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MR. HAZEN THE RIGHT MAN FOR MARINE AND FISHERIES

Weir Owners and Weir Fishermen's Union, of Charlotte County, at their Annual Meeting Passed Resolution of Confidence in Hon. Mr. Hazen as Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

Special to The Standard.—At the annual meeting of the Weir Owners and Weir Fishermen's Union of Charlotte County, held in St. George's today a resolution was adopted stating that the action of the late government in transferring the control of the fishery protection branch to the fisheries department was a mistake.

On motion of Capt. Chas. Johnson and Geo. M. Byron, a resolution was passed by the union that Hon. J. D. Hazen be appointed to the position of Minister of Marine and Fisheries.

The executive committee submitted an interesting report, dealing with the question of sealing, and referring to the desirability of the development of an important canning industry in Charlotte county.

A Fairly Successful Year.—In opening the meeting the president, J. A. Belyea, expressed regret that the weather had prevented a larger attendance. He said that the past year had been a fairly successful one in different parts of the county.

The demand for herring had been good and the price was maintaining itself at a level of \$4.00 per bushel. The price was satisfactory, though there was a slight falling off in the fall. As was well known the price was much higher than in former years before the organization of the union.

Continuing, he said he was glad to be able to report that a large canning factory would be created at Chamcook, if the capacity of this factory was only a small proportion of what was said it would be, the fishermen of the county would have a greatly enlarged market, and could find it able to maintain good prices.

In conclusion the president remarked that time had apparently dealt lightly with the herring business, and he wished everybody a happy New Year and prosperous fishing next season.

Secretary Fraley then read the minutes of the last annual meeting, which were adopted without discussion.

The report of the secretary treasurer showed that the union had a substantial balance on hand.

The report of the executive committee was then read and adopted. It was as follows:

The Seining Question.—"Your committee have great pleasure in reporting a fairly successful year in the herring business, and although the movements of the fish were very erratic and they found their way into many unrequited channels, still on the whole they were fairly distributed and enabled many weirs to make much better catches than usual."

"Your committee deplore the prevalence of the seining which they regret to report was carried on, particularly in the upper part of the Bay of Fundy, to a great extent than usual. Your committee feel that by this means the schools of fish are always broken up, scattered and driven off, and while some are taken and some benefit accrues to a few individuals, the general effect on the herring industry in Canada is that it eventually, they hope, will be extensive enough to take care of the whole of our raw material. Your committee feel that the herring industry in Canada is in a very precarious position, and that it will eventually, they hope, be extensive enough to take care of the whole of our raw material."

Confidence in Hon. Mr. Hazen.—"Your committee also feel that although the general election through the Dominion resulted in a change of the government, and that there is now a new head to the department of Marine and Fisheries, they have confidence to believe that, if possible, greater care will be taken by the present minister of Fisheries to preserve, protect and develop not only our herring fisheries, but our fisheries of all kinds, and that he will quickly realize that the fisheries of Canada are its greatest asset, and that no effort should be spared in their preservation and development."

Your committee beg to urge again the great benefit which they think would accrue by the establishment of an up-to-date fish reduction plant at some convenient point in Charlotte county.

Your committee wishes the President and members a Happy New Year."

Election of Officers.—The next order of business was the election of officers for the year: Angus Holt moved, and Geo. Byron seconded, that J. A. Belyea be re-elected president, and this was carried unanimously.

In accepting office for another term Mr. Belyea said, it had long been a source of gratification to him that while president he had the assistance of an able executive, and the strong support of the members. He felt the importance of the union to the fishermen of Charlotte county was becoming more apparent every year. They had recognized its advantages in

securing them better prices for their produce, and they must see that when seeking legislation in the interests of their important industry their influence depended on the extent of their organization.

Capt. Peter Cameron was elected vice-president and Geo. E. Fraley was re-elected secretary-treasurer. The resolution in both cases being unanimous.

The old executive committee, consisting of Hugh McGregor, Capt. Chas. Johnson, B. J. Gustafson, Geo. M. Byron, Andrew Magee, G. W. MacKay, A. B. O'Neill, W. A. Holt and J. T. Gathen, was re-elected and J. B. McGowan and Michael Cassidy were added to the committee.

Control of the Cruisers.—Under the head of miscellaneous business there was some discussion in regard to the control of the fishery patrol cruisers. It was said that since the passage of the new act, the control of the cruisers had been taken from the fishery department and vested in the navy department. If the inspectors wanted the cruisers to their district to undertake any work, they had to make a requisition to the fishery department, which in turn made a requisition to the navy department, which might or might not comply with the request. In any case by the time the requisition was made it was likely that it would be too late for the cruisers to do anything.

Geo. M. Byron suggested that the inspectors should have small swift launches under their immediate control.

Capt. Chas. Johnson said he was surprised that the cruisers should have been taken out of the control of the fishery department and handed over to the navy. The committee pointed out the need of having a minister of marine and fisheries from the Maritime Provinces.

Angus Holt said that when the control of the cruisers was changed it was the intention to supplement the fishery department with a number of swift launches for local use.

ROUTINE BUSINESS AT SAFETY BOARD

No Matters of Pressing Interest Discussed Last Evening—Will Take Estimates Up Next Week.

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OBITUARY

Mrs. T. G. Starkey.

The death occurred at the general public hospital last evening at 8:20 p.m. Mrs. Starkey, of 414 Main street, was 72 years of age.

Her husband, Mr. Starkey, was a well-known business man in the city. She leaves a husband, one son, Hartley Vanwart four brothers and one sister to mourn their loss.

Funeral services will be held at 10 o'clock tomorrow morning at the residence of Mrs. Starkey, 414 Main street.

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HISTORICAL AND POLITICAL SCIENCE ASSOCIATIONS MEET

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Conference on state, local and European history, the election of Theodore Roosevelt as president in 1912, and the awarding of the Herbert Baxter Hunt prize for the best essay on European history to Miss Louise Fargo Brown, of Wesley college, Fargo, N. D., was held at the Hotel Hamilton here today.

The American Political Science Association which has been holding its eighth annual session and meeting jointly with the Historical Association, met here today for a private luncheon and the discussion of a plan for efficient state government.

The delegates will leave for Toronto tomorrow morning for the annual meeting of the University of Toronto, while the members of the Historical Association will go to Ithaca as the guests of Cornell.

Both associations will meet in Boston next year.

ST. Mary's Christmas Entertainment.—The annual Christmas entertainment was held in the school room of St. Mary's church last night and there was a large attendance.

The program was carried out by the choir, primary department, recitation, Dorothy Lane; dialogue, Bertha Leonard; monologue, Katie Kinball and Mabel Hoesford; piano solo, Maud Willis; carol, School. There was a large Christmas tree, laden with gifts, and the real old Santa Claus put in appearance and made the little folk happy when he distributed the presents.

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J. D. McLEAN,
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Public Notice
THE UNDERSIGNED having been appointed by the common council of the city of St. John, a committee to sell the fishery for the ensuing year, pursuant to law, hereby give notice that certain Fishery Lots along the East side of the Bay, River and Harbor, heretofore enjoyed and possessed by the inhabitants of the said city of St. John, will be sold at public auction on THURSDAY, the SECOND DAY OF JANUARY, NEXT, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, at the Court House, in the city of St. John, for the fishing season of the ensuing year, to end on the 15th day of December, 1912.

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PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that under Chapter 56 of the consolidated laws of New Brunswick, 1907, license to transact business in this Province has been granted for one year from the First day of December A. D. 1911 to the Canadian Home Investment Company Limited.
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THE LIQUOR LICENSE ACT.
The liquor license commissioners for the District of the City of St. John will meet in the office of the Inspector, Chubb building, 29 Princess Street on Thursday, the 18th day of January, at 3 p. m. to consider and determine the list of applications for licenses now on file and to hear any objections that may be taken to the granting of any of the applications.
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(New York Herald.)
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With a delicacy of feeling which is not a universal journalistic trait, the editorial staff of the Star of Hope never by any mischance refer either to themselves or their constituents as convicts, or why should we? The Star of Hope is a striking example of the impersonality of journalism. Every contributor's name is signed, yet every contributor's identity is veiled, at least from the outside world, by a most perfect fiction. Anonymity, there is, in a sense, a monotonous similarity in the names of plume employed. They are all initials, and these are either "Sing Sing," "Auburn," "Clinton" and the like.

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THREE YEARS OF DEFICITS.

The Standard's exposure of the untruthful and ridiculous statements of Mr. A. B. Cope, the new leader of the Opposition in the Local House, has caused the Times to rush to his defence. It is the belief of the Standard and of many others that Mr. Cope is the representative of a class of politicians who should be relegated to private life, not only for his own sake, but to remove them as far from the public treasury chest as possible. Mr. Cope's acceptance of \$1,400 for services that he has never satisfactorily explained in connection with the Central Railway, is in itself a sufficient reason why he should not be a member of the Legislature, and his promotion to the place of Opposition leader shows, either a decided scarcity of men for that position, or a belief within the party making the selection that the public conscience is dead. Mr. Cope is, perhaps, no worse than those who selected him for leader. A glance at the names and a review of the public accounts of the Province will furnish evidence that the majority of those who had to do with the selection have all dipped down into the treasure chest of the Province on one pretext or another.

