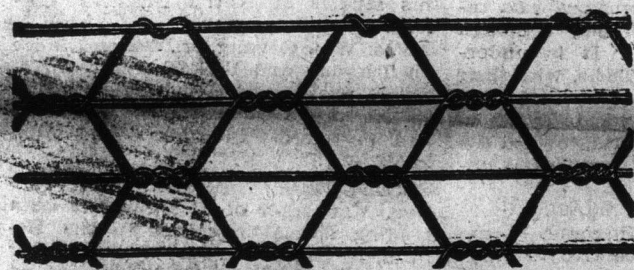


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ONTARIO AND QUEBEC

Blair and Harris Confer With Grand Trunk Officials.

New Member for Temiscouata Will Move Address in Commons.

New Yukon Mining Regulations—Quebec Murder Trials Proceeding.

OTTAWA, Jan. 11.—At the railway department today your correspondent was informed that no date had been fixed for the government taking over the Drummond county railway. Hon. Mr. Blair is determined not to assume control of the road until it is put in such condition as to withstand the severest winter, and this, it is said, some of the proposed bridges on the road will not do. They will have to be rebuilt.

Application was filed with the minister of the interior today by E. C. Davis & Co. of New York for the purchase of an area on either bank of the White river from the United States boundary to Yukon. This is a preliminary step to securing authority to build a railway to Dawson if they get the grant. It will give them a great advantage over applicants. The Canadian manufacturers of electrical machinery are up in arms against Mr. Tarte for his latest exhibition of "business is business" principle. Mr. Pletcher, representing the Canadian General Electric Light of Peterboro was in Ottawa today and had an interview with the minister of public works regarding the supplying of electrical machinery for the government buildings. Mr. Tarte has given an order for four Westinghouse 40 h. p. electric motors and four Westinghouse pumps at a cost of nearly \$30,000 to an Ottawa firm, Almond & Soper, without tender, although when the matter was under discussion in the house last session the minister promised positively that the government would ask for tenders. Mr. Tarte's action is all the more surprising when it is remembered that the Canadian General company is composed almost entirely of leading liberals.

The customs department has issued regulations in respect of goods imported and entered into the country and shipped by water from one port to another port in the dominion. The design of the regulations is to enable the ports where such goods are entered and whence they are shipped to be advised that they have been duly received and delivered into the custody of the customs at the port which they are to be conveyed by water.

It appears to be the intention of the militia department to rigidly insist upon officers of the force qualifying in exhibition before they can secure promotion.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—Advices from Dawson City, dated December 18th, were received here today by telegraph from Victoria. This is the quickest time on record. They report that the mother lode which has been discovered turns out to be a canard. Fully one thousand men are coming out to the coast with gold or claims to sell. Rich strikes are reported at Sukkur and Hunker Creeks.

Premier Murray and Attorney General Longley of Nova Scotia, went east today. They have pressed the claims of the province for the amount of subsidy of \$600,000 given to the Eastern Extension railway, now part of the government railway system.

Alex. Macdonald, the Atlantic explorer for the United States government, has received a lucrative offer from a New York company to become their engineer, but he has declined the offer.

The increase in salary to the civil service will not take place this year, although it is likely there will be a larger amount given than last year. The increase will be given for meritorious work on the recommendation of the deputy heads.

OTTAWA, Jan. 12.—The new mining regulations for the Yukon country are nearly ready.

The government is between the devil and the deep sea on the binder twine question. Another deputation of grins, headed by Mr. Hoyd, M. P., and ex-Speaker Balleynne of Ontario, the cheese king, saw Hon. Mr. Fielding on behalf of the Farmers' Primary Co. of Ontario, an establishment started to fight the combine and which had been a great success. They say unless they get a protection of 12 1/2 per cent they must close down. The capital of the concern is \$80,000, subscribed chiefly by persons of small means.

It is semi-officially announced that there will be a big cut in the estimates for next year.

The government will not permit the fishermen along the Ottawa an extension of time for depositing the mill refuse into the river. Some mill owners are already making preparations to consume the sawdust. The time limit is up on Jan. 1st.

Sir Wm. Van Horne was in the city today and had an interview with Hon. Mr. Blair in reference to the proposed C. P. R. branch from Robbinston to the coast. Mr. Blair has so far refused to approve of the plan, which will enable the C. P. R. to commence exporting the right of way.

The French-Canadians of this section have a grievance against the Ontario government. They claim they are not getting their fair share of patronage from Hon. Mr. Hardy. Next Tuesday Hon. G. Ross is to come here to confer on the subject with the executive of the Le Club Liberal.

The militia list corrected to January 1st was issued today. The list was issued in the government building and exceeded the withdrawals on December 31, 1900.

Hon. Mr. Epton will not permit any land grant in the Yukon till the resources of the country are better known.

Tenders for timber berths will be received up to January 25th, a very short notice.

OTTAWA, Jan. 14.—Sir Charles Tupper returned from the west today. He says all his investigations have satisfied him that it is impossible to over-estimate the great material wealth of British Columbia, and that taken in conjunction with the attention drawn to the Canadian Yukon will result in a great influx of people to Canada, much of which will not doubt remain in the country. He says the political outlook in the west is bright, and expects to see Hugh John carry Manitoba.

The importance of prompt measures being taken to secure a speedy settlement of the Canadian Alaskan boundary dispute is emphasized by the incident reported to the government today by Collector Milne of Victoria. Mr. Milne was advised a few days ago that United States Commissioner Smith occupied in the name of the United States a strip of Canadian territory at the southern end of Lake Bennett close to the disputed boundary line. The United States flag was hoisted by a number of Americans, but the mounted police stationed at that point protested, and the flag was hauled down.

Commander Spain goes to Halifax tomorrow on a special trip, as it is necessary to the fisheries protection fleet before the spring work commences.

Alexander Macdonald, the alleged Yukon surveyor, turns out a fraud and a humbug. Mr. Ogilvie received telegrams today from New York showing that Mr. Macdonald had forged his name to a message he had sent out to T. C. Davis, a prominent New York broker.

Mr. Langsler, M. P., was appointed judge in Judge's place, who becomes lieutenant governor.

The trade department has been notified that the government of Great Britain has ratified the treaty with France respecting the Tunisian trade. A feature of the convention is that the British colonies are exempted from the operation of the favored nation clause.

The government has decided on a fixed royalty of ten per cent, applicable to all mines in Yukon. The Canadian Pacific Navigation Company's steamer Danube, plying from Victoria to Glasgow, has been seized by the American authorities for alleged violation of the coasting laws. The government is communicating

with Washington to secure the release of the vessel.

OTTAWA, Jan. 15.—The writ for Quebec Centre was issued on Saturday. Nomination is on the 24th of January, and polling on the 31st.

The government will ask parliament to vote \$10,000 for the relief of the Prescott and Russell fire sufferers. The fund to date amounts to \$2,000. Representatives from the Montreal and Ottawa board of trade, acting also for other boards, interviewed the government yesterday on the insolvency question. The deputation was received by Messrs. Laurier, Cartwright, Mills, Scott, Davies, Fleisig and Tarte. Strong speeches were delivered by Messrs. McKegow, Crathern and Greenfields of Montreal, and Messrs. Ross and Henderson of Ottawa. They asked a bill embodying these features:

- 1. Complete doing away with preferences.
2. Equitable distribution of assets of insolvent debtors.
3. Reasonable discharge clause.
4. No class of official assignees.

These points were elaborated at length. The discussion assuming an interrogatory character the ministers asked how the banks would regard such a measure as that proposed. The reply was that assurances had been received from the Bankers Association and board of trade that they could find a common ground to stand upon.

Sir Wilfrid asked who was suggested to act in place of the official assignee.

Mr. Greenfields replied an officer of the court should in the first instance be in charge, at a more nominal amount than the first meeting of the creditors they could elect an accountant to wind up the estate.

The premier said there would be a strong feeling in parliament to exempt farmers from the operation of an insolvency law, and this point was also emphasized by Mr. Mills, minister of justice, who added that it would go a long way towards doing away with the feeling of dislike that the non-trading classes had against an insolvency law, if it were confined simply to traders.

Premier Laurier—You will see, gentlemen, that the question is not free from difficulties with this remark the proceedings terminated.

Hon. Wm. Pugsley has two parliamentary notices in this week's Gazette. One is for a dominion charter to the St. Lawrence and Maritime Provinces Railway Company, which has now a New Brunswick charter. The other notice is for a federal charter to the Dominion Land, Grazing and Cattle Co., with power to do a trading and transportation business in British Columbia and Yukon.

The minister of justice has made an appointment for tomorrow with the counsel for Mrs. Steinman, who is lying in Cayuga jail under sentence of death for poisoning her husband and Strong, pleas for a respite are being put in.

Mayor Bingham took the chief of police with him today and visited upon P. D. Ross, editor of the Journal, and demanded a resignation of a certain number of the Lord's day amendment act. Mr. Bingham is at logarithms with a majority of the council. Editor Ross told the burgomaster he could not leave him, and saw no reason to withdraw.

