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WILL ENDEAVOR IF POSSIBLE TO GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CANADA.

Premier Makes a Speech in Reply to Mr. Borden, Who Says Nothing New—Not Policy to Try to Force Canada's Views on Britain.

Ottawa, May 12.—(Special)—The forenoon session of the house of commons was devoted to private bills. At the afternoon session an act to incorporate the Bishop of the Orthodox Russo-Greek Catholic Church for North America and Albatian Island was taken up in committee.

Mr. La Riviere strongly opposed the bill from the same standpoint as he had previously expressed himself. He also objected to the word Catholic being used in the bill.

Mr. Borden pointed out that other denominations apart from the Roman Catholic used the word. Episcopians did.

Mr. Oliver said that Mr. La Riviere was a member of the sub-committee that drafted the amendments to the bill. He (Oliver) was willing to drop anything in the bill to which objection could be taken.

Mr. Demers objected to the bill on the grounds that it should be dealt with by the province. The dominion government, by legislating on the subject was infringing on provincial rights.

Mr. Haggart was of a somewhat similar opinion and would like to hear from the minister of justice on the question.

Mr. La Riviere spoke about underhand methods and Mr. Oliver wanted to know what he meant by such references.

SURVIVORS OF THE BORAMA TEND TO THE DESTRUCTION OF ST. PIERRE.

Captain Muggah Inhaled the Fire and Suffered Agony—Desolation Reigns at the Afflicted Place—Bodies Lie on the Streets—The Fearful Scenes Depicted by Eye-witnesses.

Fort De France, Island of Martinique, May 12.—It now seems to be generally admitted that about 30,000 persons lost their lives as a result of the outbreak of the Mont Pelee volcano at St. Pierre on Thursday last.

From an interview with Colonel Ayme, who is a trainee newspaper man, a correspondent of the Associated Press learned the following facts:

Thursday morning found the inhabitants of St. Pierre anxiously looking toward the thick clouds shrouding the Mont Pelee crater. All day Wednesday horrid detonations had been heard.

The British steamer Borama arrived at St. Pierre some time yesterday with 10 passengers, among whom were Mrs. Stokes and her three children and Mrs. H. Ince.

Sharks Fighting for Bodies. The Associated Press steamer chartered in Gaudeloupe, reached Martinique at 6:30 Sunday morning.

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Davia and the Solent were placed at his disposal by the Barbados government.

An evidence of the swiftness of the onslaught of fire is found in the fact that the eyelids of most of them are nearly burned through.

The stories of the survivors added to the awful details of the particularly harrowing account of the loss of the British steamer Borama.

He had inhaled flames and jumped overboard. He had hung to a life a while, then disappeared.

Francisco Angelo, who speaks poor English, vividly described the onrush of the fire. He says the captain was a very brave man.

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It is doubtful if any of the six can recover.

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SCORE OR MORE PERSONS KILLED BY TERRIFIC EXPLOSIONS OF NAPHTHA.

Hundreds Badly Burned and Many Likely to Die—Happened in the Sheraden Yards of the Pan Handle—Frenzied Crowd of People Afire.

Pittsburg, Pa., May 12.—The Sheraden yards of the Pan Handle railroad was the scene this evening of one of the most disastrous explosions and fires known in this section for many years.

The cause was the explosion of a train of naphtha cars which were being switched at the yards.

The first car of naphtha exploded about 4:40 o'clock and the sparks soon attracted a large crowd.

The successive explosions had heated the air so that before the third explosion many were rendered unconscious.

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The property loss will amount to at least \$600,000.

GOVERNMENT OVERTHROWN, COMPLETE TIE-UP.

HAYTI THE LATEST TO PASS INTO REVOLUTIONISTS CONTROL.

Hayti, May 12.—Most alarming reports have reached here from Port Au Prince, the capital of this republic.

Three hours of exploration of the ruins of St. Pierre resulted in the finding of no trace of the American consulate.

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FROM ST. VINCENT.

Volcano in Eruption Since Wednesday—Deaths Number 500.

The French cable line, via Europe, is the only means of telegraphic communication with the outside world.

The British royal mail steamer Solent brought awful news from the British island of St. Vincent.

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Mount Pelee is still in eruption.

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RESIDENCE AND CONTENTS DESTROYED. Fire Consumes George Labelle's House at Balmoral, Restigouche—Child Saved With Difficulty.

Dalhousie, N. B., May 12.—(Special)—While George G. Labelle, farmer of Balmoral, was in town Saturday, his residence, with all its contents, was burned to the ground.

HON. A. F. RANDOLPH'S CONDITION. No Material Change Tuesday—Conscious and Holding His Own Fairly Well.

Fredonston, May 12.—(Special)—There is no material change in the condition of Hon. A. F. Randolph this evening.

Mormons at Boston Plan Work. Boston, May 12.—What the leader termed a "priesthood conference" was held today at the Boston headquarters of the Latter Day Saints.

Newfoundland Reservists Return. St. John's, Nfld., May 12.—The colonial navy reservists, composed of 50 young fishermen, who volunteered for six months' drill on the British cruiser Ophir in West Indian waters during the past winter, have returned here and been discharged.

QUEEN REGENT SIGNS DECREE FOR CEREMONIAL OF OATH TAKING BY KING ALFONSO.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN N. B., MAY 14, 1902.

FORTY THOUSAND PEOPLE BURIED BY BURNING LAVA AT ST. PIERRE.

One of the Greatest Disasters of History Came to Martinique's Metropolis in the Short Space of Three Minutes, Destruction Upon the People Ere They Knew It.

Eighteen Vessels Burned and Sunk, the Crews Perishing Almost to a Man—But Twenty People of the Town's Population Are Known to Have Saved Their Lives.

Schooner Ocean Traveller, Reported From St. John, Was Within a Mile of the Scene—"Glimpses of Hell" the Description Given by Survivors--Relief Vessels Hurrying From Nearby Ports--Other Islands of West Indies Suffer.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 9.—It is now estimated that 40,000 persons perished as a result of the volcanic eruption in the Island of Martinique.

ONLY 20 ESCAPED.

Storm of Steam, Mud and Fire Enveloped the City—Eighteen Vessels Burned and Sunk.

Washington, May 9.—The following cablegram has just been received at the State department:

Point-A-Pitre, May 9.—"At 7 o'clock a. m. on the 8th inst., a storm of steam, mud and fire enveloped the city and community. Not more than 20 persons escaped with their lives. Eighteen vessels were burned and sunk with all on board, including four American vessels and a steamer from Quebec named Rosanna. The United States consul and family are reported among the victims. A war vessel has come to Guadeloupe for provisions and will leave at 5 tomorrow."

(Signed) AYME, Consul.

The State department has been receiving despatches from commercial houses in New York asking that a warship be sent at once to Martinique to afford relief. The matter is under consideration.

ERUPTION THREE MINUTES!

Mont Pelee Flow of Lava Destroyed District in Four Mile Radius.

London, May 9.—A despatch to the Daily Mail from Point-A-Pitre, Island of Guadeloupe (French West Indies) dated yesterday, says:

"The Mont Pelee crater ejected yesterday molten rocks and ashes during three minutes and completely destroyed St. Pierre and the districts within a four mile radius. All the inhabitants were killed."

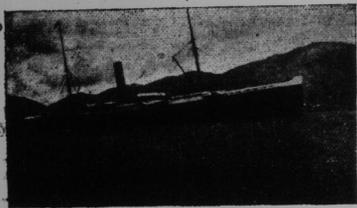
"About eight passengers from the Rosanna for the Quebec Steamship line were saved by the French cruiser Suchet. The inhabitants of the southern district of the island who were dependent upon St. Pierre for provisions are menaced by famine."

GLIMPSSES OF HELL.

So the Scene is Described by Survivors of British Steamer.

London, May 9.—A despatch to the Mail from Jamaica says:

"The first intimation of a disaster (at Martinique) was the breaking of the cable on Tuesday. The French cable to Martinique from Puerto Plate was broken Wednesday. Cable communication with all the northern islands is stopped. The survivors of the British steamer



LOST STEAMER ROSANNA. Photo by W. E. Mason.

Roddam describes the scene at St. Pierre as being 'glimpses of hell,' beguiling description. The Roddam's men were killed chiefly by molten lava.

"The Rosanna was wrecked in a terrible upsurge of land and sea. The whole crew perished."

"Two ships were lost with all on board in an attempt to approach Martinique."

On Other Islands.

A despatch from St. Thomas dated May 7, said that advices received there from the island of St. Vincent (British West Indies), announced that for some days

earthquakes had been experienced in the neighborhood of the Soufriere crater, which had been smoking and rumbling. The people in the vicinity of the volcano were leaving for places of safety.

