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ST. JOHN, N. B., FEBRUARY 11, 1901.

THE LATE N. K. CONNOLLY.

N. K. Connolly was an energetic, capable contractor, and in connection with his partners carried through some important works. Long ago he joined Patrick Larin, who had been a heavy contractor under the Mackenzie government, and the firm of Larin, Connolly & Co did a considerable business. The scandals connected with the firm began soon after Owen Murphy, an exiled New York bootlegger, joined the firm and contributed his money and experience to it. Michael Connolly and Robert McGreevy joined the partnership, some members of which had contracts in Mexico. McGreevy's brother was a member of parliament and a Quebec harbor commissioner, and it was alleged that his influence was used to get contracts for the firm. The McGreevy Inquiry of 1891 took place before the privileges committee, and occupied nearly three months. It dealt with the Quebec works and also with the Esquimaut dock. The parliamentary investigation was followed by criminal proceedings, ordered by Sir John Thompson, at whose instance Mr. McGreevy was expelled from parliament. The result of the prosecution was the imprisonment of Thomas McGreevy and N. K. Connolly. Murphy, who was the projector of the whole conspiracy, fled to the States, where he died before he could be extradited. He, with Robert McGreevy, had turned on their former partners. Robert McGreevy's death took place about the same time. N. K. Connolly had very little to do with the details of the contracts. He had charge of the mechanical work at Esquimaut. The convictions do not appear to have interfered seriously with the business of the Connollys, who after the events of 1891 formed a partnership of their own. They had built a dock at Kingston before 1891. After that they had extensive contracts in Pennsylvania. They were awarded the contracts for the first Sand Point wharf built by the city, and afterward Mr. Blair gave them the contract for the Long wharf at a figure \$103,000 above the lowest tender. No such margin as this above the lowest offer was alleged to have been obtained by the Larin-Connolly firm in the Lewis dock, or in the Esquimaut contract.

THE GOOD TIME COMING.

In this period of snow blockades one reads with a lively interest the story of Count de La Vaul's journey of 1304 miles, from Paris to Kiew, Russia, in a balloon. The count took a companion, stocked the air ship with provisions, and they made the trip without incident. How convenient it would have been on Saturday if the chief justice and other gentlemen of the supreme court, together with the lawyers and commercial travellers snowbound with them at Fredericton, could have suitably stocked a snug air ship and sailed away over Magalloway and Gagetown and the frozen river down to St. John. No doubt, when their successors, at the opening of the next century, journey about the province in this way, they will be much amused to read how in 1901 the stalling of a train at Rusagornish interfered with the course of justice, as personified in the gentlemen of the supreme court, and how a few paltry snow drifts prevented the carriage of mails, and shut off whole settlements from the outer world for days at a time. However, we are as we are, and must patiently suffer the inconvenience of the period, until such time as the Zeppelins, de la Vauls and other enthusiasts in aerial navigation present to us the kingdoms of the air to be our inheritance. With our feet in a snowdrift, or stalled in a train and half starved within a dozen miles of a town, we lift our hats to the aeronauts of the next century, and envy them the luxuries of the air line.

A STRONG INDICTMENT.

Leslie's Weekly calls upon the people of New York to take action in the matter of the charge that influential men, high in the counsels of Tammany, have been systematically levying millions of blackmail upon respectable merchants. The charge, it says, is not a new one, but has been set forth in detail years ago. The Weekly goes on: "The apathy of the public has been and is amazing. Vice exists, and its haunts are not secret. The exact schedule of blackmail levied by political bosses has been printed, with the names of the men who made the collections and the names of some of those who paid blackmail. The only question has been regarding the chief organizers and beneficiaries of this atrocious system. Can there be any doubt as to their identity? A few obscure

OF COURSE HE HAD.

Professor (to student of surgery)—Please inform the class the names of those forming the stock of the Student-Ab-er-I do not at present remember, but I know that I have them all in my head. (Uproar in class).—Indianapolis Journal.

CHURCH RE-OPENED.

Services Held in Carleton Baptist Church Yesterday.

Church Now Presents a Very Handsome Appearance—Five Hundred Dollars Contributed at the Service Toward the Cost of the Repairs.

ABOUT ROYAL FURNITURE.

