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## VIOLENT COMBATS ON LAND AND IN AIR MARK OPERATIONS ON WESTERN FRONT

### WHILE BIG GUNS ROAR INFANTRY ENGAGED IN FIERCE HAND-TO- HAND STRUGGLES WITH EACH SIDE WINNING SLIGHT ADVAN- TAGES ONLY TO LOSE THEM SOON AFTER.

### Seventeen Battles in Single Day Above The British Line.

The whole western fighting front is the scene of heavy engagements. At some points the big guns have been roaring incessantly for days; the infantry have been engaged in hand-to-hand struggles; grenade fighting and mining operations have played a prominent part in the battles, while airmen have fought each other above the lines, and have been cannonaded from below by the anti-aircraft guns.

The Germans have captured an additional half mile of French trenches around Tahure, in the Champagne district, and their artillery bombardments in the neighborhood of Massiges and Navarin have been answered in kind by the French.

To the north of Soissons, around Tery and along the River Aisne, the Germans started an infantry attack, but the French put it down with their guns and rifles. To the south of the Somme the Germans endeavored to surround outpost trenches, but defeated under heavy fire of the French.

In Upper Alsace the Germans turned loose their guns on trenches which the French had re-captured from them, but the French, during the night, had evacuated them, and the shelling did other damage than to shatter the placements.

### Seventeen Battles in Air.

Seventeen fights in the air is the record of Sunday, reported officially by the British along their lines in Flanders. In addition there has been great activity south of La Bassée Canal, where the Germans exploded seven mines. Heavy bombardments and an infantry attack in that section are also reported, the Germans succeeding in entering a British trench. They were driven out almost immediately.

In Albania, the Arzer river which runs westward across Central Albania and empties into the Bay of Durazzo, has been reached by the Austro-Hungarian vanguards, according to Vienna. The Bulgarians have occupied Elbasan, an important town in Central Albania.

There have been no important events on the eastern front, but the Russians in the Caucasus have occupied one of the Erzerum forts, and have taken large numbers of Turkish prisoners. Seven Turkish batteries on the Trebizond coast of the Black Sea have been silenced by the Russian warships.

King Ferdinand of Bulgaria, Vienna reports, has arrived there to visit Emperor Franz Joseph. This would seem to set at naught recent unofficial reports that Bulgaria had asked the Entente Allies for a separate peace.

Another British cruiser has met disaster. The Arcthusa, noted for her fighting qualities, struck a mine and is believed to have been totally wrecked. Ten men lost their lives.

### French Report

Paris, Feb. 14.—Today's official report says: "To the south of the River Somme an attack by our troops, made yesterday against the works held by the Germans south of the River Priise, resulted in our occupying certain sections of trenches. A counter-attack delivered by the enemy was checked by our fire. One German company was surrounded by our troops, and decimated. The captain and seventy survivors surrendered. The total number of prisoners at present in our hands is about 100. Several machine guns were also captured by us. According to the word of prisoners, and judging also from the number of German dead on the field of battle, the losses of the enemy at this point were considerable.

"In the Champagne district, during an attack delivered yesterday by the enemy at a point to the east of the highway between Tahure and Somme-Fr, we were successful in exploding three mines which had been laid previously under advance trenches to which the Germans had penetrated. Our German efforts to continue on to supporting trenches resulted in complete failure. In spite of the serious losses caused by the explosion of our mines, as well as by our artillery fire, the enemy maintained his positions in these advanced trenches.

"In Upper Alsace yesterday evening there was further action on the part of the enemy infantry at a point to the east of Seppois, which, proceeded

### ALL APPEALS MUST BEAR GOV'T RECOGNITION

### Public Put on Guard Against Subscribing to Fakirs Using Belgian Fund as Pretext to Raise Money.

London, Feb. 14, 6:54 p. m.—It is officially announced that in order to obtain better co-ordination of appeals in behalf of the Belgians and to prevent waste of public generosity, efforts and the mis-application of funds obtained in response to such appeals, the Belgian and British governments have decided to make arrangements giving official recognition only to appeals approved by the two governments.

Official recognition will be given in the form of a certificate issued by the local government board. This certificate will be issued only after the Belgian government has been consulted. The public therefore are advised not to subscribe to appeals in behalf of the Belgians not bearing the official certificate.

### WIFE DESERTER ARRESTED AT HARTLAND

### Left Family in Sussex, and Changed Name—Made Himself Conspicuous in All Church Activities.

Hartland, N. B., Feb. 14.—There was a mild sensation here on Saturday afternoon when Officer A. R. Foster, acting for Constable Asbell of Sussex, arrested a man calling himself Little, for wife desertion and adultery. Asbell took him to Sussex by the evening express.

The prisoner had been masquerading here since last summer under the name of Little, boarding in different places with a young woman from Woodstock as man and wife. It developed that his real name was Eigar, and that he had left a wife and child in Sussex in destitute circumstances and it was only recently that his whereabouts became known and Constable Asbell was sent after him. He had been working for Supt. Jackson on the repairs to the bridge and was captured underneath the structure on the ice. What is to become of his so-called wife is not known. Eigar, or Little, posed as a very devout Christian while here and was quite prominent as a leader of prayer meetings in the Reform Baptist Church.

A violent artillery bombardment, resulted in the Germans securing possession of about 200 metres of trenches, but an immediate counter-attack on our part brought back to our hands the greater portion of these positions. "Artillery fighting of great violence continues in this region."

### ROLL OF HONOR.

+ J. L. King, Saint John.  
+ Samuel Brophy, Saint John.  
+ L. Good, Saint John.

### ANOTHER OF THE ERZERUM FORTS TAKEN BY RUSSIANS

### INFANTRY OCCUPY ENEMY POSITION AFTER ARTILLERY HAD CLEARED WAY—ENEMY USES ASPHYXIATING GAS BOMBS BUT FAILS TO CHECK THE RUSSIAN ON- SLAUGHT.

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 14.—The following official communication was issued today:

"On the western (Russian) front the lively reciprocal fire continues. Between Oil and Dalsen Island, our observations show that our fire has been effective. Near Drvinsk the enemy has employed asphyxiating gas bombs.

"Caucasus front: After an explosion, caused the day before by our artillery in one of the Erzerum forts, we captured the fort. Pursuing the Turks our troops again captured numerous prisoners, six guns and a large quantity of munitions."

Loss of French Cruiser Confirmed.

Paris, Feb. 14.—Reports of the loss of the French cruiser Amiral Charner which was reported to have been sunk by a submarine while patrolling the Syrian coast, were confirmed today.

According to information received at the French ministry of marine a raft bearing on five sailor and the bodies of fourteen of his companions has been picked up off the coast of Syria.

An official statement given out by the French ministry of marine yesterday said that no news had been received from the cruiser Amiral Charner since Feb. 8, when, according to a German telegram, a submarine had sunk "a French warship."

Bulgarian King in Vienna.

Amsterdam, via London, Feb. 14.—A despatch received here from Vienna says King Ferdinand of Bulgaria has arrived there. He was received at the station by the Archduke Charles Francis Joseph, heir-apparent to the throne.

### GERMAN CONSUL APPEARS IN 'FRISCO COURT

### On Charge of Conspiracy Against Canada—Court Awaits Another Indictment Against Him.

San Francisco, Feb. 14.—Franz Dopp, local Consul-General for Germany, appeared in federal district court today to be arraigned on a charge of conspiracy to set on foot a military expedition against Canada. The government officials announced they were awaiting the appearance of another indictment against him, so no action was taken.

Baron E. H. Von Shack, vice-consul general, and Baron George Wilhelm Von Brinken, consular attaché, indicted on a similar charge, also were not arraigned.

### MAIL TAKEN OFF DUTCH LINER AT FALMOUTH

### Was for South America—Dutch Mail Aboard Holland-American Liner Also Seized.

New York, Feb. 14.—The Holland-American line freighter Zandijk, from Rotterdam, reported on her arrival here today that she had been taken into The Downs by a British patrol boat and that all but two of the 145 bags of Dutch mail which she carried were removed and not returned.

London, Feb. 14.—A Reuter despatch from The Hague says the South American mail on board the Dutch steamer Geirra, which sailed from Amsterdam Feb. 2 for Buenos Aires, has been detained at Falmouth.

### SECRETARY OF ITALIAN EMBASSY SUICIDES

### NOTES FOR WOMEN IN SASKATCHEWAN

Regina, Sask., Feb. 14.—Premier Scott told a deputation of women today that the time had arrived for granting the vote to women and the government would introduce the necessary legislation.

### OFFER REPLICATION OF MACE LOST IN PARLIAMENT FIRE

### Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London Make the Offer.

### FREE WHEAT SUBJECT OF DEBATE YESTERDAY.

British Government, Since August, Has Been Purchasing Horses Needed for British and Canadian Armies.

Ottawa, Feb. 14, via leased wire.—At the opening of the house Sir Wilfrid Laurier asked whether the government had any information in regard to the Calgary soldiers' riots, but was informed by Sir Robert Borden that no full report had been received, as yet.

Hon. Charles Macell asked whether the government was taking any measures to control enlisted men in districts where liquor was served. He stated he had been informed that some twenty-five soldiers had caused a disturbance in Campbellton, N. B., somewhat similar to that in Calgary.

He was informed by the Prime Minister that he was not aware that the disorders at Calgary had been due to liquor.

Sir Robert Borden then read to the house a cablegram forwarded by Sir George Perley on behalf of the Lord Mayor and Sheriffs of London that agreement had yet been reached to offer an exact replica of the Commons mace in the parliament building fire.

In answer to Hon. George P. Graham, the Prime Minister said that no agreement had yet been reached between the federal government and the Ontario government with regard to the transfer to the province of any federal rights in water powers situated in the Trent Canal, now controlled by the Dominion. Pending the conclusion of some agreement, Sir Robert said that he could not give any details as to what would be done.

Mr. Parlee and Mr. E. M. Macdonald asked for information as to shell contracts in the specific cases of the Inverhulme Steel and Iron Products Company, and the Nova Scotia Steel Company.

The Prime Minister said that the government had nothing to do with the letting of shell contracts, and that information should be sought direct from the Munitions Board.

Valley Railway.