It was also reported that the volcanic craters on the island of Dominica were showing signs of activity.

A ridge of high, well wooded volcanic hills stretches through the island of St. Vincent, from north to south. Volcanic rocks and hot springs abound on the island and of Dominica where there are large deposits of sulphur.

St. Pierre, the principal town of Martinique, which has been destroyed by volcanic fire, had numerous public buildings and schools, a fine theatre and a botanic garden. Its extensive roadstead was defended by several forts.

St. Pierre, which was the birthplace of Josephine, first empress of France, has one of the finest harbors in the West Indies and had a dry dock capable of accommodating vessels of 5,000 tons. A beautiful statue of the Empress Josephine was erected in one of the squares of St. Pierre.

In 1767 about 1,600 people were killed by an earthquake in Martinique. In 1839 the then capital, Fort Royal, now known as Fort de France, was visited by an earthquake which destroyed about half the town, caused damage throughout the island and killed some 700 persons.

Admiral Cervera's squadron was first reported on this side of the Atlantic at St. Pierre.

Volcanic Dust at Barbados.

Brigewater, Island of Barbados, B. W. I., May 9.—Volcanic dust from the eruption in the Island of St. Vincent is still falling here. The roads and houses are covered an inch thick.

[The Island of Barbados is more than 100 miles from the Island of St. Vincent.]

Guadeloupe Reported Safe.

Portland, Me., May 10.—J. C. Hamlen, the Island of Guadeloupe, in the following cablegram in reply to one sent by J. H. Hamlen & Son to one of their correspondents:

"Point-a-Pitre, to Hamlen, Portland: 'Horrible calamity. St. Pierre completely destroyed. All the country ruined. The island of Guadeloupe, Guadeloupe safe. Organizing assistance.'"

Steamer Rosanna's Loss.

New York, May 9.—The New York agents of the Quebec Steamship Company received a cablegram this afternoon from St. Lucia saying:

"Rosanna lost in earthquake eruption last night."

There was milling machinery on the Rosanna, the property of the Red Cross Steamship Company, to the value of \$22,000.

L. W. & P. Armstrong, who own the steamship Talsman, received a cable from St. Lucia which stated that no communication could be obtained with St. Thomas except by sailboat. The Talsman left for Barbados on April 17 and her owners

thought that perhaps she had been affected by the earthquake, but no report of her loss has been received.

ST. VINCENT SUFFERS.

Earthquakes Frequent and Volcano Active, But No Damage So Far.

London, May 9.—A despatch to the Reuter Telegram Company from Kingston (Jamaica), after giving the details of the

Martinique disaster, already known, says:

"Thousands were killed at St. Pierre, where a terrible panic prevailed. The eruption began Saturday, May 3, when St. Pierre was covered with ashes and appeared to be enveloped in fog. The flow of lava continued until Wednesday, May 7."

The message adds: "In the Island of St. Vincent the soufriere (volcano) is active and earthquakes are frequent. But so far no damage has been done."

In response to the request of Governor Llewellyn (of the Windward Islands) the British second-class cruiser Indefatigable has been dispatched from the Island of Trinidad to the Island of St. Vincent.

THE OCEAN TRAVELLER.

Schooner Known Here Was Within a Mile of the Scene of Disaster—Saw Volcano Explode.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 9.—The British schooner Ocean Traveller (of St. John, N. B.), arrived at the island of Dominica, British West Indies, at 3 o'clock this afternoon.

She had been visiting for two days at home. He was married and had two daughters, May and Christine. Miss Alice Fry, sister-in-law of Mr. Prentiss, says that this morning a letter was received from him in which he mentioned the signs of activity of Mont Pelee and the appreciation all had of danger. The letter was written April 23 and mention was made of Schooner Anna E. J. Morse (of Portland) which had just arrived and on which he was planning to have his family leave if things looked threatening. Miss Fry believes that the Prentiss family may have come to Fort de France ere this, and she reports that a cablegram from them. Miss May is her father's secretary, and Miss Christine is about 14 years old. Mr. Prentiss has one son, James, in Chicago, and another, Thomas, in Batavia.

Cable Received in Paris.

Paris, May 9.—The Colonial Minister, M. Decrais, received this evening, two cable messages from the secretary-general of the government of Martinique, sent respectively at 5 p. m. and 10:30 p. m. yesterday. The earlier cable reported that the wires were broken between Fort de France and St. Pierre; but, it was added in view of the report that the eruption of Mont Pelee had wiped out the town of St. Pierre all the boats available at Fort de France were dispatched to the assistance of the inhabitants at that place.

The second despatch confirmed the reports of the destruction of St. Pierre and its environs and shipping by a rain of fire and said it was supposed that the whole population had been annihilated with the exception of a few injured persons rescued by the cruiser Suchet.

Immediately after the receipt of the above despatches the flag over the colonial office was draped with crepe and hoisted at half-mast.

Bordeaux, France, May 9.—M. DeCraign, who had been visiting for the south of France, hurried back to Paris on hearing of the Martinique disaster. Before leaving he expressed the opinion that the fact that the commander of the Suchet is the inhabitants of St. Pierre, foreboding the disaster, had sought refuge at various points sheltered from the volcanic stream and there being no vessels to transport the people, the Suchet was trying to procure food for them.

Portland Firm Loses.

Portland, Me., May 9.—Among the heavy losses in property by the extinction of St. Pierre, are J. H. Hamlin & Co. of this city, who had a large branch office there. J. C. Hamlin, the junior member of the firm, said today: "While our actual property loss will be confined to the value of structure on Rue Fetti Versailles, it naturally strikes indirectly at our large business with the island through that port of entry. At this time we fortunately had no shipping at St. Pierre, all our vessels having discharged their cargoes and sailed from the port. This, however, is but an after consideration. The catastrophe itself is something terrible to contemplate."

Probably no man in the United States had a wider acquaintance in St. Pierre, and in fact on the whole island, than J. H. Hamlin, the senior member of the firm. For nearly half a century he had been in trade with the island and maintained a branch house at St. Pierre and for more than 40 years he had spent the winters there on an epidemic of smallpox, and when two or three weeks ago he started for England with his daughter. To this fact, they undoubtedly owe their lives, as the house where they resided probably was destroyed by the flood of fire that devastated the city. Mr. Hamlin and his

40,000 LIVES LOST.

Estimate Brought to Dominica by a Schooner Which Escaped the Destroying Torrent.

San Juan De Porto Rico, May 9.—The cable officials here have received advices from the island of Dominica that a schooner which has arrived there from the island of Martinique reports that more than 40,000 people are supposed to have perished during the volcanic disturbance in Martinique. The cable repair steamer Grappler was lost with all hands during the eruption of Mont Pelee at St. Pierre, Martinique. The Grappler was one of the first ships to disappear.

WAS WARNING OF DANGER.

Letter from U. S. Consul Prentiss Received at His Home in Melrose.

Washington, May 9.—The consul at Martinique is Thomas T. Prentiss, of Melrose (Mass.). He was born in Melrose

and was appointed from Massachusetts as consul at Seychelles Islands in 1871 and later served as consul at Port Louis, Mauritius, Rouen, France and Batavia. He was appointed consul at Martinique in 1900. The vice consul at Martinique is Amedee Testart who was born and appointed from Louisiana in 1888.

The latest available figures show that the total population of the Island of Martinique is 185,000 people of whom 25,000 lived in St. Pierre and according to Mr. Ayme, have nearly all perished.

Boston, May 9.—Much anxiety is felt by relatives and friends of Thomas T. Prentiss, consul at St. Pierre, in Melrose, his daughter now are en route home from England.

The younger Mr. Hamlin also had spent a great part of his life on the southern island and had many relatives and friends in the island city. When the early cablegram from the commander of the French cruiser Suchet came today confirming the alarming reports of last night he said:

Beyond a question this is one of the most terrible catastrophes the world has ever seen. St. Pierre had a population of at least 35,000. Three-fourths of these were colored natives of the island, while the remainder was made up of intelligent, well-to-do French people.

St. Pierre was built on the side of a hill and when the volcano burst forth and sent an irresistible overwhelming flood of lava down the mountain side (Abercrombie could hardly have been any escape from the molten torrent, and the inhabitants probably went to their doom almost before they knew what was upon them.

A Portland Schooner Possibly There.

Boston, May 9.—The schooner Anna E. J. Morse, Captain Parker, arrived at St. Pierre, Martinique, April 24, from Philadelphia, with a cargo of coal, and fears are expressed for her safety as it is thought she was in port there at the time of the destruction of the city. The Morse was owned by J. S. Winslow & Co., of Portland (Me.).