Speaking about royal furniture Progress says that the late Mr. Fenety brought from Halifax a pair of chairs owned and used by the late queen's father, the Duke of Kent, when that prince was stationed in Halifax. There is probably no doubt as to the genuineness of these articles, but one statement concerning them must be inaccurate. Progress says:

"In parting with the chairs the duke made the remark at the time that he did so with considerable regret, as he and his wife had used them so many years at their private dining table."

Now as a matter of fact the Duchess of Kent never saw Halifax, nor was the queen's father there after his marriage. The Duke of Kent was first sent to old Canada in 1791, where he remained until 1793. During the next two years he saw some bloody service in the West Indies, distinguishing himself for reckless bravery at St. Lucia. He was major-general and lieutenant general at the Halifax station between 1794 and 1798, when he returned to England in consequence of injuries received from a fall from his horse. In 1799 he returned to Halifax, as commander-in-chief of the forces in British America, and as Duke of Kent. The next year he went back to England, and in 1802 was given the command at Gibraltar, where he had first served as colonel twelve years before. In 1803 he was back in England, where he remained until 1816. Harassed by debts he went in that year to the continent in order to curtail his expenses, and two years later, in May, 1818, he was married. Crossing to England the couple were remarried in July and returned to Germany. In the spring of 1819 they went to England, that their child might be born under the British flag, and there the duke died in the winter of 1820, at 63 years of age, and in the second year of his married life.

John D. Rockfeller's income is now reckoned as \$40 a minute, or nearly \$60,000 a day. To occasionally throw a million or two into Chicago university must be a great relief to him, says the Portland Press. There are a number of people who may be found without great difficulty who would be glad to give him the blessing which comes to the giver, with the additional relief which would ensue to him.

While out in Wichita and the neighboring towns Mrs. Natop is removing the sores on the body politic by the laying on of hands, Bayard Crawford, by a similar process, is curing the ills that the individual body is heir to in this city. Neither of the methods are in the regular line, yet both are alleged to be somewhat effective.

A STORY ABOUT DEWET.

The following story about Commandant Dewet is told in a private letter received lately by a Glasgow resident from an officer serving with the army in South Africa. The officer writes: "Rundie's headquarters were taken prisoners by the now respectable General Dewet near Lindley. Dewet, who does not care to be burdened with prisoners, told these three Yeomen, on being brought before him, that he had an important despatch for General Rundie, and if they would personally undertake to deliver it to the general he would give them back their liberty. Naturally they were elated at the proposal, and all three gave Dewet their word of honor to deliver the message into General Rundie's own hand. They received it, a large envelope, well sealed and with all the outward appearance of containing some important document. Possibly they may have thought it contained a proposal from Dewet to Rundie to surrender. In any case they lost no time in saddling up, and covered the ground in almost no time. On reaching Rundie's headquarters they insisted on handing the letter to the general personally, and on his opening it—the three braves still standing as his audience—he read aloud the contents as follows:—'To Gen. Rundie: Dear Sir—Please chain up these three devils, as I can catch them every day. Yours, DEWET.'

FAMILY SUITE.

"Where's your daughter Mary living now, Mrs. Herlity?" inquired one of the neighbors, who had dropped in after an absence of some months. "Her husband's got a foin job on the 'Toines,' sporting accidents," said Mrs. Herlity, proudly. "She and the two av them and little Mollie is living in a suit-up town."

"What a suit!" inquired the neighbor, curiosity having got the better of a desire to appear well informed on all points. "A suit!" said Mrs. Herlity, slowly, "is one o' them places where the parlor is the bedroom, and the bedroom is the kitchen, and the kitchen is down in the cellar, and the beds is piazzas, or organs, and, well, it's one o' them places where everything is something else." concluded Mrs. Herlity.

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The interior of the Carleton Baptist church, the renovation of which was completed in time for yesterday's service, is very beautiful and reflects the greatest credit upon the workmen who have had it in charge, as well as upon the congregation, which has made a liberal response to the call for funds with which to accomplish the work. The walls and ceiling were first sheathed with spruce, upon which was laid an interior of steel, stamped with a fleur-de-lis design. The panels of the ceiling are painted emerald green and light cream; the borders, the moldings, the moldings, flesh color; the cover, shaded from light rose with bronze decorations; the stonework, medium terra cotta. The ceiling of the alcove is pea green, with deep rose side walls, and moldings of flesh color. Over the alcove, on a woodwork of silver grey, are beautifully lettered the words, "Glory to God in the Highest." The painting was done by E. J. Charlton, and the lettering by A. J. Charlton.