In reply to Mr. Carvell, the minister of railways said that no new agreement had been entered into with the Province of New Brunswick in regard to a joint arrangement for the operation of the Valley Railway. The arrangement which existed up to the beginning of the present year, where by New Brunswick received forty per cent of the gross earnings, and the Intercolonial sixty per cent, as compensation for operating the road, had been terminated on the ground of "non-completion of the provincial road." Negotiations are still on for a new agreement.

In reply to Mr. Sinclair, Mr. Cochrane said that the government did not intend, during the present year, to begin the construction of the Intercolonial branch line in Guysboro county. The minister also declared that there was no intention of establishing a fund by which old and incapacitated employes of government railways who do not come under the Provident fund, could be provided for.

In reply to Mr. E. D. McKenzie, Mr. Cochrane said that the cables from Magdalen Island and St. Paul's Island would likely be repaired this coming spring. Attempts had been made to repair the cables in December, but gales had prevented going on with the work.

Government Stopped Buying Army Horses in August

According to an answer given by the Prime Minister in the Commons this afternoon to Mr. Hughes, of Ouse, the Canadian government stopped, in August last, buying horses for military purposes. An arrangement was then entered into with the British government whereby the latter bought all the horses necessary both for British and Canadian purposes. Sir Robert said that the French government was also stopped.

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### CRUISER ARETHUSA WILL LIKELY BE TOTAL WRECK

### Ten Lives Lost When She Hit Mine—Has Had Brief but Exciting Career—Only 24 Hours Out of Builders' Hands When She Took Part in Fight Off Heligoland August, 1914—One of Her Torpedoes Which Sank German Cruiser Bleucher in North Sea Fight a Year Ago.

### HOW CANADA IS HELPING BEAR WAR BURDEN

### Details of War Expenditure for First Eight Months of Struggle Show Total Cost as \$60,000,000.

(Canadian Press).

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Details of Canada's war expenditure for the first eight months of the war, aggregating \$60,000,000, were given to parliament today in a fourth volume of the Auditor-General's report for the last fiscal year. The more interesting items and alleged irregularities have already been made public through the medium of the Special War Purchases Investigating Committee of parliament, and of Sir Charles Davidson, the Auditor-General and the militia department, contained in the present volume, deals for the most part, with the cases which have already been publicly investigated, and throws little new light on what is generally known.

Some of the details of expenditure are of special interest: During the eight months the government spent \$57,174 for special police for the Ottawa government buildings and public buildings generally. The Royal Detective Service, with scores of operatives working for the Militia and Justice Departments, looking after spies and suspicious characters, generally, cost nearly \$28,000. Intendant operations cost nearly a quarter of a million. Special trains for ministers on war service cost over \$10,000. The C. P. R. drew over one million dollars for transporting troops. The Ross Rifle Company got \$933,000 for rifles, etc. up to March 31st last. The total number of new rifles supplied, up to that time, was given as 14,000. The cost of Yanketier Camp, including pay and maintenance of the 35,000 soldiers who were there during September and October, was \$2,179,000.

The Naval Service Expenditures charged up to war account, totalled \$3,096,125, including \$406,000 for the Niobe; 206,000 for the submarine Rainbow; \$1,234,000 for the submarine Haida; and \$477,000 for Royal Canadian naval volunteer reserves, and coast defence on the Atlantic.

The Trade and Commerce Department spent \$3,003,000 for Canada's gift of four to the Motherland.

### NEW BRUNSWICK MAN APPOINTED

### VISCOUNT FRENCH IN CHARGE OF AIR DEFENCES

London, Feb. 15, 2:05 a. m.—It seems that the government has no intention of yielding to the agitation in favor of creating an aviation ministry charged with the defense of the country against air attacks. It is stated that the government, instead, has decided to institute a great air defense department, with headquarters at Whitehall under Field Marshal Viscount French, who will be solely responsible for air defense. It is expected that either Premier Asquith, or A. J. Balfour, first lord of the Admiralty, will explain the proposed plans to parliament today or tomorrow.

Field Marshal French will have command of all the aircraft, artillery and defensive aircraft, except the water-planes, which will continue under Admiralty control, their business being to deal with enemy warships.

# 3 MARITIME PROVINCE MEN IN LIST

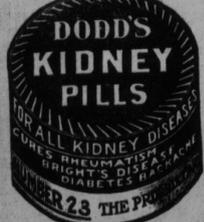
## ALLAN LINED SICILIAN HERE DELAYED BY ROUGH WEATHER

Big liner docked last night five days overdue—Brought 200 passengers, including many soldiers

The Allan Line royal mail steamer Sicilian docked at 8.30 last night, five days overdue on account of the rough weather she met on the way over. Some idea of the weather she encountered may be gathered from the fact that the guard had to be kept on the dining tables all the way across. On one day she only made 43 miles as the day's run. She brought a large mail and about two hundred passengers of whom about eighty were returning soldiers. Five of these were Maritime Province men and one was from Saint John. Private Fred Robichaud. These men did not embark last night but will land at 9 o'clock this morning. The western men will go to Quebec and the Maritime men will be examined here before being sent to their homes.

Among the passengers on the Sicilian was Private C. Thomas of Winnipeg. Private Thomas was a member of the 6th Battalion, 12th Brigade, and saw much of the first fighting in Flanders. He was wounded at Ypres and has been in hospital ever since. When asked about his experience he would say very little but he was very emphatic in saying that the Canadians were the best troops that ever faced an enemy. The work they had done in Europe would be remembered as long as the world lasted. The names of the returned soldiers are as follows:

Major C. J. Ingram, officer in charge; Lieut. G. E. Reid, assistant officer in charge; Major Goldsmith, medical officer; Capt. J. L. Dussault, Capt. J. G. Gray, Capt. G. H. Musgrave, Lieut. O. A. Hoston, Pte. H. Kieunan, Lance Corp. L. H. Briggs, Ptes. Q. Carrol, H. Doughty, Parker Deal, L. E. Timberlake, A. Kerr; Sergt. H. Baird, Ptes. J. W. Adams, J. J. Haycock, A. Prouse, J. A. Browning, W. O. Ellis, William Love, J. Lynn, J. Robson, Lance Corp. R. C. Coutler, Ptes. J. W. Davidson, W. Gardiner, E. J. Kelley, E. McNeill, F. Robichaud, C. Thomas, D. Young, Corp. A. R. Goucher, Ptes. G. Desjardes, E. Geoffrin, T. Richards, C. G. Sergeant, Major P. Blacker, Ptes. J. Boulter, M. Antoine, E. G. Clark, H. M. Godard, J. Thomson, W. Ashford, W. J. Laidlaw, J. Mossman, Tebut, G. Campbell, E. B. Mayne, A. Sergt. H. A. Beck, Pte. E. Clarke, Driver T. A. D. Hall, Pte. W. M. Snow, Sergt. Blackie, Sergt. Major C. Campbell, Vet. Surgeon Lieut. F. J. Delaine, Lance Corp. A. J. Galishaw, Lieut. L. R. Gardiner, Major A. V. Hill, Sergt. McKenize, Staff-Surgeon J. O. Hea, Lieut. J. H. Punnett, Lieut. Reid, Vet. Surgeon Lieut. A. Selin, Lieut. W. G. Thomas. The following are medical students returning to complete their studies: Driver W. Forean, Sergt. F. W. Leech, Corp. J. W. Reddick, Corp. J. W. McKenzie, Bombardier C. A. Wells, Bombardier T. Blayney, Gunner A. E. McKenzie, Ptes. C. A. Rae, J. W. Thomas, W. M. Wrist, F. R. Smith, H. J. Irvine, S. V. Scott, Lance Corp. W. T. Scott, Lance Corp. W. B. Barnes, Corp. N. W. Furey. The body of Lieut. Col. H. B. Yates, of Montreal, was on board. The following were the cabin passengers:



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## TWO NEW BRUNSWICK MEN WOUNDED

Ottawa, Feb. 15.—The casualty list issued at midnight by the Militia Department contains the names of three Maritime Province men, of whom one is a member of the Twenty-Sixth Battalion, while the other two are New Brunswickers. They are: Stephen Peterson, Milltown, N. B., 10th Battalion; Guy R. McLay, Moore's Mills, N. B., 26th Battalion; George Sharpe, Maccan, N. S., 25th Battalion, among the wounded.

## OFFER REPLICA OF MACE LOST IN PARLIAMENT FIRE FOR THE WEEK

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having horses in Canada for war purposes, and that representations had been made both to the British and French governments as to the number available in Canada for remount purposes. The Minister of Customs told Mr. Hughes that during the last months of last year the total amount of duty collected on "jewelry, not otherwise provided for," including diamond or pearl necklaces, was \$175,820. Hon. Dr. Reid said that it was against the practice of the department to give specific details as to the entries for the expensive articles of jewelry inquired about by Mr. Hughes.

**Free Wheat.**  
Parliament turned its attention shortly before eleven o'clock to the subject of free wheat. Mr. J. G. Turfitt availed himself of the order of private members' motions to submit a resolution declaring that "in the opinion of this House, in order to secure to the farmers and people of Canada the advantages of the American market for wheat, wheat products and potatoes, steps should be taken at once to put these articles on the free list in the Canadian tariff."

Mr. Turfitt pointed out that ten months of the year farmers in his constituency could take wheat across the line, if it were not for the duty, and receive ten to fifteen cents per bushel more than they get under present conditions. "Why," he asked, "when wheat enters in this country be crushed in the mill?"  
Wheat was higher in the United States, yet four more cents. The American miller paid more for his wheat and sold his product cheaper. Why should the interests of a few big milling concerns outweigh the interests of the farmers with this government? Mr. Turfitt reminded the government that the new parliament would contain sixteen additional members from the prairie provinces, every one of whom would come to join the ranks of wheat producers of the west. The existing conditions the government was allowing the milling interests to rob both farmers and consumers. The government was always ready to heed the voice of the big interests, but the voice of the farmers had no avail.

Mr. Turfitt estimated that the closed United States market had caused a loss of ten million dollars to the wheat producers of wheat this season, while the excessive trans-Atlantic freight rates had cost many millions more. Referring to the shipments of cattle to the United States, under the Wilson tariff, Mr. Turfitt stated that no one would say the farmers were less loyal because they were now selling their live stock in Buffalo, instead of Liverpool. Yet that was the argument advanced at the last general election.  
Mr. Turfitt declared that the government was taxing the farmers and consumers all over the country to enable milling concerns to pay large dividends. The debate was adjourned by Mr. Thomas McNutt.