ISLAND IS VOLCANIC.

Eighty Per Cent of Inhabitants Neglected Last Eruption of Mont Pelee in 1851.

Martinique belongs to a chain of the Lesser Antilles. It constitutes a French colony and lies 23 miles south of Dominica and 22 miles north of St. Lucia. It is 43 miles long, 19 miles wide, and the surface covers 245,000 acres, or 380 square miles.

There are two clusters of volcanic mountains, one in the north and one in the south, with a chain of lower heights between them. They abound in deep ravines and precipitous slopes. There are many large streams which flow from these mountains and the rainy season rarely passes without a series of destructive torrents.

The east coast of the island, exposed to the full sweep of the Atlantic, is a succession of inlets, headlands, islands and rocks, while the south coast is much more regular, bold and steep. The west coast alone presents a site for a town of any commercial importance, and here is situated St. Pierre. The island had a population of about 200,000, and its chief articles of export are sugar, coffee, cotton and cocoa.

St. Pierre is the principal town, and the only fortified port on the island. It has no harbor, properly speaking, but the roadstead is protected except during the periodical hurricanes, when its exposed position makes it very dangerous.

The town is partly on low and insular lands, partly on picturesque hills, where the residences are placed among the trees and flowers. The botanical garden of St. Pierre is in the finest of the West Indies. There is also an old Catholic college there which attracts tourists.

St. Pierre was settled by the French in 1635. The Empress Josephine was born in St. Pierre. The most famous personage figuring in the annals of the island.

The highest mountain peak on the island is the Morne Pelee, 4,530 feet, near the northern end. It is a volcano, but seldom active, its last eruption occurring in 1851. Other peaks are evidently ancient volcanoes, to which the island owes its origin.

The hurricanes which sweep over that portion of the world from June to October have been the cause of much destruction. In the great hurricane of 1780 over 9,000 people lost their lives.

Martinique has a governor and a council elected by limited suffrage, and sends a senator and two deputies to the French parliament. Slavery existed upon the island until 1848, and probably 80 per cent of the present population are colored.

Fort de France, Island of Martinique, May 10.—Advices received here from the vicinity of St. Pierre (10 miles from here) contain further details of the terrible volcanic upheaval. The crater of Mont Pelee had been wearing its "Smoke Cap" since the 3rd of May; but there was nothing until last Monday to indicate that there was the slightest danger. On that day a stream of boiling lava burst through the top of the crater, plunging into the valley of the River Blanche, over which the Guetty Sugar Works and kindred 23 work people, and the son of the proprietor.

A commission was appointed by the government to investigate the outbreak and it returned a reassuring report on Wednesday evening. But about 8 o'clock on Thursday morning a shower of fire rained down on St. Pierre and the coast from Le Carbet (which had a population of 6,000) to Le Precher (which had a population of 1,000) burning up everything in its path.

Survivors Horribly Burned.

Throughout Thursday the heat in the vicinity of St. Pierre was so intense and the stream of flowing lava was so unrelenting that it was impossible to approach the town during the early part of the day. As evening approached the French cruiser Sabat, after a heroic battle with the heat, suffocation and sulphur fumes, succeeded in making a dash toward the shore, nearing the land close enough to enable her to take off 30 sur-

vivors of the disaster, all of whom were horribly burned and mutilated.

St. Pierre at that time was an absolute smoky waste, concealing 30,000 corpses, whose rapid decomposition necessitated, in some cases, instantly compelling their cremation, which was only partially accomplished by the lava.

450 Rescued from the Vicinity.

The inhabitants of Fort de France were panic stricken, the morning of the disaster, when the sky suddenly blackened until it was as dark as at midnight. The sea shrank back 90 yards, but rain began to fall, while gravel, the size of walnuts poured down on the town. This lasted about 15 minutes and then the town began to resume its normal aspect. The 450 survivors who were brought here yesterday from the vicinity of St. Pierre by the French cable repair ship Pouter Guertier came from the town of Le Precher, where, surrounded on all sides by flowing lava, they were nearly roasted to death and expected momentarily to be engulfed.

Work of Destruction Continuous.

The work of relief is progressing here on the most extensive scale possible, but in anticipation of disturbances, the treasury building and the warehouses are guarded by troops.

The latest reports received here showed that lava continues to pour down the slopes of the mountain, slowly engulfing the whole north side of the island, while fresh crevasses are continually opening.

ST. VINCENT IN FLAMES.

Volcano There in Sympathetic Eruption—Kingston is Safe, But Rest of Island in Danger.

The volcano of the island of St. Vincent has burst out in sympathetic eruption. A steamer which returned from there last night reports that the northern third of the island was in flames and cut off from assistance by a continuous stream of burning lava ashes falling in heavy showers as far as 150 miles away. Kingston,

DETAILS OF ST. VINCENT DISASTER.

Great Loss of Life There is Believed—People Flee to Kingston—Vapor Eight Miles High from Crater, Then Streams of Lava.

Kingston, Island of St. Vincent, B. W. I., Saturday, May 10.—After numerous earthquakes during the preceding fortnight, accompanied by subterranean noises in the direction of the Soufriere volcano, in the northwestern part of the island, a loud explosion occurred Monday last from the crater and the water in the crater lake ascended in a stupendous cloud of steam and exploded heavily. The noises grew louder continually till Wednesday morning, when the old crater, three miles in circumference, and the new crater formed by the last eruption, belched smoke and stones, forcing the residents of Wallibot and Richmond Valley beneath the volcano, to flee to Chateau de'Air for refuge.

The thunderous noises, which were continually increasing, were heard in neighboring islands 200 miles away.

At midday the crater ejected enormous columns of steamy vapor, rising majestically eight miles high and expanding into wonderful shapes, resembling enormous cauliflower, gigantic wheels and beautiful flower forms, all streaked up and down and crosswise with vivid flashes of lightning, awing the beholder and impressing the mind with fear. The mountain labored to rid itself of a mass of molten lava which later flowed over in six streams, down the sides of the volcano, and the greater noises following united in one great, continuous roar all evening, through the night to Thursday morning, accompanied with black rain, falling dust and furious scoria attended with midnight darkness all Wednesday, creating feelings of fear and anxious suspense. On the morning of Friday there was a fresh eruption and in the rest of the day, the lava, covering the island, in some places two feet deep.

The crater is still active as this despatch is sent and great loss of life is believed to have occurred. The lava has destroyed several districts with their livestock.

People are fleeing to this town, streams are dried up and in many places a food and water famine is threatened. The government is feeding numbers of sufferers from the outbreak.

Great physical changes have taken place in the neighborhood of the Soufriere. Several districts have not yet been heard from and the scene of the eruption is unapproachable. Every hour brings sad news. The nurses and doctors are overworked. It is impossible to give full details at present.

As a result of the disaster on this island

by superhuman efforts, having steam up, the cable was shipped and the steamer backed away from the shore and, nine hours later, managed to reach Castries. Ten of the Roddam's men were lying dead, contorted and burned out of human semblance among the black cinders which covered the ship's deck to a depth of six inches. Two more of the crew have since died. The survivors of the Roddam's crew were found in pieces of the heroic conduct of their captain in steering his vessel out of danger with his own hands, which were badly burned by the rain of fire which kept falling on the ship for miles after she got under way.

NOVA SCOTIAN'S FAREWELL.

Captain Muggah of Sydney Waved Good Bye as His Vessel Sank in Terrific Explosion.

Mr. Pisonis is believed to be the sole survivor of the 40,000 inhabitants of St. Pierre who remained there for the town and all the shipping in the port have been utterly destroyed. The West Indian Telegraph company's repairing steamer Grappler, going first, the Quebec liner Rosanna, Captain Muggah well to the Roddam as his vessel sank with a terrific explosion.

(Captain Muggah is a native of Sydney, C. B.)

Nearly Suffocated Passing St. Vincent.

Willemstad, Island of Curacao, May 10.—The Italian steamer Pedemonte, which arrived this morning at Iquiquira, reports that while passing near the Island of St. Vincent Thursday night, her deck was covered to a depth of two inches with ashes and her passengers were nearly suffocated with the smell of sulphur. During Thursday all along the coast, especially in the Gulf of Paria, subterranean noises were heard. The Indians were terrified.

THE RODDAM'S STORY.

Saw Town Enveloped in Flame—Crew Suffered Heavily—Fire Falling Miles Away.