The lighting is now done by electricity, there being a large chandelier of 16 lights, with five small branches of three lights each, besides a number of detached lights. The lighting has been built under the pulpit platform, and connected with a heating apparatus so that the water can be kept at a desired temperature. The new carpet was supplied by Freese Bros, and the plumbing was done by W. Bradford Rice.

The church has also been carpeted in a fleur-de-lis design, which harmonizes well with the rest of the appointments. The carpet was supplied by Manchester, Robertson & Allison.

At yesterday morning's service the anthem was The Plains of Peace, in which Miss Titus took the solo. The sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Hughes, of the Baptist church, from the text, "And Moses wist not that his face shined."

In the afternoon G. S. Mayes rendered the solo, Jesus, Lover of My Soul, from Carl Gotte's setting. Rev. A. W. Hughes, of the Baptist church, preached from the text, "The wages of sin is death."

In the evening there was, as there had been at the two other services, a last congregation, after the opening anthem, "Saviour, breathe an evening blessing," and the hymn, "Ere another Sabbath close," a selection of scripture was read by Rev. J. A. Hughes, followed by prayer.

G. S. Mayes then sang, "His gifteth His beloved sleep," from Abt's setting. After the hymn, "I love Thy Kingdom, Lord," the pastor, Rev. B. N. Bobbe, took for his text, Song of Solomon, ch. 10. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

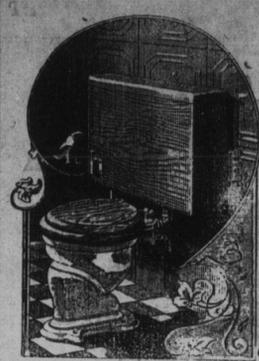
Perhaps, he said, there was no more appropriate way of impressing truth on the human mind than through judicious imagery appealing to their ordinary avenues of sense. This was Jesus' method; indeed it was the Biblical method. Parable and figure abounded in the history, the prophecy and the teaching of the Bible. The sermons with his mind lit up by the light of inspiration, looked down the centuries and saw the church of Jesus Christ and his soul broke out into the song of the text. Who is she that looketh forth as the morning, fair as the moon, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners?

"Fair as the morn, clear as the sun, and terrible as an army with banners." Yes, beautiful indeed was the morn, but it was only the beauty of the reflected sun; so with the church of Christ, it was the reflected splendor of Christ himself. Clear as the sun and as penetrating was the church. Take from all other religions what they have borrowed from Moses and from Christ and they would have little left.

"Terrible as an army with banners." Was the figure well chosen? In three years from the assumption of His kingdom He was slain by men. But He rose from the dead and in that was the power of His kingdom. So was organized the church which had to be against the powers of darkness and persecution. It showed itself terrible as an army with banners. Before the reformation her power was lessened for a time because of corruption, but after that epoch the church reformed, gained more than in all preceding time. During the last century the church had been more terrible than ever. She advanced with an ever-increasing power doing the work and to the glory of the Lord.

The anthem "Make a Joyful Noise" was then rendered, and after singing the hymns O Where Are Kings and Empires Now, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. J. A. Hughes. The repairs are estimated to cost \$1,500, of which about \$600 was raised by yesterday's special collection.

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JOINTS MUST CLOSE.

The Men of Topeka to Continue the Crusade Started by Mrs. Nation.

Mass Meeting of Three Thousand Men Notify the Jointists to Quit Business by Noon on Friday Next.

TOPEKA, Kan., Feb. 10.—Three thousand male citizens of Topeka in mass meeting here today decided that the numerous joints of this city must close their places. They issued an ultimatum giving the "jointists" until Friday next at 12 o'clock noon to quit business. If this shall not be done, warning was given that a thousand armed men would immediately move on the "joints" and remove them by force. Today's action is the result of the crusade started in Topeka less than ten days ago by Mrs. Carrie Nations. The meeting this afternoon was a remarkable one in every respect. It was called by a committee of the law enforcement league, and was attended by nearly all the prominent business men of the city. A feeling of intense earnestness pervaded the meeting. Conservative men who have hitherto advocated moderation in the dealings with the lawless element insisted in unmistakable terms that the time had come when patience had ceased to be a virtue, and that the people of Topeka should take the law in their own hands. The ultimatum issued commanded the officers of the city and county to perform their duty regarding the closing of the joints. The officers were warned that they had waited long enough. The property owners in whose premises the joints are kept were also warned that they should abandon the nuisance at once or the people of Topeka would not be responsible for the damage that might ensue to the buildings. When the readers of the ultimatum reached the part pertaining to the jointists there was a hush of expectation as there had for several days been rumors that some important declarations were to be made. The words of condemnation and warning brought forth murmurs of approval that gained strength with each minute, finally sweeping over the entire audience and culminating in great enthusiasm. As the reader finished and submitted the ultimatum to the approval of the audience, old men and young men, and men of every age and condition, waved handkerchiefs, gesticulated and cheered to the echo. The cheering lasted for several minutes.