The Times is horrified because there has been an over-expenditure on account of bridges during the year 1911, and sardonically remarks that it cannot be charged up to the old Government. The Times is not so wise as it thinks. Were it not for the enormous interest charges, resulting from the extravagance of the old Government, the present Administration could have spent all it did on public works in 1911 and still had a balance to its credit. It would be well for the Times to make a careful study of the provincial accounts for the past few years. Discoveries would then be made that would startle the Times into silence at least on a subject regarding which that valuable journal is now so densely ignorant.

As a sample brick from the pile take the year 1905. In that year, according to the Auditor General's report, the ordinary revenue of the Province was \$574,419.75 and the expenditure \$562,657.96, leaving a balance of \$11,761.79. On the preceding page of the report referred to appears the balance sheet of the Province for the year and there we find the following items of over-expenditure which are altogether omitted from the consolidated revenue account, although every one of them belongs there, and, if the account had not been cooked, would have been included. These omitted items are:

Provincial Hospital	\$24,670.40
Public Works	35,028.41
Agriculture	2,557.89
Total	\$62,256.61

In the face of such a condition of affairs the Government showed a surplus of \$6,782.70, while there was an actual deficit of \$42,573.91.

The next year things got worse instead of better. In 1906 the revenue of the Province on ordinary account was \$587,201.55 and the expenditure charged to the consolidated revenue account \$579,965.52, showing a surplus of \$7,236.03. By referring to the balance sheet it is discovered that there were over-expenditures of \$208,912.18, which had been omitted from the consolidated revenue account altogether. These items are:

Public Works	\$197,943.73
Agriculture	2,557.89
Crown Land Department	2,910.54
Harland Bridge	5,461.71
Total	\$208,912.18

Although there is nothing to explain the public works expenditure of \$197,943.73 and no details of what the work was, ever appeared in the printed report or the public accounts, it is possible that the over-expenditure of 1905 is included in the total. This would reduce the over-expenditure for 1906, altogether omitted from the consolidated revenue account, to \$183,217.75. Instead of a balance of \$8,746.01 in 1906, the old Government had an actual deficit of \$175,965.77 or more than three times the over-expenditure of the present Administration for 1911.

At the session of the Legislature authority was obtained to fund the over-expenditure for public works and the amount like that of the Provincial Hospital became a permanent interest charge. Notwithstanding this the balance sheet of the succeeding year, 1907, shows an over-expenditure on account of public works of \$78,952.81, not a dollar of which passed through the consolidated revenue account. This was the last year of the old Administration and although the revenue was increased by \$65,000 by the first half yearly payment of the increased Dominion subsidy there was another deficit of \$76,284.62 shown in the accounts. In the last three years of the old Government the actual deficits were as follows:

1905	\$42,573.91
1906	175,965.77
1907	76,284.62
Total	\$294,824.30

This was not all. In March, 1908, an outraged electorate turned out the men who had so mismanaged the affairs of the Province and a careful audit of the accounts of the auditor who examined the accounts. The Government. It was then discovered that the total over-expenditure of the old Government down to October 31, 1907, amounted to \$215,731.40, which was added to the permanent debt.

That The Standard may not be accused of making rash statements regarding the methods pursued by the old Government, it may be well to quote from the report of the auditor who examined the accounts. Regarding the Public Works Department, he says: "The balance of over-expenditure, \$11,761.79, as at 31st October, 1907, is shown on page 146 in the Report on Public Accounts as exceeding the estimated appropriation or grant of the last fiscal year for payments to be made. Though this balance was shown in balance sheet at 31st October, 1907, as a liability, it was not included in the consolidated revenue fund." Had the auditor gone back over other years he would have discovered that this was an old trick and had been successfully employed for years to deceive the public. If only happened that in 1907 the amount was smaller than usual but still large enough to wipe out the credit balance claimed by the Government if it had been the only item, which it was not.

Since the change of Government and the passage of the Audit Act there has been no doctored of the accounts. It is a surplus it must show, and likewise if there is

a deficit it cannot be concealed, even if there was a desire to conceal it. Mr. Fleming has no such desire. The money was spent in doing work that was necessary and in the best interests of the Province. Every dollar is satisfactorily accounted for and no deception has been practiced as formerly.

THE SOUTH AFRICA CENSUS.

South Africa has been taking a census, and the returns, like those of Canada, do not quite meet the expectations of the people. The previous enumeration was made in 1904, when peace conditions had been fairly established. After seven years it is found that the native population has increased in all the Provinces, that the colored races other than native have gained largely in Natal, and that the European population has grown in the Transvaal and Orange River Territory, but not in Natal and Cape Colony.

The total population of the Union, according to figures given by the Vancouver News-Advertiser, is 5,379,000, of whom only 1,278,000 are of European descent. The number of Europeans seven years ago was 1,116,500, that the increase is 161,500, or only about half the number supposed to have immigrated to Canada last year. Natal has gained only 1,472 and the Cape only 3,436, so that the Transvaal and the late Orange Free State in gaining 122,756 and 122,554 respectively have most of the white increment. The older Provinces owe the white increase that they have made to the return of peaceful and settled conditions permitting the men to set up or restore domestic establishments. The male white population in Natal and Cape Colony has fallen off more than twenty thousand, and the females have increased more than twenty-five thousand. Throughout the Union there are now 86 females to 100 males, whereas seven years ago the proportion was 76 to 100.

The gain in population is 14 per cent, while the native population has increased 56,000, or 16 per cent. In Natal, where there is a considerable coolie and Chinese population, the number of non-Europeans other than natives, has increased from 107,604 to 141,568, while Europeans have increased only from 57,099 to 98,382. At present the importation of indentured coolies is not allowed, but the sugar industry has been able to get around this by working in other countries, shows that where Asiatic laborers come into competition with Europeans there is no possibility of increasing the industrial European population. In South Africa the immigration is further impeded by the presence of natives in the proportion of four to each white person. It is found that such increase of European population as there is has been gained by the commercial and industrial centers. There is a decrease in the white population of Cape Town, East London and Port Elizabeth.

The industrial condition of South Africa is worthy of the attention of those countries which do not have the same problem thrust upon them. Canada, like Australia, has no native population to disturb the industrial standard of life and wages. Our native population is not large enough nor so aggressively industrious as to disturb the labor market. The only races which can make it impossible for Canada to receive and maintain a European population, and especially to attract immigrants to the British Empire, are those which this continent does not produce. If we should ever be confronted with the race problem that perplex South Africa we shall have brought them upon ourselves. We would not even have the same excuse as Northern Australia or the West India Islands, where the climate is less suitable than ours for Europeans.

Current Comment

(Catholic Register)

Will someone kindly cite a single specific instance in which the "Ne Temere" has broken up a Canadian home? We are offering a reward for every genuine case of this kind. This far no one has come forward to claim the reward. We will give two volumes of "The Lad Felix, a Tragedy of the Ne Temere Decree," now running serially in the Orange Sentinel, to anyone, male or female, Catholic or Protestant, who will supply us with the facts bearing upon genuine cases of homes rent asunder by this much-discussed decree.

(Victoria Colonist)

Every now and then someone in the Dominion indulges in an outbreak of indignation because the people of the United States call themselves Americans. Surely no Canadian wants to call himself an American! He has an older and better name, a name that no one else can claim. Moreover, if some ninety millions of people decide to call themselves something, it is not easy to see what anyone else is going to do about it.

(Regina Province)

A plebiscite in New Zealand on the question of prohibiting the traffic in intoxicating liquors resulted in 255,364 voters declaring in favor of the idea and only 292,608 against. There will be no prohibition yet, however, because, as in Ontario, it was required that at least 60 per cent of the ballots should be marked "dry" in order that the advocates of change should be able to forcibly take the cup from their neighbors' lips.

(Toronto News)

The French-Canadians have fought for the Empire and are ready to fight for it again, because they know that it defends all that they hold most dear. When Mr. Herden has consulted the admiralty and formulated a real defence policy in place of the wasteful and useless Laurier programme, they will support it with their votes and with their money.

(Toronto Mail and Empire)

It has been suggested that the vacuum principle might be applied to the cleaning of streets, huge sweepers being operated throughout the night by means of street cars or auto trucks. The idea ought not to be a fantastic one, and it is to be hoped that the near future holds some such method in store.

(Bangor News)

What with the Duke of the Abruzzi trying to forget her amid the smoke of battle in Tripoli, and Billy Hitt wearing a poultice over his heart for love of her, and Samuel H. McHenry of Chicago in an insane asylum for annoying her with his persistent attentions, it would seem to be about time for Miss Katherine Elkins to marry somebody.