During the afternoon of the 8th, the British steamer Roddam, which had left St. Lucia at midnight on the 7th for Martinique, crawled slowly into the French harbor unrecognized, gray with ashes, her rigging dismantled and sails and awnings hanging about torn and charred. Captain Whittier reported that having just cast anchor off St. Pierre at 8 a. m. in fine weather, succeeding an awful thunder storm during the night. He was talking to the ship's agent, Joseph Pisonis, who was in a boat alongside, when he saw a tremendous cloud of smoke and glowing cinders rushing with terrific rapidity over the town and port, in an instant completely enveloping the former in a sheet of flame and raining fire on board. The agent had just time to climb on board when his boat disappeared. Several friends on the Roddam were scorching to death

ST. PIERRE STREET.

Photo by W. E. Mason.



STREET SCENE IN ST. PIERRE. Photo by W. E. Mason.

the capital of St. Vincent is safe, but people here are very anxious as to the fate of the rest of that island.

Dominica and St. Lucia have very active geysers, but they show no departure from normal conditions as yet.

THE RODDAM'S STORY.

Saw Town Enveloped in Flame—Crew Suffered Heavily—Fire Falling Miles Away.

During the afternoon of the 8th, the British steamer Roddam, which had left St. Lucia at midnight on the 7th for Martinique, crawled slowly into the French harbor unrecognized, gray with ashes, her rigging dismantled and sails and awnings

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FORT DE FRANCE THREATENED.

So it is Reported at St. Thomas—Loss of Life on St. Vincent Estimated at 500.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 11.—Advices from the island of Dominica today say that boats arriving there report that many persons were drowned while crossing to Dominica from Martinique...

Pierre on the 24th of March last on the ill-fated steamer Roraima, of the Quebec Steamship Company...

ERUPTIONS AND EARTHQUAKES.

Lives Lost by Hundred Thousands, Cities Destroyed and Countries Desolated.

Following are mentioned a few of the great disasters of history from earthquakes and volcanic eruptions:

NOT A SOUL TO BE SEEN.

British Mail Steamer Esk Called Off Martinique Night.

The British royal mail steamer Esk, which called off Martinique at 10 p. m. last night, reports standing off some five miles, sounding her whistle and sending up rockets...

THE ERUPTION OF MAY 5.

Rush of Lava Covered Sea—Back—Returning Wave Covered Sea—150 Killed.

On May 5 lava began to throw dense clouds of smoke at midnight. The lava, flames, accompanied with rumbling noises, lighted the sky over an immense area, causing widespread terror.

WITHIN ONE HUNDRED YARDS.

Man Reports What He Saw in Boiling Lake District of Dominica.

St. Thomas, D. W. I., May 11, 5.30 p. m.—A dispatch received here from the island of Dominica (B. W. I.) says that a man who has just returned from the boiling lake district of that island...

ST. JOHN MAN'S STORY.

Tells of Recent Visit to St. Pierre—W. E. Mason's Interesting Interview.

W. E. Mason, manager of the Canada Permanent & Western Mortgage Corporation, in an interesting talk to the Telegraph over the terrible calamity in St. Pierre (Martinique) stated he was in St.

BRISTOL.

Bristol, Carleton Co., May 10.—Frank Dyer, about 20 years old, made an attempt on Thursday to hang himself.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, May 11.—The following officers of the Methodist Sunday school were elected Friday evening: H. H. Stuart, superintendent; Geo. W. Newcomb, us-

POINT WOLFE.

Point Wolfe, N. B., May 9.—W. M. Burns, of Albert, was here Saturday on business.

HAMPTON.

Hampton, May 12.—The Hampton Cornet Band will give a concert in Agricultural Hall on Thursday, May 15th.

BLISSVILLE.

Blissville, Sunbury Co., May 10.—Smith Brothers' main drive got in today and have all their lumber in...

GLASSVILLE.

Glassville, N. B., May 8.—The upper S. W. Miramichi Log Driving Company's last drive left the corporation limits at the 6700s on Tuesday, 6th.

WHITEHEAD.

White Head, May 12.—A picnic social was held in the Temperance hall on Saturday night, \$12.40 being realized, which will be devoted to church repairs.

CAMPBELLTON.

Campbellton, N. B., May 11.—The Waverley Hotel heretofore conducted by Mrs. S. Jardine has been sold to Messrs. Burgess and Lavoie, and is now under their management.

BELVEA'S COVE.

Belleva's Cove, May 10.—Ernest M. Craft and Louis S. Wetmore, of this place, left here this morning for Boston to seek employment.

SALISBURY.

Salisbury, May 11.—Mrs. Harriet Colpitts is visiting her stepfather, Mr. Gaynor.

NEW JERUSALEM.

New Jerusalem, May 9.—A Christian Endeavor society in connection with the F. B. church here has been organized...

MONCTON.

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SUSSEX.

Sussex, N. B., May 12.—George Hallett, photographer, and Charles Perry, of W. B. McKay Company, have purchased the premises of the late Sheriff Freetz, on Maple avenue, and will erect modern residences.

MILLIDGEVILLE.

The yacht Canada was successfully launched last Wednesday. She was followed by the Rose, which looks blooming in a fresh coat of paint.

BEAVER HARBOR.

Beaver Harbor, May 7.—The weather now being favorable, farming looks very prosperous.

HALIFAX.

Halifax, May 9.—(Special)—Steamer Beta, which arrived here this evening from Bermuda, had among her passengers a Boer prisoner under guard of four men of the Warwick regiment.

DIGBY.

Digby, May 9.—The semi-annual meeting of the municipal council closed yesterday afternoon.

COUGHS IN THE WINTER.

and inflame the throats, cause Bronchitis and Asthma, Coughs promptly relieved with The Baird Compound.

THE CARE OF THE FEET.

It is important, the skin of the feet of Chilblains, Tendrils, Corns, Bunions, Ingrowing Nails, etc., may be easily relieved and cured by using the warm water, dry oil and apply thoroughly Kendrick's White Liniment. Try it and see.

THE LITTLE MAGNETS AT SUSSEX.

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The body of Eliza Steves, of Boundary Creek, who died at the private hospital, was taken home for burial on Saturday.

Miss A. Steves, of Emouth street, has growing in her garden a dahlia which has already attained a height of 36 inches and is in bud.

Ethel Knight Mollison has been selected by Richard Mansfield to be leading woman in his company, succeeding Lettice Fairfax, who returns to England.

John H. Case, Waterloo street, grocer, has suspended payment. His liabilities are said to be near \$5,000. The creditors will meet May 15.

The monthly meeting of the N. B. Poultry, Kennel and Pet Stock Association will be held this evening at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

At Chubb's Corner on Saturday afternoon F. L. Potts sold three shares of Bank of New Brunswick stock at \$24 per share.

It is rumored that when the new railway station improvements at McAdam Junction are completed, the name may be changed to Van Horne Junction.

John Fox, jr., will resume the meat business on St. John street, West End, recently carried on by his father, who died last week.

What will probably be the last private meeting of the board of school trustees was held last Monday as it was decided there that in future all representatives will be admitted to the sessions.

The marriage of Miss Jennie Smith, daughter of W. J. Smith, and Robert Lawson, both of Fairville, took place on Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Rev. A. T. Dymally officiated.

There is but little to chronicle about the Oulton case, save that the investigation of the house is finished, the steel patrol the vicinity and efforts are unremitting to produce some adequate explanation of what is a deep mystery.

Quite a large force of men are employed in digging sand on the beach at Mira Bay. The sand is being used by the Cape Breton Electric Company, the steel and coal companies, and at the Marconi station, Table Bay—Sydney Post.

The congregation of Carleton Baptist church are preparing for the 50th anniversary of their church the latter part of this week. During the last year or two the church has been greatly improved by steel ceiling and by the erection of a tower.

Thirteen burial permits were issued last week as follows: Premature birth, 2; pneumonia, consumption, convulsions, heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage, cerebral meningitis, acute meningitis, influenza, scarlet fever, diphtheria, pneumonia, hemorrhage of lungs, inflammation of chest, one each.

Saturday afternoon about 1,400 delegates from the various churches met at the Norwegian barque Harold, lying at McKeavy's wharf, fell from the rigging and came to the water's edge, a distance of about 30 feet. He was picked up in an unconscious condition and sent to the hospital in a private ambulance. He is injured, having received a fracture of the skull and at an early hour this morning was still unconscious.

A horse which was born and bred in the stables of Queen Victoria, passed through the city Friday night to the Nova Scotia government farm. The horse is named "Lionel" and was brought from England by a rich Cape Bretoner. He is nine years old, a blood bay with black points, and weighs 1,400 pounds. He will be shown at the St. John exhibition this autumn.