F. H. Benson has been appointed to fill Hon. Crampton's place in the Chatham (Maritime) custom house. Patrick Connor has been appointed in place of W. T. Connor in the Chatham custom house, now temporarily filled by Geo. B. Fraser. Mr. Fraser's services have been dismissed with.

MONTREAL, Jan. 11.—The Star's London correspondent writes: Hon. Dr. Borden sails for home tomorrow. The statement is published that he has arranged with the war office for an elaborate re-arrangement of Canadian defences, including new depots for British troops at Vancouver and Victoria on the Pacific, and much increased armaments. It is officially stated, however, that while Hon. Mr. Borden naturally discussed the latest necessities of Canada's defences, no elaborate plans of this kind are in view. The fact of evidence being given to the statement shows that Canada's growing importance from an imperial standpoint, in view of the coming struggle between England, Russia, Japan and America for the supremacy of the Pacific.

Dr. D. McEachern, chief veterinary surgeon of the dominion, is here. It is understood he has hopes of inducing the board of agriculture to remove the schedule from Canadian cattle. That is most improbable. Not even Chamberlain, with all his Canadian sympathies, can act against the interests, supposed or real, of the British farmer.

QUBEC, Jan. 11.—It is reported here on good authority that Louis Fréchet, of Montreal, the post-harvester of Canada, is to be appointed successor to Lieut. Governor Mackintosh in the Northwest territories.

MONTREAL, Jan. 12.—The Star's London correspondent writes: The Board of Trade returns for 1897 show that while the imports from all countries increased two per cent. over 1896, the imports from Canada increased 25 per cent. The chief increases are Wheat, \$700,000; cheese, \$750,000; but, \$1,300,000; cattle, \$437,000; fish, \$91,000. The decreases were: Wheat flour, \$103,000; sheep and lambs, \$30,000; bacon, \$172,000; hams, \$105,000. The exports to Canada decreased nearly 6 per cent., and the exports to all countries 1 per cent.

The New Zealand Shipping Company, Limited, has presented a petition for the liquidation of James Huddart's Canadian-Australian Royal Mail Steamship Company, Limited. The application will be heard on the 19th inst.

LONDON, Ont., Jan. 11.—The coroner's jury investigating the recent City hall accident today returned a

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HALIFAX.

The Bermuda Cable—Call to Rev. J. D. McKay of Dorchester.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 17.—The extension of the Halifax and Bermuda cable to Turles Island was in operation today for the first time. Messages were sent from Turles Island to Hon. Joseph Chamberlain, the president of the United States and governor general of Canada. The message to Lord Aberdeen was: Cable from Turles Island opened today. May it tend to increase the commerce between the Dominion of Canada and these islands. The extension through to Jamaica will be completed in a couple of days.

The presbytery of Halifax today sustained a call from the Coburg road church to Rev. J. D. McKay of Dorchester. The call was forwarded by the afternoon train. The date of induction is fixed for February 1st.

The Kentville board of trade today elected officers as follows: President, C. S. Nixon; vice-president, C. L. Dodge; secretary, C. E. Oatkin.

The city council will hold a meeting tomorrow night to discuss a proposition voting \$125,000 for the construction of a grain elevator at this port.

The trial of Capt. Street, charged with smuggling, is still on at North Sydney. The whereabouts of the captain, who escaped from jail Friday, are yet unknown. The jail is guarded night and day so as to make sure the crew will not escape. After the trial of the captain and crew is completed, proceedings against the citizens will commence.

NOTI SATTISFIED.

Dissatisfaction exists in the London office of the Dominion Atlantic railway on account of the poor showing of the company's new steamer Prince Edward, Capt. A. N. McGraw, running between Yarmouth and this city, and which has failed to come up to her contract speed. She was built by the Basic Ship Building company of Hull, Eng., and was guaranteed speed of sixteen knots an hour. Since she was placed on the route she has failed to average more than sixteen knots. General Manager William R. Campbell of London requested the resignation of Chief Engineer William J. Milne, who was taken from the steamer Prince Rupert and placed on the former vessel. The ship building company sent over Engineer H. Gardner Smith, who has not obtained any more speed than his predecessor, and she may be thrown back on her builders' hands.—Boston Post.

Disg—Is your daughter improving in her piano playing? Biggs—She is getting on very well. I don't know which Chicago News.

"Do you seriously wish to be understood, Miss Howjames, as saying that a man can't love but once?" "No, sir, I wish to be understood as saying that a man can love but once."

FREDERICTON.

Senator Wark Purchases Property—Mrs. G. R. Parkin Returns to Toronto.

FREDERICTON, Jan. 17.—It is understood that Senator Wark has purchased the property where he now resides. The property is on the corner of Brunswick and York streets, opposite the Baptist church, and is one of the finest residences in the city.

Senator Wark, who has recently completed his ninety-fourth anniversary, is still hearty and vigorous, and looks forward with considerable interest to the opening of parliament next month.

Mrs. Geo. R. Parkin, who has been here on a visit, returned to Toronto this evening.

General Manager Hays and Assistant General Manager Wainwright of the G. T. R. were engaged all afternoon with Messrs. Blair, Schreiber and General Traffic Manager Harris of the I. C. R., discussing the arrangements for the through extension of the government railway to Montreal and the terminal facilities there. Although it will be spring before the Drummond county road will be taken over, Hon. Mr. Blair wants to settle the details with the Grand Trunk before spring commences.

Gauvreux, the new member for Temiscouata, will move the address in the commons.

There will be a change in the inspectorship of fisheries for Manitoba shortly. Lateuch Tupper, the present inspector, is to be replaced by a political partisan. He will be succeeded by Col. Clough, the former chief member for the Manitoba legislature.

The Yukon mining regulations, which will be promulgated in a few days, are a vast improvement on those adopted last August. The size of the claims is increased from 100 to 200 feet frontage, and while the royalty of 10 per cent. is retained, no royalty will be charged on any claim where the annual return is less than \$2,500 a year. The miner's license system is adopted. A fee of \$10 and

the cost of recording a claim is reduced to \$15, with \$15 annual renewal. A dredging license for rivers in five mile sections is \$500 per mile yearly.

BELLEVILLE, Ont., Jan. 11.—Geo. Lawlor, tramp, was sentenced this morning to six months and twelve lashes for criminally assaulting a six year old child.

TOBACCO, Jan. 17.—The Ontario legislature was prorogued today by Sir Oliver Mowat. This is the last session of the present house.

NAPLerville, Que., Jan. 17.—The Naperville Woolen Mills, the property of A. Merz, were burnt to the ground tonight. The loss is \$12,000.

JOLIETTE, Que., Jan. 17.—The trial of Thos. Nully for the murder of his three sisters and a brother was opened her this afternoon. The jury was recently secured, only ten challenges being made. Mr. Dugas for the crown stated he would attempt to prove that the murder was carefully and deliberately planned. The defence expects to prove insanity. The trial will probably last all week.

SCHOLAISTIQUE, Que., Jan. 17.—In the trial of Sam Parous and Mrs. Isidore Poirier for the murder of the woman's husband, the crown will endeavor to prove that the woman first induced her husband to insure his life, and then, with the assistance of Parous, murdered him by cutting his throat. A number of unimportant witnesses were examined.

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THE COMING SESSION.

In a little over two weeks we shall have the announcement of the government programme for the third session of the present parliament. Down to this stage the eighth parliament has not been fruitful in measures. The government came in with a variety of promises of reform, but as yet the ministers have not found much to change except in matters of administration, where the changes have mainly been in the interest of a few favorites. The tariff of last session did not, to any appreciable extent, redeem the pledges of the party, and there is now a strong agitation among influential supporters of the government to undo some of the few radical changes that were made. It is not probable that the government will open up the tariff question again if it can possibly be helped. The experience of last year, when the tariff bill, as brought down, was withdrawn, and brought back again with one hundred changes, and when the amendments were again amended and re-amended, affords an awful lesson.

The measures promised in the speech from the throne at the beginning of last session included a franchise bill. It was introduced and withdrawn after several days debate in the course of which the premier declared that the bill would be forced through if it took all summer. Another measure was the plebiscite bill, which was not even introduced. There were also certain measures relating to the civil service which were dropped. The bill of Sir John A. Macdonald, the Drummond court case, which was defeated in the senate, and the fact steamship service act, which was adopted, but has not as yet given any result. The Crown's Nest bill, the tariff, and the railway subsidies bill represent the effective government legislation of last year, if the latter can be called effective.

The franchise bill and the plebiscite will no doubt be on this session's programme. If this franchise measure is the same as that of last year, it will be resisted. The measure of last year was not a franchise bill at all, but an act of abandonment. It proposed to hand over the control of the federal election list to eight separate local legislatures, each authorized to prepare a system of its own, and to decide which classes of men should be entitled to vote for members of the central parliament. There is no more reason for the provincial legislature to fix the federal franchise than for the federal parliament to lay down the terms on which the members of the local legislature should be elected. At the same time it will not be wise for the opposition to contend for the perpetuation of the existing system. The points for which the contention may well be made are, federal control; simplicity, cheapness and uniformity; and the inclusion of all who are now entitled to vote. These features can be obtained by a simple manhood residence franchise, with registration. Such is the principle which this journal has supported, and we shall be glad to see parliament adopt it.