## EVERY THREE MINUTES ONE DIES IN THE U. S.

The Anti-Tuberculosis Society illustrates the frightful toll of consumption by extinguishing a light every three minutes; and shows that it is the man or woman, girl or boy, who neglects colds, whose blood is impure, who feels weak and languid, who is the very one to contract tuberculosis—and none are immune.  
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(Beauty Topics.)  
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afternoon B and C Companies went for a route march. Today A and B Companies will be out all day on a route march.

**A Novelty Shower.**  
A number of the friends of Miss Beattie Burchill tendered her a novelty shower at the home of Mrs. George Swanton last night in honor of a very pleasant coming event. The evening was spent in music and dancing and the gathering broke up about midnight.

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# BULGARIA

## Berlin Says Towns Russian Black Turkish Coast Battle

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 14.—A semi-official day concerning the recent activities of the Russian troops in Bulgaria. "Wednesday and Thursday several vessels Turkish coast batteries near Vitezah, between Constantinople and Trebizond, reducing four Turkish batteries to Turkish sailing ship with a crew of 25 men and "Friday ships which were supporting an off Russian troops, destroyed two stone and four wooden towers.

**BULGARIAS TAKE ANOTHER TOWN**  
Berlin, via wireless to Bayville, Feb. 14.—The enemy today gave out the following for publication: "The Bulgarian headquarters report of Feb. 14, troops on Saturday occupied Elbasan, Albania. In hunting and the troops were very warmly received."

# THE DIVORCE QUESTION UP IN PARLIAMENT

**Mr. Northrup Claims Present Method Too Expensive For Ordinary Persons and Asks for Amendment of Law—Motion Lost.**

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Shortly after the House opened today Mr. W. B. Northrup introduced his resolution that in the opinion of the House the present unsatisfactory divorce procedure, which is prohibitive to the great majority of the people of Canada, should be taken into immediate consideration by the House this session with a view to reform. Mr. Northrup emphasized that he did not propose to broaden the grounds on which divorce should be sought. He urged that the present procedure, however, was unreasonably expensive so as to be practically prohibitive to the majority of Canadians. It was not only unsatisfactory but abominably idiotic that such an important matter as divorce should be carried on by a Senate Committee, as the case today, the only change being that had been made last year having been the addition of four members of the committee on private bills of the Commons to the Senate Divorce Committee. Mr. Northrup thought that parliament, in making only this modification where reform was needed, was not dealing fairly or sincerely with the people of Canada.

The member for East Hastings then went into the history of divorce legislation in England, to show how reforms had been brought about. There were now only two civilized countries which did not allow divorce, and only one other country where the same divorce law as in Canada obtained. From Mr. Northrup asked the House either to contradict him when he asserted the present procedure was unsatisfactory, or to change it. How could Canada ask her young men to go to the front, continue the member for East Hastings, and say to them: "If you are wronged at home and happen to be rich, why, file your petition and get your divorce, but if you are poor why then we can do nothing for you." Let the country either abolish divorce or put it on such ground that poor and rich would have the same rights. Mr. Northrup stated that whereas the Roman Catholic church was opposed to divorce the Greek church was not, and neither was the Anglican church.

Mr. W. F. Carroll interrupted to state that the Roman Catholic church recognized divorce on some grounds, but Mr. Northrup replied that while, though it nullified marriages, for some reasons, it never granted divorces. He went on to quote the figures of divorces cases in New Brunswick, which was one of the four Canadian provinces. Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, where divorce courts now existed. On 115 divorces had been granted there in forty-four years. Mr. Northrup said the divorce procedure at present was "too monstrously absurd to be staged anywhere outside a vaudeville show." It was, for instance, "sublimely ridiculous" that the applicant for a divorce was obliged to advertise for six months in the Canadian Gazette. Even where the applicant pleaded in forma pauperis and certain fees were omitted the cost of bringing witnesses to Ottawa was still prohibitive.

Mr. Northrup referred to what he described as a recent pitiful case in Toronto where an absent soldier had been wronged by a scoundrel who had taken advantage of his absence. The man from Toronto could not apply because he had not the money, whereas another case "the man from Montreal could apply, because he had the money."

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, in reply, stated that even if Mr. Northrup did not propose to extend the grounds of divorce there was no doubt his proposal would tend to create a substantial divorce law in Canada. As the minister of Justice had proposed.

# BULGARS TAKE TOWN OF ELBASSAN IN ALBANIA

## Berlin Says Town Gave Victors Warm Welcome— Russian Black Sea Warships Silence Four of Turkish Coast Batteries and Sink Eight Supply Ships

Petrograd, via London, Feb. 14.—A semi-official statement issued today concerning the recent activities of the Russian Black Sea fleet says: "Wednesday and Thursday several vessels fought successfully with Turkish coast batteries near Vitez, between Capes Leros and Novoriet (Trebizond), reducing four Turkish batteries to silence. They captured a Turkish sailing ship with a crew of 25 men and sank eight supply ships. "Friday ships which were supporting an offensive movement by the Russian troops, destroyed two stone and four wooden bridges."

### BULGARS TAKE ANOTHER TOWN IN ALBANIA.

Berlin, via wireless to Bayville, Feb. 14.—The Overseas News Agency today gave out the following publication: "The Bulgarian headquarters report of Feb. 13 says the Bulgarian troops on Saturday occupied Elbassan, Albania. The town was dressed in bunting and the troops were very warmly received by the population."

## THE DIVORCE QUESTION UP IN PARLIAMENT

### Mr. Northrup Claims Present Method Too Expensive For Ordinary Persons and Asks for Amendment of Law—Motion Lost.

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—(Shortly after the House opened today Mr. W. B. Northrup introduced his resolution that in the opinion of the House the present unsatisfactory divorce procedure, which is prohibitive to the great majority of the people of Canada, should be taken into immediate consideration by the House this session with a view to reform. Mr. Northrup emphasized that he did not propose to broaden the grounds on which divorce should be sought. He urged that the present procedure, however, was unreasonably expensive so as to be practically prohibitive to the majority of Canadians. It was not only unsatisfactory but absolutely idiotic that such an important matter as divorce should be carried on by a Senate Committee, as was the case today, the only change that had been made last year having been the addition of four members of the committee on private bills of the Commons to the Senate Divorce Committee. Mr. Northrup thought that parliament, in making only this modification where reform was needed, was not dealing fairly or sincerely with the people of Canada.

The member for East Hastings then went into the history of divorce legislation in England to show how reforms had been brought about. There were now only two civilized countries which did not allow divorce, and only one other country where the same divorce law as in Canada was maintained. Mr. Northrup asked the House either to contradict him when he asserted the present procedure was unsatisfactory, or to change it. How could Canada ask her young men to go to the front, continued the member for East Hastings, and say to them: "If you are wronged at home and happen to be rich, why, file your petition and get your divorce, but if you are poor, why, then we can do nothing for you." Let the country either abolish divorce or put it on such ground that poor and rich would have the same rights. Mr. Northrup stated that whereas the Roman Catholic church was opposed to divorce, the Greek church was not, and neither was the Anglican church.

Mr. W. F. Carroll interrupted to state that the Roman Catholic church recognized divorce on some grounds, but Mr. Northrup replied that while, though it nullified marriages, for some reasons, it never granted divorces. He went on to quote the figures of divorce cases in Nova Brunswick, which was one of the four Canadian provinces, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and British Columbia, where divorce courts now existed. Only 115 divorces had been granted there in forty-four years. Mr. Northrup said the divorce procedure at present was "too monstrously absurd to be staged anywhere outside a vaudeville show." It was, for instance, "sublimely ridiculous" that the applicant for a divorce was obliged to advertise for six months in the Canadian Gazette. Even where the applicant pleaded in forma pauperis and certain fees were omitted the cost of bringing witnesses to Ottawa was still prohibitive.

Mr. Northrup referred to what he described as a recent pitiful case in Toronto where an absent soldier had been wronged by a second wife who had taken advantage of his absence. The man from Toronto could not apply because he had not the money, whereas in another case "the man from Montreal could apply, because he had the money."

Hon. Mr. Lemieux, in reply, stated that even if Mr. Northrup did not propose to extend the grounds of divorce there was no doubt his proposal would tend to create a substantial divorce law in Canada. As the minister of Jus-

Canadian parliament. The Senate, he asserted, was a court for rich men and he was of the opinion that if divorces were to be granted, all Canadians should enjoy equal rights. Mr. Doherty replied that prior to the establishment of divorce courts in England there was no law, except that marriage was indissoluble. For this reason a special act of parliament was necessary to dissolve a marriage.

### No Great Demand For Change

There was no pressing demand on the part of a large portion of the population of Canada looking towards action of the kind desired by Mr. Northrup, continued the minister. It must also be remembered that this was a war season. The Minister of Justice said he would be glad if an end were put to divorce for all time, but this parliament could not take such action. Neither did he consider it desirable that this house should pass a resolution reflecting on the Senate by declaring that its procedure in divorce cases was unsatisfactory.

Mr. D. D. MacKenzie, of North Cape Breton, said there was divorce in Canada, so the fact might as well be recognized. He thought that jurisdiction to try divorce cases should be given to the Supreme Courts of the different provinces, or it could be given to the Exchequer Court. He favored the motion.

Mr. Theobald, of South Lunenburg, said that the appointment of a sub-committee of the Commons Private Bills Committee to sit on the Senate Divorce Committee was a step in the right direction. He believed that the authority to try divorce cases should be transferred from parliament to the law courts.

Hon. C. J. Doherty said that Mr. Northrup had made it clear that his motion he did not ask any addition to the grounds upon which divorce was not granted. The motion of the member for East Hastings did not ask for the transference of jurisdiction in divorce cases to the courts, or the creation of any special court. The Minister of Justice read the motion as calling for the substitution of some new procedure for the method now in use. However, much of Mr. Northrup's argument indicated that he favored the substitution of the courts for parliament in the transference of jurisdiction, such courts were established. It would be necessary to provide a substantive law, defining when a man was entitled to a divorce. In Quebec the only legal enactment on the subject was the declaration in the code that marriage was indissoluble, except by death. In face of that declaration, a divorce court would be powerless. In Ontario there was no law on the subject.

