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SOME TEN BUILDINGS DESTROYED IN FIERCE BLAZE AT BATHURST.

Conflagration Raged from Noon Till 7.30 O'Clock Monday Night Estimate Loss at \$20,000--Gallant Fight at Opera House Saved the Town.

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 14--(Special)--Bathurst was visited today by a destructive fire which, breaking out in Miss Helen Meahan's general store in Main street, was still blazing at 7.30 o'clock this evening, but at that hour there was no further immediate danger.

The firemen had a hard battle in face of a westerly gale, and in bitterly cold weather. Some ten buildings have gone down, and were it not that the Opera House was saved--and by a hard fight--the town would likely have been destroyed.

After an hour's pumping, the fire was under control, and confined to the Meahan building, but a mishap to the engine stopped the water, the fire took on new life, and the building was destroyed.

The new Opera House, a three story wooden structure to the eastward of the fire, was saved by desperate efforts.

Here the fight of the day was made; for it was evident that if the Opera House took fire 40th side of the street would be the town practically be wiped out.

The fire next broke out in a house occupied by Joseph Doucet, barber, east of the Opera House, and rapidly spread to and burned McKenna Bros. two houses and every stable, Mrs. McLean's dry goods store, house and barn; R. D. Southwood's store, H. Kent's store, the office of J. E. O'Brien, Donal Bros. bakery, J. Pitre's harness shop, Gunning's harness

shop, and the Great North West telegraph office.

Aid from Newcastle. Early in the fire a wire was sent to Newcastle for help, and it was quickly responded to by the sending of the engine, hose and men from that town.

At 7.30 o'clock the fire is still burning, but there is no further immediate danger. The district covered was so lengthy that it was not sufficient to reach to the furthest end.

The saving of the Opera House saved the town, and the fact that it now stands only partially destroyed is a monument to the work and heroism of the firemen.

The loss will reach about \$20,000, but it is impossible to give particulars tonight. The insurance covers about one-half the loss.

Newcastle Engine Froze Up. Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 14--(Special)--When a request reached here from Bathurst for assistance in fighting the fire there today, an engine, hose and a squad of men went up on the afternoon express.

Unfortunately, although a fire was lighted before starting, the engine froze up, and the Newcastle men had to help with the Bathurst engine.

A defective fire in the Meahan building is the reported cause of the fire. Practically the whole river side of the business part of the town has been wiped out.

A very strong gale of wind was blowing, but fortunately away from the town. The engines had to depend upon water from the harbor, as Bathurst has not a water system. It is impossible at this moment to estimate the loss. At the moment of writing the fire is practically out.

FOSTER TELLS WHAT CHAMBERLAIN WANTS.

Trade Arrangement With Colonies; That's All--Chamberlain Wants.

Canada's Ex-Finance Minister at Montreal Last Night Gave a Description of His Campaign in England, and Told What He Holds the Question of Fiscal Reform Has on the People--Mr. Tarte Moves Resolution Endorsing the Ex-Colonial Secretary's Scheme, Which Carries.

Montreal, Dec. 14--(Special)--Hon. Geo. E. Foster addressed a great public meeting here tonight under the auspices of the Sir John A. Macdonald Club, on the fiscal campaign in England, in which he lately took a prominent part.

The Windsor Hall, where the meeting was held, was crowded by a representative gathering, and Mr. Foster received a great reception. He spoke for more than an hour, and was frequently interrupted by applause.

Mr. Foster, in opening, said he was going to give his impressions as an interested supporter of the great movement of the present going on in England. He was not going to undertake the role of a prophet. In addressing audiences in Great Britain he had made it quite plain to them that he held no mandate for the government, that he did not have the expressed opinion in black and white of the whole Canadian people in his pocket, that he simply stood before them as a citizen of the empire, born, for free rights of public speech within the empire.

On the other hand he had no expressed declaration of the people of Great Britain as to what they thought on this great question, or as to what they were going to do. He simply intended to give them his impressions as one who, to some extent, had participated in the struggle.

