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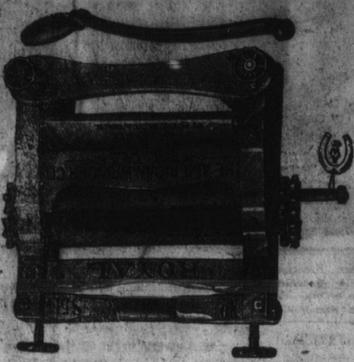
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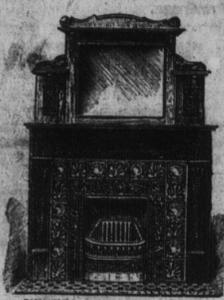
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Over Hundred Lives Lost on Rio de Janeiro.

Names of the Passengers Who Were on the Ill-Fated Vessel.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—R. E. Schwerin, vice-president and general manager of the Pacific Mail Steamship company, in discussing the loss of the Rio de Janeiro, said he thought the blame was due to Captain Ward in bringing his vessel in during a fog. "Time and again," said Mr. Schwerin, "we have warned our captains never to leave or enter port during a fog. It is erroneous to think that when a pilot boards a vessel that the captain has no more responsibility. A pilot is simply a guide for a captain. The statements made to me by Pilot Jordan indicate that there was a fog hanging around the heads, and I think that undue haste was shown by the captain in bringing his vessel in. I cannot understand why there should have been so much haste shown, considering the vessel lay outside all night. Captain Ward was a careful officer, and I learn that when he reached Honolulu with the Rio he visited the harbor for several hours, rather than take any chances in the rough weather. Of course he is not here to speak. I wish that he were, for he was one of our best officers. He was brought up in our service, and we all feel deeply over his loss and those of his comrades.

"I cannot state exactly the value of the Rio de Janeiro, but it is between \$300,000 and \$500,000. We have between \$400,000 and \$500,000 insurance on the vessel, part of which is carried by insurance companies and part of which we carry ourselves. The value of her cargo was probably between \$150,000 and \$200,000. I do not think she had any amount of specie on board."

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—Friends here of the United States consul general, William, have little hope of his having escaped death in the ill-fated steamer Rio de Janeiro, off San Francisco harbor. His brother, Edwin Wildman, who is now in this city, and who was formerly vice-consul at Hong Kong, is still cherishing the belief that the consul general and his family may have taken to a life boat and that they may yet be heard from.

Harry Cripps Matheson, who is also supposed to be among the lost in the Rio de Janeiro disaster, had been in China and Japan, representing an engineering firm. Mr. Matheson was for many years in the department of the Chinese government, holding the rank of major. When he left the service of the government for Formosa, the imperial honors conferred upon him the insignia of the Double Dragon, the highest order to which foreigners are admitted.

Mr. Matheson helped to build and open the first railway in Formosa, developed the first coal mine there under European management, and established the first electric light plant on the island.

Mr. Matheson was about 40 years of age, and unmarried, his home being in Hendon, near London, with his mother. He was bound thither when he left Yokohama.

SAN FRANCISCO, Feb. 23.—The sinking of the Pacific mail steamer Rio de Janeiro after striking a rock in the Golden Gate during the dense fog yesterday morning, was the most appalling disaster this coast has known for many years. Most of the bodies of the 120 or more victims are at the bottom of the sea, and many of them may never be recovered. The water where the ship lies is deep and the current swift, and a dead, with most of the wreckage, probably will be carried far out into the Pacific. The number of lives lost may never be known exactly, owing to the fact that the ship's records were lost, and it is practically impossible to tell just how many Chinese were in the steerage. The call today, basing its figures on statements of the Pacific mail steamer officials, says that 122 persons perished; the Chronicle gives the number at 125, and the Examiner states that 131 cannot be accounted for. The vessel, with its valuable cargo, will be a total loss. Much difficulty has been experienced in obtaining the names of the passengers and crew, but the following list of those known to have been on board, and those saved are believed to be accurate.

Passengers drowned: Brownville Wildman, United States consul general, at Hong Kong; Mrs. Wildman, Wildman, Jr., Dorothy Wildman, Miss Kate Kelly of San Francisco, governess; Wildman children; Mrs. Sarah W. Wakefield of Oakland; Miss Naomi Watson, daughter of Mrs. Wakefield; Miss Rowena Jehu of Alameda; Alfred Hart, jeweler, of Manila, formerly of San Francisco and Los Angeles; Mrs. Alfred Hart; Wm. A. Hendall, attorney of Honolulu; Harry Guyon, partner of Petaluma; Dr. Wm. A. Dook, oculist, Butte, Mont.; Angelo Gussoni, foreman Lowry sugar plantation, Shanghai, with family, residents of Santa Barbara; Wm. McPhie of San Francisco; W. A. Woodworth of Denver; Mrs. W. A. Woodworth of Denver; H. C. Matheson of Yokohama; H. P. Seymour, editor of the Manila American; Okawara, a Japanese physician, from Honolulu, wife and servant; Leon G. Ching, well-to-do Chinese student; Chas. A. Cox, steerage passenger from Honolulu; Mr. Ode, Japanese merchant from Honolulu; Mr. Sakuri, Japanese merchant from Honolulu; Mr. and Mrs. Taketaka, Honolulu; F. Siro, Japanese from Yokohama; Mrs. F. Siro, Honolulu; Miss Hikaaki, Japanese, from Yokohama; Miss Hamasaki, Yokohama; S. Tsururo, Japanese, from Kobe.

Chinese.—The number of Chinese passengers lost is variously estimated at from 24 to 42.

Officers and crew.—Capt. W. Ward, of San Francisco; J. C. Johnson, first officer, San Francisco; John Rooney, purser, resident of Ocean View; R. T. Macoun, first assistant engineer, San Francisco; T. B. Brady, second assistant engineer, San Francisco; W. A. Munro, third assistant engineer, San Francisco; Harry A. Scott, steward, San Francisco; Mrs. J. L. Derrman, San Francisco; D. A. Carvin, quartermaster, lived on steamer; Edward Barwick, butcher, San Francisco; A. Malcolm, saloon watchman, lived on steamer; John McArthur, steerage watchman, San Francisco; J. J. Smith, water tender, San Francisco; M. Lewis, water tender, San Francisco; Fred D. Greenway, oiler; Walter Smith, oiler.

The following passengers left the steamer at Honolulu: J. S. O'Leary, from Yokohama; Mr. Heise, Edward Secran, from Shanghai; W. W. Castle and wife, W. G.

Loss, Mrs. C. F. Melstob, from Hong Kong; L. Horn, from Shanghai.