Mr. Northrup argued that if parliament empowered the Ontario Supreme Court to try divorce cases, that tribunal would be able to proceed to grant divorces on such grounds as appeared to it proper. Parliament granted divorces in practice only on one ground, but it could grant divorces on other grounds if it saw fit. Mr. Northrup, in concluding the debate, said it was an extraordinary state of affairs when the Minister of Justice, speaking for the government, objected to doing something to remedy what he admitted was wrong because he was afraid of reflecting on the Upper House. The present resolution said nothing about the Senate, or the establishment of divorce courts even, but it opened the way at least to a reform which would obviate the necessity of advertising divorce applications for six months in the Canadian Gazette and of summoning witnesses to Ottawa to find that the Senate Divorce Committee had adjourned for a week. He also thought the criminal code should be amended to stop the disgraceful lobbying which constantly went on, as every member of the House was aware, and in this connection told the tale of a certain woman who, after obtaining her divorce on a close vote, held a levee in front of the Senate and was congratulated by the Senators in turn.

### Motion Lost.

The resolution was then put to the House in the expectation that it would be declared lost, but so many voices shouted "aye" that a vote was taken, the members filing in from the corridors with surprise written on their faces. The resolution was declared lost by only 15 votes, 24 for and 39 against. Those who voted for it on

the government side were: Messrs. Northrup, Morphy, Theobald, Edwards, Nickle, Porter, A. A. MacLean and Morrison. Liberals who supported the resolution were: Messrs. Pugsley, Graham, Bickerdike, Oliver, MacDonald, MacKenzie, Turritt, Carroll, McNutt, Pardo, Buchanan, White of Victoria, Copp, McCraney and Kay.

Those who voted against the resolution were: Mr. Robert Borden, Hon. J. D. Hazen, C. J. Doherty, Frank Cochrane, Arthur Meighan, A. E. Kemp, Dr. Reid, Crothers, Messrs. Gray, Wilcox, Patenaude, MacDonnell, W. H. Bennett, Henderson, Munson, Webster, Sutherland, Green, Shepherd, Nicholson, Stewart, Wright, Semzmitz, Ball, Steel and Messrs. Lemieux, Murphy, E. Lapointe, Porter, MacNeil, Prout, Bolvin, MacMillan, Papiernau, Michaud, Gauthreau, Marcil of Bagot and Deltisle.

## PREMIER ABLE TO ATTEND GOV'T MEETING AT CAPITAL TODAY

### Postponement of Opening of Legislature Will Be Unnecessary as Hon. Mr. Clarke Has Almost Completely Recovered.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Feb. 14.—With the 26th Battery safe to be in Fredericton until after Feb. 24th, the date set for the opening, it is beyond the knowledge of anybody here why the military authorities are planning to dispense with the firing of the customary artillery salute in connection with the ceremonies at the formal opening of the session of the Legislature. It is believed that when the orders were issued cutting out the salute it was expected that the 26th Battery would be away from here before the 24th. Since then it has been definitely settled that the Cape Breton Battery will still be here on the 24th and it would not be surprising if new orders were issued providing for an artillery salute as usual.

Premier Clarke has recovered so rapidly from his recent illness that he will be able to attend the meeting of the Provincial Government which is to open here tomorrow. The Premier pleasantly surprised his friends by his speedy recovery. He has sent word here that he is feeling about as well as ever again and will be here tomorrow for the meeting of the executive council. He also says that it will be unnecessary to postpone the opening of the Legislature on his account and the session will thus be opened on the original date, February 24th.

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## GERMANY WANTS CONTROL OF NICARAGUA CANAL

Washington, Feb. 14.—That Germany had offered Nicaragua a larger sum than the United States for an option on the Nicaragua Canal route was urged in the senate today as an argument for early ratification of the pending treaty.

## PRINCE HENRY TAKES SECOND IN MILE RUN

### Third Son of King George In Annual Race at Eton Shows Himself a Splendid Athlete.

London, Feb. 14.—Prince Henry, third son of King George, ran fourth today in the annual junior mile race at Eton. His time was four minutes, fifty-four seconds. The winner was a young school boy named Rice. The race was a most strenuous one owing to wind and rain.

## 1,700 TORONTO 'VARSITY MEN IN KHARKI

Toronto, Feb. 14.—President Falconer of Toronto University, in his annual report, states that at the end of the academic year last year there were 71 members of the staff and 668 graduates and 484 undergraduates, a total of 1,173 on active service. The total has now risen to 1,700.

## GOL. HOUSE IN LONDON FOR THE WEEK-END

London, Feb. 14.—Colonel E. M. Henson, President Wilson's personal representative, spent the week-end in London, meeting various prominent persons, among whom was at least one cabinet minister.

## YOUNG SOLDIER FROM THE NORTH SHORE DIES AFTER BRIEF ILLNESS

Harcourt, Feb. 13.—The news of the death of Private Gordon Morton of West Branch was heard with the deepest regret on Thursday. The young man had been enjoying a few days at his home and had started on his return to join his unit at Sussex, not feeling well he was persuaded to return home. Pneumonia set in and in a few days he had passed away. He was a son of Mr. John Morton of West Branch. Interment was made on Saturday, service being conducted by Rev. Mr. Cruise. A number of his fellow soldiers were in attendance to show their respect and sympathy for one whom they all loved and who will be sadly missed in their camp life.

## "He is Always Telling Others About Them"

### Brother and Sister Cured by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills—News of Cure Too Good to Keep.

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## FIRST CASE IN P.E.I. UNDER PROHIBITION ACT AMENDMENTS

### Six Months Imprisonment for "Subsequent Offence"—Changes Simplify and Expedite Procedure.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Feb. 14, 9.15 p. m.—The first case tried under new amendments of prohibition act came up today in stipendiary magistrate's court when George Offer was sentenced to six months imprisonment for what is known as subsequent offense. Ever since the act came into force every third offense proved against a man was punishable with six months imprisonment without the option of a fine. Before amendments came into force it was necessary in making out information and summons to set forth in these documents particulars of all previous convictions with dates.

Under the amendments all that is required is to state that it was a "subsequent offence" in cases when the violator had previously been convicted of two previous offenses.

These amendments are intended to simplify and expedite procedure.

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## JUDGE LANDRY LEAVES FOR HOME TOMORROW

Dorchester, N. B., Feb. 14.—The fancy dress carnival in the Dorchester rink this evening was well patronized and a pronounced success. About 200 skaters appeared on the ice, about 100 being in costume. The Dorchester band was in attendance and the judges were Mrs. S. H. Gotson, Nell L. McPherson, Mr. and Mrs. Burton Crossman. The prize winners were: Combination, "The Kaiser and his wife," Miss Mary Oullette, Miss Lucile LeBlanc; ladies' prize, "Neutrality," Miss Alice Landry; gent's prize, "A Hunter Bold," Robt. Sinclair; boys' prize, "The Cabbage Patch," Harry Teed; girls' prize, "A Soldier girl in khaki; enlist now," Miss May Richard.

The carnival will net the directors about \$50.00. Word has been received here that Mr. Justice Landry will leave Baltimore, Maryland, on Wednesday for his home in Dorchester, much improved in health.

## SKIN? ON FIRE!

Those burning, smarting, itching pains which accompany eczema and skin rashes, stop very quickly if you apply Zam-Buk.

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You will find, too, that all itching and digging of the scalp will stop instantly, and your hair will be fluffy, lustrous, glossy, silky and soft, and look and feel a hundred times better. You can get liquid arvon at any drug store. It is inexpensive, and four ounces is all you will need. This simple remedy has never been known to fail.

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"We are fighting for a worthy purpose, and we shall not lay down our arms until that purpose has been fully achieved."—H.M. The King TO THE PEOPLE OF THE EMPIRE—Every fighting unit we can send to the front means one step nearer peace.

### CIVIC FINANCES

The financial statement which the chamberlain and the comptroller were able to present to the city council yesterday is one that should give citizens of St. John more than a little cause for congratulation. As the comptroller properly remarked it is doubtful if any other city in Canada can make an equal showing either in its financial situation or the very satisfactory condition of the various accounts.

Perusal of the accounts in detail will show that the sinking funds have been well maintained in all departments. And with one exception all civic department accounts are provided with this means of ultimately redeeming their bonds. The exception is that of the water debt prior to the union of the cities of St. John and Portland which was provided for by other means.

Some years ago, a policy was devised whereby there were monthly exhibitions of the state of the civic accounts and a rule was made, and rigorously followed, under which no department was permitted to expend in excess of ninety per cent. of its warrant, the other ten per cent. being kept as an allowance for non-collected taxes. That rule marked the commencement of a new system of civic financing.

Greater care was exercised in expenditures and coincident with that, there came a change in the time of preparing estimates so that the assessment year was made to coincide with the calendar year. Estimates were made up in January of each year and the assessment was presented two or three months earlier than had formerly been the case. The effect of this change was that collection of taxes commenced before the balances remaining to the credit of the departments at the end of the year were exhausted and the city thus saved large sums which had formerly been paid in interest on bank overdrafts for two or three months of each year.

Comparison of the city's assets and liabilities shows that there is a balance on the right side of almost \$2,500,000 while the city debt was reduced during the past twelve months by \$172,000. These figures are impressive and illustrate that St. John citizens have every reason to congratulate themselves on the city's financial position.

This city has always possessed enough and to spare of critics of the class who are inclined to condemn things they know nothing about. Probably they will continue to exercise their prerogative in that direction until the end of time, but citizens generally can be well assured that for many years the financial departments of the City of St. John have been in good shape. No better evidence of this can be found than the records made in the sale of city debentures, which sales is usually based on reports furnished by bankers and financial men who are excellent judges of such matters. These bond sales have shown that St. John issues are reckoned with the very best civic or municipal securities in America. It is indeed a gratifying showing.

### THE INDISCREET TIMES.

Challenged to interview Mr. J. B. Cudlip of the Cornwall and York Cotton Mills, or the Messrs. Fleming of the Phoenix Foundry and, by the publication of their statements, make good its insinuation that there was wrong doing in connection with the shell contract secured by Mr. Cudlip, and now being executed by the Messrs. Fleming, the Times lacks the manliness to give the gentlemen mentioned the opportunity of presenting their case to the public. Instead, that newspaper seeks to evade the issue by suggesting that "as The Standard is a strong advocate of interviews, why does it not interview Mr. Hasen's German secretary? If that line is not attractive why not interview Mr. James K. Fleming, Mr. Falls, Mr. A. DeWitt Foster, Mr. Garland, or Mr. Albert John Henry Stewart of Gloucester?"