Whatever different opinions may prevail about prohibition, there can be no question that the government is bound in honor to submit the question squarely to the people of Canada. There is only one fair way to put the question, and that is to state it simply and plainly, unembarrassed by any other issues. It is understood that at one time last year the ministers had about decided to add to the question another, in which the people would be asked to say whether they were prepared for direct taxation. If the government proposes to adopt the principle of government by plebiscite any question of tariff or revenue policy may be submitted to popular vote. Sir Wilfrid can ask the people to vote on the question of suffrage. Mr. Blair may ask them to vote "yes" and "no" on the Drummond railway question. Mr. Fielding may submit the alternative of protection and free trade. But we may expect that the honest members of the two houses will insist on the presentation of the plebiscite in its simplest form. We have the impression that the practical wisdom of this course has been borne in before this time on the ministers themselves.

If there is to be no direct amendment to the tariff bill, we have the pledge made by Mr. Fielding in England that the government will give Great Britain and the low tariff countries a preference over foreign countries.

While in England Mr. Fielding became much impressed with the importance of enacting for Canada an insolvency law. It is possible that such a measure may be introduced. The framework of it may be found in a bill which occupied the senate during a great part of a recent session. No doubt the new bill, if introduced at all, will be handed over to the senate to be dealt with, though there is reason to fear that Mr. Mills will be a good deal at sea with it. On the whole, it is hardly probable that an insolvency law will emerge from parliament this year.

The indications are that some of the most exciting scenes of the coming session will be witnessed in the railway committee of the commons. The middle session of the parliamentary term will not be allowed to pass without a great exploiting of railway schemes. The Kootenay, the Klondyke and all the west are now the paradise of the promoter. Last year a great number of conflicting railway projects were before the committee, while many others were promoted, which some of the western members connected to be hostile to public interest. The liberal revolt in Quebec is complicated with questions of railway claims and subsidies, and we look for a resumption of hostilities over an application for incorporation or for special privileges. Sorer hearts are sometimes made over these matters of business than over questions of principle. The coming session will probably be one in which Mr. Blair and Mr. Tarte will enjoy rare opportunities.

THE CHARLOTTE ELECTION.

Mr. J. D. Chipman is authorized to take his seat as one of the members for Charlotte, though the people of that county do not appear to have had much to do with the matter. The new member seems to have been in the first instance the choice of the government, whose selection was ratified by a majority vote of certain delegates for St. Stephen and Miramichi. The election may be claimed as an exhibition of confidence in the ability of the ministers to make choice of a member for Charlotte. How much farther it is a sign of confidence it would be hard to say, as Mr. Chipman makes the safe promise to support Mr. Emmerson in all good measures, which pledge would probably be taken by any member of either party. He reserves to himself the right to go with the conservative party in case provincial politics should be conducted on party lines. It is not quite clear whether the leader of the opposition would have Mr. Chipman's support in establishing such a line of political policy, though that point will perhaps be settled before the next session is over. If the new member for Charlotte had marked out for himself some clearer course, and not left it so much to others to decide his future he would have made a stronger impression in starting out in his career as a member of the legislature. Mr. Chipman is a man of large business influence and of good repute in his county and throughout the province. He ought to have come into public life with a clearer declaration of principles and under better auspices.

A TEMPERANCE GAIN.

The report of the license inspector for Ontario for 1897 is described as the most favorable from the temperance standpoint ever presented. The Globe, dealing with the subject, points out that the total number of licenses issued was 3,190, compared with 3,191 in 1896, and 3,560 in 1894. In 1894 there were 4,201, and in 1894 the number was 6,185. The 3,190 of last year includes licenses for six months and beer and wine licenses. The decrease in ordinary licenses since 1893 is 464. In 187 of the 812 municipalities no licenses at all were issued; in 261, only one or not more than two. In 673 municipalities, or 82 per cent., no shop licenses were issued. In 1898 the commitments to jail for drunkenness were 4,797; in 1897 only 1,716. Of the latter 1,200 were in the six counties containing the cities of Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Kingston, London and Brantford.

ST. JOHN NOT IN IT.

The Sun has received from the minister of the interior a copy of a handsomely printed and illustrated "official handbook of the dominion of Canada." It is a splendid volume of 115 pages, on thick toned paper, containing scores of engravings and giving much information to immigrants. In order to start the colonies right he is informed that "Quebec and Halifax are the principal ports of entry in Canada for colonists, and the government at these points maintains estab-

lishments for their reception and proper care immediately on arrival. If they are provided with through tickets before sailing, which is strongly advised, their steamship tickets are exchanged at these stations." This is at page 29. Turning to page 30, the enquirer learns that "the Canadian Pacific railway also offers a special rate to emigrants from Quebec, Montreal or Halifax to Manitoba or other points in the west." On page 33 the enquirer finds a large type, double column catechism. It begins with the question: "Where shall I arrive in Canada?"

"Answer—At Quebec, between 1st May and 12th November, or at Halifax between 12th November and 1st May or thereafter."

The next question and answer instruct the stranger what he shall do when he lands at Quebec. Then comes the question: "And if I arrive in Halifax?" "Answer—You will find the same kind of accommodation and the same officials at Halifax."

St. John is not mentioned in any of these instructions. Premier Emmerson told the farmers at Hillsboro the other day that the discussion of his wheat policy would do good, and that people would grow wheat next year who had not thought of it before. The farmers of the province should congratulate themselves on having two such experienced and timely advisors as the premier and his commissioner for agriculture, whose merest suggestions have power to make the wilderness a grain field. Possibly it will not be necessary to utilize those old threshing machines in the manufacture of cheese, after all.

In connection with the contract awarded by the government for the substitution of electric light for gas in the parliament buildings at Ottawa, and for fire protection, the Toronto Globe enters a mild protest against the practice of letting such contracts without tender. "It creates," says the Globe, "an undesirable precedent for a practice that may be abused." It also shivers against plank of the grid platform, but this does not come with the shock of a great surprise.

The retiring president of the Winnipeg grain exchange, in reviewing the past season's trade, said at the annual meeting last week that the Manitoba farmers had an average quantity of wheat for which they received nearly double the current price for the preceding three years. He felt, he said, he could truthfully declare "that there is no place in America where the farmer has prospered in the same extent as he has done in the province of Manitoba and the adjoining territories."

The following item is deemed of sufficient importance to be given a place in the New York Herald: "No new leaks or breaks were discovered yesterday in dry dock No. 3 at the navy yard." The American nation is to be congratulated.

In his annual report on the asylum for the insane Dr. Clark of Toronto discusses causes of insanity, and in the course of his remarks observes that much injury is being done by overwork in schools.

MR. ROBBINS' DEATH.

(Spraghill, N. S. Observer.)
 The death occurred at noon Saturday of Alexander Robbins, an old and well known resident of Spraghill. Though in poor health for the past two or three years, Mr. Robbins' death came as a sudden surprise to his relatives and friends. On Saturday morning he showed a slight disposition to drowsiness, and though his medical attendants were at once summoned and everything possible done Mr. Robbins sank gradually, and before even the members of his family, who were away from home, could be summoned he had passed peacefully away. Mr. Robbins was very widely known throughout the county, and was universally esteemed for his kindly generous disposition. A warm conservative all his life, he took the most lively interest in political questions until his death. Among the different denominations which sympathy was expressed for the bereaved family. Four sons and three daughters survive him, one of whom is Miss Mary Robbins of the editorial staff of the St. John Progress. Mrs. Robbins died five years ago, and a son, James Robbins, was killed in the explosion here in 1891. To the remaining members of the family universal sympathy is extended.

His Sad Experience—"I had the worst experience of luck in the Klondyke," said the returned gold-seeker. "Didn't you find any gold?" asked his friend. "Oh, yes, I found gold. But every time I had three of a kind I was dead sure to run against a full house."—Puck.

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BOSTON LETTER.

Six Murders in the State Within Seven Days.

Tuberculosis in Maine—A \$250,000 Fee—Bram Case for March.

The Gigantic Trust—Lumber Trade Dull—Fish Market a Little Better.

(From our own Correspondent.)

BOSTON, Jan. 15.—Those who delight in reading the accounts of murders in the newspapers had nothing to complain of this week. There have been no less than six persons murdered in this state within the past seven days, and in the neighboring state of Rhode Island an old man was being tried on a charge of murdering one member of a family which was wiped out of existence one night last summer. About a week ago, a farmer, his wife and daughter were killed in their home at Brookfield, this state. All three were killed with an axe. A farm hand, who has been missing since, is suspected. The usual weekly murder occurred in this city.

General business here continues dull, although some branches report trade dull. The wool business, of which Boston is the centre, has been good, due to the strong demand from the mills which are all running, most of them having been shut down while the Wilson tariff was in operation under which wool was admitted free of duty. Business in the cotton mill centres is very dull, owing to the general reduction in wages, and Boston is more or less a market therefor. Strikes in Providence, Lynn and elsewhere have also hurt business.