Twelve hundred men signed their names to cards pledging themselves to be ready at a moment's notice to join the army which has been recruited to stamp out the joints by the time the limit set by the ultimatum expires. There seems to be no question that the next few days in Topeka will see interesting developments, possibly bloodshed.

CHRIST OUR ADVOCATE.

The Rev. W. W. Craig preached last night from John 1, 11, 1-2 verses: And if any man sin we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous: And He is the propitiation for our sins: and not for ours only, but also for the sins of the whole world. The consciousness of sin causes great bitterness. There are those who are so hardened that they have not this consciousness. We have all felt this bitterness and have cried out, "Lord, be merciful unto me, a sinner." And then there comes the comforting message of the text. We have an Advocate who is pleading for us. "There is one who can lead the Israelites, and the various tests through which the Jews passed before God sent it against the Midianites. From these the preacher drew the lesson, that what God needs from men, so that they may do the best for him, is courage, enthusiasm and submission."

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An association has been formed in Glasgow according to The Scottish Trader, of merchants who carry on business directly or indirectly on Sundays, for the purpose of opposing all legislation interfering with Sunday trading, and to educate public opinion in favor of such trading.

NEW YORK HARBOR WORKS.

Spending a Million and a Half to Expropriate Property. (Friday's Mail and Express.) Corporation Counsel Whelan was authorized today by a unanimous vote of the board of estimate and apportionment to acquire on behalf of the city title to over \$1,500,000 worth of property required by the department of docks in the prosecution of its work

HOTELS.

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TO LET—Lower flat, No. 176 Duke street. Particulars apply to A. GILMOUR, 65 King street, or J. S. ARMISTEAD, 37 Charlotte street.

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A gentleman can have a nice front room, with bath room, also good board, in a small family of three, by addressing O. B., care Star Office.

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FOUND.

FOUND—On Friday last, a watch chain and keys. Owner can have them by applying at Star office and paying charge.

WANTED.

WANTED—Two intelligent boys to learn the cabinet making. Enquire at factory east end of Union street. J. & J. D. HOWE.

REV. RALPH W. TROTTER.

Rev. Ralph W. Trotter preached at Germania Street Baptist church last evening from the text: The Lord said unto Gideon the people that are with thee are too many. Mr. Trotter spoke briefly of the call which Gideon received to lead the Israelites, and the various tests through which the Jews passed before God sent it against the Midianites. From these the preacher drew the lesson, that what God needs from men, so that they may do the best for him, is courage, enthusiasm and submission.

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THE MEMBERS OF THE GRAND DIVISION, S. OF T., OF N. B. are requested to meet at the Temperance Hall, Market Building, on TUESDAY, 12th inst., at 1.30 p. m. to attend the funeral of our late Brother, P. G. W. P. ROBT. WILLS.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

THE ST. JOHN DISTRICT I. O. O. No. 1, will meet at the Orange Hall, Germania street, on TUESDAY, 12th inst., at 1.30 p. m., to attend the funeral of their late Brother, ROBERT WILLS, SR., P. D. M.
 By order,
 CHAS. B. WARD, District Master. W. H. SULLIS, District Sec'y.
 Dress—Silk hat, white tie and gloves.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The members of the Johnston, I. O. O. No. 34, are requested to meet at Orange Hall, Germania street, Tuesday, 12th inst., at 1.30 p. m., to attend the funeral of the late BRO. ROBT. WILLS.
 Sister lodges are invited to attend.
 The Black Knights will form a body guard.

SHIP-BUILDING.