The publication of such a paragraph by the Times is nothing more than a futile attempt to evade the matter under discussion and an attempt to transport that it will not deceive even

those hardened partisans who take their political gospel from a newspaper, nor profane editorial music for the Grit machine, but which has played, and would play, to another tune if the "box-office" interests demanded it.

The attack on Mr. Hasen's secretary is not only unfair but cowardly and made only with the hope of hitting at his employer over his back. With the exception of Mr. Stewart the other gentlemen named by the Times have paid full penalty for anything they may have done and until the Provincial Legislature meets no disposition can be made of Mr. Stewart's case. The people of the province, however, have complete confidence that Premier Clarke and his associates will do their full duty in that matter and it need not be considered now.

The subject under discussion is shell manufacture and, more particularly, the Fleming contract. The Telegraph and Times gave publicity to certain insinuations made by Mr. Carvell and editorially endorsed his charges. The Standard refuted them and pointed out to the Canterbury street newspapers a way by which they could either prove their case or show their political idols and themselves to be guilty of making charges unsupported by information. They have refused to avail themselves of the opportunity and the people understand why. For the Times to continue its attempts at evasion merely makes it the more ridiculous. The better course for the editor of that newspaper to adopt would be to take a leaf from the book of the more experienced editor of the Telegraph and if not prepared to make good at least maintain silence which, under known circumstances, would be decidedly more discreet.

### WHY NOT CHANGE IT?

It appears that the Maritime Provinces are about the only section of Canada or the United States where the old custom of driving "to the left" is followed by teamsters, automobilists and others using the roads and highways. The condition has occasioned more than a little confusion particularly in the case of tourists and visitors coming this way and who are accustomed to a different regulation. Likewise Maritime Province people visiting other sections of Canada or the United States are similarly inconvenienced and it would seem that the sensible and logical thing to do is to bring New Brunswick, at any rate, into conformity with other provinces. The suggestion is made that the rules of the road should be changed to bring about the needed reform and that after a certain date to be fixed well in advance the rule should be to drive "to the right." It is believed that such a change would find a very general measure of support from all. What do the automobile and horse drivers think about it?

Manitoba has adopted woman suffrage and now the premier of Saskatchewan informs a delegation of women of that province that he will have legislation to this effect introduced in the provincial legislature. Slowly but none the less surely the women of Canada are being placed on an equality with the sterner sex in the matter of having a voice in provincial affairs. The activities of the women during the present war should do more than anything else to stimulate interest in their right to vote. If they are capable of managing businesses and engaging in many pursuits with more than usual success it would appear that their claim to the ballot has more than sentiment to recommend it.

In the death of Principal William Crockett, the province of New Brunswick has lost a man whose whole life was spent in the cause of education. It has been said that the imparting of knowledge to the youth of the land is the noblest profession in which one can engage. If this be true the late Mr. Crockett ranked amongst the most worthy of New Brunswick's residents.

The St. John Globe observes that the Senate of Canada is what the politicians make it. Quite true, and the Liberal politicians at the time of the Naval Aid Bill made of it a by-word and a reproach.

Last week it was Westmorland's

turn to lead the province in the number of recruits secured for the Empire's armies. Recruiting in St. John seems to have slackened. Why?

Berlin now admits that fifteen Zeppelins have been lost during the last few months of the war. Evidently there is another side to those German tales of aerial triumphs.

And, speaking of interviews, the Times' editor might interview himself and ask "What would I have done in this shell contract matter if another hand had been distributing the pay envelopes?"

### "WHY FRANCE LOST CANADA"

An interesting volume from the pen of Mr. W. Frank Hatheway.

A delightful little volume, written in an offering and a careful personal appraisal of the factors in the early colonization of America—the difference in method and goal between the English colonies in Virginia and the French attempts in early Canada and from those differences, minor at first but gradually widening and broadening, the author traces the development of the colonial life to the point where "France Lost Canada" while the English settlements, though transplanted from their earlier surroundings, grew into the mighty nations of today. Space does not permit of detailed

reference to each of the eight essays and sixteen poems making up this interesting little volume. All are good, all are worthy of careful perusal. And if, after reading, one can join with the author in a deeper affection for Canada and things Canadian than the volume has well performed the mission to which the author dedicated it; even if the bond of sympathy is lacking, and the production judged solely on its literary merit, it will be found to provide several hours of delightful reading.

These New Brunswickers who have enjoyed the St. John Standard in the springtime will also feel an answering thrill of nature love at this paragraph from the author's essay on "The Lesson of Beauty"—"Mark how in April the tree crowns begin to show faint purplings of trunk and branch as the birch buds swell. We have ethics for the guidance of our wills, and economics for the guidance of state and house, but also there are aesthetics which through the physical eye leap into the spiritual. The soul needs these aesthetics, these curves and colors, and when we pass them by to make our poor economies we are insulting the great Teacher." There we have the nature lover and the contemplative student—the blending of the visualized object and the lesson to be drawn from it—a rather rare combination in these materialistic days, but only one of the many delightful little touches that give to Mr. Hatheway's book a distinct rank with the best Canadian productions of the past year.

Gently satirical but still breathing deep veneration and love for the beautiful is the essay on "Art and Character," a production inspired by a study of the stained glass windows in the Cathedral on Waterloo street and St. John's Anglican church. The writer praises the beauty of the windows, the splendid glories of the rich color, and the atmosphere of Delty they convey, and then proceeds to wonder in delightful fashion why the creators of these stained glass beauties gave to their productions of Biblical figures such unlovely and positively forbidding faces. The same thought has possessed many worshippers who, while admiring the beauties of the glasses in question, have experienced uneasiness at the expression of the faces shown.

But the little volume contains other articles of deeper import. The essay from which the book takes its name is a critical and accurate study and

Lazy Livers Come from Lazy Living—sometimes from food follies that tax the overworked digestive organs. Get back to Nature by eating Shredded Wheat. It puts you on your feet when everything else fails. It supplies the muscular energy and mental alertness that put you in fine fettle for the day's work. Delicious for breakfast with milk or cream, or for luncheon with fruits. Made in Canada.



### Little Benny's Note Book

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The fellow was standing around the lamp post this afternoon and a lady started to go by, being a pritty lady with one shoe lace untied, and Sam Crawns sed to me, Look at that, we dont you tell her about it, Benny, she mite trip over it and brake her neck.  
No, you tell her, I sed, and anyhow, even if she does trip over it, she woodent haff to brake her neck.  
Sumbody awt to tell her, lets toes up and see who tells her, sed Sam.  
Wich we did, me losine, and I ran after her, saying, Hay, lady, your shoe lace is untide, you mite trip over it and brake your neck.  
So I mite, der me, te it for me, wont you, like a good little boy, sed the lady. And she put her foot up on sumboddy's frunt step and I startid to try to tie it for her, and the fellow all came up and started to stand around, making me feel so nervise my flasers slipped every time I almost had it tied.  
O look whose tryng lady's shoe laces, sed Puds Stinkins.  
O looer, sed Skiny Martin.  
O slap him on the rist, sed Reddy Merty.  
O they all started to say sumthing, thinking they was funny, and my flasers kepys on slipping, and after a wile the lady sed, Never mind, Ill tie it myself, but heers sumthing for trying jest the same.  
And wat did she give me but a hole dime and I thanked her very much and started to wawk up the street, and all the fellow started to follow me, but not saying anything about shoe laces, or anything and all looking very respectidil. Proving you never can tell how a things going to turn out, and I spent 3 cents out of the dime on lickerish sticks and gave everybody 2 bits.

appraisal of the factors in the early colonization of America—the difference in method and goal between the English colonies in Virginia and the French attempts in early Canada and from those differences, minor at first but gradually widening and broadening, the author traces the development of the colonial life to the point where "France Lost Canada" while the English settlements, though transplanted from their earlier surroundings, grew into the mighty nations of today. Space does not permit of detailed

reference to each of the eight essays and sixteen poems making up this interesting little volume. All are good, all are worthy of careful perusal. And if, after reading, one can join with the author in a deeper affection for Canada and things Canadian than the volume has well performed the mission to which the author dedicated it; even if the bond of sympathy is lacking, and the production judged solely on its literary merit, it will be found to provide several hours of delightful reading.



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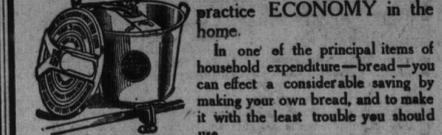


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All entries must reach this office by Wednesday, February 16th, 1916, and to the Boy or Girl, not older than fifteen years of age, who sends in the most neatly written, and correct solution, I shall award a beautiful Story Book. A second prize of a Story Book will also be given to the sender of the next best attempt. Remember, mistakes will count a great deal, and also there will be every chance given to the kiddie of age, six years of age, as well as to those older. Now get busy and let me see how clever you all are.

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**STANDARD COMPETITION For Boys and Girls**

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**The Convention of the Farmers and Dairymen's Association and Provincial Seed Fair**

will be held in FREDERICTON, February 29th to March 2nd, inclusive

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**NOVEL ENTERTAINMENT GIVEN IN ST. DAVID'S HALL**

A Night in Old Kentucky proved delightful treat for large audience.

An audience of about five hundred people greatly enjoyed the entertainment given in St. David's church school room last night. The entertainment, which was known as "A Night in Old Kentucky," was under the auspices of the Young People's Association of the church, and was in every manner a huge success. Miss Sophie Lawson was in charge of the entertainment, and those taking part in the programme were attired in the old Southern costumes, and with their faces blackened, a happy scene on the old plantation was vividly portrayed. In addition to selections by a banjo quartette, and accordion selections, the following programme was successfully carried through:

Chorus—"Dixie Land," by the company.

Song—"Rosebud Babe," Miss Tupper.

Quartet—"Aunt Dinah's Quilting Party," Miss Rose, Miss Lindy, Uncle Sam, Uncle Moses.

Recitation and song—"Lullaby," Lil Niga, Aunt Liza Snow.