The following provincialists were in the city this week: H. A. Austin, Virgo Ferguson, J. B. Knight, John King, P. W. McArthur, William McGovern, St. John; George F. Gregory, Mr. A. Tweeddale, Frederick, Fred Moore, Woodstock; R. McInch, Hillsboro; George S. Boak, J. H. Johnson, A. E. Devan, Halifax; T. I. Sears, Wolfville.

Joseph Fowler of St. John was in the city this week, attending the annual reunion of the 44th Mass. Regiment, in which he served in the war of the rebellion. Mrs. Q. Spang, formerly of St. John, died in East Cambridge Jan. 12. Miles McInnes, a native of Halifax, died here recently, aged 65 years. William Reade Matthews, a Nova Scotian, died in this city Jan. 10, aged 56.

The Maine cattle market reports that the number of cattle killed under their direction last year for tuberculosis was 415, against 202 in 1896. The commissioners say that they are killing only those cattle the owners of which make request, and that animals be slaughtered. This state of affairs is due to the fact that the commissioners have no funds, and Dr. George H. Bailey, chairman of the board, says that unless the legislature sees fit to appropriate enough to carry on the work in a business like manner.

A. C. Burrage, a Boston lawyer, received as his fee for services in negotiating the sale of the Standard Oil properties in Boston to the Whitney syndicate the sum of \$250,000. The Whitney syndicate by co-operation of Standard Oil now controls the Boston gas fields as well as the coal mines at Cape Breton. The Standard Oil Company, as is well known, is the most powerful corporation on the continent. The leading directors are John D. Rockefeller and William H. Rockefeller, two of the wealthiest men in the United States.

It is now thought that the celebrated Bram case will not be tried before March 15. The delay is due principally to the fact that the baronet Herbert Fuller, the vessel upon which the defendant was committed, will be unable to reach here before that time. She was not here at the first trial, but both the prosecution and the defence considered that it would be advisable to have her in port this time. One reason why the presence of the craft is desired is so that an experiment can be made before a jury, for the purpose of ascertaining beyond any doubt whether a man could not be seen through the small window. It will be remembered that the seaman Brown, who was said to be at the wheel at the time of the murders, testified that he saw the man, Thomas Bram, strike several blows with an axe. Brown swore that he saw Bram in the cabin by means of the window, and that he (Brown) did not leave the wheel at the time. The defence maintained that a man could not be seen distinctly under the conditions named. Bram will have the same lawyers at the second trial, and Mr. Cotter, his senior counsel, is one of the best in the state. The prosecution will be under the disadvantage of having a new district attorney to handle the case. It is said that the defence has learned more of the career of the man Brown since the last trial. Brown's right name is Westenburg, and at one time he was confined in an asylum at Rotterdam. The defence attempted to shift the crime onto his shoulders at the trial. It is understood that the defence will examine another witness who was on the Fuller at the time, more rightly than before. All those who were on board the vessel when she reached Halifax, with the exception of the student Monks, are still here in custody of the United States.

The principal event of national interest this week was the election of Mark Hanna to the United States senate. Mr. Hanna's election displeased at least one half of the republicans, who appreciate that his triumph means the loss of thousands of votes in many states. Whichever way the contest went, it is the general opinion that the republicans will lose Ohio at the next election. Hanna, who is sometimes known as the American Warwick, is the old man of the sea in politics, and although it is admitted

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that in a way he was the one responsible for McKinley's election, yet his establishment in the senate for seven years does not meet with the approval of the better class of republicans. The exports of flour, meal, etc., to the provinces by water this week were as follows: 600 barrels flour, 200 sacks do, 100 sacks middlings, to Malbone Bay, per schooner Abasco, 125 barrels flour, 40 bags wheat, 30 bags barley, 20 bags bran, to Yarmouth, per steamer Boston; 150 barrels flour, 375 barrels cornmeal, to Lunenburg and Liverpool, per schooner Bessie A.; 300 barrels flour, 700 barrels cornmeal, 100 bags do, 60 bags wheat, to Clements port and Annapolis, per schooner Emma E. Potter.

The lumber trade continues rather dull, with the general demand limited. The cedar shingle market has been revived by the closing of the Oregon shingle mills. They will not open until Feb. 1, when an attempt will be made to advance prices. New Brunswick shingles are selling fairly well. Spruce is selling slowly. Prices are as follows: Spruce—Random cargo lumber, \$12 to 12.50; frames by car, ten inches and under, \$13 to 14; 12 in., \$14 to 14.50; 14 in., \$15 to 16; yard random, \$11 to 12; boards, planed one side and matched, \$13 to 14; kiln dried floorings, \$20 to 24; No. 1, \$17 to 19; No. 2, \$15 to 16; air dried, \$14 to 17; extra clapboards, \$30; clear, \$27 to 28; second clear, \$23 to 25; shingles, 1-5 in., \$2.10 to 2.15; do, 1-2 in., \$1.85 to 1.90. Pine, hemlock, etc.—Eastern pine, coarse No. 2, \$16 to 17; outs, \$9 to 9.50; matched boards, \$19 to 22; extra clapboards, \$35 to 40; clear, \$30 to 35; second clear, \$23 to 30; No. 1 eastern hemlock, \$10.50 to 11.

The wholesale fish business is a little better. Mackerel are firmer and stocks are much smaller. Barrel herring continue in small supply, with the arrivals small. Sardines, canned lobsters and cod are also firm. Fresh fish are plentiful and easy. The steamer Boston brought 560 crates of lobsters from Yarmouth on one trip this week. Prices are high and are likely to remain so for some time. Smelts are selling fairly well at about seven cents for the ordinary N. B. fish. Quotations at first hands are as follows: Fresh fish—Market cod, 2-1/2 to 3c. per lb.; large cod, 3 to 3-1/2c.; steak, 5-1-2c.; haddock, 1-1/2 to 2-1/2c.; halibut, 1-1/2 to 2-1/2c.; white halibut, 1-1/2 to 2-1/2c.; chicken, 15c.; frozen salmon, 11 to 12c.; cels, 9 to 10c.; herring, \$1.25 to 1.50 per 100; New Brunswick smelts, 6 to 7c.; extra, 9c.; water, 14c.; lake trout, 10c.; live lobsters, 14c.; boiled do, 14c. Salt fish—Large No. 3 mackerel, \$14 to 14.50 per bbl.; medium No. 2, \$17 to 18; large No. 2, \$19 to 20; Bay No. 1, \$21 to 22; shore No. 1, \$24 to 25; extra No. 1, \$28 to 30; large dry bank cod, \$4.50 to 5 per quintal; medium, \$4 to 4.25; large pollock, \$2.75 to 2.90; medium, \$2.50 to 2.75; large shore and Georges, \$6 to 6.50; medium, \$4 to 4.25; pollock, \$2.50; haddock, \$2.75 to 3; Nova Scotia split herring, \$5.50 to 6; Newfoundland, \$6; medium, \$4.75 to 5; fancy Scotcher, \$8 to 8.50; round shore, \$4 to 4.50; medium scaled box herring, 13 to 15c.; No. 1, 12 to 13c.; lengthwise, 12 to 14c. Canned fish—American sardines, choice oils, \$2.25 to 2.35; three quarters, \$2.25 to 2.35; lobsters, \$4 to 4.25; uprights, \$2.75 to 2.90; mackerel, one pound ovals, \$1.40; 2 lb. do, \$2.25 to 2.50; 3 lb. do, \$2.75 to 3; Alaska salmon, \$1.25 to 1.30; Columbia River salmon steak, \$1.50 to 1.70.

CAMPBELLTON.

Word Received of the Drowning of D. G. Mott, Brother of W. A. Mott, M. P. P.

CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Jan. 17.—Word was received tonight of the drowning of David Gordon Mott, son of the late Wm. Mott, and brother of W. Albert Mott, M. P. P. for Hants county. He was born at Campbellton in 1863; removed to Boston about 1882, where he lived until 1885, since when he resided at Colon, Columbia county, being for a number of years past master mechanic of the Champlain railroad. He was of sterling integrity and natural genius. He married Miss Mary Mowat, daughter of the late John Mowat of this place, with an infant son, survive him.

BRITISH POSTAL RATE.

The following notice to postmasters has been sent out by the government: Postmasters are informed that the proposed reduction in the postage rate from Canada, to Great Britain and other parts of the Empire to 3 cents per ounce has been suspended, pending a conference with the imperial and colonial authorities in regard to the subject of inter-imperial postage, and in the meantime the old rates of 5 cents per 1-2 ounce continue in force. It is hoped that the postmasters will do all in their power to cause this to be generally understood, so that letters may not be sent forward short-paid and so subjected to collection of double the deficient postage on delivery.

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VETERINARY DEPARTMENT.

Conducted By J. W. Manchester, V. S., St. John, N. B.

THE WEEKLY SUN takes pleasure in notifying its readers that it has perfected arrangements with J. W. Manchester, V. S., whereby all questions with respect to diseases of the lower animals will be answered by him, and treatment prescribed in those cases where it is asked for through the columns of THE SUN. All enquiries must be addressed: VETERINARY DEPARTMENT, Weekly Sun, St. John, N. B.

