that is not earning a gainable value from year to year from a city which it is not itself benefiting, but holding back, and such property is, of all, most deserving of being taxed.

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Charged with Assault. HELD FOR MURDER. New York, Dec. 28.—When Frank McLaughlin, a patrolman, appeared in the criminal court...

KILLED LITTLE SISTER WITH AIR RIFLE. Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 28.—Grace Sullivan, aged eight years, was accidentally shot and killed today by her brother, Daniel...

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NEARLY \$6,000,000 SENT FROM NEW YORK ABROAD AS CHRISTMAS PRESENTS. New York, Dec. 28.—The United States played Santa Claus to the world at large...

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Charlotte County Couple With Probably Most Remarkable Record

MR. AND MRS. A. B. CROSS Both Active at Ninety and Eighty-two Years Respectively, in the Home of Their Daughter, Mrs. John Dinmore, at DeWolfe Corner.

St. Andrews, N. B., Dec. 28.—The newspapers have recorded the names of many venerable couples who reside within the bounds of the Dominion of Canada, but none have yet been noted who equal the ages of an esteemed old couple who live in Charlotte county.

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew B. Cross, who for four years have made their home with their daughter, Mrs. John Dinmore, DeWolfe corner, are probably the longest married of any couple living in Canada, having been more than sixty-seven years together. They are both as smart as can be, and take a keen interest in the affairs of every-day life.

Andrew B. Cross was born at Grand Lake, on the River St. John, in 1814. When a little boy he removed with his father and other members of his family to Beaver Harbor, where he passed through his boyhood and early manhood stages. Several representatives of the Cross family are still among the honored residents of that beautiful little village.

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The early part of the life of this happily wedded couple was spent at Beaver Harbor. Fifty-five years ago they removed to St. Stephen, where they made their home until advancing years compelled them to enter the welcome shelter of their daughter's home at DeWolfe corner.

Four daughters and three sons have been born to them, of whom four are still living. The sons living are Aaron, of St. Stephen, and Patton, in the Klondike. Their daughters are Mrs. John Dinmore, of DeWolfe corner, Mrs. Adams, of Lowell (Mass.).

They have nineteen grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren. The oldest great-grandchild is Walter Lesman, of Manchester (N. H.), aged twenty-three years.

Almost everyone in St. Stephen can recall pleasant recollections of this kindly old couple, whose home was for many years in Elm street, in that town.

Mr. and Mrs. Cross are members of the Baptist denomination.

Queens County Grammar School Examination. Gagetown, Dec. 24.—On Friday, December 24, the examination of the Queens County Grammar School held its public examination. A large number of visitors were in attendance including the trustees—John Law, Fred Dingee, Fred Fowler, Sec. J. J. Spenser, J. R. Dunn, Arthur Ebbett, T. S. Peters, John Bulley, Rupert Scott and others.

The scholars were examined in Arithmetic, Geography and British History. J. R. Dunn also examined them quite lengthily in geometry and Caesar. He expressed himself as gratified with the way they had acquitted themselves.

Miss Daisy Spenser, Mollie O'By, Maggie Low and Nora Peters received on this occasion their provincial certificates of High School entrance. Principal M. R. Tuttle then presented Miss Daisy Spenser, a daughter of Rev. J. Spenser, with the medal awarded by Gov. Snowball for the best marks in the counties of Sunbury and Queens.

The examination of the primary department taught by Miss Muriel Law, took place on the preceding day. There were a number of visitors and the pupils gave a very creditable examination in arithmetic, reading, Canadian history and geography.

Riverside Masons Elect Officers. Riverside, A. county, Dec. 28.—Albert Lodge, No. 34, F. & A. M., on the evening of St. John's Day, installed the following officers for the ensuing year: H. D. Cleve, W. M.; W. J. Baldwin, S. W.; Capt. C. E. Wood, J. W.; W. A. Trueman, P. M.; treasurer, J. W. Fullerton, chaplain; H. J. Wry, S. D.; A. M. Downing, A. D.; Fred B. S. S.; Archie Milburn, J. B.; Geo. Lunn, I. G.; Bert Downie, D. O.; C. S. Paterson, I. P. M., Tyler.

The members of Albert lodge will hold a Masonic supper on the 25th of January. Howard Lodge, Hillsboro, is invited to be present.

Engineer's Desperate Deed. Thomaston, Ga., Dec. 29.—After killing his mother-in-law, Mrs. W. H. Parrish, making a desperate attempt to kill his 18 year old wife, and shooting himself twice with Winchester rifle here today, J. B. province, where Mr. McGilivray was for many years pastor of one of the leading Presbyterian churches. She leaves besides her mother, one sister, Miss Josie Bishop, and several brothers, among whom are H. R. Bishop, fishery inspector in Boston, Roger S. Bishop, a printer in Boston, and Victor Bishop, Maritime Express agent at Digby.