(Ottawa Citizen)

But six short years ago the Liberal party owned Canada with the seas adjacent thereto. Now none so poor as to do them reverence, and an election is such a foregone conclusion that the people can't be coaxed out to vote. There is a moral here, but the Liberals have never been strong on morals.

(Grain Growers Guide)

Mr. Bowlin deserves the thanks of the Canadian people for refusing to hold two sessions this winter instead of one, and thus preventing a \$750,000 raid upon the public treasury.

(Pittsburg Gazette-Times)

After all, there's nothing much better to give husband than a house coat. It's such a delicate way of conveying the hint that there's no place at night like home

WINNERS OF PRIZES

IN NEW BRUNSWICK

Announcement of All Winners of Strathcona Prizes in Schools of Province for Past Year.

Fredericton, Dec. 29.—Captain F. A. Good, of this city, secretary of the New Brunswick committee of the Strathcona Trust, has announced the winners of the prizes for the past year.

The total population of the Union, according to figures given by the Vancouver News-Advertiser, is 5,379,000, of whom only 1,278,000 are of European descent. The number of Europeans seven years ago was 1,116,500, that the increase is 161,500, or only about half the number supposed to have immigrated to Canada last year. Natal has gained only 1,472 and the Cape only 3,436, so that the Transvaal and the late Orange Free State in gaining 122,756 and 122,554 respectively have most of the white increment. The older Provinces owe the white increase that they have made to the return of peaceful and settled conditions permitting the men to set up or restore domestic establishments. The male white population in Natal and Cape Colony has fallen off more than twenty thousand, and the females have increased more than twenty-five thousand. Throughout the Union there are now 86 females to 100 males, whereas seven years ago the proportion was 76 to 100.

The gain in population is 14 per cent, while the native population has increased 56,000, or 16 per cent. In Natal, where there is a considerable coolie and Chinese population, the number of non-Europeans other than natives, has increased from 107,604 to 141,568, while Europeans have increased only from 57,099 to 98,382. At present the importation of indentured coolies is not allowed, but the sugar industry has been able to get around this by working in other countries, shows that where Asiatic laborers come into competition with Europeans there is no possibility of increasing the industrial European population. In South Africa the immigration is further impeded by the presence of natives in the proportion of four to each white person. It is found that such increase of European population as there is has been gained by the commercial and industrial centers. There is a decrease in the white population of Cape Town, East London and Port Elizabeth.

The industrial condition of South Africa is worthy of the attention of those countries which do not have the same problem thrust upon them. Canada, like Australia, has no native population to disturb the industrial standard of life and wages. Our native population is not large enough nor so aggressively industrious as to disturb the labor market. The only races which can make it impossible for Canada to receive and maintain a European population, and especially to attract immigrants to the British Empire, are those which this continent does not produce. If we should ever be confronted with the race problem that perplex South Africa we shall have brought them upon ourselves. We would not even have the same excuse as Northern Australia or the West India Islands, where the climate is less suitable than ours for Europeans.

SENTENCED TO DEATH

BEZEK BREAKS DOWN

CONFESSING CRIME

Pittsburg, Dec. 29.—Immediately after he had been sentenced to death for killing his friend Frank Bezek last September, Frank Maley, between sobs in criminal court here today, confessed that he ambushed Bezek on a lonely road, and shot him five times at the instigation of Mrs. Bezek, who had planned the crime and offered him \$500 of her husband's savings to do it. It was necessary for Deputy Sheriffs to carry him back to his cell.

PURIFIED FISH IN

BERLIN INSTITUTION

CLAIMS MORE VICTIMS

Berlin, Dec. 29.—Four more deaths from poisoning occurred today at the municipal hospital for the homeless, bringing the total of the fatalities from the eating of tainted fish, a number of the inmates on Dec. 28th up to 52. In addition 25 new cases of sickness from the same cause have also been registered and altogether between 70 and 80 men are still suffering from the effects of the consumption of the purified fish.

LAFOLLETTE OUT

FOR GORE, ATTACKS

THE SUPREME COURT

North Baltimore, Ohio, Dec. 29.—Denunciation of the Supreme Court's decision in the Standard Oil and American Tobacco Trust cases, and of the Republican National Committee for its failure to order a Presidential primary in these states where such procedure would not be illegal, marked the speech here today of Senator R. M. La Follette, who is touring Ohio in furtherance of a campaign for the Republican presidential nomination.

SPANISH LOSS WAS

GREATER THAN WAS

AT FIRST THOUGHT

Madrid, Dec. 29.—Corrected official advices arriving here from Melilla, Morocco, this afternoon, show that the loss of the Melilla regiment and Moroccan tribesmen on Dec. 27, to be more severe than in the first report. There were seven officers and 61 soldiers killed and 115 officers and 210 soldiers wounded. The killed included two lieutenants, a captain, and three captains. The Captain-General of Melilla reports that heavy Rifian reinforcements were in every indication that Spain will be confronted with a serious military proposition with the Moroccan tribesmen.

BRITISH INTERESTS

IN PERSIA ARE TO BE

AMPLY PROTECTED

London, Dec. 29.—The British government has decided to increase the number of Indian troops now employed in Southern Persia as guards for the protection of the British Consulate and the trade routes. This action by the British government is considered to have been rendered necessary by the recent attack at Kazeroun by Kachhat tribesmen on British Consul Smart of Shiraz. Further than this the British government has no intention of issuing a statement making it plain that the action taken by the government does not form any occupation of territory in Persia, or interference with Persian authority other than is necessary to protect British interests.

CHANGES HIS MIND

ABOUT CONFESSION

AND IS HELD ON BAIL

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 29.—George Bridges, arrested while carrying a suitcase containing 72 sticks of dynamite and a roll of fuse, did not make his promised confession when arraigned on a charge of larceny today. Instead he waived a hearing and was held in bail.

ENOUGH TROOPS

NOW IN TABRIZ TO

MAINTAIN ORDER

St. Petersburg, Dec. 29.—The Russian government does not contemplate the dispatch of any further troops to Persia. The brigade of sharpshooters, consisting of four regiments comprising about 4,000 men, with four squadrons of Cossacks, and a battery of artillery are considered sufficient to maintain order in the city of Tabriz.

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Denton-Shamper.

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SHIPPING NEWS

WINTER PORT STEAMERS. Sailings for St. John up to 31st Dec 1911. Steamers Where From Date: Shenandoah London Dec. 15; Ramore Head Androssan Dec. 16

DAILY ALMANAC. Saturday, Dec. 30, 1911. Sun rises, 8:11 a.m.; Sun sets, 4:45 p.m.; High water, 6:41 a.m.; Low water, 0:52 p.m.

LIST OF VESSELS IN PORT. Man. Corporation, 3,467, Wm. Thomson & Co., 2,562, Donaldson line. Schooners: Adriatic, 90, J. W. Smith; Arthur J. Parker, 118, J. W. McAlary

IN THE COURTS. Chancery. Argument in the case of the St. John River S. S. Company vs. the Crystal Stream S. S. Company and Marshall D. Austin was presented before Mr. Justice Landry in the Chancery Court all day yesterday.

Supreme Court Chambers. The list of contributors were settled in the winter session of the Victoria Acetylene Manufacturing Company of Canada by Mr. Justice McLeod in chambers yesterday.

County. In County Court Chambers yesterday morning Judge Forbes delivered judgment in the matter of the application of the defendant in the suit of Roche vs. Fawcett and others for costs.

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LOCOMOTIVE STRIKES MILK TEAM KILLING DRIVER INSTANTLY

Leominster, Mass., Dec. 29.—A locomotive on the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad's struck a milk team at Fruit's Junction near here today, instantly killing the milkman, Henry Bacon, of Sterling and his horse.

COURT WILL LIKELY REMAIN UNTIL THE EMPEROR RESIGNS

Peking, Dec. 29.—The news of the election of Dr. Sun Yat Sen as president of the Chinese republic reached the members of the cabinet by means of the press this evening.

CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE PROVINCIAL HOSPITAL FOR MERRY CHRISTMAS

The patients in the provincial hospital, Lancaster, are indebted to the undertakers for generous assistance towards making Christmas a happy day for them.

THREE DROWNED WHEN BOAT UPSETS

Westport, Mass., Dec. 29.—The drowning of three men who left their homes in this town yesterday afternoon to go duck hunting on Great Island in the Westport River, became known today.

UNCLE SAM STILL AFTER THE TRUSTS

Washington, Dec. 29.—Joint investigation by the House of Representatives is to be made into the alleged shipping combine, the so-called 'Money Trust' and the International Harvester Company, known as the 'Harvester Trust'.