The bodies of eleven victims lie at the bottom. Only seven of them have been identified. They are: Mrs. Sarah W. Wakefield, aged 56, a native of New York, widow of the late E. Wakefield of Oakland; Mrs. Alfred Hart of Manila; Charles Dowdall, a barrister, of Shanghai; Edward Barwick, a German, 46 years old, San Francisco; Angelo Gussoni; Mrs. Julia Doherman, a resident of the Rio; a Japanese identified as the engineer's mess boy; four identified Chinese.

The steamship company estimates that of the Chinese crew, 36 were drowned.

The saved passengers—James K. Carpenter, mining engineer, of Oakland; Russell Harper, newspaper man of Nagasaki; D. H. Long, produce shipper of Petaluma; Captain Mas Fodi, German army officer; Wm. Alexander, London stock exchange broker; Miss Frances Ripley, seamstress, San Francisco; Robert Holtz, German merchant, Shanghai; Madie Gabrielle Lehr, French maid, of San Francisco; Mrs. Wm. A. Dook, wife of the partner, of San Francisco; Wm. E. Casper, Bremen on sick leave from the transport Jackson; C. C. Hovell, ex-soldier from Hong Kong, homeward bound; J. Wado, Japanese professor from Honolulu. Fifteen Chinese passengers were saved as far as any record can be obtained.

MONUMENT.

M. J. CHAPPELL,
P. MCCREARY,
J. JOHNSON,
J. B. SCOTT,
F. W. WITHERS,
CAPT. C. F. HARRISON.

"And if unchanged that ancient banner
Keep yet its place in pride,
Let none forget how vast the debt
We owe to those who died."

—Sir Francis Doyle (1856.)

Little more than a year ago these young men were at home in New Brunswick. They responded to the empire's call, and today they sleep beneath the sod of South Africa. It is proposed to erect a monument to their memory in the city of St. John. A quarter of a dollar is the basis of subscription. Contributors may send as many quarters as they choose. The object in making twenty-five cents the basis is to enable all to share in the erection of a memorial to our honored dead. Contributions may be sent to the Star office. On application blank forms will be sent to be filled in with names and amounts. The Star invites all to contribute and make the monument worthy of the men who died for the flag, and worthy of the city of the Loyalists.

Previously acknowledged 1302 quarters

Harold Small	1
John Lawson	1
Eddie Farmer	1
John Hamilton	1
Warren White	1
Shearden Knowles	1
Roy Dean	1
Laurie Cochran	1
H. L. Coombs	1
A Friend	4

Total 1315 quarters

"JIMMY" McLEOD'S CONDITION.

Mrs. McLeod of Rockland Road is anxious to know how her son James, the ex-chatter of the Rosses baseball team, is getting along in Calgary, N. W. T. About a fortnight ago the Star told of his being caught in a storm on the plains with two companions. McLeod's friends died from freezing and exposure, and the St. John young man himself had his hands and feet badly frost-bitten. No word has been received since this message, and Mrs. McLeod is fearing her boy may be in a frail physical state, if not dead. Should not a letter be received tonight, Mrs. McLeod will wire tomorrow for definite information.

CONTRACTS SIGNED.

Messrs. Price & Shaw yesterday signed the contract to build two water-erecting canals for \$535. The only other tender received was from J. A. Kelly for \$460.

Messrs. Andrew Johnston & Son have signed a contract to remove the Reed's Point warehouse for \$150.

THE STAR WAS RIGHT.

The Board of Education of New Brunswick announces in its last Monday the restoration of Good Friday, Easter Monday and Tuesday as holidays in the public schools. This decision was announced exclusively in the Star in December last. The Easter holidays had been taken away from the scholars two years ago, but public opinion was against the action.

SKATING CHALLENGES.

Fen Parker challenges Len. Daly to a one mile race, from opposite sides of the rink, next Thursday evening, in the Victoria Rink.

In answer to Breen's challenge, Parker states that if Daly does not skate him next Thursday evening he will retire for the season. In any case he will not meet any other skater this season.

EGGS ARE PLENTIFUL.

4,000,000 Received in New York in One Day.

The receipts of eggs in this city yesterday, says Wednesday's Mail and Express, as reported on the Mercantile Exchange, were nearly 11,000 cases. These cases contain 960 eggs, so that the aggregate amount was nearly 4,000,000.

With such an abundance of fine stock, and the wholesale price of the best quality being only 16-1-2 cents per dozen, it is said that there is no excuse for retail dealers charging the usual winter prices. It is asserted that retailers could give sixteen eggs of the highest grade for 25 cents and make a fair profit.

STRANDED.

(Philadelphia Press.)

Hi Tragedy—By Hercules! you do appear to be on your uppers. How did it happen?

Love Comedy—I am the victim of a vile plot.

Hi Tragedy—You don't say?

Love Comedy—Yes; the new play we were touring in had no merit at all.

STRATHCONAS.

They Left Liverpool on the Numidian Today

And Will Land at Halifax—About a Hundred Remain in England for a Time.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Most of the members of Strathcona's Horse, which arrived here from South Africa last week, left early this morning and later embarked at Liverpool upon the steamer Numidian for their homeward journey. The troops were played to the station by a band of pipers of the Scots guard. The large crowds which witnessed their departure and the rousing cheering showed the popularity of the Canadians. The colors presented by the king were carried by a subaltern.

Lord Strathcona and Mount Royal, the Duke of Abercorn and many others were present at the station to bid the troops farewell.

About 100 of the Canadians will remain in London for the transaction of private business.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—A cable from Lord Strathcona announces that Strathcona's Horse will sail on the Numidian from Liverpool for Halifax today.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The rumor that Gen. Dewet had been captured was put in circulation again on the stock exchange this morning, but no confirmation of the report could be obtained.

DE AAR, Feb. 19 (Tuesday).—Commandant Fremont's force, about 1,000 strong, has separated from General De Wet and gone north. Gen. De Wet is moving westward to meet Commandant Hertzog, who is coming with a fresh supply of horses.

A British officer was taken prisoner by Gen. De Wet at Sand Drift, but subsequently released at Houtekraal, from which he is making his way to De Aar, asserts that he and his fellow prisoners were shamefully treated by the Boers. He says he saw Gen. De Wet personally slamboking a British officer for expostulating in reference to the treatment.

A NEW STAR.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass. Feb. 23.—A telegram has been received from Dr. T. Anderson, at Edinburgh, Scotland, claiming the discovery of a new star. The position is R. A. 3 hours 24 minutes 24 seconds and Dec. plus 43 degrees 34 minutes.

At Harvard college observatory, on Feb. 19, a photograph showed that it was then fainter than the magnitude 10. This result was confirmed by photographs taken on Feb. 2, 6, 8 and 10th, 1901. Accordingly within three days this star has become one of the brightest objects in the sky.