MR. RUSSELL WILL NOT RE-SELL LA PRESSE

Toronto Globe Wrong in Its Statement About Probable Re-transfer of French Newspaper

FINAL PAYMENT NOT DUE

It Does Not Come Until April, and All Others Have Been Promptly Met—Another False Report Set Right.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—It was stated in the Toronto Globe, on the 27th, that the last payment of the purchase of La Presse becomes due this week, but the bargain may be abandoned by mutual consent, and that Mr. Berthiaume will likely succeed in inducing Mr. David Russell to cancel the transaction and surrender the property.

Mr. Russell states positively that the final payment matures next April, all others having been promptly met, and that he and his friends have no intention of reselling the property.

Weddings. The marriage of Miss Edna Beatrice Walker McMurray, daughter of the late Alexander McMurray, to Robert S. Callender, took place in the St. David's church, Wednesday the ceremony was performed by the Rev. David Lang and was witnessed by a number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom. The bride, who was given away by her brother, J. A. McMurray, was attired in a becoming and handsome traveling gown. Mr. and Mrs. Callender left on the C. P. R. at noon on a trip to Moncton and points along the North Shore. They will make their home at 215 Wright street, St. John's, where they are electrician on the steamer St. Croix.

Naceni-Halmes. Halifax, Dec. 28.—The marriage took place at 6 o'clock this evening of Kathleen, daughter of Hon. S. H. Holmes, and Prof. Murray MacNeil, of McGill University. The bride was given away by her brother, J. A. McMurray, was attired in a becoming and handsome traveling gown. Mr. and Mrs. Callender left on the C. P. R. at noon on a trip to Moncton and points along the North Shore. They will make their home at 215 Wright street, St. John's, where they are electrician on the steamer St. Croix.

Improve the Cow. (By Mark Constock, in New York Sun). The \$3,000,000 worth of this country's dairy farms, leaving little for exportation, yet the number of cows in this country is only about 10,000,000. The average yield of milk per cow per year is only about 10,000 gallons. This is a very small amount of milk for a country which has so many cows. The reason for this is that the cows are not properly bred and cared for. It is time to improve the cow.

WAS A GOOD YEAR IN BUILDING HERE

Fine Structures Added to City's Architectural Beauty—Large Money Value Represented.

The number of new buildings erected in St. John during the year now closing is well up to the average of previous years. Several structures, notably the new Free Public Library, have added to the architectural beauty of the city, while such business premises as the O'Regan building, the Canadian Bank of Commerce, in King street; the new Emerson & Fisher building, in German street, and the McLaughlin carriage depot, in Union street, present an imposing appearance.

In Prince William street there has arisen from the remains of the Canadian Drug Company's fire, a fine looking red brick structure, occupied by the Canada Life considerable additions have been made to the premises occupied by the Ogilvie's flour concern in Dock street, and better feed have to do with the question, there you begin to see that better work has been done in the building of a finished and solid appearance which has been in the builder's hands, and is now remodelled and greatly improved.

The work on the General Public Hospital was completed last year, but must be included in the list, as its completion is of recent date. Passing reference should also be made to the impending addition to the Telephone building, as the contract is signed and the work begun.

Quite a number of private residences have arisen in all directions. In Douglas avenue there are several new houses, and a fine building has been completed for G. A. Dunlop in King street east, while Queen square boasts a fine addition in H. P. Hayward's new home.

A calculation based on a general estimate makes the value of the new buildings and additions at about \$250,000, and the designs, in nearly every case the work of architects in the city, have met with universal approval.

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Will Write to Immigrant Business Men in Ten Times

true conditions as to chances of employment on reaching St. John or Halifax. This business man had given his household help the evening to themselves and so when the door bell rang he answered it. The caller was a stranger, evidently an Englishman, judging by his accent, and he asked for money enough to pay his lodging for the night. It was given to him.

A little later another man of the same class, on the same errand, called and received a piece of money. Actually eight more times the door bell was rung and in all ten men called seeking aid and assistance.

Speaking of the matter yesterday, he declared his belief that these were men who had come over here to make their way on the public notice by these recent occurrences and that instead of encouraging or even permitting men to sail for this country under false ideas of the conditions they must meet when they arrive here, the agents should say matters plainly before them in the interests of the men themselves, of this city and of Canada in general.

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Unless Men Call at One St. John's most prominent business was on Monday night given a variation which convinced him that something to the story told them that immigrants are coming here, or if the facts are not actually misrepresented to them that they are permitted to sail without knowledge of the

days. He is survived by a widow and five sons. The sons are: R. H. Nauwigswaak; Rev. L. A. Hampton; W. A. of the I. C. R. ship, Moncton; S. D. of the I. C. R. ship, Moncton; E. H. of Lewisville, Moncton. The funeral was held on Monday and will be largely attended.