WHERE IT HAPPENED. Mexico City, Dec. 29.—It is reported that a jail delivery in which four guards were killed and one hundred prisoners made their escape, took place this afternoon at San Luis Potosi, capital of the province of San Luis Potosi, situated about 70 miles northeast of Guajuatimo.

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THE NEWS IN SHORT METRE

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CLOSING STOCK LETTER. By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Dec. 29.—The general heaviness underme the market characterized the stock market at the close yesterday.

COUNTRY MARKET. Beef western, 0.60 @ 0.70; Beef, butchers, 0.08; Pork, country, 0.06; Mutton, per lb., 0.08; Carrots, per lb., 0.05; Native cabbage, 0.50; Spring lamb, per lb., 0.10; Eggs, per doz., 0.20; Potatoes, per doz., 0.20; Hens, per doz., 0.20; Roll butts, per lb., 0.23; Creamery butter, 0.29; Boston lettuce, doz., 0.00; Carrots, per lb., 0.00; Hides, per lb., 0.11; Wool, washed, 0.00; Lamb skins, 0.45; Beans, per lb., 0.00; Peas, per lb., 0.00; Spring chickens, per lb., 0.10; Turkey, per lb., 0.00; Turkey, per doz., 0.00; Turkeys, 0.75.

FRUITS, ETC. New walnuts, 0.12; Market walnuts, 0.14; Almonds, 0.14; California prunes, 0.05; Filberts, 0.12; Brazil, 0.11; New dates, per lb., 0.05; Peanuts, roasted, 0.11; Pecans, per lb., 0.08; Lemons, Messina, box 60, 7.50; Cocoanuts, per doz., 0.60; Coconuts, per sack, 0.75; Plantains, 1.20; Val onions, case, 2.75; American onions, lb., 2.75.

PROVISIONS. Pork, Amer. mess., 22.75; Pork, domestic, mess., 22.50; Pork, Am. clear, 20.00; Amer. Plate Beef, 16.00; Lard, pure, 10.00; Lard, comp. bid., 9.00; Lard, comp. bid., 9.00.

FLOUR, ETC. Quotations for flour, 6.00; Standard oatmeal, 0.00; Manitoba high grade, 6.25; Ontario full patent, 5.50.

CANNED GOODS. The following are the wholesale quotations per case: Salmon, 7.00; Spring fish, 4.00; Kipper, 4.00; Beans, 1.00; Oysters, 1.35; Corned beef, 1.25; Peaches, 2.00; Peaches, 2.00; Pineapples, 1.70; Pineapples, 1.50; Lamb, 1.10; Ham, 1.10; Corn, per doz., 1.10; Peas, 1.10; Strawberries, 1.45; Tomatoes, 1.45; Pumpkins, 1.05; String beans, 1.07; Baked beans, 1.00.

GROCERIES. Choice seeded Raisins, 0.11; Fancy dry cod, 0.11; Malaga chestnuts, 3.00; Currants, clean 1/8, 0.65; Cheese, new, per lb., 0.15; Cheese, old, per lb., 0.15; Rice, per lb., 0.02; Cream Tartar pure, 0.25; Biscuits, fancy, 0.25; Potatoes, 0.25; Granulated cornmeal, 2.70; Liverpat salt, per sack, 0.70; Store, 0.70.

SUGARS. Standard gran., 5.50; United Empire gran., 5.50; Bright yellow, 5.50; No. 1 yellow, 5.50; Paris lumps, 6.40.

FISH. Large dry cod, 6.25; Medium dry cod, 4.25; Small dry cod, 4.25; Pollock, 2.75; Gd. Maan herring, 0.60; Gd. Maan herring, 0.60; Fresh cod, per lb., 0.02; Bladders, per box, 0.85; Halibut, 0.10; Flinn haddock, 0.05; Ripped herring, per doz., 0.09.

GRAINS. Middlings car lots, 29.00; Mid. small lots, 29.00; Bran, ton lots, 25.00; Cornmeal in bags, 1.65.

OILS. Pratt's Astral, 0.00; White Rose & Chester, 0.15; High grade kerosene, 0.15; Light, 0.15; Silver Star, 0.15; Lensed oil, 0.09.

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O'NEIL BROTHERS City Market. Jewellery. We never fail to guarantee its quality and every purchaser can safely rely on every selection with the assurance that he has bought gold if guaranteed and flawless jewels also. Our Jewellery has stood the test of pure approval for years—our reason for this is also.

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NEW YORK COTTON RANGE. By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. High. Low. Close. 29th. Dec. 29th. Jan. 1st. 8.82 8.2 80-82 87-88. Mar. 8.96 8.0 95-100 95-100. May 9.22 8.0 20-22 20-22. July 9.24 17 24-26 24-26. Oct. 9.36 26 25-26 25-26. Spot—8.25.

SHANNON FLOODS. LARGE TRACT OF LAND. Athlone, Ireland, Dec. 29.—The River Shannon is fourteen feet above its normal level, and large areas throughout the county are flooded. Many persons have been compelled to flee from their homes in haste.

THE INVESTMENT SEASON. In readiness for the month of January, when security holders are investing their surplus or re-investing their bond interest and dividends, we have prepared a booklet on STANDARD CANADIAN SECURITIES.

MORE AMERICANS ARE LEAVING EMPLOY OF PERSIAN GOVERNMENT. Teheran, Dec. 29.—W. Morgan Shuster, the treasurer general of Persia, who has been dismissed from office on the demand of Russia, has not yet received communication from the Persian government as to who will succeed him.

SITE OF DREAMLAND TO BE PUBLIC PARK. The seven acre plot of ground on Coney Island, formerly occupied by the Dreamland Amusement Park, burned last spring, will be turned into a public park. Mayor Gaynor today approved the permanent resolution appropriating \$1,000,000 for the purchase of the site.

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THE CURLERS PROGRAMME
FOR NEW YEAR'S DAY PLAY
New Year's Day will be well kept by
the local curlers. The cold weather of

THISTLE RINK.
Morning.
President: H. Younclaus
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THE C.M.B.A.
TOOK FOUR
FROM K. OF C.
In the intersociety bowling league
feature on the St. Peter's alleys last even-

STRIKE FUND STANDS
TO LOSE LARGE SUM
IF TROUBLE LASTS
London, Dec. 29.—The labor trouble
in Lancashire is assuming the most

Shiloh's Cure
quality stone cologne, cury, comb,
the standard and...

IMPORTED
STARS FOR
MONCTON
It has leaked out at last, Moncton
has signed three upper Canadian hockey

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FOR COMING YEAR
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New York, Dec. 29.—The McGill
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A PRETTY CANTATA
The annual cantata and Christmas
tree for the children of St. Stephen's

CANADA GETS MANY
AMERICANS WITH
THEIR PROPERTY
Winnipeg, Dec. 29.—Official figures
given out in Winnipeg today show
that 120,000 settlers from the United

NEW YEAR HOLDS 1 BRIGHT PROSPECTS

SPIRIT OF OPTIMISM PERVADES THE PROVINCE

Business During the Past Year, in the Towns of New Brunswick, Has Been Good and There is Every Reason to Expect Great Things of 1912.

The year closing on Sunday was one of the most prosperous which New Brunswick has enjoyed in the last decade and from present indications there is every reason to believe that 1912 will be even more prosperous. The Standard has asked its correspondents in various centres of the province to review the past year in business and to gather the consensus of opinion as to the prospect which the coming year holds. As far as possible, the articles which have been published herewith are of value to all who are interested in the prosperity of the best province in Canada, and who believe that their faith will be justified by the events of the future. There is no doubt that New Brunswick is on the eve of a great awakening and that with this awakening will come a development greater than the most sanguine have dreamed of in the past. The movement to stimulate immigration to this province, the rapidly increasing interest in the fruit growing and agricultural possibilities of the province and the prospect of great railway and industrial development in the year of 1912 all point to a most prosperous future. Truly it may be said that New Brunswick's future was never more rosate or that her people never had more confidence than now. The year 1912 will mark the beginning of a new era of the Day of the East.

ST. JOHN'S OUTLOOK IS AS GOOD AS ANY

Important Undertakings Projected Here Indicate that Year of 1912 Will be a Most Prosperous One.

The outlook in the chief city of New Brunswick is as bright as in any part of the province. The past year has been a year of depression and gloom, but the indications of a bright future are everywhere. The development of such great building undertakings as the development of the Courtenay Bay facilities and the building of the Valley Railway indicate beyond question that this is one of the great cities of Canada in a comparatively short time. The men who years ago founded the city hoped to see the city become great. They have not lived to see their dream fulfilled, but those of the present day will profit from the work of their forefathers. There will be a remarkable real estate development here in a very few months is regarded as certain. Already real estate in St. John is regarded as a good buy in other centres of Canada where the real estate movement has been more pronounced. The development of this sort, the development of Courtenay Bay with the practical certainty of it being made into a terminus of one of two great trans-continental railway lines, must bring much business in its train. The Canadian Pacific railway also has big plans for this port and it is only reasonable to assume that some of these will be carried during the coming year. Then, and probably of most importance to the merchants and business men of St. John, is the operation of the St. John Valley Railway. Work on the Valley Railway was commenced at once and when it is finished the development in the trade of the port will be very marked.