Song—"Don't You Hear Me Callin' Carolina?" Miss Marjold.

Banjo selection.

Reading—"The Colored Band," Miss Blossom.

Song—"I'll Make That Black Gal Mine," Miss Suse from Ontario.

Quartet—"De Coppoh Moon," Miss Caroline, Miss Linda, Miss Tilda, Miss Luce.

Song—"Nellie Grey," Uncle Joe.

Solo with chorus—"Old Black Joe," Uncle Sam.

Song, Medley—Mr. Diggs.

Chorus—Swanee River, Caroline and company.

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**FUNERALS.**

Miss Margaret Amos.

Newcastle, Feb. 13.—The funeral of Miss Margaret Amos, who died at the residence of her brother, Malcolm Amos at Lower Derby, Thursday, was held Saturday afternoon. The services were conducted by Rev. M. S. Richardson of Newcastle, interment in Lower Derby Baptist cemetery. The pall bearers were Lorne Dawson, Robert Taylor, Thomas Hutchinson, Geo. Amos, Silas Russell and Amos Russell. Deceased was 77 years of age. She was the daughter of the late Joseph and Catherine Amos of Lower Derby, and was a member of Lower Derby Baptist church and highly respected. The surviving brothers and sisters are: John Amos, of Bryerton, Malcolm Amos, Lower Derby, Mrs. Sarah Fowler, Newcastle, Mrs. Hugh Ferguson, Bryerton, and Mrs. Annie Clouston, Lower Derby.

The body of Miss Elizabeth Connolly was taken from the Master Hibernian Home at six o'clock yesterday morning to Fredericton where interment will take place. Rev. F. J. Murray accompanied the body.

**STANDARD MAN "INTERVIEWS" HIS FORMER "BOSS" IN PARIS**

Meeting between Colin McKay and Lieutenant J. Edgar March—A tall tale of adventures in the trenches and elsewhere—Some "yarn" whether truth or fiction.

Away back in the "before-the-war" days Colin McKay was a valued member of this newspaper, and one John Edgar March, known to his office associates as "Cupid" was city editor and "bossed" McKay around. Now of course anyone who has read magazine stories of newspaper life will realize at once that the "city editor" is the one big grievance in the life of the average reporter. McKay, however, was far above the average, and consequently he and March became fast friends.

After the war clouds broke these men felt the desire to be of service to their country. March, a sports man with a bent for military matters, enlisted, passed the necessary examinations and went to France as a lieutenant with the "Fighting 26th." He has had his share of adventure, been wounded, suffered from fever and generally passed through more experience than usually comes to a man of his years. "Mack," on the other hand did not know one end of a rifle from another, but he could swim, could when occasion demanded it roll robust round oaths with the grace and nonchalance of an old salt, and had spent much of his sweet youth at sea. Moreover, he was a competent navigator, knew the stars by their first names, could classify every chance, like all good newspaper men, a what-ever-it-is that no one but a sailor ever wants to tie, and held a certificate guaranteeing that he could steer anything from a raft to a man-of-war.

McKay wrote the story and the information contained in it is supposed to have been furnished by Lieut. March. It is only fair to our readers to say, however, that in this story there exists a great doubt as to whether Mr. March ever said the things credited to him. It does not sound like him, but it does sound very much like some of the charming short stories Mr. McKay was accustomed to dispose of at high prices to sundry American magazines in the days "before the war." However here is the story, take it for what it is worth:

**Strafing the Germans.**

"Strafing the Germans with rifle grenades is some sport, believe me," said the bombing officer of the 26th. "Sometimes I've spent the best part of the night sending rifle grenades into the Germans. You take some trouble and some risk in the day time getting a grenade rifle fixed at the right range; then during the night at intervals you shoot off grenades as fast as you can load and fire. I don't know if I ever killed a German. But often I heard a bell ringing behind their lines; the ringing of the bell meant stretcher bearers were wanted. It has a pleasant sound when your blood is up. Any way, even if you don't kill any of the buggars you keep them worrying.

"The Germans are certainly clever fighters, and they can do some stunts on their own account. The first Canadians taught them to eat out of their hands, and we've got the beggars in front of our trenches pretty tame. If we would leave them alone I don't think they'd bother us for days. Our artillery has the whip hand now. When the German artillery starts shelling, our artillery starts up and throws

**THE SPIRIT OF THE 26TH.**

"In the midst of a bombardment, with shells screaming all around, I've seen our men joking and joking, playing cards, having a furious argument over something or not the least importance. It's surprising. Men get used to anything. Even a bombardment becomes a bore, after the reaction sets in—you become an amazing sort of fatalist. Still it's an experience that you don't feel the need of more than once, and you can't blame a man for getting nervous prostration.

"Being a bombing officer is a rather engrossing job. If the engineers are going to do anything they usually want some bombers handy. If the infantry have a job in hand, it's up to some of the bombers to go along with them usually. When a German bomb or shell of any kind comes into the trench and doesn't burst there's a doubt for the bombing officer. Every body gives it a wide berth till the bombing officer comes along. It's up to him to render it harmless unless it blows him up. That's a rather exciting job.

"Once I was standing with a whiz-bang in one hand and a sausage bomb in the other, wondering which would go off first. I thought I had that part of the trench to myself when up comes the brigadier. And what started me there? Yes, he I told him, thinking he would tell me to throw them out of the trench. He said: 'Take them to pieces, and send me a written report on them as soon as possible.'

"And I guess that's about as good as you please, as if ordering a man to experiment with whiz-bangs was the most matter of fact thing in the world. The sausage bomb didn't bother me; I'd seen a few of them before and knew what to do with it. But the whiz-bang got my goat; it was a new one on me. Heard and read about it in course of instruction; but that didn't seem to help me much. Just then I started to uncrew the cap—the I thought: if I take another turn the thing may wake up; and a whiz-bang makes a mess of a man—not to say a trench. Well, by some strange chance an artillery sergeant came along just then. 'Here, Sergeant,' says I, 'take this to your captain and tell him the brigadier wants it taken to pieces, and a report sent to him at once.'

"The sergeant took the whiz-bang, looked at it for a few moments, then tucked it under his arm and went off. Believe me, I took some breaths of relief.

**Trench Warfare Monotonous.**

"On the whole this trench warfare is a bit monotonous; but you have to do various stunts that give you more than a bit of excitement. Going out on patrol duty is certainly an adventure. When you are told you have to go over the parapet at a certain hour of the night—well, I guess the most of us are some nervous during the intervening time. As the appointed time approaches you have some sensations and your knees get a bit wobbly. But once you get over the parapet and start crawling into the mystery of No-Man's Land, all you think of is doing your job as well as it can be done. When the flares go up, or bullets pass, ping, ping, right over you, you flop flat—maybe into mud, foul with stench of rotten carcasses. No matter, it's all in the night's work. . . .

"Once I was out with some of the boys, covering a reconnaissance party. We were crawling cautiously along when I suddenly saw a dart of flame from a little rise hardly 20 feet in front of me. I hugged the earth. Then I saw the head and shoulders of a German sniper. He didn't see us, and we lay there. It was out of the question to try to crawl up to him, and do him on the quiet. Marvel, he hadn't seen us. And we weren't shoot him. A flash of flame from one direction and the Germans they're very watchful—would have been quartering the ground with machine guns, and getting the reconnaissance party, as well as us. So I lay there, watching that chap sniping away at long intervals at something beyond us. At times he was so accurate but mostly I was quite composed. . . .

"The Germans have some fine machine guns, and they know how to place and use them. Now and then

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they'll loose off and take your pants, chewing off the legs of the sand bags. When one gun stops another will begin, taking up the raking game where the other stopped. Apparently each gun has an arc of fire, covering connected portions of the parapet. A machine gun makes a sound as if you were knocking rapidly on wood. . . .

**War Is**

"The Germans are as clever as they are unscrupulous—no doubt about it. We can beat them right enough, but unless the navy is permitted to starve them—out of their supplies of food or war material or both—it's going to be a long job.

"What do I think of war, anyway? Well, it's sure some hell. I've seen some awful sights. Shell fire, bombs, make mangled horrors of men. Often I think that if I get back home and talk about what I've seen, they'll think I'm a liar. And I've only seen a little of this war. But when you've seen the havoc the Huns have wrought—the ruins of peaceful towns and villages, the men and women crazed by horror, the little girls who have been outraged—then your blood boils, and you . . .

"No, I can't say I really hate the Germans—that is ordinarily. One does not hate mad hearts. He only has a desire to exterminate them. After that affair of Oct. 18th, when we lost over 100 men in an hour or two, we had a rather personal grievance against the Germans—a fierce desire for revenge. That day I saw men horribly mutilated—it was sickening and maddening. That night our men would have gone over the parapets and charged the Germans, reckless of consequences; and if we had got into their trenches . . .

"It's an awful feeling—that you have when you have seen your dead and wounded horribly mutilated. You go wild. . . .

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At a meeting of the directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway, held yesterday, the following dividends were declared:

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Enjoy life! Don't stay bilious, sick, headachy and constipated.

Get rid of bad breath, sour stomach, coated tongue, indigestion.

Get a 10-cent box now. They're fine! Cascarets loosen your liver, clear your bowels...

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In "The Explorer" at the Imperial yesterday we are first in London and then taken to the heart of darkest Africa.

There are two excellent pictures of Geraldine Farrar in the February Green Book. One shows her as we saw her in the role of Carmen...

John T. Kelly, whose contract expired the first of January, has been re-engaged by the Vitagraph Company.

William DeMille says that there were, roughly speaking, 2,900,000 paid admissions to the moving picture theatres in 1915.

Daniel Gilfeather, the venerable actor, who plays Circle Jim Borden in the Red Circle, has carried an insurance policy for over fifty years.

At St. Catharines, Ont., a new picture house was recently opened called "The King George."

Neva Gerber, who has appeared principally in light roles, is showing what she can do in an emotional part in an American feature now being produced at Pasadena.

Boody, a New York photographer, has asked permission to make a series of Helen Weir of the Lubin Company for an exhibition.

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were played with force and just the right amount of emotional power, never at any time overdone nor too much of what one might term strong acting, with plenty of light and shade, a good part well played.