The One Great Question in England. Mr. Foster proceeded to say that not even a statement of Mr. Chamberlain's influence and brilliancy, could have raised the question to such an important and definite place as it now occupied, had there not been great underlying causes at work. He was free to confess that, until he arrived in England he had no idea of the importance of the movement and the great subject that engrossed public attention. It had come in a form to the British people, where they commanded their attention, and where it was forcing itself to a condition one way or the other.

Mr. Foster then proceeded to review the operative causes that he made it and make it quick it will be all right. Mr. Foster said that he thought that before Mr. Chamberlain's resignation he should resign from the commission (Great applause). All this, of course, added Mr. Foster, was non-liberal. (Great laughter and tremendous applause).

Regarding the demand for treaty-making powers for Canada. Mr. Foster said it was absolutely impossible for a country to have treaty-making powers unless it assumed the treaty compelling power, and that they could never obtain from Great Britain unless they were prepared to be independent. Mr. John Charlton's programme, Mr. Foster remarked, meant that we should turn our back to the mother country and sister colonies in favor of our neighbors to the south.

Mr. Foster, in concluding, referred to the advantage that would come to Canada from a preference on food stuffs. It would provide a stimulus to production, and would stimulate immigration from the south of the line, it would result in a larger proportion of British immigration to Canada and the increased population would mean a larger market for the manufacturer.

Mr. Tarte, who was on the platform and was loudly called for, moved a resolution endorsing Mr. Chamberlain's proposals. The resolution was adopted amidst loud applause and the great meeting dispersed.

R. L. BORDEN SPEAKS AT ANNAPOLIS. Annapolis, N. S., Dec. 14--(Special)--R. L. Borden arrived here today from Halifax and was met at the station by J. B. Mills. A public meeting in the interests of the Conservative party was held in the Academy of Music in the evening, J. B. Mills presiding, while on the platform were a number of prominent men of the party from different sections of the country.

He was greeted with a large audience, which included a number of ladies and a large sprinkling of Liberals. Among the speakers were: J. D. Shaffer, the nominee of the party for the county, and Mr. O'Mullin, of Halifax.

AMERICANS ENFORCE AN ANNOYING LAW AGAINST CANADIANS.

Passengers Arriving from the Provinces Must Now Take an Oath in Regard to Their Personal Baggage--Steamship Men Say New Rule Will Kill Tourist Business, and Want Law Rescinded.

Boston, Dec. 14--It is understood that the Boston representatives of the steamship companies operating between the maritime provinces and this city, will hold a meeting tomorrow for the purpose of considering a plan to have the treasury department at Washington rescind or modify an order obliging passengers from the provinces to make the same declarations regarding their personal effects as apply to those coming from abroad on ocean steamships.

The new departure, which went into effect upon the arrival of the steamship Boston of the Dominion Atlantic line from Yarmouth (N. S.), will cause such a delay, it is claimed, especially in the height of the summer tourist season, that a strong protest will undoubtedly be made by the companies.

Unless the ruling is abrogated or in some way modified, the effect upon the passenger business of the companies cannot fail to be very serious, in the opinion of the agents.

How the Rule Works. (Boston Globe, Dec. 14.) The steamer Boston, Capt. Stanwood, which arrived at Long wharf yesterday from Yarmouth (N. S.) was the first arrival since the new order was promulgated. The steamer was delayed two hours and she did not make her berth until noon.

The 67 passengers on board were anxious to leave for their homes, as most of them resided in the city or suburbs, but they were obliged to wait while each individual made declaration as to whether there was dutiable goods in his baggage, their valuation, etc. The examination delayed the passengers about four times as long as the former methods employed where the inspectors looked over the baggage of each passenger. This is also done under the new arrangement.

Steel Combine Orders Big Cut in Employees' Wages. 150,000 Will Get from Five to Twenty Per Cent. Less Pay After January 1.

New York, Dec. 14--The statement was made today by a leading official of the United States Steel Corporation that beginning January 1, 1904, about 90 per cent of the employees of the corporation will suffer wage reductions ranging from five to twenty per cent.