His Worship Mayor Daniel and civic committee, consisting of Ald. Christie, Maxco, Baxter, Armstrong, McLaughlin and McGoldrick, will meet Monday at the City Hall this afternoon to discuss the question of the possible establishment of a ship-building industry here.

PERSONAL.

Geo. Williams, of the Y. M. C. A., is able to be out.
 Rev. J. W. Manning is laid up with a severe attack of grippe.
 Mrs. R. L. Johnson, who was quite seriously ill, is now improving.

S. S. LOYALTY.

Captain Healey and the officers of this steamer will be happy to see any persons on board who may wish to inspect the steamer while she is lying in port. She is lying at the No. 1 berth, West St. John, and will probably leave here tomorrow afternoon for Halifax.

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.

The Royal Arcanum meets tomorrow evening in the Knights of Pythias Hall, German street.

Miss McDonald, of Moncton, sang very acceptably in the Waterloo street Free Baptist church yesterday.

Rev. J. W. Clark, formerly of this city, received several candidates into his church at Woodstock last Sunday.

A quantity of cents can be had at the counting room of the Sun Printing Co., Ltd., in exchange for other money.

Rev. D. Hutchinson, the new pastor of the Moncton Baptist church, arrived in that city Saturday and occupied the pulpit yesterday.

Patrick Cassidy, of Houlton, is in jail in Bangor, charged with smuggling oats from New Brunswick. This is his second offence.

Rev. R. H. A. Haslam delivered an admirable address on Temptation in the Y. M. C. A. rooms yesterday afternoon.

Special services will be held in Carmarthen street Methodist church, beginning Wednesday evening. Rev. Geo. Ayers will assist the pastor.

Miles Munson, who was in the city to leave in a vessel in a few days, received a telegram stating that his mother was very ill. He left for his home at Cape Enrage at once.

Ned Dalton leaves for Springhill on Thursday to skate P. Bouché, the speediest man in that portion of Nova Scotia. Dalton feels in fine trim and is confident of winning.

The smallpox reported at Goshen Kings county, has not spread among the mill crew, only the man was sick. The people from that section think that this case was from the effects of vaccination.

A concert will be given this evening under the auspices of Johnston Ladies Orange Lodge, No. 19, in the Sons of England Hall. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

One of the lumber crew at the Hicks mill at the Cape, says the Albert Maple Leaf, having recently come from the smallpox infected district of Westmorland, the camp has been officially quarantined by the board of health.

John Thomas, the big ducky from Winchester, Virginia, who made a flying visit to St. John some time ago, en route to Quebec on a sandal, has been paying a short visit in Hartland, after putting in a month at Woodstock seeing the sights.

The Edward D'Oise company will be at the New Mechanics' Institute this evening and tomorrow and Wednesday evenings, with Wednesday matinee. Tonight the bill is the Merchant of Venice. Mr. D'Oise is very strong in the character of Shylock.

Says the Vancouver News Advertiser of Feb. 2:—"F. W. Peters, Canadian Pacific railway assistant general freight agent, has been visiting Seattle, on business connected with the chartering of the steamship Albatross, by the Canadian Mill Company. H. Peters, of Winnipeg, accompanying him on the trip."

In a late issue of Collier's Weekly the mixing races at Verona Lake, Montclair, N. Y., are depicted. McDonald, who won the half mile event at this meeting, was an easy victim for Billy Merrit of this city at the Clarkson Avenue rink, New York, two winters ago. The distance was a half mile, and the time 1.37.

Arthur Dingo, of the St. John Railway Co.; William Earle, of Pender's hat factory employ, and William Whitaker, of north end, returned from Brown's Flat last evening, where they had been visiting many of the lumber camps. They drove to the Flats and back, but snowed out to the camps. They report the river travelling excellent, but the country roads quite heavy.

Captain Charles Starkey, of the Star line steamer Victoria, writes home from New York that he is greatly improved in health. He and the late Cook Mabee were together for several weeks, talking the electrical treatment for the lungs, and were both attacked lightly with pneumonia. Mr. Mabee went south to Georgia and died suddenly, but the captain got over his attack in a short while.

On Thursday evening last, at Victoria rink, Miss Lou Walters of Lower Water street, Indian town, daughter of Abraham Walters, fell on the ice and received a severe cut on the front of the head from the skate of another skater. She is confined to the house with the wound, and a physician has been in attendance.