CHINESE AFFAIRS.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—The Standard has received the following from its correspondent at Shanghai:

"An imperial decree orders the Chinese officials in Peking to repair the palaces there promptly, that they may be in readiness to receive the court, which leaves Sian Fu toward the end of March."

THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Feb. 23.—Moderate winds, fair and moderately cold. Sunday, winds becoming easterly, fair at first, then unsettled.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 23.—Eastern states and northern New York—Partly cloudy tonight; Sunday, increasing cloudiness, probably snow; fresh southerly winds, probably becoming northerly.

BIG CIGAR COMBINE.

NEW YORK, Feb. 23.—The Journal of Commerce says:

The new American Cigar company is said to have 32 factories that it will operate. These include the Cheroot and All-Tobacco cigarette branches, turned over by the American Tobacco Co. The company also has acquired factories in New York and Passaic, N. J.

A BLIZZARD.

ODESSA, Feb. 23.—Following a week of intermittent snow storms a terrific blizzard has been raging in this region since yesterday morning. The railways are blocked and numerous trains are snowed in. Many villagers are blockaded in their houses and there is six feet of snow in the streets.

THE SURGEON'S ERROR.

TOLEDO, Ohio, Feb. 23.—Miss Via Lewis, a pretty young society woman of Findlay, died last night as the result of an operation for tonsillitis. The surgeon's instruments slipped, severing an artery, and before the surgeon knew the result of his error she was in a dying condition. She died in twenty minutes.

ALBANI SAILED YESTERDAY.

OTTAWA, Feb. 23.—Chas. A. Harris has received a cablegram from Mr. Gyo, informing him that Madame Albani sailed yesterday.

DO NOT DRINK WHILE EATING.

(Ladies' Home Journal.)

Liquids at meals, if taken too often or too carelessly, are liable to dilute the gastric juices. Take no liquid of any kind when food is in the mouth. Take as little as possible till the close of the meal. The digestive agents themselves being fluids, it is reasonable to suppose that an excess of liquids taken with the food will have a tendency to dilute and thereby weaken the digestive juices.

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The Chinese minister at Washington, Wu Ting Fang, has this to say of the American woman of today:

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"It seemed to me once that there was danger of woman usurping man's place in the world. I have come to think it does not much matter if she does. I believe in the survival of the fittest. Success, surely, is the only test of fitness. Let the women go on, then; let them go as far as they can.

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She—But, John—
He—Oh, don't pretend, dear! You have a gift that way. And I'll read it down at the office in the morning—Brooklyn Life.

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THE ROTHESAY LISTS.

Now that the supreme court has delivered judgment in the matter of the Rothersey voters list; and directed the attention of the crown officers to the fact that a great crime has been committed, it is to be hoped that the attorney-general will take the case in hand, and bring the guilty to justice. In the effort he should have the warm sympathy and earnest support of Mr. Milligan, and all other members of the liberal party. The crime was committed in the interests of that party, and for the purpose of insuring the election of a liberal in the County of Kings. A great party cannot afford to have crimes of this sort committed in its name. There is now no danger that any benefit will accrue to the party from the action of whoever stuffed the Rothersey list; but the attempt was made, and it should be the duty of every good liberal to do all in his power to punish the crime. The attention of the attorney general is especially directed to the judgment of the supreme court in this matter.

THE GRAND TRUNK AND PORTLAND.

During the year 1900 there were shipped from Portland, Me., 4,677,965 bushels of wheat, 977,432 bushels of peas, 2,818,735 bushels of oats, 764,083 bushels of barley, 108,242 bushels of rye, 1,781,266 bushels of corn and 138,654 bushels of buckwheat, making a total of 11,266,377 bushels of grain. Since the construction of the new elevator in 1888 the trans-Atlantic business of the port has rapidly increased. In 1896 fifteen steamers carried 1,202,350 bushels of grain. In 1897 the shipments were 3,008,738, in 1898, 3,379,648; in 1899 the total rose to over 12,000,000, and last year the figures were as already stated. The Portland board of trade committee states that the expenditures in Portland for labor and ship's stores amount, on an average, to \$4,500 per vessel. This would make the total disbursement last year of more than half a million dollars. As the Grand Trunk will build another elevator larger than the combined capacity of the two now used, the facilities of the port will be greatly increased. These facts and figures are interesting as an illustration of what the Grand Trunk railway has done for that port.

Relations between Cuba and the United States have arrived at a very interesting stage. The convention which met in Havana has agreed upon a constitution, which will be submitted to the American congress. It does not appear to be definitely decided what the relations between Cuba and the United States will be. One very outspoken Cuban expresses the fear that the time may come when Cuba will have to fight the United States as it fought Spain. Probably the best thing under all the circumstances that could happen to Cuba would be for the island to become an integral part of the union. But a very strong feeling against such a step appears to prevail in the island. The whole question of the future relations of the two will be the subject of a very interesting debate when it comes before the American congress.

American universities continue to receive large gifts of money from wealthy citizens. Brown University has received half a million from Mr. Rockefeller; and a like amount has been given to Harvard by a donor whose name is withheld. This university is also to be given two new buildings. The example of these Americans may suggest to some of our wealthier citizens the propriety of starting the Y. M. C. A. building fund with a generous gift. The promoters of the proposed new or enlarged building do not ask for a very large amount—in fact the total expenditure is not expected to amount to very many thousands.

Yesterday was rather more than an average day for horrors. The despatches told of a railway collision in New Jersey, where at least twelve persons were killed and more than thirty injured; another despatch told of five men being cut to pieces by a freight train in Pennsylvania; still another told of the sinking of a steamer off the Golden Gate with the loss of probably more than a hundred lives. A murder was reported from Chicago yesterday, as usual.

The Star publishes in another column an interesting article on the mode of civic elections in St. John, reviewing the past and discussing present conditions. The views expressed are those of a gentleman who has given much thought to the whole question. There has been a good deal of discussion of late of the system of electing aldermen, and the Star will be very glad to have other citizens express their views in its columns.

The Star monument fund grows slowly, but it grows. Have you subscribed a quarter?

CIVIC MATTERS.

A Review of Past Conditions in this City

And Some Observations Relative to a Talked of Change in Mode of Elections.

The approach of the civic elections usually invites considerable discussion of matters to which the citizens pay but little attention during the greater part of the year. Some criticism always comes from people whose advanced ideas upon civic government seem destined never to be realized, while a good deal is contributed by those who have personal or political ends in view. Both join at present in attacking the system of elections not being content to follow Pope, who said:

For forms of government let fools contest, That which is best administered is best.