Col. O. W. Schaffer. Truro, N. S., Dec. 28.—Col. O. W. Schaffer, died suddenly at his home at his residence, Pleasant street, after his fourth illness. The deceased was a prominent mason and for the last fifteen years was superintendent of the First Baptist Sunday school. He was born at South Farmington, Annapolis county, Md., in 1828 and he had resided in Annapolis county since 1882.

Mrs. Fred Gillen. Moncton, Dec. 28.—The death of Mrs. Fred Gillen occurred at the city hospital this morning. Mrs. Gillen had been ill less than three weeks, being taken to hospital a week ago as a victim of meningitis of the brain. The deceased was a daughter of Alex. McDermott of St. John, and was formerly on the Moncton nursing staff. She had been married but a few months and her death was a sad blow to her husband and family. Her parents and sister have been at her bedside the last few days. The body will be taken to St. John this afternoon for interment.

Benjamin Hearst. Charlottetown, Dec. 28.—Benjamin Hearst, aged fifty-nine years, one of the most energetic, successful and well-known business men in the province died this morning. He was a son of Richard Hearst and a brother of Rev. Dr. Hearst, of Yarmouth. He has been president of the Merchants' Bank, Prince Edward, for the last seven years. He was one of the most extensive cattle ranches in Alberta, and a large farm in this province. He leaves a widow and one son.

Mrs. Lucius Dixon. Fredericton, Dec. 28.—Mrs. Lucius Dixon, of Brookton (N. Y.), is dead. Deceased was a sister of Lieut. Governor Knowlton; Mrs. J. B. Black, Sackville; Mrs. P. P. Thompson, Fredericton, and Mrs. J. B. Black, Sackville. The funeral will take place at Sackville on Sunday. Deceased, who was sixty-one years old, visited here last fall.

John Toomey. John Toomey died yesterday at his home in Erin street, in the seventy-second year of his age, and leaving his wife, one daughter and three sons. His funeral will be held at 2.30 o'clock Friday.

Miss Cora Crawford. News of the death of Miss Cora Crawford was received here yesterday. She passed away at Newton (Mass.) on Dec. 26, after an illness of about three weeks duration. She was the daughter of the late James Crawford, carpenter, who lived in Queen street here, but she removed from St. John about ten years ago to the States, studied nursing and practiced her profession until ill health caused her to give up active work. The family left St. John some time after Miss Crawford was sent to the States. Miss Crawford is survived by her mother, one brother, H. Crawford, formerly of The Telegraph, and three sisters—Miss Lilian, in New Brunswick; Mrs. G. H. Clark and Mrs. W. A. Clark, of Cambridge (Mass.). The body will be brought here by many friends, and will be from the I. C. R. station on arrival of the Boston train, about noon Friday.

W. S. Hopper. The death took place at Elgin, Albert county, on the 24th inst., of W. S. Hopper, aged seventy-six years. Deceased had been in poor health for three or four years, but was confined to his bed for only a few

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When Breeds Pay the Farmer Best.

It has long been an axiom in discussing breeds of poultry that the non-incubating breeds are bound to beat the incubating in the long run. A few years ago Leghorns were recommended by the poultry body, and the former especially were largely taken up by the farmer. It is now generally admitted that they were a poor choice, and that the incubating breeds are better. It is now generally admitted that the incubating breeds are better.

Stumbling Horses. Stumbling is a dangerous fault, for not only may the horse fall and injure himself, but he may pitch the rider or driver on to the ground, breaking some of his bones, or even killing him outright. Stumbling arises from various causes, and the first step towards its cure is to find out the cause.

Young green horses often stumble when they are first ridden, and the cause is usually found in the position of the fore legs. The treatment in such cases is to ride or drive carefully, and to force the pace or overtake the animal until he has had time to get into his condition, and to balance himself, when the trouble often ceases.

Stumbling horses that have had a long run at grass often stumble when first taken up. This generally proceeds from their being out of condition, and generally disordered by a previous fall. It is often found that the horse has a bad habit of rearing, and this may be due to the fact that the horse is not properly conditioned for the work he is to do.

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LIFE SAVERS RESCUE TWENTY-ONE MEN FROM DOOMED STEAMER

Norfolk, Va., Dec. 20.—After being imprisoned on the wrecked steamer Northeastern, nine miles off Cape Hatteras, for thirty-three hours, Captain Wether and his crew of twenty-one men were rescued by the crew of the steamer Kinnakeet, of the United States Coast Guard, on Monday morning.

The steamer Northeastern, which was on a voyage from Norfolk to Boston, was wrecked on the coast of North Carolina on Sunday night. The vessel was carrying a cargo of coal and passengers, and was bound for Boston. The crew of the steamer Kinnakeet, which was on a voyage from Norfolk to Boston, discovered the wrecked steamer and rescued the crew.

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