Work was commenced today on the open electric cars, which are all to be fitted with the sliding blinds, used on a few of the cars last summer. The striped canvas coverings will be done away with. Painting and general preparations will be made on the cars after this for the spring-summer business.

TO REDUCE DRUNK FINES.

Bills and Bye-Laws Committee Will Present a Bill in Local House.

At Friday's meeting of the common council the bills and bye-laws committee submitted a lengthy report. Among the bills originating in the committee the following was the first on the list: A. To reduce the maximum penalty for drunkenness. Alderman J. R. Armstrong, chairman of the bills and bye-laws committee, was seen by a Star reporter this morning. He said a member of the committee had suggested the reduction of the \$3 drunk fine, in view of the privation and misery it was causing among the poorer classes of people. Wives and mothers were constantly calling at the police court to pay the fines incurred by their drunken husbands and sons. Instead of the fine being a punishment on the prisoner, it was a stroke against the needy ones at home, who feel they are duty bound to free their erring ones. To reduce the fine would make less sale on these faithful mothers, wives and other relatives.

Alderman Armstrong did not say to what extent the committee desired to reduce the fine. He said the committee had not yet fully considered the bill, having only passed the title of it. Several clauses may be altered before it is presented to the local legislature. Magistrate Ritchie, when interviewed, said the committeemen cannot be very well acquainted with the modus operandi of the police court or they would not suggest any change in the schedule of fines for drunkenness. The fine now is the same as it was when Magistrates Gilbert and Peters sat on the bench in the police court, and the same discretion is used in disposing of cases. Mr. Henderson, clerk of the court, said the present capacity under the above mentioned judges, and says the same fines were imposed in those days, in about the same way. As to the financial burden falling upon the shoulders of mothers, wives and other relatives his honor says in such cases as these the culprit is generally allowed to go. Keen discernment is very necessary in many cases. If a man has work awaiting him he is never kept in prison for the want of his fine, but he hardly a quarter and in some periods even an eighth of the fines are not collected. The member of the bills and bye-laws committee who suggested the reduction of the \$3 fine said he was not sure he was in the olden days of Magistrates Gilbert and Peters the council did not interfere in police court affairs, but allowed the laws, which were operating successfully and satisfactorily, to stand.

The same circle of offenders come before him every year, says his honor, and he knows them like a book. Circumstances, however, vary, and in such cases the court officials know all about them. No fine is imposed in ignorance. So the bills and bye-laws committee, in seeking to change the laws, are not acting very wisely, if they are not willing to have the fine abolished altogether.

Chief Clark thinks the present order of drunkenness fines is satisfactory. The magistrate says he would like to see any amount from \$1 to \$5. He is supposed to use his discretion in every case. When a man goes down to the Sheriff's street dens and carouses eight dollars is a small enough fine. If it were any less drunkenness would increase.

Captain Jenkins says as far as he can judge the present law is a good one. It is not nearly as hard on a prisoner as the Criminal Code, which says \$50 for drunkenness. However the Criminal Code is not used here in these cases; it is the local legislature Police Act.

COUGHT TO KNOW BETTER.

As a general rule the conductors on the street railway are particular as to the cleanliness of their cars, and as to the convenience of passengers. It is a pity that they are overwhelmed by ignorant and unthinking travellers who leave the car more like a hog-pen than anything else. One of these incidents occurred yesterday afternoon. The car was packed with passengers, and the conductor looked daggers at them and finally spoke. But that did no good, and after the passengers were pretty well disgusted the backwoodsmen left the car. More power to the anti-spitting crusade.

PROVINCIAL POLITICS.

(Fredrickton Gleaner.) It is said that Mr. Porter, of Victoria, will be nominated by the government for the speakership in the legislature, the position having been made vacant by Speaker Hill's compliance of a seat in the executive. It is said that Mr. White, who issued his card as an independent, will not oppose Mr. Appleby, the government candidate, and that the opposition will likely put up a man believing that there will be but one more session of the present house.

ATTENTION DIRECTED TO THE NOTICES

touching the funeral of the late Robert Wills.

The master painters of this city will hold their annual sleigh drive to Trendwell's street, Indian town, of the week, perhaps Thursday.

Arthur Likely, who went to Backville to do club swinging at an entertainment held by Mt. Allison students, fell in the gymnasium and broke one of his arms. He was brought home today.

The steamer Erna had not arrived at two o'clock this afternoon, and no word has been received as to her whereabouts. Some anxiety is felt for her safety, as she usually makes the run in four days, and she is now considerable over.