St. John has had but few changes in its system of elections and practically not one in its system of administration. Beginning with the charter the mayor was appointed by the provincial government, while an alderman and an assistant were chosen by the electors of each ward. In 1851 the common council acquired the right to elect the mayor, and in 1854 this right was transferred to the citizens. The assistants in time were called councillors and in 1859 all members of the council became aldermen. The administration was conducted entirely by committees, of which the chairman absorbed practically the whole power. This system remained until 1889, when the union of the cities was effected, though in the early '90's the late George E. Feney had strenuously, but ineffectually, urged the election of the whole council by the citizens at large irrespective of ward divisions.

The causes of union were many. There is no doubt but that the people of Portland were dissatisfied with the composition of their council and the general administration of their affairs, while the idea of a city of wider extent and a more centralized administration attracted people in all parts of the new city. There was special triumph over the fact that "ring rule" and "bossism" in the north end would be doomed upon the advent of the new charter. The system of administrative committees was completely changed and permanent officials, intended to have large powers, were substituted for the chairman of committees. No sooner was the union consummated, however, than dissatisfaction began. The public did not realize that considerable time would be required to assimilate the varied elements which existed and failed to recognize that political union must precede, by some time, the development of a feeling of unity. The council soon split into factions, general and particular, and the old civic boundaries and the eastern part of the old city, which bore the brunt of the taxation, resented the too frequent combinations between the Portland and Carleton representatives, which gave those sections a controlling power. There was, too, practically no change in the personnel of the representatives and the old committee chairman did their best to subordinate the new permanent officials and system to their own views and influence. All this was, practically, the result of a movement that had offered the present system of elections as a panacea for all civic evils. They pointed out that many of the old wards were so small that they were often controlled by two or three men and insisted that a better method would be brought to the front by the choice of the whole city. At the same time, to protect the western side of the harbor, it was provided that a representative must reside or do business in the ward for which he was chosen. In some cases, notably Stanley and Sidney wards, this has operated to limit the choice as much as did the small size of some of the wards under the former system. One year of the Tax Reduction system demonstrated its inherent weakness. Where, under the old system, a few wards could be controlled by a few individuals, under the new system it was found that a few individuals in each ward could combine so as to control the whole city. The next election swept the Tax Reductionists almost to a man, out of office, and from that time a seat in the common council has almost invariably been the reward of skilled political combination. At the same time the independence of individual members has almost disappeared. To retain a seat at the council it is necessary to count on a majority of votes over the whole city, and it is unsafe to risk the antagonism of any section which by a solid vote against a candidate may sweep away the majorities which he obtained in other quarters, where the enthusiasm in his favor is not so intense as the opposition in the particular section. The Free Public Library and Court block votes are instances of the working of the system. In the first case the aldermen were threatened with the adverse vote of a locality, though they fortunately defied the threat. In the other case a majority against the purchase gradually became quiescent and later concurred, though not a member gave public reasons for a change of view. This pernicious principle applies to every thing, appointments and criticisms based on the suggestion of public objects, expenditure of public money, and allows many aldermen's acts to pass unchallenged which in old time would have been vigorously opposed. Sometimes members rise superior to threats and defy and do their duty as they see fit, regardless of sections and votes; but how long will they be permitted to do so? Probably until the next election, possibly no longer.

Another weakness of the system is the absolute ignorance of great portions of the electorate as to who they are voting for or against. Men are not generally supported upon their

merits, or even upon a knowledge of their names, but are chosen upon the recommendation of some ward workers.

What, then, is the remedy? Simply to confine the choice of representatives to districts, larger than the old wards, but not so large as to prevent a fair knowledge of the possible candidates. If a locality then makes demands upon its representatives which are not judicious in the sight of the rest of the city, the representatives of the other districts may understand that they assist such a locality at their own peril.

Another suggestion is to increase the aldermen's term to at least two years. The civic business is not only vast but complex and the system of annual elections does not give time for a new member to acquire full knowledge of his duties and powers and to use them. Occurring, too, at the season of the year when work is in course of preparation and should be vigorously pushed a change in the council, or even the holding of an election campaign, and the loss of the most valuable time in the year.

Apart from details, the principles outlined have been recommended themselves to nearly all who have been persistent members of past councils, notably to T. Nisbet Robertson, probably one of the most judicious representatives who ever sat in the civic parliament. What the present representatives think about it cannot well be ascertained, as the sections' budgets, letters drawn from publicly expressing a collective opinion.

PARLIAMENT.

OTTAWA, Feb. 22.—In the house today a number of private bills were introduced and the reports of inland revenue and civil service were laid on the table.

Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper asked the government if it was their intention to have the vessel to replace the Newfoundland built in Halifax. He submitted that every encouragement should be given to Canadian industries and the men who invested their money should be appointed even if the work cost more.

Sir Louis Davies intimated that he had already considered the question and submitted it to his colleagues, and they were very favorably impressed with the proposal, and it was the intention of the government not only to ask for tenders in the dominion for the steamer to replace the Newfoundland, but also for a vessel to supersede the Druid, which is worn out. From remarks dropped by the minister it appears that the Newfoundland's successor will be constructed on much more elaborate plans than the wrecked ship, and will cost about \$1,000,000 for ocean and river service brought forth a vigorous protest from the opposition.

Sir Louis Davies was placed in an uncomfortable position by a hot fire "disputed" at him and quitted repeatedly. The payment of \$100,000 was called the Shamrock used for buoy service; at Montreal was made despite the protest of the auditor general.

Messrs. Tupper and Monk insisted on particulars of such a large vote of money as asked for, and Sir Louis had to admit that \$100,000 would not cover the expenses this year.

Then Mr. Taylor took a hand in and asked if it was the intention of the minister to waste money as he did last year. Every critic heeler was not rewarded. B. J. Coughlin of Montreal, a friend of the party, got an order for supplying \$1,265 worth of hardware for the steamer Minto, and outrageous prices were asked and paid.

Sir Louis stated that the government would continue to throw away the people's money on similar lines. No tenders will be asked. By careful questioning, Sir Charles Hibbert Tupper brought out in riveting detail the cost of the steamer Minto before she could go on the winter service. The builders have been asked to pay half the cost of repairs.

Both matters were brought up last session. Sir Louis stated he had not made up his mind, as the chief engineer reported unfavorably, and as Halifax had one of the finest harbors in the world. Admiral Brinkie also gave it as his opinion that a lightship was unnecessary. He promised to take the matter up again before the supplementary estimates.

In the house tonight an estimate of \$80,000 for a lightship for the Lunenburg shoals was considered. The site has been surveyed and the department of marine and fisheries considers the placing of the lightship necessary.