OPTIMISTIC SPIRIT PREVAILS IN MONCTON

City Has Progressed Industrially During Past Year and Expects Further Progress in Next Twelve Months.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—The year drawing to a close has been one of considerable activity in Moncton whether in the industrial or commercial. The completion of the work at the new I. C. R. work shops and yards, and on the new Transcontinental a large number of men last year, and the results were felt to some extent this year, but conditions are again normal and steady improvement is looked for in the future.

that it was available early in the season that the increased business felt by the merchants during the months of August, September and October, is attributed.

Lumber has furnished a plain case of reciprocity in itself would result in a sickening curtailment of the lumber cut proved to be a canard. It was mentioned by "outsiders" and attached principally to the lumber cut of Fraser and Sons. As a matter of fact, Fraser and Sons are making a special cut of 10,000,000 feet to fill one order, and it spells good times along the Tobique river.

FREDERICTON LOOKS FOR BIG DEVELOPMENT

Business Has Been Good in 1911 and Should be Better in 1912—Sporting Situation.

Fredricton, Dec. 31.—The year 1911 has been an eventful one for Fredricton, when viewed from the standpoint of what the events of 1911 stand out prominently in the minds of the citizens. The signing of the St. John Valley Railway agreement, the opening of the new station, the present boom, and already Fredricton is beginning to feel the effects of the boom which must come with the development of the railway and the natural development of the city.

BUSINESS IN PERTH IS 20 PER CENT. BETTER

The Upper St. John Region Shared in the General Prosperity of 1911—Outlook Very Bright.

Perth, N. B., Dec. 29.—With the close of business tomorrow night one of the most successful years ever enjoyed by business men in this section will come to an end. In addition a condition of affairs prevails that forecasts a continuation of good times for the people of Perth.

ten years had acted as inspector for the Health of the city, met a tragic end, dropping dead in his son's home while in the act of putting on his overcoat.

There has not been a failure in the town during the year, and one hears very few complaints from business men. The two stove foundries they have had more men employed than during any previous year, and their output has been much larger. Both the Enterpriser and Fawcett's have been shipping largely to the Canadian west. Both these concerns have branches in Winnipeg and Vancouver, and nearly every week a carload or more of their stoves has been leaving for the western provinces.

BATHURST HAS HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

Town and District - Unprecedented Development Anticipated—What 1911 Saw.

Bathurst, Dec. 27.—As the year 1911 draws to a close, it is gratifying to record a close, it is gratifying to record a bigger expansion of commerce than in any previous year can show.

SACKVILLE HAS HAD PROSPEROUS YEAR

No Failures During Year in Trantamar Town and There is Encouraging Business Growth.

Sackville, Dec. 29.—This town has had another prosperous year. Every branch of the Sackville industries has been running to full capacity, carpenters and builders have also been busy, and the merchants generally report a plentiful supply of goods and a holiday business. During the year several new houses have gone up, and yet the

present time there is scarcely a vacant house within the town limits. In this connection it may be noted that during the last three years 50 residences of the better class have been erected in Sackville. This goes to show that Sackville is growing in a most encouraging way.

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St. Stephen, Dec. 28.—Industrially St. Stephen looks as bright as a good star. The year 1911 was a year of rapid expansion in all her industries, and new ones are coming in. A cloud that threatened passed away on September 21st, and the future is now without a big shadow.

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Town is Rapidly Being Rebuilt After Fire and Once More Assumes a Prosperous Appearance.

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consequently a large portion of the consumer's cut is being held over. However, the Bathurst Lumber Co. opened up a market in Havana, Cuba, where they market large shipments of their pine lumber. It is estimated that the above mills saved over 60,000,000 feet in the woods are on a larger scale than in former years. The Bathurst Lumber Co. alone has 700 men in the woods and 100 horses of their own besides other outside teams.

Touching the hay fisheries, the fish merchants report a very satisfactory year, apart from the catch of salmon which was very much below the average. Your correspondent is informed that over 50,000 cwt. of dried cod fish were exported out of this county to the Mediterranean, the West Indies and South American markets, the value of which was estimated at \$250,000. About 10,000 cases of lobsters, at an approximate value of \$150,000, an amount of which was shipped into American markets, might furnish some idea of the vast importance of this industry in our county.

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Those who have never been troubled with kidney trouble do not know suffering such misery which those who suffer from it know.

Weak, lame or aching back caused the kidneys, Dr. Sanctorius' Kidney Pills cured her. She was out of order the whole system being deranged.

Doan's Kidney Pills are a fact all kidney troubles.

Mrs. W. R. Hodge, Fielding, writes:—A few lines highly recommending Doan's Kidney Pills. For the year I have been troubled very much with aching back, and aching back which caused me to be unable to work and ambition for anything. My kidneys were very badly out of order. I tried all kinds of pills and medicines but it was in vain. I began to give up hope of ever being well and strong. I tried Dr. Sanctorius' Kidney Pills, which I do not think I can ever thank for the relief. I obtained them, for now I am never in trouble, and can do any kind of work I wish. Always use Doan's Kidney Pills and can highly recommend them.

Price 50 cents per box, or 2 boxes for \$1.00, at all dealers, or mailed direct to you by Dr. J. C. McLaughlin, Limited, Toronto, Ont.

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EMPLOYEES IN THE COMING... duty has come to St. John, the Dominion Ferry-branch of a big United States... On the river side the C. P. R. rails erected a building 50 by 100 feet high, with cost...

Amusements of the Week

Mr. James Jack is entertaining on Monday evening in honor of Miss Lorraine Jack... Mrs. W. Wether White is giving a dance on Thursday evening in honor of the parents...

So far the holidays have been unusually brilliant. The "hot outs" are also coming in for their share of the Christmas passed with all its usual brightness... A number of dinners were given at private houses...

Mrs. J. Morris Robinson, Queen Square, entertained at a delightful house dance on Wednesday evening in honor of her daughter, Miss Nora Robinson... The house was decorated with a Christmas tree...

St. Stephen and Charlotte in 1912 and get from present business some underestimates... The new streets will be of this purpose...

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Bizarre Holiday Head Dresses For Piquant Faces



Elaborate head dressing offsets simple features. With the incoming of demure hair-dressing, the indoor decorations of fair heads increase...

Newcastle is hopeful about the coming year... Business in 1911 was good but 1912 is expected to surpass it in material advancement... Newcastle, Dec. 29.—While nothing of vast import has transpired here...

The Work Done at the S. A. Shelter... Adjutant W. R. Carter, the officer in charge of the S. A. Shelter, desires to thank the many friends who, during the past year, have given clothing and other articles...

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HOW THE MARITIME PROVINCES CAN BEST SECURE IMMIGRANTS

What an English Journalist Thinks of This Part of Canada and the Chances for Development.—Margin of Profit for Settler Greater in Rural Districts than in Towns.

Another interesting article from the pen of an English journalist, descriptive of his recent trip to Eastern Canada is published in the Eastern Press of Norwich, England. The article which deals principally with the Maritime Provinces and is well worth reading is as follows:

I have still a little to say about that portion of Quebec south of the St. Lawrence, which is included in the Maritime Provinces. But I think it will please my reader by fulfilling now the promise I gave in an outline of the means by which the Maritime Provinces in my judgment can best attract and retain the immigrants and settlers they desire to secure. The immigrants especially wanted are farm laborers, domestic servants and farmers. Skilled artisans can obtain highly paid work, but they will be wise to secure an engagement in some of the more absolutely certain of falling in with it otherwise. The natives of Canada, as elsewhere, like to secure the best paid berths. But the whole three provinces, Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, are badly wanting, and of honest desire of obtaining farm laborers, domestic servants and farmers, as settlers.

The question then resolves itself into this, do these Maritime Provinces offer adequate inducements to prospective settlers? If answer that query in the negative, I think they must be prepared to proffer more than they do to secure the type of settler they want. They ask for immigrants at the best and most profitable periods of their lives, prospective citizens in the sense of productive and consuming. In other words purchasing capacity—men and women strong, young, and able to do the work of the farm, and in the state. They ask that these shall come not only free of cost to themselves, but in the case of farmers, and particularly in the West, a certain amount of money to be used in purchase of land before they settle upon and develop it. Looked at purely as a business transaction they proffer to the community, to gain largely by it. And they do not propose to pay adequately in my judgment, for the advantages they wish to gain.