Of the remainder of the company, Hazel Stevenson as "Agnes Hammond" and Arthur McElroy as the "Doctor" were perhaps the best, although the company as a whole did so well it would be hard to praise or criticize any one individual.

The scenic effects were pretty and gave good atmosphere to the play and a word must be said in praise of the handsome gowns worn by the ladies, particularly the pink frock which Miss Adams wore in the second act.

Good vaudeville numbers brightened the intervals between acts. St. Elmo will be repeated tonight and for matinee and next tomorrow.

"The Girl Raffles," a story of night life in New York, is announced for the last part of the week.

ALICE FAIRWEATHER. SAMMY BURNS IMPERSONATES CHARLIE CHAPLIN IN "SAMMY'S SCANDALOUS SCHEMES" AT THE UNIQUE

Since Charlie Chaplin became famous in the amusement world as Harry Lander or any of the other well known legitimate stars, many impersonations of him have been made before the public, possibly in an effort to kneel Chaplin from his pedestal of popularity.

Few, if any, attained any degree of success and now one of England's foremost comedians, Mr. Sammy Burns, who is said to be a first cousin of the famous Charlie, directs his efforts as an impersonator to offer a counterpart of the greatest of all comedians, and in two weeks, "Sammy's Scandalous Schemes," as shown at the Unique Theatre yesterday, he is at least much more successful than any of his predecessors.

The story of "Sammy's Scandalous Schemes" deals with a young girl played by Miss Dot Farley, who is deeply in love with Charlie Chaplin on the screen until her sweetheart, Mr. Burns, after studying the different characteristics of Charlie, secures a likeness in moustache, cane, evening dress and shoes. He calls at the home of Helen Weir of the Lubin Company for an exhibition.

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TORTURED BY RHEUMATISM

Sunday School Supt. Tell How "Fruit-a-Lives" Relieved

Toronto, Ont., Oct. 15, 1913. "I have lived in this city for more than twelve years and am well known."

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MANCHESTER LINE. From St. John. To Manchester. Feb. 22. Manchester Corporation. Feb. 23. Manchester Inventor. Feb. 23. Manchester Merchant. Feb. 19. WM. THOMSON & CO. LTD. Agents, St. John, N. B.

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CHANGE OF TIME. Fall and Winter Time Table of the GRAND MANAN S. S. CO. Grand Manan Route—Season 1915-16. After October 1st, 1915, and until further notice, a steamer of this line will run as follows: Leave Grand Manan Mondays at 7.30 a. m. for St. John, via Eastport, Campobello and Wilson's Beach. Returning leave St. John, via Eastport, Campobello and Wilson's Beach, Mondays at 7.30 a. m. for Grand Manan, via St. Andrews, Eastport and Campobello. Leave Grand Manan Saturdays at 7.30 a. m. for St. Andrews. Returning same day, leaving St. Andrews at 1 p. m., calling at Campobello and Eastport both ways. Atlantic Standard Time. L. C. GUPTILL, Manager, Grand Manan.

THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (LIMITED). On February 11th and until further notice the S.S. "Fase" and "Casco No. 2" will run as follows: Leave St. John, N. B., Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., on Saturday, 7.30 a. m., for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay, or Letete, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George. Returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letete or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor, tide and weather permitting. AGENT—Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co., St. John, N. B. Phone 2581. Manager, Lewis Connors, Black's Harbor, N. B. This company will not be responsible for any debts contracted after this date without a written order from the company or captain of the steamer.

Don't Forget To Call West 7 or West 81 When Needing Oats, Middlings, Bran or Hay. We have Western Oats—good quality, reasonable price. A. C. SMITH & CO. Union Street - West St. John

# Reports of Chamberlain and Comptroller Show that Civic Finances are in Good Condition

## Taxes are Well Paid and City Has Lived Within its Income During the Past Year—Substantial Reduction in Bonded Debt—Comparison of City's Assets and Liabilities Show Credit Balance of Almost Two and One Half Million Dollars.

The City Council met at noon yesterday and heard the report of the Chamberlain and Comptroller. The Chamberlain said that no city in Canada that he knew of could make the showing which St. John had made this year. The city had lived within its income and only one-half of one per cent. of the warrant had been collected. The bonded debt was decreased by \$172,000, and is now less than \$5,000,000. The total assets of the city are placed at \$7,421,285.98, and liabilities at \$4,976,841.40, leaving a balance of \$2,444,444.58 to the credit of the city.

A letter was received from Messrs. Weldon & McLean for the lessees of the property of Mrs. Mary E. Hollis on which the stone crusher is placed, asking for the removal of same. This was referred to the Commissioner of Public Safety. Commissioner McLean moved for a bill to empower the city to condemn buildings unfit for habitation and send the inmates to the Municipal Home. The bill was approved.

Com. Potts presented a bill for the legislature to give the city power to expropriate land for city purposes, to expropriate land as sites for workmen's dwellings, to issue bonds for the erection of such buildings to be paid for by purchasers by a fifteen per cent. deposit and balance in monthly payments, with interest at six per cent. The bill was ordered advertised, subject to later discussion for approval.

A bill prepared by Com. Potts setting forth the relations between the city and the street railway company and extending the city's powers in dealing with the company was ordered to be advertised, pending further discussions.

Com. Potts reported that the estimated cost of removing the building at the corner of Mill and Main streets purchased from the C. P. R., and widening the street at that place, was \$15,000. Bonds for the amount were authorized.

**Comptroller's Report**  
I have the honor to present my annual report upon the accounts and finances of the city for the year ending December 31, 1915.  
Surplus—The year was completed with a surplus of \$41,584.45. By order

**Chamberlain's Report**  
I have the honor of presenting a statement of the city's accounts for the year ending December 31, 1915.  
Bonds amounting to \$450,000.00 matured. As some of the sinking funds were not sufficient to retire this amount, it was necessary to release for the difference, viz.—\$250,000.00, which was sold to our citizens, the rate being five per cent., and the price par. The bonds maturing were issued previous to union, and the shortage was as follows:—Water, six per cent., \$110,000; sewerage, six per cent.; sewerage, five per cent.; sewerage, four per cent., \$100,000; market, \$70,000. Total \$280,000. This amount with \$50,000 for water construction, Adelaide road, constitute the amount issued in year 1915.

\$475,100 of debentures, maturing, were presented and paid, with an addition of \$2,400 of previous years, not before presented.  
The net decrease in our bonds outstanding was \$172,000.  
The amount of our bonded debt is now \$4,928,370.51.

It is gratifying to note that our debt is now below \$5,000,000, and if possible, it should remain there until more prosperous times.  
The net decrease in our interest payable account for year 1915, without any further issue of debentures will be \$7,005.30. Bonds amounting to \$29,440 will mature in year 1916, and will be paid from sinking funds. Our sinking funds have been kept up to the mark. Our aim is to invest in securities of only the highest standing. We have at present in our sinking funds—Bonds invested, \$1,013,295.11. Bank of Nova Scotia investment account, \$58,976.68. Total, \$1,072,271.79.

The city lived within its income, and though about one-half of one per cent. of our warrants was not collected, it was possible to place \$20,000 in water reserve and \$21,647.47 towards the reduction of taxes for year 1916. The collections were all good, the citizens as a rule paying their quota towards the city's finances. I have yet to hear of a city that did as well.

The receipts of the harbor made a record, while the demands against the properties vastly increased.  
The ferry receipts show a decrease, and with the cars crossing the bridge, further decrease may be looked for. Lancaster lands is one of the few accounts not showing a satisfactory statement, but, with a number of frame buildings increasing in age, the outlook is not very promising. I would strongly urge the disposal of these properties at the most opportune time.

The calls upon general revenue have been many, and constant, and we closed the year with this account over \$7,000 in debt.  
A careful study of the grants by our citizens will, I believe, bear out the action of the commissioners, as it would be very difficult to eliminate any grant as needless.  
The work of the office has been well performed, the men in charge all striving to fill the positions to the best of their ability. Mr. MacIntyre's services are always at our disposal. Respectfully submitted,  
(Sgd.) DUNCAN G. LINGLEY, Chamberlain.

**Assets and Liabilities**  
Statement of assets and liabilities, City of Saint John, N. B., 31st December, 1915:

Assets	
Real Estate	\$3,217,775.00
Water Plant	2,093,941.65
Sewerage Plant	496,418.87
Sundry Plant	261,185.92
Rentals and Water Agreements Past Due	3,864.65
Deferred Assessment	14,867.62
Sundry Accounts	14,228.74
Overdrafts C. C.	36,847.47
Due from Construction Accounts	12,887.25
Bonds Investments for Sinking Funds	\$1,013,295.11
Bank of Nova Scotia Sinking Funds	58,976.68
Bank of Nova Scotia General	1,072,271.79
Cash on Hand 31st Dec, 1915	43,932.80
Uncollected Taxes and Water Rates—	1,166.44
Uncollectable provided for	\$4,000.00
Less paid on Account	11,911.22
	52,608.78
	\$7,421,285.98
Liabilities	
Debentures Outstanding	\$4,928,370.51
Debenture Coupons for Interest, not presented	4,121.44
Due Construction Accounts	36,428.27
Street Permits	1,180.00
Deposits on Contract	232.97
Sundry Accounts	663.05
County Surplus Collections	6,650.16
	4,976,841.40
Excess Assets over Liabilities	\$2,444,444.58

WILSON'S "The All-Time Favorite" BACHELOR CIGAR. The cigar of quality. Made by hand from carefully selected leaf, and sold wherever cigars are sold. Clear Havana filler. Finest Sumatra wrapper. Largest sale of any high-grade cigar in Canada. (ANDREW WILSON & CO. TORONTO)

## Live Sporting News and Notes

### ST. JOHNS MET FIRST DEFEAT

The St. John team met their first defeat of the season at the hands of the 115th team last evening, to the tune of 5 to 6.

### LOCAL BOWLING

In the City league on Black's alleys last night the Tigers took the four points from the Specials. A peculiar thing in the match was that total scores of the first two strings for each team was a tie. The individual score of the match follows:

Walsh 92 83 80—265 88 1-3  
Scott 88 98 102—288 96  
O'Connor 81 75 131—287 85 2-3  
Dunham 83 91 85—264 88  
Wilson 95 87 111—293 97 2-3

### Right Wing

Gilbert . . . . . MacGowan  
Left Wing . . . . . Jones  
Callahan . . . . . Jones  
St. John—McMonagle, Callahan and Jones.  
115th—Rowley, Carruthers and McNeill.  
Referees—Robertson and Holly Trites.