A handsomely designed memorial window of opalescent glass was unveiled in St. Stephen's church Sunday. The window was donated by Mrs. M. B. Edwards and dedicated to the memory of her mother, Mrs. Christina Gillespie. The window portrays Eunice, the mother of Timothy, and was made by Montague Casella, of Montreal. The services in connection with the unveiling were conducted by Rev. D. J. Fraser, who preached an appropriate sermon, dealing with the life of Eunice, the subject of the art window.

Lieutenant Colonel Donville is the proud possessor of the long service decoration, which reached the colonel Monday. The decoration is given as its name applies, for long service in the Canadian militia and is a silver medal of handsome design surmounted with a golden crown. Around the oval front engraved in bold relief are the words "Colonial Auxiliary Forces," and on the reverse side the name, rank and regiment of the recipient. Colonel Donville's long connection with that crack cavalry corps, the 8th Hussars, fairly entitles him to the honor.

Percy Thomson, of the firm of William Thomson & Company, steamship agents of St. John, will arrive here Saturday night and will remain over Monday. He desires to meet the shippers of this city and all interested in direct steamship service to Great Britain. A meeting of the council of the board of trade together with Charlottetown shippers is called for Monday at 11 o'clock. Our readers are aware that Messrs. Thomson & Company are St. John agents for the cold storage steamer Manx, and Truder to ply for the season between this port and Great Britain—Charlottetown Patriot.

Fire Monday afternoon destroyed the two tenement house at Milford owned by William Hanson, sr., and occupied by John Hamilton, jr., and a family named Hennessey. One of the tenants saw smoke from the roof and gave the alarm. The fire quickly spread and destroyed the building, but the tenants were able to save most of their belongings. The neighbor, the chief of the Fairville fire brigade and teams from Cushing's mill joined in the work of saving another house owned by Mr. Hanson and standing some 25 feet from the burning building. Water was carried to the scene and a bucket crew organized and the second house was saved. Mr. Hanson had no insurance, an origin of the fire is not known. John

Hamilton, jr., one of the tenants, moved in only a few days ago.

Thomas Gilliland will leave early this week to repair the Musquash drawbridge.

Dr. J. W. Daniel has retired from the directorate of the Home for Incurables.

Rev. H. D. Cormier has been appointed chaplain of the Father Matthew Association.

The Maritime Baptist Convention will meet this year in Yarmouth, commencing August 23.

The reports to the registrar of vital statistics for the week were 7 marriages and 13 births—11 girls.

After June 1 the post office name of Passmore will be changed to Lorneville, and Passmore West to Seaview.

At the meeting last Friday of local Organizers to hold the annual 12th of July celebration at Fredericton, providing suitable transportation rates can be secured.

Rev. H. F. Adams, who is in charge of the Maritime Baptist Twentieth Century Fund, is meeting with a generous response. Only about a third of the Baptist people have been approached.

Manager Hubbard, of the Exhibition Association, received yesterday a number of inquiries for space from prospective exhibitors. So far the number of inquiries and applications is far in excess of any previous year.

There is a movement on foot among a number of merchants to arrange for a mass meeting to discuss the matter of increased trade facilities for winter port business in this city.

Sergeant Gibson and Private Swanson, of the R. C. R., Halifax, came to the city yesterday to convey a deserter, Wells Verry, back to Halifax. He gave as a reason for deserting that he was anxious to get to South Africa and wanted to join a regiment that was on active service.

The new Carnegie library building is to be placed on Chapman's hill. That was the decision reached Monday afternoon after the city council had spent two hours in discussing it. There was considerable opposition, but those who favored the Chapman's hill site were in the majority and it was accordingly selected.

For the past few days a strange man has been haunting the vicinity of the Jewett residence, Lansdowne, and from his hideout watching the women and children of Lansdowne have been placed in great alarm. The man is in the different families, and however, up in arms and if the strange man is caught he will have to answer to some serious charge. Chief Clark has been aware of the case and has had officers at work.

Reports from the various parts of the province are to the effect that the frost streams are said to be yielding large crops of insects which seem to promise better things as the season advances. Several parties were out this week reaping the streams and all made fair catches.

The body of Joseph Browne, the young Englishman who had his foot torn off at the ankle at Raymouth Bros' mill at Little River, Sumbury county, on Thursday, was taken through the city on Saturday for interment at Penobscot. The young man died on Thursday night from the injuries which he received when he had been working in the mill for only about two weeks when the accident happened. The young man had a brother in the employ of Samuel Morbin, Penobscot, and the burial will take place in the Baptist cemetery of that village.

The monthly meeting of the N. B. Poultry, Kennel and Pet Stock Association was held last Monday and was well attended. Matters relating to the poultry department at the coming exhibition were discussed and in accordance with a request from the Exhibition Association, a committee was appointed to view to suggesting the best methods of coupling, etc. It is the intention of the association to assist the Exhibition Association in every possible manner, and no doubt, the poultry show next fall will be the best ever seen here.

At the Douglas avenue Memorial Park, last week, a number of trees were planted in memory of deceased letter carriers. One in commemoration of a letter carrier in the South African soldier. It was a maple, and will stand in memory of Corp. Frederick Withers, who lost his life at Paardeberg (S. A.), February 27th, 1900. The ceremony of planting was supervised by Wm. Beamish, the oldest letter carrier in the city. Three other trees were planted in remembrance of Chas. Elston, Wm. Hill and Wm. McLaughlin. A feature in the planting was the personal aid of each letter carrier present, as the tree was placed in the ground so that each carrier would be entitled to say that he had a hand in the planting. Those present were Supt. George Withers, W. J. Coeman, Charles Magee, Thomas Damery, J. J. Ryan, F. M. Perkins, J. McMonagle, Walter McAulay, Marshall McAulay and Wm. Beamish.

The annual meeting of the contributors to the Protestant Orphan Asylum was held Monday in the Y. M. C. A. parlors. There was a good read the directors' reports, showing the institution to be in excellent condition, though it had not been favored with any bequest during the past year. The personal subscriptions amounted to \$226.63, against \$183.50 of last year. The statement of Treasurer O. Hennessey showed a balance on hand of \$1,740.00, personal subscriptions, \$226.63; city church collections, \$172.76. Other sources of revenue brought the income up to \$15,626.51. This amount exceeded expenditures by \$35.85. There was some discussion over the rules under which children are admitted, and on the advisability of procuring separate beds for the boys. The meeting was presided over by directors was unanimously re-elected, and on Monday next will choose its officers.

THROUGH THE FALLS.

Carleton Boy Has Unique if Unpleasant Experience, Sunday.

INTO THE WHIRLPOOLS.

Fred Dodge Was Standing on Rock, Part of Which Crumbled Beneath Him, Plunging Him into the River—He Tells of What It Was Like and of His Rescue.

To Frederick Dodge, jr., of Carleton, being the distinction of robbing the falls of its sinister reputation, and narrated a tale which started one year in a century is permitted to tell. It appears that he and his chum (Roy Ring) son of Alfred Ring, St. John street, had gone down near the bridge, about 3:30 o'clock Sunday afternoon, in watching the falls, Dodge, who stood on a projection of soil and rock, which hung over the water at a height of about seven feet, suddenly fell in, his support crumbling beneath him. The powerful current swept him swiftly forward into the breadth of the great stretch of plunging frothy waters and circling whirlpools. To attempt to turn and swim toward the land was out of the question. He struck out manfully and with great fortitude, despite the fact that his progress toward the very vortex of the falls was direct and rapid.

CUPID ON THE WATERS.

TWO CANADIAN TEACHERS FIND HUSBANDS ON BOARD SHIP.

Before the Lake Ontario Reached the Other Side, Two Western Girls Had Given Their Promises, and Engagements Were Announced.

From across the Atlantic comes the tidings that two of the fairest of the Canadian school teachers who sailed from St. John on the Lake Ontario mail steamer, made available conquests, if not in the realms of sciences and ologies, in that less prosaic and more attractive field over which Cupid rules. These two teachers left St. John in maiden meditation fancy free, but they found congenial company aboard the Lake Ontario and before the trip to the other side had been concluded each had promised to one day exchange their certificates as public school teachers for another parchment which has important bearing upon a ceremony in which altars and orange blossoms figure conspicuously. Such is the tale as conveyed by George E. Day, the medium of letters from others of the educational contingent, one of which has just been received by a young lady residing in this city. The fortunate girls found prospective husbands aboard the Ontario are residents of the Canadian west and represent the sum total of married or quita to the "immortal 40." They are residents respectively of Winnipeg and Portage la Prairie. The night before the Ontario sailed from Sand Point the teachers and their friends were entertained at dinner by Manager Campbell, of the Beaver line. At this dinner the pretty Western girls formed the acquaintance of two young men who were to be fellow-passengers. One of them was a resident of Cape Breton and the other a man well known in the Canadian financial and industrial world, the other was a wealthy Englishman returning to his home in Bristol after a business trip to Canada. The acquaintance thus formed proved the stepping stone to a closer intimacy and before the Ontario reached the other side the two girls were quite willing to admit the charms which lurked in the eyes of the two pretty school teachers from the Prairie provinces. To attempt to enforce the engagement of the two couples. The experience of the American school teachers who started for Western Canada is fresh in the minds of many Canadian girls can hold their own.