Mr. Fraser of Guyaboro wants Canada to ask the United States to bear a portion of the cost of keeping up the lightservice of the Yukon. Sir Louis Davies reports favorable progress in the frozen belt industry. Mr. Kendall impressed on the house the importance of encouraging the industry, which is of such vital importance to the people of the maritime provinces. As one of the promoters of the scheme, he felt that with little effort general success would be assured. He hoped to see the fish of eastern Canada sold from cold storage as far west as Chicago. He hoped to see cars built to enable fishermen to take advantage of the western markets. At present there is not a decent cold storage car in Canada. In answer to Hon. Mr. Borden, he said that freezers are now self-sustaining.

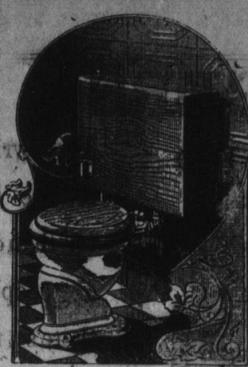
NOTES.

On Monday, Mr. Logan will move that in the opinion of the house the preferential tariff should only apply to goods brought into Canada through Canadian ports.

Mr. Logan's reason for giving no vote of motion for preferential trade is based on the restriction of the C. T. R. in making Portland its summer terminus. Mr. Logan thinks that by making it imperative that goods to derive any advantage from preferential tariff must pass through Canadian ports, will cripple the freight business of the railway lines who work against Canadian interests.

It was announced tonight that the following provision for a lightservice in New Brunswick had been provided for:
Pedy's Point light, \$200.
Mr. Fowler on Monday will inquire of the ministry has George Myers,

A Chance to do Your Plumbing Cheap.



I am offering this first class, highly sanitary, up-to-date **Low Down Closet Combination.**
Worth \$24 for \$14.95.
For one month only.
If you are thinking of making changes in your Bath Room or putting in new w. c., why not get one of these high class closets at the extremely low price I am selling them at.
John S. COUGHLAN
122 Charlotte Street.
Shop Tel. 1987. Residence Tel. 1165.

SUNDAY SERVICES.

St. John's Church.—Rev. J. de Souza, rector. Services tomorrow (Sat. Sunday in Lent) at 8, with Holy Communion, 11, and 7. The rector will preach at both services.

Brussels Street Baptist.—Preaching by the pastor at 11 and 7. Morning subject: Sabbath School and Home; evening subject: Observance of Lent. Sabbath School at 2.30. Pastor's class for men at same hour; subject: Verbal Inspiration.

Coburg Street Christian Church.—Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Dr. R. Bentley Eay. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Prayer and social meeting on Thursday at 8 o'clock.

Douglas Avenue Christian Church.—J. Chas. B. Appel, minister. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9.30 a. m. Subject for Sunday evening: "The First Gospel Sermon and Its Results." The special evangelistic services, held by the minister and members of the congregation, will be continued every evening next week except Saturday.

Baptist Tabernacle, Haymarket Square.—Pastor, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Song and testimony meeting at 4 p. m. Special services every night of the week at 7.45.

Carmarthen St. Methodist Church.—The pastor, Rev. G. A. Sellar, will preach at 11 a. m. and at 7 p. m. Devotion day in connection with Sunday school. Evangelistic services continued next week.

Christian Science Services.—Sunday at 11 a. m. and 2 p. m.; subject: "Christ Jesus." Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Wednesday at 8 p. m. Reading room open daily from 2.30 to 5 p. m. in Oldfield building, corner Union street and Hazen avenue.

Missioi Church St. John Baptist, Paradise Row (Church of England).—First Sunday in Lent: Holy Eucharist at 8 a. m. (old) and choral with sermon at 11 a. m. Choral Evensong and sermon at 7 p. m. During Lent the following course of sermons will be carried out by Rev. C. B. Kenrick, priest in charge: Morning course: "The Life of Penitence." Evening course: "Things not generally understood, (1) Forms; (2) Ceremonies; (3) Images; (4) Candles; (5) Incense; (6) The sign of the Cross. Daily services during Lent: Evensong and address at 5.30; Holy Eucharist at 8 o'clock. Inquire of W. 7.45; Holy Eucharist at 9.30 a. m. on Mondays and Fridays; at 7.30 a. m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Saturdays, and at 7 a. m. every Thursday.

Unitarian Church.—Rev. W. L. Brown, minister. Sunday school, 11 a. m. Service of worship at 7 p. m. only. Sermon topic: "Temperance, a Personal and Social Duty."

Trinity Church.—Rev. J. A. Richardson, rector. Rev. W. W. Craig, curate. First Sunday in Lent. Holy Communion at 8 o'clock. Morning service at 11 o'clock; preacher, Rev. Heber J. Hamilton, C. C. M. A., missionary in Japan. Congregational Bible class at 2.45. Sunday school at 3 o'clock. Evening service, when all seats are free, at 7 o'clock. The rector will preach.

Waterloo Free Baptist.—Rev. C. T. Phillips. Services at 10 and 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Exmouth Street Methodist Church.—Rev. R. W. Weddall will preach in the morning and the pastor, Rev. T. J. Delatoad, in the evening.

Zion Methodist Church, junction of Wall street and Burpee avenue.—Rev. Dr. Wilson, pastor. Rev. Wm. Penna will preach at 11. Sabbath school at 2.30. Pastor will preach at 7; subject: "The Righteousness that Exalteth a Nation."

Germain Street Baptist Church.—Preaching on Lord's Day at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. by Rev. W. Camp of Sussex, N. B. Sunday school at 2.30 p. m. Prayer meeting on Monday and Friday nights at 8 o'clock.

Queen Square Methodist Church.—11 a. m. Rev. E. J. Delatoad; 7 p. m. Rev. R. W. Weddall; 2.30 p. m. Sabbath school.

Portland Methodist Church.—Morning, Rev. J. Shenton; evening, Rev. Geo. Steel. Sunday school at 2.15 p. m.

HOTELS.

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J. J. McCAFFREY, Manager.

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TO LET—Lower flat, with basement, of House No. 48 Garden street. Recently re-modelled. Apply to E. R. WILSON, 33 Union street.

TO LET—Lower flat, No. 116 Duke street. For particulars apply to A. GILMORE, 65 King street, or J. S. ARMSTRONG, 33 Charlotte street.

TO LET—Two separate self contained lower flats, six rooms; warm and comfortable; good yards. Rent \$120 each. MRS. E. H. LESTER, 11 Richmond street.

TO LET—From 1st May next, lower flat of house No. 114 Elliott Row. All modern improvements and lately out-fitted through repairs. Apply to KNOWLTON & GILCHRIST, 112 Prince William street.