So far as I know, the Maritime Provinces make no contributions even to the passage money which has to be paid by a prospective citizen to get across the Atlantic; once landed, if strong and healthy, he usually can get work and get good pay for his services in the summer and autumn, but not such specially good pay as the mere figures suggest. The cost of a passage is relatively great, and unless he can take to woodwork, what is called "lumbering," in the winter, the mere farm laborer, and himself with a healthy wife, find himself with only a small bill. The reason is simple. The farmer is very busy, and with a lot of help during the ploughing, sowing, and especially the harvest time; but the winter is not favorable for the carrying on of agricultural operations.

Commonly the Canadian farmer has not such a stock of cattle, etc., as requires the constant services of farm laborers as he wants for harvesting. The least efficient ones naturally are discharged. Unless they take specially well on to woodwork, it seems to me that the high wages obtainable for harvest work will not lead to some one being attracted towards the whole of the year. Mind you, too, the bulk of the hired men are not to be taken to the farm, but to the food, etc., is always relatively himself. No lasting settlement is going to take place where women can not freely live, mothers of their children, and managers of their household, and often of themselves.

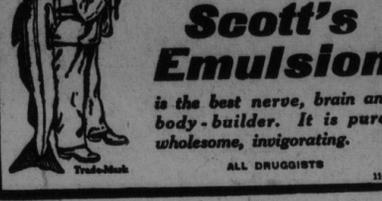
Now the cost of living in Canada is relatively great, and house cost and especially cost of fuel for warming in winter, is a serious item I gather, in that cost. Very broadly you may say, for of course it is a wide generalization, subject to modification in special parts, broadly you may say that where in England a man can earn two shillings in Canada for the same work he can earn five shillings, and that five shillings in Canada will go no farther than three shillings will do at home. Certainly I think this is true of the towns, probably the margin of profit is greater in the rural parts. Domestic (female) servants on the whole have better prospects than the male. They get good wages from the start, and usually can marry as soon as they like, and have, more

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Historic Sketch of Handel's "Messiah"

It is interesting to note some of the social, political and athletic conditions which surrounded George Frederick Handel at the time when he composed his masterpiece "The Messiah".

Though German by birth and education, Handel had at that time been living in England for upwards of 21 years, sometimes trying to improve the musical taste of society under Queen Anne and George I, sometimes pandering to it; but in both cases getting himself so thoroughly identified with the life and the ideal of his adopted country that he was ready to sacrifice himself in calling him "our greatest English composer."

The oratorio of Handel produced in the mind of the public of today such a feeling of veneration and of awe, they have, in a word, so justified themselves as great popular sacred music, that one is apt to forget that oratorio writing was (though native to his genius) not Handel's original effort; that indeed he only took up after he had been writing and producing operas for 40 years; and when through grave financial loss and public scorn, he had been forced home upon him that he was not a success and must turn his attention elsewhere.

In certain respects the times of Handel were curious like our own times. That is to say, a tremendous amount of self advertisement was necessary to attract public attention, society was worldly minded, wild for new sensations and more given to delight in accessories than in substance, a more frivolous age even than this age.

That "Father" Handel "played down" to his public more often than was advisable, one realizes when one reads in the playbills of his operas, the extraordinary emphasis laid upon costumes, scenery and stage settings, and one smiles a curiously acoustomed smile when one notes that the advertisement "The fountain to be seen in Amadigi" is a genuine one, the pump and the dog alive" drew such a crowd that the opera that the people formed in line three hours before the door opened.

And then there is the story of that "water music" for show how much the bias of great Handel's thinking. But that story will keep.

And yet for all the "commercialism," which one can no more dissociate from the career of Handel than from the careers of Wagner or Liszt, our composer was a great and a critic in general conceded that "he did more to make the music art respected by the public than any other composer."

The turn in Handel's fortunes, both artistic and popular, came in the year 1729, when he produced the oratorio of "Saul," "Alexander's Feast," and "Israel in Egypt," works which, dramatic in spirit, though dramatic neither in form nor in action of heroic and religious interest is the habit of Handel's musical thought, show him finally in his true vein.

Moreover, in three compositions Handel had not only struck his own true vein but the vein also of his English public, English ideals and English hopes and aspirations had, one might say been waiting for Handel. Handel had been waiting for himself. The two got together. Then the composer's day broke and shadows flew away. And now absolute and unqualified public recognition came to Handel. For that recognition the Irish played a star part.

The Duke of Devonshire was at the time Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, and the duke's heart was touched not only by the general poverty of the country, but in particular by the state of misery into which prisoners for debt were plunged in the several marshmalls of the City of Dublin.

So the duke sent a Macedonian cry over to London and to Handel; and the city read that Handel was to write a new oratorio and come over to produce it in Dublin, for the benefit and enlargement of poor-dressed prisoners for debt.

Strangely enough the composer had an unpublished oratorio on hand, and still more strangely the subject of that oratorio was the Messiah himself, the man whom Handel had promised recognition to that showed kindness to the least of his brethren, was in prison and yet visited me.

There seems a wonderful sort of poetic justice in the fact that "The Messiah" was first produced for the benefit of prisoners.

And what a marvelous man was George Handel! He was 56 years of age, and had known failure and discouragement beyond that which falls to the lot of most men. Yet 23 days after the libretto, an arrangement by Charles Jennens, was placed in his hands, the oratorio in its three great parts, Messianic prophecy; the desecration, suffering and exaltation of the world in the faith of the world in the existence of God and of immortality, was complete, and the great "Hallelujah" which is the climax, brought to a triumphant conclusion.

It goes without saying that England could not afford to be outdone by Ireland, London was placed in the hands of the London newspapers; bulletins were posted at the club; the infection caught!

When "The Messiah" was given in London the tune in Dublin was outdistanced a dozen times, and when the "Hallelujah Chorus" was sung, so great was the enthusiasm the audience rose as a man and joined in English audiences retain to this day as a privilege and a right.

Handel was buried in Westminster Abbey. Curiously enough he does not lie there in company with musicians, but with poets, England sunk him to neighbor in death of her very great; those who have expressed her best and whom she most desires to honor.

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Having got so much "off my chest" about the means by which, in my judgment, Canada as a whole, and the Maritime Provinces in particular, can best obtain the agricultural settlers they want, in the next article I shall revert to this business of settlement on the land by and through the state when I get out further towards the ramping west.

These three motives are in full blast, and with potent that were a Canadian would give me occasion to "furious to think" of the ideal of a nation I was helping to shape. After all what shall it profit a people if it gains the whole world and loses its national character? Where dollar and nationalhood are not likely healthy to develop, nor, me justice, even to survive.

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- The discomfiture of Muggsy McGraw.
- Several banquets for the tariff board.
- The death of Justice Harlan.
- The centenary of Wendell Phillips.
- The trial of beef packers (continued).
- The rusting of Rockefeller's halo.
- A monument for Robert G. Ingersoll.
- Defeat of Reciprocity Proposal in Canadian elections.
- The McNamara case.
- One hundred and fifty burned to death in New York shirtwaist fire.
- Narrow escape from war between France, Germany and England.
- House of Lords gets a kick in the pants.
- Proved that the Malne was blown up from outside.

WHAT 1912 BRINGS

- A presidential election.
- Cold storage eggs.
- Four hundred years since Ponce de Leon discovered Florida.
- Alfred Austin's birthday.
- Walter Camp's all-star football team.
- Some remarks from Charles W. Murphy of the Cubs.
- One hundred years since war of 1812.
- Fifty years since several famous battles of civil war.
- A few novels by R. W. Chambers.
- Some more sweet girl grads.
- The Coney Island sausage.
- Leap year.
- One extra day, birthdays for people born Feb. 29.
- Mrs. T. Woodwin.
- Some foreign dukes.
- Considerable magazine poetry.
- The adjournment of congress.
- Two Fridays the 13th.

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Let us look at the quarter of the figure. It is a thirty-inch centerpiece, most of the work is outline, so that you can make this for a lovely gift to pet housekeeper.

The design is either a swig or versatile one. When tracing it on linen, use carbon paper, and make curved stems at the diameter of circle meet on the line.

Course silk, as I have said before works up beautifully, and in these of advanced thought it washes wears very well.

Cotton, too, in a soft mercerized lot, will give good results.

Work the centers in yellow in stitches of immense French knots, pointed petals you will outline the long and short stitches. Indeed, the long and short stitch is effective and the work of the entire flower form, dark green for the stems, which

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For a Gentleman's Traveling Bag

THE man who travels will appreciate a hand-made set for his satchel, including a shaving pad, tie holder, collar bag and handkerchief case. Make them of linen art crash, with an original design stenciled on the covers.

For the shaving pad cut two pieces of cardboard six inches, make two round holes in one side of each one-half inch from the edge. Cover the curds with the linen and on one side of each apply the stencil design. Another cardboard seven inches long and one inch wide is covered with linen. This is placed lengthwise at the edge of the two larger pieces and the edges whipped over and over with strong linen thread.

Now you have the covering for the thin sheets of paper. White tissue or muslin paper is cut into sheets to fit inside the covering. Round holes are made in them corresponding to those in the covers and narrow ribbon is run through each hole, brought over the back and tied in a flat bow.