THE SUFFERERS' FUND.

Annual Meeting of Relief and Aid Society Monday.

The annual meeting of the St. John Relief and Aid Society was held Monday afternoon. Reports for 1902 were given. The committee reported that the fund for the relief of sufferers has been financially assisted. At the beginning of the year the amount on hand was \$25,000.70. To this was added by interest and premium on bonds \$1,837.33, making a total of \$27,838.03. The report of the treasurer, John H. Reynolds, was read and the committee reported that the fund for the relief of sufferers has been financially assisted.

COUNT THE CELLS.

Everybody Has an Equal Chance for the Big Cash Prize.

The interest in our great Mystery of Life Counting Contest, announced elsewhere by the Canadian Farm and Home, is already widespread and increasing. The prizes are being distributed in many are confident of winning the first prize, others are confident of winning some prize, it is well worth a trial. Only one man knows positively the exact number of cells and he will not tell until the contest is closed. That there is a possibility of a wide range in the replies can be readily proved by anyone who will count the dots and rings on a number of times: seldom if ever will the same result be obtained twice in succession. It is thus evident that the more counts you submit the better your chances are of striking the right number. Try it again and again and as soon as made sent in each count that you make of course under conditions of the contest. (One of your counts may win you the first weekly prize, elsewhere announced in this issue and is almost certain to secure you one of the numerous general prizes. There is no telling which of your counts may be the right one. There is no telling whether or not you count the better your chances of winning.

Business Notes.

H. D. McEwen, of Montreal (P. E. I.) general store keeper, has been succeeded by H. D. McEwen & Co. Clarke & Melanson, general store keepers, of Joggins Mines (N. S.) have dissolved. T. G. Melanson continues. Messrs. J. H. Wilson, W. Flockhart and F. Smith have registered as partners as the Wilson, Flockhart & Company printing establishment, at New Glasgow (N. S.). Mrs. Charlotte Bent, a grocer, of Bayfield (N. B.) has closed business. I. Rosenhek, a dry goods merchant, of Campbellton, has been succeeded in business by Rosenhek Bros. N. C. Urquhart, general store at Mount Keweenaw (N. B.) has been purchased by A. E. Barker. A. M. Brown, a general store keeper at Petticoat, has opened a branch at Annapolis. Frank Hapner, a Sackville baker, has sold out to Fred Siddall. The house erected by General George A. Custer in Topeka, Kan., in 1868, is being torn down to make room for a modern residence. The walls of one of the rooms are decorated with maps and figures made by Custer, while planning his campaign against the Indians.

DEAD, AGED 111 YEARS.

James Ross, St. Martins' Centenarian, Passed Away Saturday.

FOUND DEAD IN BED.

Born in 1790 in Scotland and Was a Resident of Nova Scotia When the Battle of Waterloo was Fought—Funeral was Held Sunday and Was Very Largely Attended.

James Ross, of St. Martins, probably the oldest man in Canada, died suddenly early on Saturday morning at the residence of his son. Mr. Ross retired as usual on Friday evening and Saturday was found dead in his bed. The deceased was born at Port Mac Holmack, parish of Farber, Rosshire, Scotland, on the 18th of June, 1790, and was therefore 111 years 10 months and 23 days old. He came to this country in 1812 in a vessel called the Rover, landing at Pictou (N. S.). From Pictou he went to Londonderry (N. S.), where he worked for about six and a half years with the late Captain Martin, being at that place when the battle of Waterloo was fought. He lived a short time at Truro and Pictou and finally, about 1820, he went to St. Martins where he has resided continuously ever since. In 1857 he married Phoebe Amelia Brown, who died in 1888. They had nine children. Of these four are still living: two, Jacob and John S., and two daughters, Mrs. Lucy Clark and Mrs. Mary Gallan. There are 22 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren. Mr. Ross was a member of the Presbyterian church. He was a very active man until a year or two ago and was a great smoker. A light over a year ago the municipal council of St. John county presented him with a chair. The deceased spoke Gaelic fluently, never having lost his native tongue. The funeral took place Sunday from the residence of his son, St. Martins, and was very largely attended. The service was held in the Baptist church and Rev. Robert Fulton officiated.

FIRE AT QUISPAMIS.

Barn, Horses, and Farming Utensils Destroyed.

Shortly after midnight, Saturday, the barn of Mrs. David Magee, Quispamis, was found on fire. It was only with difficulty that four cows were saved from the burning building. The residence of Mrs. Magee was for some time in danger of being destroyed, having caught fire several times from the burning barn, but those present succeeded in extinguishing it. The barn was entirely destroyed, along with the following: three horses, hay, oats, feed and farming utensils. There is a small insurance in the Commercial Union Assurance Co. for some time. The origin of the fire is unknown.

THREE SCHOONERS SEIZED.

CAPTAIN PRATT MAKES CATCH FOR CARRYING DYNAMITE.

Takes Charge of Two American and One Canadian With Dynamite Aboard—Vessels Towed to St. Andrews and Held Awaiting Orders from Ottawa.

St. Andrews, N. B., May 9.—(Special).—Cruiser Curlew, Capt. J. H. Pratt, arrived in port today with three captured vessels, the first fruits of the dynamite prohibition law. Two of the vessels had from the United States, being the schooners Satellite and Nellie Gaskill. They were under charter to Melvin and Pearl Morse, of Whitehead, Grand Manan. The other vessel was the sloop Zehus, of Whitehead, Captain Henry Frankland. The vessels had been found with dynamite for fishing on board and were seized in consequence. The captains acknowledged having dynamite and turned it over to Captain Pratt.

SCHOONER FROM ST. JOHN.

Series of Mishaps Attends the Annie R. Lewis.

Bideford, Me., May 11.—The three-masted schooner Annie R. Lewis, loaded with laths, bound for New York from St. John, that went on Nigger Island Thursday night and shows a hole in her bottom, broke away from her moorings at the wharf at Bideford Pool last night. She tipped over, broke two of her masts and crushed in the roof of the coal shed on the wharf. The vessel then floated into the gut and collided with the tug Joe Baker, which was considerably damaged. The schooner is now on a beam ends in Pool Harbor. Just how badly damaged she is could not be learned tonight. The Lewis is owned by Bangor parties.

PROHIBITIONISTS MEET AND DISCUSS

GOVERNMENT'S REPLY TO PETITION.

Text of the Answer Sent the Petitioners—Latter Give Out Statement of Their Position—Convention of the Signers May Be Called.

As told by The Telegraph on Saturday morning the committee of the local prohibition association was referred, have decided not to introduce any legislation complying with the terms of the petition at the present time. The full text of the committee's report was forwarded to St. P. McSavour, secretary of the association, on Saturday. It is as follows: The committee of the executive council of 6,900 residents of the province was a very large and representative one, comprising large and representative names from every large and representative locality. This would lead the government to get signatures. No attempt was made to induce canvassers to work, work was voluntary, the time short and many counties were only barely touched with petitions. It was the idea of the committee which had charge of the petition to get signatures from all parts of the province, to show the government that every locality had a strong temperance sentiment. It was the idea of the committee that the petitioners were not limited to any particular locality. This would lead the government to pass laws such as asked for in the petition.

"In the reply from the government it may be noted that reference is made to a prohibitory law passed in 1855, a law which was repealed in a short time. "It must be remembered that many things have changed very materially since the year quoted and not least of all the temperance sentiment in the province of New Brunswick. Fifty years ago it was the correct thing to drink liquor and those who did not were considered 'cranks.' Wine was on every table, it is not so today. The Canada Temperance Act, according to the executive council's own statement, a stringent prohibitory law, is in force in nine counties of the province and is proof in itself that the temperance cause is not in the same position as it was in 1855. "At the plebiscite on the liquor question taken by the dominion government in 1898 a large majority of the voters decided for prohibition. In the city of St. John, a seaport town, where it is always a hard matter to regulate the sale and drinking of liquor, the votes cast in favor of prohibition were almost double of those against. The vote on the Manitoba referendum is cited by the government to show that the voters of New Brunswick to show that the voters of New Brunswick were in favor of prohibition even if the vote in 1898 apparently called for it. The premier and members of his executive council must know the reason of the defeat of the referendum in Manitoba. The voters of Manitoba were put in power on the referendum question and for the purpose of passing a prohibitory law. The law was framed and passed and when it was found at the highest court of appeal that the province was within its rights in passing such legislation instead of putting the law to a referendum, the province was refused to refer to the people. This was unnecessary, but had the temperance advocates been given a fair fight there is no doubt as to the side on which the majority would have been. "As it was, however, the referendum was loaded down with such objectionable features that the prohibition societies refused to accept it and would and did not vote on the question. This applies more particularly to the cities, as the country districts were not so much under the guidance of the alliance and in the country localities the electors voted on principle. "The people of Manitoba, we feel since the referendum has been passed and since the dominion plebiscite in 1898 and if given half a show would prove it."