TO LET—A large Store and Cellar, on corner of Union and Waterloo streets, opposite Golden Ball corner. This is one of the best business stands in the city. Enquire of FRASER, FRASER & CO.

TO LET—The lower flat of Sharkey House (so called), situate on south side Elliott Row, at present occupied by Mr. Chas. E. Leidy, on front floor of brick house No. 148 Germain street, near Horsefield; and also 2 large bed rooms on upper floor of same building obtainable at once. Inquire of W. TREMAYNE GARD, 48 King Street.

TO LET—A house at 48 Carmarthen street, opposite Leinster street Baptist church, eight rooms; a pretty garden in front. If required a quantity of household furniture will go with house. Lease can be given if required for five years. May be seen Wednesday and Friday between 11 and 5. MRS. WHITSELL, on premises.

WANTED.
WANTED—In a central situation, a large room suitable for a school room. Apply to MISS ELEANOR ROBINSON, 33 Fiddlers' Street.

MILLINERS WANTED. Several competent Milliners wanted for good positions in N. B. and N. S. towns. Good wages and steady positions. Apply to BROCK & PATTERSON, 30 and 32 King Street.

ARTICLES FOR EXCHANGE.

Advertisements under this head will be taken for a quarter of a cent a word.

25 CLOTH bound books, mostly novels, for a new suit of clothes, what have you? Address Books, Star office.

Will exchange small Printing Press for cash or anything useful of same value. Printer, Star office.

CASH for working plans of a summer cottage, to cost about \$500. Charlie, Star office.

GRINSTONE, 18 inches diameter, 2 inches thick, for anything useful. Address Stone, Star office.

MONEY TO LOAN

On Freehold and Leasehold Property—repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

NAPOLÉON—WHAT MIGHT HAVE BEEN.

(From a letter to the London Spectator)
Reading Lord Rosebery's masterly presentation of Napoleon, and analysis of a personality so abnormal, mentally and physically, as almost to suggest impersonality, awakens suggestions of a possibility which would have changed the history of the world. Conqueror in Egypt, whose he regretted he did not remain; accepting the creed of Mahomet, which he was quite ready to do, in which the army, child of the revolution which abjured Christianity, and dangled by the glamour of sects, would have followed him, Mahomedans from everywhere would have rushed to his standard, he would have swept Europe and Asia on a tide of conquest no Charles the Hammer could have stemmed and no Pope arrested.

DYKEMAN'S 3 Entrances

ON MONDAY WE ARE GOING TO GIVE YOU AN OLD FASHIONED BARGAIN DAY IN THE STAPLE DEPARTMENT.

WHITE COTTONS. We will repeat the offering in white cotton which we made two weeks ago, and which proved such a great success.

TABLE LINEN. An extraordinary offering. Pure linen 62 inches wide, bleached, very neat patterns, 50c. per yard.

HALF BLEACHED TABLE LINEN. The kind that wears well and washes well, 54 inches wide, 25c. per yard.

NAPKINS. Pure linen, 5-8 size, 60c. per dozen. You save 20c. a dozen on these by buying them Monday.

NAPKINS. 3-4 size, \$1.25 per dozen. You save 50c. a dozen on these by buying them on Monday.

LINEN TRAY CLOTHS. Made from the purest of pure linens so pure they have the same gloss as silk, the prettiest of patterns, 25c.

LINEN TABLE COVERS. For ordinary use. Not a large quantity of them, so if you wish to participate in this bargain, you will have to come early.

WHITE QUILTS. 21-2 yards square, Marseilles make. We will sell these at cost on Monday, 98c. each.

COTTON REP. a material which we have imported from the other side at a special price, 23c. for this 44 inch rep. It is bordered on both sides and is used for portiers, curtains or coverings.

F. A. Dykeman & Co

My Patrons Are highly pleased with the Beef, Lamb, Turkeys and Chickens from Ontario which I am now selling.

S. Z. DICKSON COUNTRY MARKET.

SOVEREIGN!

THE SHOE FOR MEN! \$3, \$3.50, \$4.

The best value ever offered in this market. I find the demand for them steadily growing.

Splendid Fall Stock of Boots, Shoes and Rubbers now open for your inspection.

Perhaps you have been paying too much for your footwear. Get my prices.

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GRANTED CERTIFICATES. Capt. Smith, R. N. R., finished the marine examinations in St. John yesterday. He granted certificates to George Whitfield Smith of Annapolis, Hanford Whately and Elmer D. Spry, etc.

WANT ADS.

In order to be of as much service as possible to the working people of St. John, the STAR will insert FREE all advertisements of Situations Wanted. For any other Want Ads. there will be a small charge.

Read the Ads. in the Star.

LOCAL NEWS.

J. S. Gibbon & Co. direct attention to new supply of coal just received.

The attention of house-keepers is directed to the bargains advertised for Monday by F. A. Dykeman & Co.

Manifests were received today for five cars of flour, two of corn and one of horses over the C. P. R. for export.

Registrar Jones reported that two marriages during the past week. There were twenty births—thirteen being males.

Mrs. Stephen Legere, of Main street, near Simonds, died this morning in the fifty-fourth year of her age. A husband and family survive.

The Dominion Coal Company have given notice that on Monday the price of sieve coal will be advanced one dollar per ton.

The artesian well on Partridge Island is now down over 400 feet and has reached sandstone with an excellent prospect of getting a supply of good water.

There were nine deaths reported during last week. The causes were aethma, inanition, pneumonia, suicide, senile decay, heart failure, cholera infantum, perforation of the bowels.

Rev. J. C. B. Appel's evangelistic meetings of the last week in Douglas Avenue Christian church have been fraught with success. Five candidates will be baptized tonight in the Coburg street church front.

A largely attended and very enjoyable dance and whist party was held at the home of Mel. Carpenter, Wickham, Queens County, last evening. Young ladies and gentlemen from all the neighboring parishes were present.

Carnall, the taxidermist, is dressing a moose head for the I. C. R. It is a remarkably fine head, 3 feet 4 inches long, with antlers 3 feet 8 inches in length. The moose was shot on the northwest Miramichi. As a moose head is the badge of the I. C. R., the forest king's head will be shown at Toronto.

A petition is being signed by shipping merchants, one by the ship-laborers' societies, one by the pilots, and one by the boatmen at Reed's Point, and another will be got up by the R.K.Y. club, asking that a pepper landing place be provided near Reed's Point on the harbor front.

Richard H. Irwin, who has been connected with the business staff of the Star since it started has accepted a position with the National Cycle and Automobile Co. of this city, and will join their staff March 1st. Mr. Irwin is a worker, and will carry with him the hearty good wishes of the Star staff.

FIRE DRILLS IN SCHOOLS.