Farmer—I have a nine year old stallion rather cross, lately have had difficulty in putting on his bridle; he seemed swelled back of the ears. A few days ago he broke on an side and discharged some matter. What is the trouble and what the cure?
 Ans.—The trouble is poll evil, caused by a blow or pressure of halter or bridle. The case would require a rather severe operation, as the openings discharging matter would have to be freely opened and dressed with caustic. You had better employ a good veterinarian.

P. S.—I have a four year old and very valuable horse which carries tongue out of side of mouth. Can I do anything to stop it?
 Ans.—You can get a boiling bit to remedy the trouble. It often effects a cure, especially in a young horse.
 M. T. C.—Have a very fine driving mare, four years old, that went lame about two months ago. She has a lump on back of her hock joint, which gets warm after driving, but cools off if she rests for a few days. What is the trouble and what would you advise?
 Ans.—Your mare is lame from curb. Give complete rest and blister with Hygie disinfecting matter, would have to be freely opened and dressed with caustic. Repeat blisters as necessary at intervals of three weeks.

Farmer—A few weeks ago my horse took the distemper. Since that he has a cough and breathes in a peculiar way; am afraid he is going to take the heaves. He is in good condition and feeds well. Please prescribe.
 Ans.—Feed very little hay and that at night, water often and feed plenty of good, sound oats. If bowels are constive give a little linseed oil every day; also give daily one ounce of Fowler's Solution of Arsenic in water. Quince Juice of Lobelia Pulv. given daily might be beneficial.

NEW BRUNSWICK BOY HONORED

(London Daily Mail, 1st Jan.)
 The list of honors conferred by the Queen at the commencement of the new year was issued last night. In this list we find, among the promotions and appointments to the Most Exalted Order of the Star of India the name of Thomas William Holderness of the India civil service, C. S. I. (Companion of the Star of India). Mr. Holderness was born in Richmond, is 46 years of age, removed from there with his parents, many years ago, to England, where he was educated; graduated from Oxford University, and afterwards passed his examination for the India civil service, and is now resident at Simla. Mr. Holderness is a nephew of George McLeod of this city.

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The steamer T. P. P. after very heavy weather being lighter cargo and the gens: Capt. Kirk, Jas. Wood, wife of the late J. H. N. B. These ladies: Improvement in adjustable ohms bridging box and 450 ohm Tames work.

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A new firm of insurance broker started under the auspices of C. M. Stevens & Co. M. P. P. very associated in business with his father, well known pool, England, combine the business brokers expected advantages. The office & Co. are in the New Broad and York City.—N. Y.

Judge Wallace, other annual term of Brea. of Ham whom he has out for years. He has the receipt of it from these people been a French tactics, silver pit last present is a gold rimmed eye which was accessory letter of for the holiday prizes these gifts Record.

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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges

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The Sun has received from Archie F. Morash of Lunenburg, N. S., a pianoforte piece entitled the Bookham March. This march is descriptive of the jubilee in England, and is a splendid composition.

The people's enunciation on the Manitoba school question was read in the cathedral and in the various Catholic churches throughout the diocese at high mass on Sunday. The letter was published in last Monday's Sun.

Rev. Honoré Ouellet, stationed at Notre Dame, Kent Co., who gave up his work in October last because of ill health, died recently at St. Cundonde, Montreal, from pneumonia. Father Ouellet was forty years of age.

Toronto Globe correspondence from Slagway makes Colonel Donville say that "Slagway will be a city of 50,000 people within two years." Colonel Donville added that his son would go to Slagway in an engine business.

At Chubb's corner Saturday W. A. Lookhart offered for sale 100 acres of land situated at Springfield, Kings Co., and owned by Louisa Green. The land was sold to satisfy a mortgage claim, and was known to the bid of C. H. Fairweather at \$175.

A quiet wedding took place Friday evening, when Rev. John Read united in marriage at the bride's residence, 91 Orange street, Dr. J. C. Mott and Mrs. Lydia Mott Green. Their many friends will join with the Sun in wishing them a happy and prosperous journey through life.

The government veterinary inspector, Dr. Frink, went to H. H. Mott's farm at Cambridge, Queens county, with Mr. Mott and examined Mr. Mott's herd of 12 head of them American registered Jerseys. All were found perfectly healthy, and with no evidences of tuberculosis.

James Strode of Grand Falls, who owns the McLaughlin Carriage company \$118, was examined before Judge Forbes yesterday morning and ordered to pay \$5 per month. H. H. Plechet for the McLaughlin Carriage company and L. A. Currey for the defendant.

The steamer Taymouth Castle arrived on Friday from the West Indies, after a very favorable round trip, the weather being fine. She brought a light cargo and the following passengers: Capt. Kirkeham, from Barbados; Jas. Woods, wife and child, Miss Cadwell, from Bermuda, all for Halifax. Also three Chinamen for Montreal.

In the window of the Dominion Express Co. James Hunter has four improved long distance telephones, made to order for J. E. Stewart, Anover, N. B. These telephones have the latest improvements, granulated carbon adjustable arm transmitter, 1,000 ohms bridging bells, double battery box and 450 ohms coils for long distance work.

Superintendent Timmenman of the C. P. R., talking on Friday with a Globe reporter of the new contract with the I. C. to bring coal from Springfield, said the two reasons that brought about the termination of the barge arrangement were that the winter port business had made a greater demand on the coal supply than the barges were able to keep up with, and the coal deteriorated considerably because of the amount of handling it got.

A new firm of ship, steamship and insurance brokers has been recently started under the name of Geo. T. Steeves & Co. Mr. Steeves was formerly associated in the shipping business with his father, G. M. Steeves, the well known ship owner of Liverpool, England. The new firm will combine the business of ship and insurance brokers for which it possesses special advantages in both departments. The offices of Geo. T. Steeves & Co. are in the new building, corner Broad and Beaver streets, New York city—N. Y. Maritime Register.

Judge Wallace has just received another annual remembrance from Lester Bees of Hamburg, Germany, for whom he has acted as a Canadian agent for years. He has in the past been the recipient of many handsome gifts from these people, among which has been a French clock, pair gold spectacles, silver pitcher and a cane. The last present is a very pretty pair of gold rimmed eye glasses and chain, which was accompanied by the customary letter expressing best wishes for the holiday season. The judge prizes these gifts very highly.—Sussex Record.

A great run of fish was secured off Halifax harbor Thursday morning, and one of the biggest catches ever made by Halifax fishermen was brought to the city. Over 200,000 pounds, mostly cod and haddock, were captured by the schooner Emerald, Flora and other craft. All of the fish were marketed in the city. Fish dealers state that herring are much scarcer than reported, and prices are ruling high in Bonny Bay. A vessel which recently went down for a cargo returned with only 50,000 herring, which was not more than one-tenth of a full cargo.—Herald.

TO SUBSCRIBERS.

The following Travelling Agents of The Sun are now calling on Subscribers, etc. EDGAR CANNING, in Albert Co. A. J. MARKHAM, in Northumberland Co. A. B. PICKETT, in Victoria Co.

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Mrs. Mary A. Gross of Surrey, Albert county, desires to return the sincere thanks to the many friends who extended kind sympathy in her sad bereavement. Mrs. Gross has received letters of condolence from different organizations with which her late husband was connected.

The Tobique river gold regions still furnish a prominent part of conversation. Charles Hurley came down to Anover this week and brought the starting news that Frank Ferguson of New Hampshire had found a rich vein of gold-bearing ore twenty-three miles above the mouth of the Tobique river, where it enters into the Tobique. Hurley said that Ferguson had shown him a small bag filled with pure gold and several bags of white quartz. It did not require the aid of a glass to satisfy a man that it was gold. In some of the quartz he said there were the veins of gold that would satisfy any man.—Herald Advertiser.

George Greer a few days ago started out to raise a fund to purchase artificial limbs for Peter Harding, who, it will be remembered, was run over by an I. C. R. engine some time ago. Mr. Greer got \$102 and Harding will go to the United States, and it is probable John Walsh will accompany him. James H. Slater, who got up a benefit for Harding, which realized somewhere in the vicinity of seventy-five dollars, has so far refused to hand the money over. An effort is to be made to compel him to pay the amount to Harding.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The death occurred Monday morning of John Corrigan of Chapel street, after an illness of about two months. Deceased was seventy-three years of age and a well known fisherman.

Wm. O'Brien, the well known waterman, died quite suddenly on Monday morning. He was about on Saturday, apparently well; early yesterday morning he died from heart failure. Mr. O'Brien was one of the best known men in the port of St. John. For more than thirty years he has been on the water boats, the greater part of it in the employ of James Knox—a good natured, honest and reliable man, at whose death there will be much regret. He leaves four sons.

SUSSEX NEWS.

SUSSEX, Jan. 17.—The municipal council for the county of Kings will meet at the Court House in Hampton for the transaction of business at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning. It is rumored here today that C. W. Weyman will tender his resignation as Scott act inspector.