C. P. R. MACHINISTS GET RAISE.

Will Increase Pay of These Employees on the Atlantic Division to 21 Cents an Hour—Superintendent Osborne Took Part in Conference at Montreal.

Montreal, May 9.—(Special).—The machinists on the C. P. R. east of Fort Williams were today granted an increase of wages averaging about 10 per cent. The Dominion division, says the Sydney (C. B.) Record, is meeting with much success in developing those areas. Two drill holes have been sunk and a seam has been struck at a depth of 170 feet. A slope near the Mira road 2 1/2 miles from Sydney is also being pumped out. The seam is said to increase in thickness as it dips and the coal is of a very fine quality. Necessary machinery is now being secured and the coal will soon be placed on the market.

TEN PER CENT. GRANTED BY THE COMPANY YESTERDAY.

Ontario and eastern division, 20 to 22 cents. Atlantic division, 17 1/2 to 21 cents. Five hundred men are benefited by the increase. The Atlantic division was represented by W. D. Graham and J. B. Johnson on the committee who reached the agreement here today, with Superintendent Spencer, Zimmerman and Osborne.

Developing Coal Area at Caribou Marsh.

The American company which has bonded from local parties the coal areas at Caribou Marsh, says the Sydney (C. B.) Record, is meeting with much success in developing those areas. Two drill holes have been sunk and a seam has been struck at a depth of 170 feet. A slope near the Mira road 2 1/2 miles from Sydney is also being pumped out. The seam is said to increase in thickness as it dips and the coal is of a very fine quality. Necessary machinery is now being secured and the coal will soon be placed on the market.

MARKET REPORTS.

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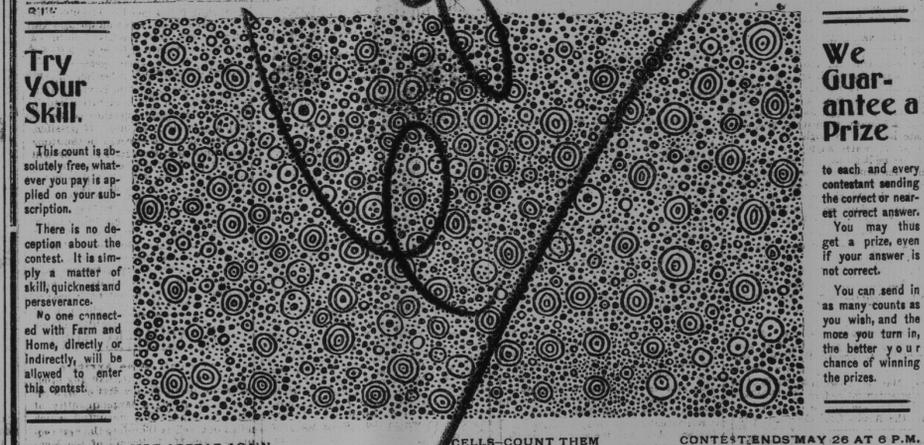
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WILL ENDEAVOR IF POSSIBLE TO GET PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT FOR CANADA. (Continued from page 1.) If they were so disposed, and it would be desired. The premier of New Zealand intended to bring it up, and the premier of Australia was taking very much the same view as Canada, while the (Laurier) was there, ready to discuss that question, he was free to say that it would not be discussed with any usefulness.

THE CANADIAN FARM AND HOME

Has a larger circulation than any other agricultural paper in the provinces. To create still greater interest and extend this most valuable paper into every home we offer you a golden opportunity to win a part of the \$25,000 in Gold and Valuable Prizes to be Given Away.

Here is a chance to win a big slice of \$1,000 in gold, or some of the thousands of other prizes to be given away free to the persons who count correctly, or nearly correctly, the number of cells in the accompanying diagram. The exact number can be counted by a little care, determination and time. If you count the cells correctly, you share in the distribution of the \$25,000 in prizes which are freely and cheerfully given away.



Thousands of Additional Prizes of an Aggregate Value of \$25,000. The space at hand will not permit of giving the full list, which includes in the first 250 prizes 50 scholarships for women in the New England Correspondence School of Cookery, 50 gentlemen's watches and others of large merit.

Try Your Skill. This count is absolutely free, whatever you pay, whatever you win. There is no deception about the contest. It is simply a matter of skill, quickness and perseverance. No one connected with Farm and Home, directly or indirectly, will be allowed to enter this contest.

50 Cents Pays for One Year's Subscription, and Entitles You to One Count. \$1.00 Pays for Three Years' Subscription, and Entitles You to Three Counts, and so on.

CANADIAN FARM AND HOME, MONTREAL, CANADA.

Around the Town.

There is one family in town that has scarcely recovered from the effects of moving, and has decided to put up with the shape of a house rather than risk a move next year. My last had been a trying day and the family in question found itself in the abode at the close of the day with a great deal of furniture, together in a dirty, rain-soaked pile. The beds were wet and the bedclothes bedraggled and mud bespattered.

PUL-MO-CURE advertisement for a cough remedy, including a testimonial and a list of distributors.

FREE! LADIES and GENTLEMEN advertisement for Penn Royal Tea, featuring a portrait of a woman and text about the tea's quality.

OBITUARY.

James Harper, Jacksonville. Woodstock, N. B., May 9.—(Special)—One of the oldest and most thrifty farmers in the county, James Harper, passed away yesterday at his home in Jacksonville in the 83rd year of his age.

John J. Fox. The sudden death of John J. Fox occurred at his home, 44 Queen street, Thursday evening. He was about to leave for his shop when he was taken with a hemorrhage and died a few minutes afterwards. He leaves a mother, father, son and daughter.

Annie Arnold, Sussex. Sussex, N. B., May 9.—The death of Annie G. M., daughter of Wm. Arnold, of Waterford, occurred on the 9th inst. She was aged seven years and six months. The funeral will be Sunday at 9 o'clock a. m.

Mrs. William McMahon. The death occurred Friday at French Village, Kings county, of Mrs. Mary Jane McMahon, wife of William McMahon. Deceased was 22 years of age and is survived by her husband and four children. Her illness was of comparatively short duration, she having suffered only since last Friday with pneumonia and was not thought seriously ill until yesterday morning. She was the daughter of James Henderson, of Rothbury.

David McAlpine. The death occurred early Sunday morning of David McAlpine. The deceased was born in this city in 1823 and has resided here his whole life. He was for many years engaged in the directory business which has been continued by his sons. He retired from business 12 years ago. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary McAlpine, and three children, Charles D., H. M. and Dr. L. A., and one daughter, Mrs. Charles A. Clark.

Rev. Principal Grant. Rev. Principal Grant, of Queens University, died at Kingston (N. S.) Saturday. Deceased was a representative Canadian and was born at Pictou Academy and Glasgow University, after which he became a laborer in mission matters. He was a member of the Presbyterian church at Georgetown (P. E. I.) and later at St. Matthew's church, Halifax. When Senator Fleming, his friend and parishioner, began his survey for the C. P. R., Doctor Grant accompanied him for a much needed rest. As a result the public was given the book "From Ocean to Ocean" which is a graphic account of a canoe trip through "the great lone land." In 1877 Doctor Grant was called from his pastorate at Halifax to take up the duties of principal of Queens University, Kingston. Deceased was an enthusiastic supporter of confederation and in later years he strongly advocated imperial federation. He was known all over Canada as a powerful preacher, an interesting lecturer and keen critic of public affairs, and his death will be sincerely regretted.

Hon. F. D. M. Dechene. Quebec, May 10.—Hon. F. D. M. Dechene, minister of agriculture in the DeLo government, died this morning. He had been ill only a few days, having suffered a hemorrhage and complications followed which mystified the physicians. Mr. Dechene's brother, Senator Dechene, was buried last Monday.