The Star has been informed that there has not been a fire drill in Victoria School building for at least a couple of years. In other days the scholars were called from their studies by the fire gong every once in a while, and the manner in which they marched from the big four-story structure, four abreast, was as admirable as it was speedy.

Dr. Bridges told the Star today that a great deal of time used to be wasted in these fire drills in all the city schools. The scholars are just as well trained now in leaving the buildings hastily and in order as they were some years ago.

As an evidence of this some person doubting it can attend at any of the buildings at a dismissed time. The buildings are emptied in a very few minutes. There need, therefore, be no worry or fear on the part of parents as to the safety of their children in case of fire.

SHIPPING TEA WEST.

T. H. Estabrooks Has Opened Up Good Trade in Ontario.

T. H. Estabrooks, tea importer and blender, at his desk in his office on North Wharf this morning, wore a pleased expression when a Star man called. The cause of it lay in a fat bunch of orders for tea that had just come in from western Ontario, whence Rupert Pratt is now travelling for him.

Mr. Estabrooks has two men on the road in Ontario and will send another. Mr. Pratt only went west a few days ago, and the orders just received from him were accompanied by a letter speaking most cheerfully. "I can sell Red Rose tea here," writes Mr. Pratt, and Mr. Estabrooks is naturally disposed to commend the good taste of Ontario consumers. His efforts to extend his tea business into Ontario have thus far been even more satisfactory than he had hoped.

MANILA, Feb. 22.—Arcoles, a Manila drug-gist has been arrested, and communications from Aguilado, dated from Northwestern Luzon, have been seized in his store. The matter is being investigated, but the exact extent of the information thus supplied has not yet been disclosed.

GIVE US A LANDING.

The Editor of the Star: Sir,—I am very glad to see that the Neptune Rowing Club has made a move towards securing a floating boat landing at Reed's Point.

There is not a place on our waterfront where passengers can be landed, except at about high water, without rowing them to the dirty, slippery steps, or the equally dirty perpendicular ladder.

I hope that all the classes interested will make themselves heard in support of the rowing club's request.

The yacht club, the owners and captains of tugs, small steamers and launches, the ship laborers' societies, the pilots, the boatmen, the schooner-men and the runners from the business houses that look for trade on the ships and steamers constitute a numerous body of our citizens who have use for such a landing the year round.

In the summer season even this large number is vastly increased by the visiting yachtsmen, tourists, picnicers, boating parties, etc., and during the visits from the men-of-war we all know what a rush there is to go ashore. Surely all these people are entitled to recent accommodations, and I hope the mayor and aldermen will seize the opportunity afforded by the repairs to Reed's Point wharf to put in a public landing-boat to which tugs, yachts, small steamers and launches, and the rowing boats can come to receive and land their passengers at all times of tide. It's wanted.

Yours truly, WETFOOT.

St. John, 23 Feb., 1901.

RECENT DEATHS.

The death occurred yesterday of Mrs. Mary Ann Skillen, wife of Andrew Skillen, of St. Martins, in the 71st year of her age. Deceased was a daughter of the late Simon Vaughan, and sister of David Vaughan and Mrs. W. H. Rourke, of St. Martins. Her children surviving her are W. E. Skillen, St. Martins; Frank V. Skillen, Boston, Mass.; Capt. R. W. Skillen, St. Y. Skillen, LeBaron Skillen, St. Martins; Mrs. David Brown, St. John, and Miss Beattie Skillen.

Pneumonia caused the death of George Moore at Philadelphia yesterday. Mr. Moore was well-known to St. John theatre goers.

James Cleland, a former citizen of St. John, died at Rockmore, Ireland, on January 29th, aged 81 years.

Miss Lena Clarke, of New Jerusalem, Queens County, died on the seventh of this month, in the 19th year of her age, and was ill but a short time.

The death occurred at Harvey Station, on Wednesday, of Robert Torrance, aged 88 years. Two sons and six daughters survive him.

THE ROTHESAY LIST.

The Attorney-General Explains What Will Be Done.

Hon. William Pugsley was seen this morning by a Star reporter in regard to the Rotheday election list matter. He said that the judgment of the supreme court, handed down yesterday, did not altogether remove the difficulty.

The time for the revisors and the county secretary to bring in the list ended December 31st. Mr. Pugsley thought the only thing now to be done was to bring in legislation immediately to remove the difficulty.

This he intended to do himself, at the same time making certain safe guards which would prevent any recurrence of the present state of affairs. One of these guards, Mr. Pugsley explained, would be to have each of the revisors sign the papers in full, and the magistrate to do the same.

The Kings County election will not be held until after the proposed legislation is passed.

CROSSING THE CAPES.

D. E. Brown representing Dearborn & Co., St. John, N. B., is in the city, visiting the town of Grand Falls, and will spend several weeks throughout the province. Mr. Brown has had quite an experience in reaching the island. He first proceeded to Pictou and after waiting there a week for the wind to change he went to Cape Tormentine. Whilst crossing Cape Tormentine Mr. Brown had the misfortune to "deeper sink" than was pleasant, but only to the depth of about five and a half feet. Though he is not anxious for a repetition of the experience, yet he is not suffering any in consequence, but would prefer cold duck in another form in future.

AUCTION SALES.

Mining stock went begging at Chubb's Corner today. Brandon and Golden Crown, Big Five and Little Five, were tried successively but with little effect.

In the equity sale in the suit in which Robert Seely is plaintiff and John McGinty and Mary McGinty defendants, the property on Faddock street, under a mortgage of \$2,000, was sold for \$1,475 to A. A. Wilson. The half interest in the freehold lot and house went to A. C. Fairweather for \$1,007.50. He also obtained one half interest in the lot and house Canterbury street for \$1,301. A lease hold lot on Dorchester street, went to A. A. Wilson for \$400, a free hold lot on Cedar street to A. A. Wilson for \$35, and a leasehold lot, City Road, for \$300 to A. A. Wilson, who also obtained a \$2,000 mortgage on a farm in Westmount for \$500. A \$1,500 mortgage was sold to J. Sealy for \$1,325.

SENT UP.

Merritt Lord To Be Tried in County Court.

M. F. Mooney and Detective Killen Give Testimony Today—Mr. Baxter's Assertion.

When the magistrate took his seat in the police court today a large crowd of spectators were crowding about the rail, attracted, no doubt, by yesterday's somewhat sensational utterances in the Merritt Lord case.

Before the remanded prisoner Lord was brought in from jail his honor disposed of a couple of drunks, one William McLeod of St. Martins, the other Moses Roach, a diminutive sailor off the steamer Lake Ontario at Sand Point. Roach pleaded to get off, and he would never be found in such predicament again, but the magistrate said something about too many winter port steamer sailors coming before him, and imposed the \$8 fine. McLeod said the sum.