D. P. Kent, who has become famous as a borer of artesian wells, is now engaged in boring one for Gordon Mills on Church avenue, and has got to the depth of one hundred and eighty feet. This well is intended for a new building soon to be built for Mr. Mills.

It is said that the Messrs. Tutts, whose costly residence was burned a few days ago, will immediately begin the erection of a new dwelling on the old site.

C. G. Armstrong, the manager of the Sussex Mineral Spring company's works, who has spent several weeks in Ontario, returned home on Friday last. It is understood that Mr. Armstrong arranged during his visit for very heavy shipments of their mineral waters to be sent to the principal towns in Ontario as soon as the spring opens.

DOWN ON DOMVILLE.

A gentleman from Westfield, No. 2, a supporter of Col. Domville, informs the Sun that great dissatisfaction exists there regarding the mail service. He says the service was re-arranged to suit the convenience of two men, who wanted a daily mail, or as near it as they could get, and the result is that when he himself sends a letter to a place in Kingston parish, less than twenty miles away, he gets an answer in nine days. The letter comes to Middleville and St. John, then to Kingston, and the answer returns the same way, being delayed on the routes where there is not a daily service. Another man who writes a letter to a neighbor three miles away, got an answer in six days. On the main river from the foot of the Reach to Kingston post office only eight of the twenty miles is covered by four mail drivers. The girls took the post office from Albert Whelpley at Carter's Point, where it was on a main road and at a steamboat landing, and gave it to a man who lives on a hill off the main road some distance away from the landing. The contract for carrying mail, formerly held by Mr. Flowering, was given to Capt. Gibbet, who, the Sun's informant says, has done the work faithfully, although those who wanted him to get the job have been growling about it since. Before the girls leaders made a mess of it for their own purposes, the mail service was satisfactory to everybody, except them. Col. Domville's supporter observes that he is very sorry the colonel has lost so many friends through the scandalous way the mail matter has been treated in this mail matter.

A point of interest to owners who send vessels to Santos (Brazil) has arisen in the case of bark Virginia. The vessel should be free of wharfage. This was held not to exempt her from payment of dues of dock company, and Capt. Pettigrew paid bills of that corporation amounting to nearly \$300.

P. E. ISLAND NEWS.

Important Meetings of Charlottetown Council and Board of Trade.

Society Election of Officers—General Matters of Interest from the Island Capital.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Jan. 13.—The annual meeting of the P. E. Island auxiliary of the B. and F. Bible society, held in Grace church last week, was a great success. About one hundred pounds sterling had been collected during the year, nearly all of which was remitted to the parent society in England. The officers for the current year are as follows: President, Mayor Dawson; secretary, Rev. D. McNeil; treasurer, H. J. Cundall, and an executive committee representing the churches of the city. The address of the public meeting were delivered by Dr. H. D. James, assisted by the Revs. G. M. Campbell and Geo. Mansfield.

Edon lodge, Sons of England, installed officers for the year 1898 on Thursday last. The deputy, J. D. Lapthorne, was the installing officer. Past president, William Pearson; president, John H. Woodcutt; vice-president, Thomas Dover; chaplain, Rev. W. J. Kirby; secretary, Andrew T. Newson; treasurer, Theo. Moore; 1st committeeman, A. Williams; 2nd, Silas Whitlock; 3rd, E. Heazlit; 4th, D. W. Swain; 5th, J. D. Lapthorne; 6th, J. E. Hobbs; auditors, W. W. Clarke, G. M. Phillips, H. T. Higgs.

A social on Braclay Point Road, under the auspices of the Presbyterian church, realized Thursday night between \$50 and \$70.

John Cooker reached his one hundredth birthday anniversary on Friday last, the 7th inst. There are two or three other persons in this city who have reached the same age, one in the poorhouse, who is said to be 117 years old.

Walter G. I. O. O. F. installed officers for the ensuing term as follows: W. G. D. Morrison; V. G. John McLaughlin; R. S., Trevor M. Waller; P. S. L., Frank Muncey; treasurer, P. S. McNeil; P. C., warren, Frank C. East; cond., Phillip Bridges; E. G., J. G. Edmund Waller; O. G., G. Chender; P. E., L. S. V. G., W. R. Boreham; P. G., L. S. V. G., J. E. Matthews; R. S. S., Wm. Flood; L. S. S., James Bateman; chaplain, A. Kennedy; J. P. G., A. H. Clements; organist, Albert Mitchell; D. D. G., M. Phillips; M. W., J. E. Matthews.

The Sligo Hose company elected officers on the 6th as follows: Captain, Thomas Ronaghan; lieutenant, A. N. Large, jr.; secretary, J. M. Hennessey. The son of E. W. Taylor, "jeweler of this city, was accidentally burned on Friday last. The little fellow was standing before the open door, his clothes caught. His mother was fortunately present, and succeeded in saving him from being burned to death. He was burned about the neck and other exposed parts, but is not very seriously hurt.

On Monday night the Y. P. S. C. E. of Zion Presbyterian church elected officers as follows: President, John T. McKenzie; vice-president, Miss Annie S. Frazer; sec., S. A. McDonald; cor. sec., D. A. McKinnon; treas., Miss M. Stewart; look-out com., Laura McLeod; music com., Mrs. M. Stewart; social com., Mrs. S. C. Moore; relief com., Mrs. Arthur; temperance com., Mrs. Matheson; prayer meeting com., P. Matheson; poor house com., Winfield Matheson; literary com., Winnie McLeod; increase over 1897, \$137.59. The total amount of receipts from all sources for 1897 was given at \$75,606.06, and total amount of expenditure \$75,269.31. The mayor gave a word of praise to the city clerk and to the collector of taxes for the faithfulness displayed by them in their official capacities during the year. The finance question was brought forward by Councillor Nicholson and was discussed, but nothing definite was done. A resolution approving of the suggestion of the water commissioners to purchase a new engine and pump for the water station, was carried on a divided vote, four for, three against.

After a warm discussion on the appointment of an electrical engineer, the tenders submitted and the whole question was laid on the table by vote of four to three. A bill for refreshments, on the evening of the Queen's Jubilee, given in the council, caused a good bit of discussion, the mayor refusing to sign it, unless given in detail. The amount was for \$52.25. It appears \$23 was for refreshments purchased at W. F. Carter's, and the balance was for wines and cigars not purchased there, but placed in the hands of the caterer. The matter was satisfactorily settled and about 11 o'clock the council adjourned.

The wife of John Wheat died in this city on the 10th inst., aged 63 years. She was a daughter of the late James Barnard and very much beloved. She leaves a husband, three sons and three daughters to mourn her decease.

Court New London, I. O. F., installed the following officers for 1898: R. D. A. Wedlock; V. C. R., A. K. Henry; R. S., G. W. Simpson; F. S., J. S. Wedlock; Treas., Capt. D. Sutherland; Chap., G. F. Pottinger; W. M., B. Taylor; J. W., Geo. Morrison; S. B., Heston P. Pound; J. E., George Morris; Court Deputy, N. Nicholson was installing officer.

John McLaughlin has retired from the staff of teachers in West Kent school on account of ill health. His fellow teachers made him a presentation of a volume of Tennyson's poems, which address a few days ago. District Lodge, Brookfield, on Tuesday, and after the routine business was through the grand master installed officers as follows: W. D. M., William Drake; W. D. M., William Drake; W. D. Chap., William Ward; R. Secretary, Angus Beaton; F. Secretary, Fred Wise; Treas., Geo. S. McLeod; D. of C., John Crabbe; Lecturer, N. R. Nicholson; Bro. to grand lodge, G. S. McLeod.

The annual meeting of the board of trade was held in this city on Wednesday evening. The reports were excellent and showed a great amount of work done during the year. There had been an addition of fifteen new members. The officers were: President, Horace Haazard; vice-president, W. D. Drake; sec.-treas., E. T. Higgs; all re-elected. Officers: T. Farquharson, T. Handman, L. I. Beer, George Auld, S. W. Crabbe, Nelson Rattenbury, James Paton and John Newson; auditors, T. A. McLean, James Paton, John Newson, W. D. McKay, George Auld, F. Perkins, Mark Wright, J. T. Cropper, W. W. Clark, P. D. Brown, H. W. Langstroth and R. McMillan; delegate to maritime board of trade, Hon. David Laird. A committee was appointed to confer with the government regarding a second steamer for postal service, and the extension of the railway along the shore front. A resolution pressing upon the water commissioners the necessity of placing another boiler and engine in the water works was unanimously carried. The president's address showing the amount of good accomplished by the board of trade and other interesting matters is ordered to be printed in full.

THE LONDON SOCIETY FOR PROMOTING CHRISTIANITY AMONG THE JEWS. To the Editor of The Sun: Sir—An American newspaper writes to inform me that "it is quite a mistake to suppose that he is secretary for any diocesan auxiliary of this society; that he has never consented to hold such office, and had requested the agent in Canada to have his name erased in that connection."

The Rectory, Shediac, Jan. 8th.

PULP INDUSTRY.