John E. Perks, Formerly of Fredericton. Fredericton, May 10.—(Special)—A telegram from Houlton says: John E. Perks, formerly of Fredericton, died this morning. He had been ill some time, but was around till yesterday. Deceased was formerly a well known and respected citizen of Fredericton and for some years was warden of the black rod in the legislative council. He is survived by one son and one daughter, the latter living at Houlton and unmarried.

Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton, Fredericton. Fredericton, May 10.—The death occurred last night of Mrs. Rebecca Hamilton. She was in the 71st year of her age and was the widow of Hugh Hamilton, of this city. She leaves two adopted daughters, Mrs. Ernest Parke, of Lower St. Mary's, and Miss Marie Hamilton, at home.

Mrs. William Magee, Marguerville. Fredericton, May 10.—Mrs. William Magee, of Marguerville, died on Friday afternoon from the general debilities of old age, she being 80 years old. A sorrowing husband, one son, Wm. R., of Marguerville, and two daughters, Misses Mary and Annie, both residing at home, survive. Two brothers also survive, Messrs. Robt. Cochran, of Moncton, and Hugh Cochran, of New York. Major J. H. Melville, of St. John, is a nephew.

James Findlay, Halifax. Halifax, N. S., May 11.—(Special)—The death occurred Saturday of James Findlay, grocer for 49 years. He leaves a widow and family.

Hon. R. M. Wells. Toronto, May 11.—(Special)—Hon. R. M. Wells, K. C., of Wells & McMurphy, solicitors of the Canadian Pacific, died tonight. He was speaker of the Ontario legislature from 1873 to 1880, sat in the commons 1882 to 1887, representing East Bruce.

BIRTHS.

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Watters—At Malden (Mass.), May 12, Mrs. Malvina W. Watters, wife of the late Hon. Charles Watters, Judge of the County Court, St. John.

Woodstock, N. B., May 12.—(Special)—The community was shocked yesterday afternoon when the announcement was made of the death of Mrs. Wm. R. Snow. Deceased had been apparently in good health. Her death was caused by neuralgia of the heart. She leaves a husband, two brothers and two sisters, the latter residing in California. Deceased, whose maiden name was Caroline Dawson, was a native of St. Andrews, but had resided in this town for 30 years, where every one who knew her was her friend and the sympathy of the community is extended to the bereaved husband.

Mrs. Malvina Watters. The death is reported from Malden (Mass.) of Mrs. Malvina W. Watters, widow of Hon. Charles Watters, for many years judge in the county court in this city. Mrs. Watters was a daughter of the late Major Priestly, and was born at Marguerville (N. B.) She was an esteemed resident of St. John for many years. After the death of her husband she moved to the United States with her family. Five sons and three daughters survive her.

Madame O'Reilly, Sacred Heart Convent. Halifax, May 12.—(Special)—The death occurred at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Saturday night of Madame Mary O'Reilly, at the age of 77 years. She was a native of Montreal, and was one of the oldest members of the order. Her funeral took place this morning, the interment being at the cemetery of the Holy Cross.

Funeral of Mrs. Forester. Fredericton, May 10.—The body of the late Mrs. Forester was brought here from Toronto today accompanied by her deceased husband and F. Shanley. Postmaster Hilyard met the casket at Fredericton Junction. The body was conveyed to the residence of Postmaster Hilyard and Hilyard, from where the funeral took place at 3.30. The service was held, Deau Partridge and Canon Roberts officiating, and the choir rendering appropriate music. The obsequies were very largely attended. The pall bearers were Lieut. Colonel Dunbar, Lieut. Colonel Jaggie, Lieut. Colonel McDougall, Surgeon Major Bridges, Captain Lister and Captain Forbes. The floral tributes were among the most beautiful ever seen here and a large number of people came to carry them. Henry Hilyard, of St. John, was among the mourners.

Shipping Notes. Barque Laura has been chartered, St. John to Belfast, deals, at 27 and 6.

Norwegian barque Laga, 1,234 tons, has been chartered by S. Fieding, 159 tons, has been chartered at Philadelphia for Bridgewater (N. S.) on private terms.

The new Battle line steamer Trebla, Lockhart, sailed from Greenock yesterday at 4 p. m. for this port, to load deals for the C. E. England.

Washington, D. C., May 7.—Notice is given by the lighthouse board that on or about May 29, 1902, light vessel No. 73 will be withdrawn from her station, about three miles off the southeast of Massachusetts, about 1/4 mile NNE of Pollock Rip. She will be replaced by the Pollock Rip light vessel No. 58 which will show a fixed red light, and a fixed white reflector light, 25 feet above sea level, on the foremast, and a 12-inch steam whistle with the same characteristics as that on light vessel No. 73, by silent intervals 12 seconds. Helix light vessel No. 63 is a flush deck steam vessel, has two masts, schooner rig, and is equipped with black smokestack, abeam, and the steam whistle between the masts, and differs from light vessel No. 73 in having all visible parts from the bow to the mainmast aft, painted red; all visible parts from the stern to the mainmast, including the middle third of each lantern mast, white. The day marks at the mastheads have three vertical stripes of equal width, two red and one white, and on the springing, midway between white and on the top, there is an oval hoop iron day mark with two red and one white vertical stripes. The number 63 is in white on each side of each quarter and in black on each side of the springing dark mark. The word "Helix" in large black letters, is painted on the hull, and the number 63 is painted on the bows. Light vessel No. 73 will be returned to her station as soon as repairs have been completed, of which due notice will be given, and relief light vessel No. 58 will then be withdrawn.

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Mrs. Malvina Watters. The death is reported from Malden (Mass.) of Mrs. Malvina W. Watters, widow of Hon. Charles Watters, for many years judge in the county court in this city. Mrs. Watters was a daughter of the late Major Priestly, and was born at Marguerville (N. B.) She was an esteemed resident of St. John for many years. After the death of her husband she moved to the United States with her family. Five sons and three daughters survive her.

Madame O'Reilly, Sacred Heart Convent. Halifax, May 12.—(Special)—The death occurred at the Convent of the Sacred Heart Saturday night of Madame Mary O'Reilly, at the age of 77 years. She was a native of Montreal, and was one of the oldest members of the order. Her funeral took place this morning, the interment being at the cemetery of the Holy Cross.

Funeral of Mrs. Forester. Fredericton, May 10.—The body of the late Mrs. Forester was brought here from Toronto today accompanied by her deceased husband and F. Shanley. Postmaster Hilyard met the casket at Fredericton Junction. The body was conveyed to the residence of Postmaster Hilyard and Hilyard, from where the funeral took place at 3.30. The service was held, Deau Partridge and Canon Roberts officiating, and the choir rendering appropriate music. The obsequies were very largely attended. The pall bearers were Lieut. Colonel Dunbar, Lieut. Colonel Jaggie, Lieut. Colonel McDougall, Surgeon Major Bridges, Captain Lister and Captain Forbes. The floral tributes were among the most beautiful ever seen here and a large number of people came to carry them. Henry Hilyard, of St. John, was among the mourners.

Shipping Notes. Barque Laura has been chartered, St. John to Belfast, deals, at 27 and 6.

Norwegian barque Laga, 1,234 tons, has been chartered by S. Fieding, 159 tons, has been chartered at Philadelphia for Bridgewater (N. S.) on private terms.

The new Battle line steamer Trebla, Lockhart, sailed from Greenock yesterday at 4 p. m. for this port, to load deals for the C. E. England.

Washington, D. C., May 7.—Notice is given by the lighthouse board that on or about May 29, 1902, light vessel No. 73 will be withdrawn from her station, about three miles off the southeast of Massachusetts, about 1/4 mile NNE of Pollock Rip. She will be replaced by the Pollock Rip light vessel No. 58 which will show a fixed red light, and a fixed white reflector light, 25 feet above sea level, on the foremast, and a 12-inch steam whistle with the same characteristics as that on light vessel No. 73, by silent intervals 12 seconds. Helix light vessel No. 63 is a flush deck steam vessel, has two masts, schooner rig, and is equipped with black smokestack, abeam, and the steam whistle between the masts, and differs from light vessel No. 73 in having all visible parts from the bow to the mainmast aft, painted red; all visible parts from the stern to the mainmast, including the middle third of each lantern mast, white. The day marks at the mastheads have three vertical stripes of equal width, two red and one white, and on the springing, midway between white and on the top, there is an oval hoop iron day mark with two red and one white vertical stripes. The number 63 is in white on each side of each quarter and in black on each side of the springing dark mark. The word "Helix" in large black letters, is painted on the hull, and the number 63 is painted on the bows. Light vessel No. 73 will be returned to her station as soon as repairs have been completed, of which due notice will be given, and relief light vessel No. 58 will then be withdrawn.

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