PARKS COTTON MILLS.

Practical Suggestion Made by a Manufacturer as to This Industry.

To the Editor of the Star: Sir,—I was pleased to see that one of your subscribers had come forward and inserted a letter in the Star re the unfortunate stoppage of the above mills, and I fully endorse his sentiments. It appears from the report issued by the directors that want of capital and keen competition are the principal causes of the mills being shut down. Now it appears to me that the lack of capital is not the chief cause of the stoppage, but rather the fact that the mills are unable to hold their own against the combine, and although it shows from the report that of late the mortgage has been reduced and profits made, it seems that they have been insufficient to satisfy the mortgagees; it would therefore seem on the fact that to put up more capital and run the mills on the old lines, that sooner or later the conditions which exist today would again prevail. Would it not therefore be advisable for the directors to change as far as possible the mode of manufacture and to branch out into some new manufactures; this could be done by utilizing the machinery suitable for the change of goods required, and run the remains of the plant to the advantage. It appears to me a great pity that fine mills like these should be idle when there are markets right here which could buy almost every kind of cloth goods, and whilst I do not enumerate the kind of cloths to which I refer (as I would not presume to understand the inner workings of the concern as do the directors) at the same time I know very well many articles which could be produced and at a good profit. I am given to understand that the machinery is all up to date and in first class condition; if such is the case, then surely the plant could be made to produce almost any kind of goods which the markets call for, and as nothing depreciates so quickly in value as idle machinery, I for one do hope that the capital needed will be forthcoming and that the mills will resume work at an early date.

The stoppage of these mills is a question which should concern the whole city as every trade is more or less affected thereby, and it would be a great calamity to our city if our concerns were permanently closed. I think, however, that our spirited capitalists will come forward and find what is needed and that the unfortunate workpeople will soon be called upon to resume their employment.

Thanking you for your valuable space, I am, dear sir, Yours truly,

A PRACTICAL MANUFACTURER
 St. John, Feb. 11th, 1901.

THE STORM IN ALBERT.

Drifts Sometimes as High as Twelve Feet.

Further details which have been received show that the storm that blocked the railroad in Albert county was a very severe one. A train started last Monday for Hillsboro, and by the hard kind of work reached Salisbury Wednesday evening.

The manager of the road, A. Sherwood, was on board. On Thursday an attempt was made to get back, but the second storm was worse than the first, and the train was stalled at Stony Creek, about ten miles this side of Hillsboro.

There were about twenty-five passengers on board, ten of whom were ladies. The men turned out and assisted the train crew, but very little progress was made. Food was obtained from the farm houses in the vicinity of the road. On Saturday twenty-five men were sent from the Albert manufacturing Co. to assist in the work, and finally the train was relieved.

The wind had a splendid sweep from the bay and the weather was bitterly cold, and was made even more disagreeable by the driving snow. In some places the road was banked to the height of ten or twelve feet, and the snow packed so hard that a horse and sleigh could be driven over in safety. In other places a horse would sink to the back in an endeavor to get through. Some idea of the state of the roads may be obtained from the fact that it took two St. John commercial men nine hours to drive about sixteen miles.

A telephone message from Hillsboro today said that the train had reached that place last evening. The sick man reported on board is worse. An effort will be made to get back to Salisbury by Wednesday. The mails were brought through by stage.

WITH ADVERTISERS.

F. E. Williams offers two horses for sale. See advt.

Fred H. Dunham, 408 Main street, does upholstering and sends for and delivers the goods.

H. L. Coates gives prompt attention to orders in his line as carpenter and builder.

S. Z. Dickson, country market, has a fine stock of prime Ontario beef. The prices are in demand in this severe weather.

Henderson, Hunt & McLaughlin are making suits and trousers to measure at specially low prices during this month.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The officers elected on Tuesday, Feb. 5th, 1901, for St. John County, west L. O. L., are as follows: Joseph Scribner, R. W. C. M.; William Smith, R. W. D. C. M.; Charles Gupp, C. champion; Walter Fulton, C. S.; Samuel Galbreath, C. P. S.; Robert Lawson, C. T.; Edward Long, C. L.; John Barnett, C. D. of C.; Fred Trafton, William Smullen, C. D. L.