When Merritt Lord was escorted in from the big stone building he did not appear as if yesterday's startling disclosure had worn away his physical being any. He greeted his lawyer, Mr. Baxter, with a smile, and jokingly referred to the presence of Mr. Saunders of west end, whose store he was accused of robbing some months ago another.

Detective Patrick was the first witness called. He is a police officer. Has been for ten years. Was in Mispec last Tuesday. It is about ten miles away. The road is lonesome, being pretty well settled north within three miles of the Mooney pulp mill. There are no houses. Large boulders dot either side of the road-way, and the way is circuitous.

Mr. Baxter objected to this topographical description. It was wholly unnecessary he thought.

Witness visited Mooney mill with Mr. Mooney to interview some men there. From what he learned from these men he was prompted to visit Mrs. McIsaac's house. There he found Mrs. Bennett and some children. A man giving his name as Frank Daley was in the kitchen. I went up stairs with him in consequence of the information received at mill. Mr. Mooney went up with us too. Upstairs I found two rooms, one on east side and other on west. Two beds in one room and cobbler's bench in spare room. Saw brass stuff lying in corner, didn't say anything about it. But in other box, like sailor's chest, I found hammer and wrench. Gathered stuff all up and asked Daley if he knew where it came from. Daley said "No." Mrs. Bennett said she did not know who fetched it, but took it out of Merritt Lord's car. Mr. Mooney sent for Mr. McIsaac and asked him about it. He said he knew nothing of it, had not seen it until then. McIsaac said "wrench and hammer were his property. Mr. Mooney asked, "Where did you buy that wrench?"

McIsaac said, "I'll tell you the truth about that. I borrowed it from the woodroom to fix a bicycle."

Mooney says, "What about that hammer?"

"Merritt Lord gave me that," he said.

Witness said brass goods, hammer, wrench, etc., were placed in sleigh. Went to mill, thence to city. Arrested Lord next day in Carleton. Merritt Lord and another (Harry Lord) were in a sleigh when we were coming to town. We passed them.

Mr. Baxter cross-examined Detective Killen.

"How long have you been detective?"

"I'm not a detective at all. I am a social officer."

"Then do you consider the searching of a man's private trunk for articles about which a man has made two statements to the warden of a police officer, or a detective?"

Objected to by Mr. Alward. Court ruled in favor of Mr. Baxter.

Witness said he did not suspect McIsaac from what information he had, but it was Lord he was looking for.

"From whom had you information that the goods were brought to McIsaac's boarding house before you went to the McIsaac house?"

"Nobody at all, except Foreman White, who said he had heard Lord brought the goods."

"When you had that much information you found the hammer and wrench in McIsaac's room, and McIsaac made two different statements, i. e.,—that the wrench and hammer were his property, and later that he confessed borrowing the wrench."

Witness agreed to this.

"And yet you did not suspect any one else but Merritt Lord?"

Dr. Alward objects. His honor upheld Mr. Baxter in asking the question, which he now considered in a more serious light.

Witness saw White in office of mill Tuesday. He was sober. Knew nothing of White before. McIsaac, when he came to house, said he had not seen the alleged stolen stuff before. It was in the next room to his. As a police official he did not consider it a reasonable thing for these things to be in a boarding house keeper's own house without his knowing of it.

"And yet you fastened the suspicion on Merritt Lord?"

"I did so from what Mrs. Bennett said."

"And yet you found two articles from the mill in McIsaac's trunk?"

"I didn't know they were from the mill until McIsaac said he had borrowed the wrench."

"Mr. Mooney was right there, wasn't he?"

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W. A. SINCLAIR, 65 Brussels Street, St. John.

In Lord, officers of the law might have investigated McIsaac, the man who had to lie about the wrench and hammer, or White, "the highwayman and safe-cracker." Mr. Mooney met Lord and talked about the highway business. Mr. Mooney says he (Lord) must not go to Mispec. Lord goes down nevertheless. Does not make any effort to bring brass away. Is arrested McIsaac invented and over-drove excuse. Under all these circumstances Mr. Baxter thought somebody else might have been apprehended in connection with the robbery. Mr. Mooney and Mr. Killen might naturally have come to the conclusion the articles were stolen either by McIsaac or White. Lord went away from the vicinity of the articles altogether.

Dr. Alward said a theft had been committed. The goods taken were of no practical use in house or on the premises, and only good to sell for junk. The goods were carried a mile and a half from mill. Only three persons to be suspected—Merritt Lord, White and McIsaac. Goods taken with guilty intent. The thief may not have had an opportunity of disposing of his stolen goods. These goods may again have been a mere relic of what had been taken. The evidence as to Lord is strong. White swears Lord confessed the stealing to him. The charges against White do not militate against his (White's) character. Merritt Lord had access to all parts of building as an oiler. Mrs. Bennett tells of finding brass goods in Lord's car. The case should go up for trial, and not rest on a mere ex-parte examination.

His honor said the only evidence to consider is that of Mrs. Bennett, who said she found brass goods in Lord's car. He thought, therefore, he would have to send Lord up for trial.

Mr. Baxter requested Lord's temporary liberty on his own recognizance, to prepare thoroughly for the coming trial. In arguing for this he said he was prepared to bring the real culprit forward at the next trial, and it would go for Merritt Lord.

His honor fixed bail at \$2,000. Lord could not get it and went to jail to await trial.

A TRIP WEST.

T. S. Simms Returns From the Pacific Coast.

T. S. Simms has just returned from a successful business trip to the Pacific Coast. On his way back he went down through the Arrow lakes on the C. P. R. steamers to Robson. Speaking to the Star reporter this morning he said that the thing which particularly impressed him in the Kootenay district was the continuous chain of mountains. On the trip down the lakes for about one hundred and twenty-five miles the shores formed the base of these ranges. Cultivation was, of course, almost impossible, and though there was some small timber, there was little of any commercial value. Mining was the great industry. Although the weather was quite cold the lakes were open, with the exception of about five miles of the journey, and the steamer easily broke through the ice by means of barges.

At Rossland Mr. Simms went down the LeBel mine, and was through the works. The population of this town has shifted considerably. Rev. Mr. Stackhouse, formerly pastor of the Baptist church in New Glasgow, told Mr. Simms that his congregation had changed almost completely three times in two years.

Concerning the Crow's Nest Pass road, Mr. Simms said it was generally thought in the west that it would become the main line, partly on account of its lesser grades. During his trip he met many provincialists, most of whom appeared to be doing well.

It's better for the mariner to take a reef on a sail than to take a sail on a reef.