The tie holder is made much in the same way as the shaving case. Two pieces of cardboard are cut if inches long and six inches wide, covered with linen, stenciled and joined at one edge, so it will open like a book. The ties are folded and laid flat inside the cover. Make the handkerchief case of linen folded like an envelope. When finished it is six inches square. The lining is lined with a layer of cotton wadding and lined with pink or blue china silk. It is put together perfectly flat, caught together with embroidery silk after it is folded over, and the flap is held in place with a small glue clasp. The set of any one of the articles would make an appropriate holiday gift. It would cost little and will be very easily made.

Short Petticoats

WHEN making short petticoats, whether of muslin or flannel, face the back breadth half-way or all the way up. The back of a petticoat always wears out first, and by following this method you will prolong its life many days.

Roses in New Relief



HAVE you seen them, these lovely garlands of roses done in relief? It is a new fad in fancy work—one could scarcely call it embroidery—yet it is very like the one-time fashionable ribbon embroidery.

The flowers and leaves, in fact, every conceivable design, conventional or unconventional, is worked out with heavy rope floss twisted to form the design and caught in place with fine silk thread. It is not difficult to do this fascinating new work. The woman who has never attempted fine embroidery can very soon become an adept in this art, especially if she has a good eye for color combinations.

The desired pattern is stamped on heavy linen and the work begins. First, the flower stems and leaves are formed by holding the proper shade of green floss over the line designated by the design, and at intervals of an eighth of an inch catching it to the linen, using a very small stitch on top and a long one underneath. The leaves are done by twisting the silk and laying it on in tiny points.

Even the little veins in the natural leaves are suggested by the divisions in laying on the floss. Now come the roses. It may look difficult, but it is really quite simple to make them look natural.

Select a rich rose-colored floss and, beginning in the center, wind the floss around and around this central point, catching it down as you work, until the proper size is reached. By working back a few rounds a heavy padded edge is obtained, thus giving the appearance of the petals in full bloom.

They French knots of yellow silk make the stems of the flower. White lilacs, daisies, carnations, violets, nearly every known flower can in this way be duplicated in silk. Shaded chrysanthemums make a wonderfully beautiful design for a table cover. The illustrations show a quilt-seeing bag of white linen, decorated with a border of pink and yellow roses. There is also a scarf end worked out in a garland and wreath design in shaded red roses. Either one of these can be duplicated on extra cushion covers, bureau trunks, centerpieces, tray covers, gloves and veil cases, belts, or any pretty outfit so dear to the feminine heart. For wedding gifts, this new relief work is especially acceptable. The woman who looks ahead will make up some of these Christmas gifts of the work during her idle hours.

To Transfer

HERE are suggestions for transferring the pattern before you to any material before working.

Perhaps the easiest way is the "window-pane" method. This is successful when the material is thin, like linen, batiste, etc. Pin the sheet of paper and the material together and hold them up against the glass of a window. With a sharp pencil draw on the material the design, which can be easily seen through the goods. If one-half of the design only be given, unpin the paper and turn the other side to the fabric. The strong light behind will make it plain.

If you have carbon paper, you should place the sheet between your fabric and the newspaper. This latter is on top. With a sharp pencil go over the outline of the design. The impression will be left in fine lines and will last until worked. This method is successful on heavy material.

The last way is also easy. On wax paper or ordinary tissue paper trace the pattern before you. When the design is completed, turn over the paper and outline the pattern with a heavy lead pencil. Then place the design down on the fabric and redraw the outline, pressing hard with the pencil. The pattern will be transferred without difficulty.

Surely the way is easy.

Easy Darning

WHEN you have a large hole to darn, first sew a piece of net over the hole, catching it firmly to the edges all around.

Draw the thread in the usual way through the meshes, so that when you darn crosswise you will have a firm foundation and even meshes to darn through.

Adopting this method, no matter how large the hole is you will have no trouble to darn it neatly and evenly. The work is also very quickly done.

Helps for the Needlewoman

WHEN hemming children's dresses on the machine, use a very fine cotton, number 90 or 100; then when hems or tucks must be ripped to lengthen the dress you will find the fine thread very easy to rip. Often a quick jerk will be all that is necessary to pull it out.

If it is necessary to catch the thread through on the right side when sewing hooks on dresses, a neat finish may be obtained by making French knots where the threads appear.

By sewing a small twist of mallein or get around the crown line underneath a broad-skimmed hat you will be able to keep the hat in place when on the head by resting it to the hair by means of hairpins caught through the meshes of the net.

Needles and Thread

A GOOD list to follow when sewing by hand, and one that an experienced needlewoman suggests for the various numbers of needles and cotton, includes: A No. 9 needle for 70 and 80 cotton, when hemming and tucking; a No. 8 needle for 60 and 80 cotton for plain sewing, overhanding and overcasting; a No. 7 needle for 40 and 60 cotton for buttonholes; and a No. 7 needle for 30 and 40 thread for gathering.

When working buttonholes or gathering, it is well to rub the thread over a small piece of beeswax. This will keep it from knotting and will also help it to resist strain.

For Embroidered Edges

BEFORE beginning to embroider the edges of towels, outlines, the edge of the scallops with a small stitch done on the sewing machine. The buttonholing covers the stitching perfectly and gives a very firm edge that is unobtainable in any other way.

When padding scalloped edges for traveling, use tiny coils of red cotton, instead of the usual darning cotton. This is secured in place with fine thread. It makes a very satisfactory and thick padding.

One Quarter of Centerpiece

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Can you picture this in heavy silk? The richness of the pattern will make any owner glad that the art of embroidery is with us. Let us look at the quarter of the design. It is a thirty-inch centerpiece, and most of the work is outline, so that you can make this for a lovely gift to your pet housekeeper.

The design is either a swing or a reasonable one. When tracing it on your linen, use carbon paper, and make the circle meet on the line. Coarse silk, as I have said before, works up beautifully, and in these days of advanced thought it washes and wears very well. Work the centers in yellow in solid stitches or handsome French knots. The pointed "petals" you will outline in red, to the design make the tips of them in long-and-short stitch. Indeed, the long-and-short stitch is effective and quick for working the entire flower form. Use dark green for the stems, which can

One Quarter of Centerpiece

either be in stem stitch or in outline. The leaves can be outlined and the veins defined. Seed stitches, rather large, will fill them in with great effect. Dark green for the single scalloped edge will finish this appropriately. If you prefer brown, you will have to shade it into the stem of the leaf at the end of each section.

Pad the scallops with darning cotton and work in buttonhole stitches. And if possible, my dears, add cluny or tuchon lace for the finishing touch. Be sure to apply it in easy fullness, and join, not in a straight line, but cut the edge with the pattern and whip on, so that no seam is noticeable.

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ROUND THE CITY

The City Market.

After the first of the year the City Market will close on Saturday nights at 10 o'clock. It will be open today until 11 p. m.

To Restore Order.

Yesterday afternoon Policeman O'Leary was called into Thomas Nash's house on Exmouth street to quell a disturbance.

A Still Alarm.

The residence of Ald. F. H. Elliott of 243 Main street was the scene of excitement yesterday afternoon when the chimney caught fire. A still alarm was rung in and the chimney was quickly extinguished. The fire which was of a very slight nature was quickly subdued. No damage was done.

Go to Montreal.

Pat J. O'Rourke recently in the Western Union office at Fredericton, has severed his connection with that company and has accepted an excellent position with the Great North Western Company, and will leave today for Montreal to take up his duties. Mr. O'Rourke started in with the Western Union nearly 14 years ago as a messenger, and his advancement is well deserved.

An Enjoyable Musical.

Thursday evening a very enjoyable musicale was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gunn. Violin solos, duets and trios by Miss Redden, Mrs. Dempster and Mrs. Gunn. Vocal solos by Rev. Mr. Meek, C. A. Munroe and Mrs. Worden. Among those present were Mrs. G. H. Brown, of Lexington; Miss Langstroth, Miss Redden, of Canby; Miss Flanders, Mr. and Mrs. Munroe, Mr. and Mrs. Dempster, Mr. and Mrs. Warden and Rev. Mr. Meek, of New Germany. N. S. Miss Flanders was the accompanist.

Officers Elected.

At a meeting of Court Log Cabin, No. 1761, held last night, the following officers were elected: Dr. G. G. (Cubitt), court physician; J. E. Withers, C. D. H. C. R.; W. H. McBride, C. R.; G. A. Biddiscombe, V. C. R.; E. W. Paul, Rec. Sec.; F. W. Jackson, Fin. Sec.; A. V. Russell, Treas.; C. H. Marshall, Orator; A. M. Storn, S. W.; D. H. Melvin, J. W.; R. G. Murray, E. H.; J. C. Henderson, A. B.; J. E. Arthur and D. H. Melvin, Trustees; J. E. Arthur and D. H. Melvin, Finance Committee.