### Point

Speedy . . . . . Laby  
C. Point . . . . . Pickard  
McShane . . . . . Gregory  
Centre . . . . . Gregory  
Shaftord . . . . . Mooney

Ottawa, Feb. 14.—Owing to the nervous shock and injuries sustained in the parliament building fire, from which he is but slowly recovering, it is doubtful whether Hon. Martin Burrell will be able to resume his duties this session. He will probably go south for a period of convalescence.

# MASTER WORKMAN

SMOKING TOBACCO

The Civil Engineer says:—  
"When I strike a knotty problem that calls for deep thinking, I want MASTER WORKMAN Smoking Tobacco"

This world-famous Brand can now be obtained for 15c. a cut at all the best stores.

## Bringing Up Father

WHEN WE A JEWEL OF A WIFE— SHE'S A WONDERFUL COOK!  
IT REMINDS ME OF WHEN YOU USED TO COOK!

I'M SORRY, MRS. JIGGS— BUT I'M GONNA QUIT IT'S YOUR LOVE COME OUT HERE!  
OH PLEASE DON'T LEAVE ME— I HAVEN'T SEEN A POLICE-MAN SINCE I'VE WORKED HERE!

SHE'D PROMISED TO STAY UNTIL TONIGHT— DEAR, I WATE TO LOSE HER—  
LEAVE IT TO ME— I'LL GONNA PHONE TO THE CITY!

HELLO— IS THIS POLICE HEAD QUARTERS? WELL— TELL OFFICERS CATCHER AND LAMM I WANT THEM TO COME OUT TO MY HOUSE WHEN OFF DUTY.

GLAD TO SEE YOU— BOYS!

MR. JIGGS— I'LL STAY NOW!

**THE WEATHER.**

Forecast—Northern New England—Fair rising temperature Tuesday, and probably Wednesday; fresh north winds.

Toronto, Feb. 14.—The pressure is now highest over New England and the Middle States, and comparatively low over Northern Canada. The weather today has been mild, and rainy in British Columbia, fine and mild in the western provinces, and fine and decidedly cold from Ontario eastward.

**Temperatures.**

	Min.	Max.
Victoria	40	50
Vancouver	42	50
Calgary	22	54
Edmonton	24	46
Battleford	6	42
Moose Jaw	18	30
Port Arthur	24	32
Perry Sound	22	32
Toronto	7	14
Kingston	12	4
Ottawa	12	2
Montreal	12	2
St. John	8	6
Halifax	0	10

—Below zero.

**Around the City**

**Naval Officer Suffering.**  
The ambulance was called to West St. John last night to convey a naval lieutenant from the steamship Sicilian to the General Public Hospital. The officer is suffering from appendicitis.

**New Brigadier in Charge.**  
Col. McLean, the new Brigadier, has assumed charge of the district and one of his first official acts will be the inspection of the different units in the city. Yesterday he inspected "A" company of the 69th. It is expected that the new officers will be ready in a couple of days.

**Missionary Institute**  
The meetings of the Missionary Institute in Centenary church yesterday were largely attended and the different papers much enjoyed. The lecture by Rev. George Bond on "The Roof of the World, Tibet" was very much appreciated by those who were privileged to hear it. He had some splendid views and everybody went away feeling that they had learned something about the "Hermit Nation."

**"A War of Silence"**  
The secrecy with which the war is being conducted on the other side was shown last night on the arrival of the Sicilian. One of the passengers was Major A. V. Hill of the Imperial Army Headquarters Staff, who has been transferred to Bermuda as paymaster. When asked as to conditions on the other side and how the war was going on he said: "You know more about the real situation over there than we do in England. Very little real news is given out there and we learn more from outside sources than from the official news."

**WILFRID GRIBBLE IS NOW FREE MAN**  
Socialist orator, sentenced for sedition, released from jail yesterday.

Wilfred Gribble, the Socialist, who some time ago was sentenced to a term of two months in jail, having been found guilty of sedition, was given his liberty yesterday afternoon and shortly after four o'clock left the big stone prison on King street east a free man.

**ST. JOHN'S BIG SHOPPING DAY, THURSDAY FEB. 24**

At a meeting of the advertising board of the retail merchants' "dollar day" committee, held last evening in the office of the Retail Merchants' Association, it was decided to hold a "big bargain dollar day" on Thursday, February 24th.

**WHAT RETAIL MERCHANTS SAY ABOUT THOSE "SPOTTED" CASES**

Letter from Secretary N. C. Cameron in reference to story published yesterday.

St. John, N. B., Feb. 14th, 1916.  
To the Editor of The Standard,  
Sir—An article has appeared in today's issue headed, "Trouble Brewing in Ranks of the Retail Merchants' Association." This report is misleading to a great extent. A statement was made in this article that friction existed in the grocers' section of our association. I might state that there is no friction in the grocers' section today that I am aware of. The annual meeting of this section was held in our board rooms on Thursday evening last, Feb. 10th, when the officers for the year 1916 were elected.

**SCHOOL BOARD DRAWS LINE ON ITS JANITORS**

No Man Will be Employed in That Capacity Who Should be Wearing the King's Uniform.

At the monthly meeting of the School Board last night there were present the following:—R. B. Emerson, chairman; Dr. Bridges, Com. Russell, Thos. Nagle, Dr. Jas. Manning, Geo. E. Day, H. Green, Mrs. Dover, Mrs. Taylor, Secretary Gordon Leavitt and Trustee Officer McManis.

**New Bargain List of Tools.**

For Carpenters, Mechanics, Masons, Blacksmiths and the Handy Man About the House

They're just a bit discolored by smoke and water, but really as good as the day that we got them.

**Cross-Cut Saws, Locks, Knobs, Hinges, at SWEEPING REDUCTIONS.**

Best Cleavers	50c.	Box Hooks	10c.
Files	5c. to 15c.	Carpenters' Squares	12c. to 25c.
Screw Drivers	10c.	Chisels, assorted	10c. to 15c.
Bench Axes	50c.	Gauges, assorted	10c. to 15c.
Axes, Single Bit, without handles	25c. and 35c.		
Axes, Double Bit, without handles	70c.		

An Extensive Assortment of Blacksmiths', Masons', Carpenters' and Mechanics' Tools, at RARE BARGAIN PRICES.

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MADDAPOLLAM is the name of a fine woven White Cotton for underwear. It is taking the place, for many requirements, of Long Cloth Cottons.

Many knew the goods but do not remember the name. Ask for Mad-da-poll-am! It comes extra wide, 42 inches, so in nightdresses, etc., cuts to better advantage than 36 inch width. Maddapollam is fine for slip waists, infants' dresses, night gowns, and all fine underwear for ladies.

42 inches wide in 4 grades—20c, 25c, 28c and 30c a yard

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What an official of one of the Patriotic Societies learned yesterday under the guidance of Central Office detectives.

For some time in The Standard there have been reports that a number of houses in the city were conducted in a disgraceful manner by women whose husbands were at the front fighting for their King and Country, that it had been found necessary for those in control of the patriotic funds to take such action that these women would not receive further assistance for themselves, but in a case, where there were a number of small children in the family, the little ones were cared for.

**SHIPPING FEDERATION OF CANADA THANKS MR. HAZEN AND HIS DEPT.**

Also Appreciative of Consideration and Assistance Received During Year From Other Government Departments.

At the annual meeting of the Shipping Federation of Canada, which was held on the 9th instant, in a report which appears in the Montreal Gazette, Col. Andrew A. Allan, the president, reported that only nine vessels entered and departed with the Federation in the Canadian trade had been lost through the operations of German submarines during the past year.

**Corset Covers.**  
F. A. Dykeman & Co. have made a special purchase of white cotton corset covers consisting of over one thousand pieces. They will be sold at four prices, 19, 25, 29 and 50 cents.

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**MURESCO** The Modern Wall Finish

MURESCO covers more surface, and covers it better on one coat work, than any other material on the market.

THERE IS NOTHING IN THE COMPOSITION OF MURESCO INJURIOUS TO KALSOMINE BRUSHES.

Because of the nature of its ingredients it is highly sanitary, and is being used extensively in hospitals, schools, theatres, colleges, etc.

It is made in white and sixteen colors and tints.

PACKAGES CONTAINING 5 LBS., 35 CTS. TINTS, 40 CTS. COLORS, 15 CTS. TO 37 CTS. A POUND.

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**Continued This Morning Linen Room Clearing-Up Sale**

A great collection of remnants and odds and ends accumulated during the Free Hemming Sale and now being offered at tempting bargain prices.

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**Annual Spring Sale of Furnishings for Men and Boys**

New Goods are Being Sold at Reduced Figures. Buy Now and Take Advantage of the Saving.

**February Clothing Sale**

This Annual Event is Providing Extraordinary Values Which Are Being Taken Up Rapidly

Here Are Bargains in Fashionable Garments for Men and Boys

Boys' Two-Piece Norfolk Suits—Strap, yoke and fancy styles in Tweeds, Saxony, Worsted, greys, browns, greens, in mixtures, stripes and plain colors. These will be offered with one and two pairs of bloomers at Three Special Sale Prices.

**\$4.75, \$5.85, \$6.50**

All Other Norfolk Suits will be Offered at February Sale Reductions.

Boys' Two-piece Suits—With plain, double-breasted coats and bloomer pants.  
Sale prices . . . . . **\$3.50, \$4.50, \$6.25**

Boys' Straight Pants—In Tweeds and Worsteds, sizes 14 to 17. Sale price, pair 50c.

Men's Overcoats—In Vicunas, Meltons, Cheviots and Tweeds, all late styles.  
Sale prices . . . . . **\$9.95, \$10.75, \$11.95**

Men's Suits—In popular shades of Fancy Tweeds and Worsteds.  
Sale prices . . . . . **\$10.75, \$13.50**

Also Remarkable Value in Boys' Regular and Fancy Overcoats.

MEN'S AND BOYS' CLOTHING DEPARTMENT.

**Ladies' Cashmere Hose**

LADIES' WHITE CASHMERE HOSE—A small lot just received in sizes 9 and 9½ only. Pair . . . . . 85c.

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