BENTON, Jan. 11, 1898. To the Editor of The Sun: Sir—In scanning the pages of your Journal I have been much interested by your contained articles bearing on the "pulp industry," whose works are, doubtless, to be erected in St. John in the early spring. Truly St. John appears to be the favored site for such a vast provincial industry, and would be an excellent location for an industry which, if carried on, will add to the commercial importance of the province and wealth of currency to St. John and its suburbs. But since the water supply at St. John appears to be a barrier in the sight of the promoter towards the erection of the works, why would not the promoter, Mr. Julius Spiro, be justified under favorable circumstances in selecting another site more favorable point for his central erection, at such a point as would be a barrier in the sight of the promoter towards the erection of the works, why would not the promoter, Mr. Julius Spiro, be justified under favorable circumstances in selecting another site more favorable point for his central erection, at such a point as would be a barrier in the sight of the promoter towards the erection of the works, why would not the promoter, Mr. Julius Spiro, be justified under favorable circumstances in selecting another site more favorable point for his central erection, at such a point as would be a barrier in the sight of the promoter towards the erection of the works, why would not the promoter, Mr. Julius Spiro, be justified under favorable 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The curling season is now in full swing, and the first series of curling matches is nearly completed. The club is making preparations for an expected visit from St. John rinks. A bonspiel on the north shore would be something new for St. John players, and through the distance is rather long, the Campbell club believes they can offer inducements that will well repay foreign clubs to pay us a visit.

Fire broke out in the residence of T. W. Brown on Monday evening, but was speedily extinguished. The loss is rather heavy, the extent of the fire, as Mr. Brown's library was almost totally destroyed by fire and water.

This seems to be a particularly fatal season for children in this place. Mr. and Mrs. David Graham lost their youngest child on Monday last, and Mr. and Mrs. E. Cyr their infant daughter the same day. Both funerals took place yesterday.

Rev. E. Bertram Hooper of Moncton is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Beredict.

NORTHESK, Northumberland Co., Jan. 12.—The rain of last week settled the snow, and the windings is excellent. Lumbering is not done nearly so extensively as last winter. Therefore we have a great many idle men, partly owing to the lumber business, but more especially to the scarcity of work in our river, which is the farmers' main support in the winter months.

Miss Sadie McKay of Stannitham and Ernest Hare of Whiteville were made happy at the Baptist parsonage, Newcastle, on Wednesday, the 5th. Rev. Mr. Baker officiated. The bride wore a pretty suit garnished with steel trimmings and pink silk. Miss Depense Jones acted as bridesmaid. The groom was supported by Loran McKay. After the ceremony the young couple drove to the home of Wm. Hare, Whiteville, where they were welcomed by a few invited guests. A sumptuous repast was served, and the rest of the evening was passed in merry conversation and social chat.

The Whitneyville division, Sons of Temperance, had their social time on Friday evening, the 7th. A very pleasant evening was spent with music, recitations and speeches. A luncheon was served, which did little to temper justice. At an early hour they separated.

Miss Evelyn Keys of Red Bank was the guest of Miss Helen Deyarmond on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Falkner of Douglas-town paid Mr. and Mrs. Gordon of Strathadam a visit this week. The groom was supported by Loran McKay. After the ceremony the young couple drove to the home of Wm. Hare, Whiteville, where they were welcomed by a few invited guests. A sumptuous repast was served, and the rest of the evening was passed in merry conversation and social chat.

Miss Bessie Whitney, who has been home on a vacation, returned to Truro on Saturday, where she will finish the course of kindergarten. Miss Addie Swanson of Douglas-town accompanied her from Newcastle.

Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Murray were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Whitney on Wednesday.

The eldest daughter of Parker McLean is very ill with rheumatic fever. Major McFavish is improving slowly. Mrs. Archie Menzies while combing her hair injured the sight of her eye by striking it with the comb. She has suffered severely.

Peter Forsyth is able to drive out. Miss Robertson and Miss Bernice Jones were the guests of Mrs. James Brender last evening.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Sunday Co., Jan. 14.—The young people of this town held a concert and literary entertainment in the hall last evening. The audience was large and appreciative. The sum of \$20 was realized.

The health of one of our most worthy citizens, H. A. Thomas, is not satisfactory.

The dog special with dogs for the Klondyke lost one of their canines here. The animal is now in possession of Thos. Wm. Alexander.

FREDERICTON JUNCTION, Jan. 15.—Yesterday while John E. Smith was driving a load of hay the sleds stowed on the hay road, upsetting the load and precipitating Mr. Smith on to a fence. He received painful bodily injury, besides being badly cut about the face. Dr. Murray dressed his wounds, but is reticent regarding internal injury.

HOPEWELL CLARE, Jan. 14.—The Albert municipal council concluded its business this afternoon. It was ordered that the court house be re-painted, any color but black or white to be adopted. It was also ordered that the roof of the jail building be raised several feet to make it cross-crooked accommodations for the jailor.

The jailor's bill of \$115.83 was ordered to be paid.

PARISH OFFICERS.

Lists of the officers for the various parishes were submitted and adopted, the principal officers in the different parishes being as follows: St. John's—Parish clerk, Thos. B. Constanline; collector of rates, John B. Babcock; assessors, Geo. M. Kilham,

Alfred G. Parkin and Daniel Gray; overseers of the poor, Jos. T. Horsman, Benj. Frosser, and Jos. W. Robinson; commissioners of highways, G. Graves, division No. 1; Berd L. Prosser, No. 2, and Jas. R. Collier, No. 3.

Coverdale—Parish clerk, W. J. Smith; assessors, Harvey W. Gaskin, Chas. Colpitts and Isalah Steeves; commissioners of highways, Lane Colpitts, division No. 1; Blair E. Chapman, No. 2; Milliey Crossman, No. 3; overseers of poor, Alfred E. Gaskin, W. R. Wallace and Henry Smith; collector of rates, R. H. Chapman.

Harvey—Overseers of poor, Jos. Turner, David Oliver and Henry Coope; assessors, Chas. W. Anderson, H. D. Cleveland and G. M. Reid; parish clerk, Gilbert E. Smith; collector of rates, Edgar Cameron; commissioners of highway, Bernard Duffy, No. 1; S. S. Smith, No. 2; David Barbour, No. 3.

Alma—Overseers of poor, John Connor, Miles Aberley and John Long; assessors, John Hicker, Robt. Thompson and Francis E. O'Connor; commissioners of highways, Jas. Hyslop, No. 1; Andrew Martin, No. 2; T. J. O'Connor, No. 3; collector of rates, Robt. Thompson; parish clerk, Thos. J. Kesteven.

Hillsboro—Overseers of poor, Geo. Carlisle, J. D. Steeves and J. J. Simons; collector, Judson Jonah; parish clerk, H. S. Wood; commissioners of highways, John P. Beatty, W. J. Balfour and Wm. Wilson; overseers of poor, J. M. Gross, W. L. Dawson and Jas. Wilson.

Hopewell—Overseers of poor, Jas. O. McClellan, Robt. Bacon and Crane Bennett; commissioners of highways, Nicholas Pearson, Levit Woodworth and S. S. Cuthour; collector, Hugh Wright; parish clerk, G. W. Newcomb; assessors, J. A. Fullerton, J. J. Peck and S. T. Rose; special constable, Gideon D. Reid.

The names of David Gillespie and Judson Jonah were submitted to the board as collector for the parish of Hillsboro by Couns. Steeves and Steves respectively. Mr. Jonah was appointed collector by 7 to 4.

Coun. Cleveland nominated W. B. Jonah for county auditor, and Coun. Ryan moved the appointment of Ralph Colpitts, auditor for last year. Mr. Jonah was appointed auditor by a vote of 7 to 3.

On motion of enclosing the property in connection with the court house received considerable attention from the council. It was finally ordered that a fence be erected along the south side of the grounds within two rods of the south line, thus leaving space for a roadway for the people living in the vicinity who had been in the habit of travelling over the court house grounds.

The council voted \$5 for lighting the county jail.

Coun. Carter, the clerk of the peace and the secretary-treasurer were appointed a jail committee.

Coun. Steeves, I. O. Prescott and secretary-treasurer were appointed a printing committee.

It was ordered that 50 copies of the by-laws be sent to the different parishes for distribution among the rate-payers.

On motion of Coun. Cleveland Albert S. Milton of Hopewell, Martin T. Steeves of Hillsboro and Bradell Connor of Alma were appointed a board of valuers for the county for the next three years, with Mr. Milton as chairman.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Includes entries for Alma, Coverdale, Hillsboro, Hopewell, and Harvey.