Cold Day Yesterday.

With the mercury dropping down towards zero yesterday a very strong gale which started in the early morning and continued all day, made it very severe on the citizens who were obliged to be on their feet. The high wind caused the dust to blow about the streets in clouds, and the cold was felt more than usual owing to the recent warm spell of weather. During the day the wind blew from 44 to 50 miles an hour and the thermometer ranged from 6 to 11 above zero. At 3 o'clock this morning the thermometer registered about 14 above and the wind had decreased considerably.

Boys' Brigade Social.

The Stone Church Boys' Brigade Scouts held their annual Christmas social last night. The boys and their guests did full justice to the ample repast provided by the ladies under the able supervision of Mrs. John McAvity. After supper an excellent musical programme was carried through in the course of which Mr. Kubling, the chairman, and Mr. McAvity, scout commissioner, addressed the boys. All the boys then joined in an interesting scout game series of lantern slides. The Boys' Brigade Almanac for 1912, along with the membership card was presented to each boy. The evening was much enjoyed by all present. The annual church parade will be held Sunday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock.

V. M. C. A. College Social.

About seventy young people gathered at the Y. M. C. A. last evening and greatly enjoyed the college social held under the patronage of Mesdames W. C. Cross, Bonnell, and A. W. Babb. The rooms were prettily decorated in honor of the occasion and the visitors expressed themselves to be thoroughly delighted with the good time tendered them. In place of dancing a programme of promenades was held, the music for which was furnished by Louie's orchestra. A programme of songs and instrumental selections was rendered as follows: Vocal solo, H. Cochran; vocal solo, A. D. Duncan; ladies' quartette from the Brussels street Baptist church; duet, Misses Bond and McFarland; piano solo, Kenneth Robb; club swinging, Cecil Markham. After the programme refreshments were served by the chaperones.

She Was Mistaken.

Be sure you are right and then go ahead. This was not the motto that was observed by a prominent lady up town yesterday when she thought she had been robbed of her purse containing the sum of \$23. It appears that during the morning a youth who was delivering groceries called at her residence and left an order and shortly after he left the lady could not find her purse. She immediately thought the young fellow had stolen it and was so sure of her ground that she called the boys' employer up on the telephone and accused the youth of the theft. The boy was accused when he reached the store and his denial was doubted. It was about an hour afterwards that the woman discovered that she had made a mistake and found her purse where she had laid it. She told the boy's employer how sorry she was at having accused the young fellow and offered the boy a few dollars which he promptly declined to accept. The lad may take action against his accuser.

WINTER PORT TRADE STEADILY GROWING

Returns for First Fourteen Sailings Show Cargo Valuation Far in Excess of the Last Season.

Away ahead of any previous year the winter port business is decidedly on the increase. The quantity of United States goods passing through this port has been greater this year than ever before.

The following statement shows the cargo valuation of fourteen steamers:

Athena	152,045
Empress of Russia	274,826
Gramplan	160,996
Saturnia	218,825
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Kanawha	8,230
Victorian	349,923
Manuelster Trader	142,836
Lake Michigan	352,282
Empress of Ireland	240,805
Coriscan	237,635
Manchester Shipper	242,758
Montfort	418,142
Heperian	392,045
Rappahannock	53,146
Salacia	296,567
Total	\$3,442,131
Last season's total	2,406,408
Gain to date	\$1,035,723

The following goods have gone forward:

Dual—Sup. Feet	5,593,014
Flour—Bags	34,996
Cattle—Head	1,361
Sheep—Head	1,799
Cheese—Boxes	288
American goods—Cars	900

WINDS DO DAMAGE IN UNION DEPOT

Glass Roof of the Train Shed Wrecked Last Evening and Many Panes of Glass Broken.

The high winds which have swept St. John during the past two days vented their fury on the Union depot last night when they made an onslaught on the glass roof of the train shed, shattering a number of the large squares of glass panels and sending a shower of glass onto the floor of the shed.

An unusually terrific squall circled around the depot shortly after ten o'clock and bearing down upon the roof settled upon that section directly over the entrance to the baggage room. Without warning those who were in the station heard a shattering of glass overhead, followed immediately by a shower of glass which covered the floor of the shed for an area of about twenty square feet.

Fortunately at the time of the shower no persons were underneath the section of the roof where the wind made the attack, otherwise serious results could not have been averted. The glass being very thick would undoubtedly have inflicted serious injuries, if not death on the unfortunate who chanced to pass beneath.

About seven square feet of the glass of the roof was destroyed by the break and the train shed presented a unique appearance after the wind had played its prank. The floor was strewn with shattered glass and the area was immediately barricaded with trucks and other available forms of fortification.

SCHOONER MOAMA HAD A HARD TIME

Three Master Arrived Yesterday Afternoon After a Tempestuous Trip—Tugs Erought Her from Lepreaux.

The three-masted schooner Moama, Captain Gayton, arrived in port yesterday afternoon after a very stormy passage from Philadelphia, during which those on board had many thrilling adventures. The troubles of the Moama began when she started her voyage as she ran into a heavy gale which after splitting the forestal, rendering it useless for the rest of the trip, and carrying away the gang of the mainmast, caused the vessel to be in a serious condition while the storm lasted.

All the way from Philadelphia to Portland the schooner met with a succession of the heaviest of winter gales and but for the expert seamanship of Captain Gayton and his crew, the ship would have foundered.

The Moama left Portland last Wednesday morning and by her experienced crew it seems that her special Jonah-like luck was there no abatement of the heavy weather and to add to the hardships the vessel began to leak, finally becoming unmanageable at Point Lepreaux at ten o'clock yesterday morning. The signals of distress that were flown at the manatee were seen by the light-house keeper on the point and he at once telephoned to Peter McIntyre the owner. Mr. McIntyre sent two tugs, the James F. Gregory and the Waring to her assistance. They were, however, unable to tow the schooner in and the G. S. King was sent out to help. The combined efforts of the three tugs succeeded and the Moama was docked at the Long Wharf at 6:30 yesterday afternoon.

The schooner plainly shows the effects of the storm she passed through as there are several inches of ice all over her and even the rigging is closed with it.

The Moama has 655 tons of coal for R. P. & W. F. Starr, and is owned by Peter McIntyre, of Main street. Despite the fact that the schooner had a rough trip to St. John, she established a record for a three-masted schooner for a trip from St. John to Philadelphia and return, doing it in one month and six days.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY BULLETIN

Informative Publication Just Issued by N. B. Natural History Society Contains Much Material of General Interest.

The Natural History Society of New York, has just published its 29th annual bulletin. As usual it is full of information regarding the natural history and resources of the province. The opening article is by Dr. L. W. Bailey on The Fresh Water Diatoms and Diatomaceous Earths of New Brunswick. In this instructive paper the writer enumerates many species of these minute and little known plants found chiefly along the shores of the lower St. John and Kennebec rivers. The notes on the natural history and physiography of New Brunswick are continued by Prof. W. T. Ganong. These notes of which 123 have been published in this and previous bulletins, are of the greatest interest to explorers and naturalists and represent a portion of the educational work that Dr. Ganong has been so successful in accomplishing in his wilderness journeys and studies therein in New Brunswick for many years. A valuable note for the general reader in this bulletin is that of the Saxby Gale, by Dr. Ganong, which will interest many who remember its disastrous effects.

A brief series of articles on the natural history of Rockwood park and vicinity, written by well known members of the society is valuable to the student and recreator of that recreation ground. Notes on New Brunswick weather for 1910, by Dr. Leavitt Hatchinson, of the St. John observatory, is an exceedingly useful compilation for those who wish to compare and talk about the weather in succeeding years.

The report of the council of the society is interesting reading. The curator, Mr. McIntosh, tells that more than 7000 persons visited the museum during the past year ending July 30. With the changes recently made in the building by which there is a much better opportunity to display the specimens it is presumed that the number for the present year will be still larger. The list of members on the roll is 595, and the outlook for the society is more promising than ever.

FERRY EMPLOYEES ASK FOR MORE PAY

Mates and Collectors in the Service Request an Increase of from \$50 to \$60 a Month.

At the meeting of the Ferry Committee held yesterday afternoon the superintendent's monthly report was presented. The tender of J. S. Gregory for two hundred piling was recommended for acceptance. The tender figure was \$1200.

An application was received from the mates and collectors in the ferry service in which they asked that a recommendation be sent to the joint meeting of the council that their rate of pay be increased from \$50 a month to \$60. The matter was laid on the table.

The superintendent in his report stated that the Governor Carleton is now ready for service. The total cost of the steamer to date is \$42,429.42, and maintenance has cost \$44,273.65. The tender of the Ludlow will have to be overhauled when she is taken off the route. Bennett's patent has been used to good result on the Carleton and will be supplied on the Ludlow.

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