QUEBEC, Feb. 8.—Twelve guns and wagons and several force wagons used by B and D batteries throughout the campaign in the north have reached the city. The authorities are excited over the disappearance of buckets, kettles, axes and other equipment. The best night, which is valuable, are also missing, and are believed to have been taken by relic hunters between Halifax and Quebec.

MONTRÉAL, Feb. 9.—At the annual skating races of the Montreal Amateur Association Saturday A. B. Philo of Montreal made new world's amateur record of 800 yards in 2 minutes, 20 seconds.

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YORK POINT ALL SERENE.

Every day is Sunday down around Blair's winter port quarters. The steamers arranged for never came. Once within the precincts of the new warehouse and a football echoes and re-echoes through the spacious interior. Pulp from the Mooney mills drum-majors the freight procession. The elevator has felt the stringency of the times too, and its meals have been few and far between.

A solemn stillness pervades the whole terminal locality. No squeaking car wheels wreck the calm, or screaming steam whistles break the peaceful continuity. A handful of clerks peer out the windows and waver their "handkerchiefs" on the evaporations of the ferryboat, while the monotony of this pastime is now and then disturbed by the arrival or departure of a schooner in the neighboring slip. Office seekers who secured work at the new winter port terminals can well exclaim with the poets, "Now is the winter of our discontent made glorious summer by the Son of York (Point)."

DRAMATIC MANAGER ILL.

Manager Proctor, of the Edward D'Oise dramatic company is quite ill at the Dufferin hotel. Mr. Proctor's illness has been quite a severe blow to the company, whose advertising has suffered in consequence. Tonight's performance of Shakespeare's Merchant of Venice is the gem play in Mr. D'Oise's repertoire. His conception and interpretation of that great character Shylock, is among the most favored in all America. Miss Erie's Portia is strong and winsome.

BOGUS VOTERS LISTS DENOUNCED.

At the evening service at the Parish church at Rethesay, the Rev. Allan S. Daniel referred in most scathing terms to political corruption and the heinousness of the offence of buying or selling a vote, or impersonating a voter. He also made allusion to the rottenness which characterized the bogus Rethesay lists and the recent attempt to foist it on the community.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters of administration of the estate of the late Hugh C. Tufts have been granted to Francis Tufts, a son. The estate is valued at \$200 personally and \$1200 real. H. S. Keith, proctor.

The accounts in the estate of the late Mrs. Rhoda A. Barnhill were passed today. A. P. Barnhill proctor.

GENERAL NOTES.

Last year four lepers died at Tracadie Lazaretto, and three new cases were admitted. There are now twenty patients there.

Charlottetown is about to open its first public library. W. S. Harkins opened his season at the Academy, Halifax, Friday night, and his popularity was attested not only by the large but the fashionable audience present. It is almost needless to say that his company scored a success; his name is synonymous with a first class performance.—Halifax Recorder.

At a recent meeting of the board of health in Toronto, in speaking of diphtheria, Dr. Vaux alluded to the abnormally high death rate of this disease in the city of Toronto. The deaths in this city alone had reached 19 out of a total of 458 deaths from diphtheria in the entire province. Estimating Toronto's population as 200,000, this meant a death rate of 74 per thousand, a rate very high for one disease.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

The Methodist ministers met this morning. There were present Revs. Dr. Read, J. Shenton, P. J. Deinetadt, Geo. Ayers, G. A. Sellers, G. C. P. Palmer. Reports were received from the churches and Rev. Mr. Palmer gave a brief address. The meeting decided that the order of the day for next Monday be the discussion of Dr. Read and Dr. Wilson's papers.

Baptist ministers met this morning. There were present Revs. Ira Smith, D. Long, A. White, B. N. Nobles, A. T. Dykeman and P. J. Stackhouse. Reports were heard from the churches. Leinster street has finished a series of special meetings. Hugh McLean is assisting Rev. A. T. Dykeman at Fairville in special services with encouraging results. Rev. B. N. Nobles reported large congregations on the opening of the church. Five hundred dollars was subscribed on the improvements, which are to cost about \$1,200. It was decided to hold meetings every Monday instead of fortnightly. Evangelistic services are to be held in the Tabernacle every night, this week.

TONIGHT.

Military parade at drill shed, 8 p. m. Meeting School Trustees, 8 p. m. Edward D'Oise and company at New Mechanics' Institute in the Merchant of Venice, 8 p. m.

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