SUSSEX, Jan. 15.—The deputy magistrate was this afternoon engaged in taking the preliminary examination in a case in which Samuel Chapman, harness maker, of Sussex, is informant and complainant, in the interest of the Pleasant Lake Fishing club, of which he is a member. Frederick Brydon, alias Frederick Gibbons, and Annie Rushton, both of the town of Moncton, who are charged with having at the parish of Waterford, in Kings county, on the twenty-ninth day of November last, broken into their cottage, and stealing therefrom ten wooden herring-kets, one coffee pot and two carving knives, the property of the Pleasant Lake Fishing club, valued at about twenty-five dollars. The parties were arrested at Moncton and brought to Sussex to be dealt with. Three witnesses were examined and the prisoners were remanded to Hampton jail until Tuesday afternoon next, when the hearing will be resumed. The members of the club, who had built a new cottage by the side of the lake at Waterford, are determined to sift this matter to the bottom, as an example to others who have taken too great a liberty with fishing cuts, fitted up at a good deal of expense, and trouble.

A spirited horse attached to a sleigh, owned and being driven by Col. Beer, ran away last evening on Church avenue, the colonel and Mrs. Pennington Arnold, who was with him, had a narrow escape.

Linsed and Turpentine are not only popular remedies, but are also the best known to medical science for the treatment of the nervous membranes of respiratory organs. Dr. Chas. compounded this valuable syrup so as to take away the unpleasant tastes of turpentine and linsed. Mothers will find this medicine invaluable for children, it is so pleasant to take, and will positively cure Croup, Whooping Cough and chest troubles.

THE CURE WAS PERMANENT.

The Story of a Man Who Suffered the Agonies of a Living Death.

MEDICAL EXPERTS PRONOUNCED HIM INCURABLE AND HE WAS PAID A LARGE DISABILITY CLAIM.

The Case Probably the Most Wonderful in the History of Medical Science—Brought from Hopeless, Helpless Inactivity to Health and Strength—A Reproduction of the Check by Which the Disability Claim was Paid.

Advertisement for Canadian Mutual Life Association, featuring a check for \$1650.00 payable to Messrs. Wilson & Evans, Barristers.

No other medicine in the world has ever offered such undoubted proof of merit. WHAT DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS have done for others they will do for you, if given a fair trial.

From the Mesford, Ont., Monitor. About two years ago the Monitor procured an interview with Mr. Reuben Petch of Grenville, in order to ascertain from his own lips if the reports were well founded that he attributed his most astonishing return to health to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People. The result of the interview was published in the Monitor under date of Jan. 17th, 1886. Mr. Petch's case was certainly one of the most extraordinary in the annals of medicine in Canada—if not in the world. He had been ill for five years, and in that time he consulted no less than six of the best physicians he could find, but none could give him the least relief. His limbs and body were puffed and bloated to such an extent that he could not get his clothes on, and for two years he had not dressed. He had lost the use of his limbs entirely. His flesh seemed to be dead, and pins could be stuck into various parts of the body without being felt or creating the slightest sensation. He could not move about and would have to be lifted up. He was unable to open his mouth sufficiently to take solid food, and had to be fed with a spoon like a child. The doctors said his trouble was spinal sclerosis, and that he could not possibly get better. He was, in fact, nothing more or less than an animated corpse. No hope was left. He was a member of the Canadian Mutual Life Association, and was under their rules entitled to disability insurance and made a claim for it. Two doctors, on behalf of the association, were sent to examine him, and they pronounced him incurable, and permanently disabled, and in accordance with their report he was paid a disability amount of \$1,650.00. This was about two

years after his sickness began. For three years more he lingered in the condition above noted, utterly helpless, and a burden to himself and friends. He was then advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He did not hope that they would help him, but in his sad condition he was prepared to grasp at anything that afforded the prospect of even a slight relief. The first change noted in his condition after he began the use of the pills was a disposition to sweat freely. Then life began to return to his withered dead body, and from that time on his progress towards recovery and activity was steady and certain. The publication of the interview, containing the facts above noted, created unusual interest, not only in this section, but throughout Canada. That a man, whose limbs and body were all but dead, who had been examined by medical experts, and pronounced incurable, and on the strength of their report was paid a large disability claim, should afterwards be cured by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, was looked upon as a marvel. Many were skeptical; not as to the cure—for the fact that he was actively going about proved this—but they did not believe it would prove permanent. In view of the doubts thus expressed the Monitor determined to watch the case closely, and now, nearly two years after the case was first published, has again interviewed Mr. Petch, with the result that we are in a position to say most emphatically that this remarkable cure has proved permanent. On being again questioned, Mr. Petch said:—"You see those hands? The skin is now natural and elastic. Once they were hard and without sensation. You could pierce them with a pin and I would not feel it, and what is true of my hands is true of the rest of my body. Perhaps you

have observed that I have now even ceased to use a cane, and can get about my business perfectly well. You may say there is absolutely no doubt as to my cure being permanent; indeed I am in even better health than when I gave you the first interview. "Do you still attribute your cure to the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" asked the Monitor. "Unquestionably I do," was the reply. "Doctors had failed, as had also the numerous remedies recommended by my friends. Nothing I took had the slightest effect upon me until I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. To this wonderful medicine I owe my release from a living death. I have since recommended Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to many of my friends, and the verdict is in their favor; I shall always bless the day I was induced to take them." The above are the chief statements made by Mr. Petch in this latest interview, and the Monitor may remark, from a long acquaintance with him, that we consider his statements absolutely true and reliable. He has no interest to serve other than a desire to recommend the medicine that has done so much for him, and we feel sure that if any sufferer will write Mr. Petch, enclosing a stamp for reply, he will endorse all the statements made above. We may further add that Mr. Petch's remarkable recovery leaves no doubt of the wonderful curative powers of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and it seems reasonable to infer that they will do for others what they have done for him—restore health and vitality. The check at the head of this article is a fac simile of the one by which Mr. Petch's disability claim was paid, and is given in further corroboration of his statements.

VILLIERS, M. P., DEAD.

The Father of the British House of Commons Passes Away.

LONDON, Jan. 16.—The Right Hon. Charles Pelham Villiers, M. P. for South Wolverhampton, and known as the "Father of the House of Commons," having set continuously in the house since 1835, died at 9 o'clock to-night.

In addition to being the oldest member of the house of commons, he was father of the English bar, for he was "called" of Lincoln's Inn in 1827. Mr. Gladstone, seven years the junior of Mr. Villiers, married parliament two years before him, but while the service of Mr. Villiers had been continuous, that of Mr. Gladstone was broken when he retired from the house of commons. Mr. Villiers was returned for Wolverhampton three years after the passage of the great Reform act and the last parliament of William IV. Besides being the oldest member of parliament, he was the oldest surviving parliamentary legislator. Notwithstanding his extremely advanced age his memory was singularly retentive, and he was able to entertain friends for hours at a time with lively scenes in the house of commons during the first half of the century.

RECENT FUNERALS.

A very large number of people attended the funeral of the late John Chamberlain, which took place from 188 Mill street on Friday afternoon. The deceased was identified with many societies, which turned out in regalia to attend the funeral. The casket was completely covered with flowers, sent by friends from all over the city. A

WOODSTOCK EXPORTS TO THE U. S.

Table showing the value of declared exports from the customs district of Woodstock, N. B., to the United States during the quarter ended December 31st, 1897.

A BOY MURDERER.

A Philadelphia Lad of Fifteen Supposed to Have Killed a Five Year Old Boy.

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 16.—The body of five year old Percy Lockyear, who is believed to have been murdered on Friday night by fifteen year old Samuel Henderson, was today found in the bottom of Reddie's creek, 60th and Catherine streets, and there seems little doubt in the minds of the police that young Henderson is guilty of the crime. He is now locked in a cell at police headquarters. The body of the child when found was weighted by two heavy stones, one about his neck and the other around his ankles. His skull was crushed in and there was a knife thrust just above the heart and similar wounds on his breast, side and forehead, while on the side of his face was a long cut extending from below the eye to the street male quartette. Rev. J. A. Gor-

HAMPTON MASONRY.

Corinthian Lodge, No. 13, E. and A. M., at Hampton, was officially visited last evening by Grand Master Walker and grand officers, in all about fifteen members of the craft from the city. The grand lodge worked the third degree and the grand master installed the following officers: T. Ernest Whittaker, W. M.; Dr. Percy H. Wainford, S. W.; J. M. Wainford, D. W.; Fred H. Wainford, Chap.; Frank M. Humphreys, Treas.; Cecil S. March, Sec.; Leonard W. Peters, S. D.; Ralph A. March, J. D.; Wm. Lambert, S. G.; Wm. Jackson, Tyler; R. G. Earle, I. M. At the conclusion of the ceremonies the visiting brethren were most hospitably entertained by the members of Corinthian Lodge.

Van Jay—"The bridegroom was to meet the bride at the church." Horsemens—"But what did the bride do when the bridegroom did not put in his appearance?" Van Jay—"She left the church without any ceremony."—Brooklyn Life.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
Jan 15-Str. Taymouth Castle, 1172, Forbes, from West Indies, Schofield and Co, pass, mail and passengers.

CANADIAN PORTS.

HALIFAX, NS, Jan. 16.-Arr, str. As-syria, Hughes, from Glasgow and Liverpool via St. John, N.B., Halifax, P.Y., from Boston.

BRITISH PORTS.

At London, Jan 14, str. Damara, Patterson, from St. John, N.B., via Halifax, from Portland, Me.

FOREIGN PORTS.

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