This reduction will affect about 150,000 workmen in the various grades of the subsidiary companies.

The remaining ten per cent of employees are members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel & Tin Workers, whose wage schedule runs to July 1, 1904.

EX-CIVIL SERVANTS NOT ASSESSABLE. Judge Decides That Ottawa Cannot Tax Superannuation Incomes.

Ottawa, Dec. 12--Important decisions on Ottawa assessment appeals were handed down yesterday by Judge Liddell. The first case arose from the appeals of a number of superannuated civil servants against the assessment of their incomes from such superannuation.

The judge holds that the allowance of retired civil servants of the Federal government is not taxable for local municipal purposes. This judgment applies to the appeals of Col. Tilson, Col. White, R. Simpson, and others. Another point decided by the judge is as regards the income assessment of Ottawa residents, whose incomes are earned in Hull. In respect to this point the judge holds "that the income of a resident of Ontario, wholly derived from earnings outside the province, is not liable to taxation for local municipal purposes under any act or authority of the local legislature."

PETITCODIAC BOY CHOKED TO DEATH. Young Son of R. G. Colpitts Got a Kernel of Corn in His Windpipe, and Died 20 Minutes Later--Other News.

Petitcodiac, N. B., Dec. 14--The people of this community were shocked to learn of the death of the young son of R. G. Colpitts. The little fellow, Friday p. m., Dec. 11, while playing with an ear of corn swallowed a kernel. The kernel lodged in the wind pipe, and in about twenty minutes he was dead. R. C. Colpitts is manager of the Pellet River Lumber Company. Much sympathy is felt for the parents.

The pulpit of the Methodist church was occupied by the Rev. J. Pascal at both evening and morning services.

The Rev. Abraham Terry, who was seriously injured by a horse, is on the way to recovery.

James Chapman is busily employed shipping Hemlock bark to St. John. Chapman expects to ship about 100 cords to the Winter Port.

Was a Century Old Tuesday. Brockton, Mass., Dec. 14--Mrs. Mary A. Baraby, of this city, will celebrate her 100th birthday tomorrow. She was born in Nicolet (P. Q.) She is in exceptionally good health, and faculties are all good.

CHINESE DEPORTED FROM UNITED STATES CAN'T REMAIN IN CANADA.

Important Decision Rendered at Montreal, Whereby Ten Mongolians Got Out Writs of Habeas Corpus.

Montreal, Dec. 14--(Special)--A decision was rendered in the practice court today holding that Canadian courts have no right to interfere with the agreement between the United States government and the Canadian Pacific Railway Company, whereby the railway carries back to China all its Chinese passengers denied admission across the border.

Opinion on the point was expressed by Judge Levesque giving judgment in habeas corpus proceedings on behalf of ten Chinamen who wished to pay the poll tax and remain in Canada. In respect to refused entrance to the United States, the court decided the company had the right to deport the Chinese back to Hong Kong.

Ottawa, Dec. 14--(Special)--The minister of marine, who visited Borton on Saturday to witness the sub-marine alarm, was greatly pleased with the way the day worked. They were warned on ship board of the presence of this alarm when the vessel is six miles eastward of the point. There are instruments in vessels by which the notes of the submerged bell can be easily detected.

Mr. Prefontaine will consider whether such a signal could not be employed with good advantage on our coast.

RECORD SESSION OF CANADA'S SUPREME COURT. Ottawa, Dec. 14--(Special)--The supreme court has just finished the longest continuous session in its history. At the opening of the court on Oct. 6, there had been set down to be heard eighteen cases from the maritime provinces, thirteen from the province of Quebec, two from the Yukon Territory, eight from British Columbia, five from Manitoba, and ten from Ontario, a total of fifty-six appeals.

In addition to this, the court dealt with a number of applications for leave to appeal and motion to quash. At the close of the session, the court had heard and given judgment in all the cases except eight, which were argued during the last two weeks, and stand over for judgment.

ENGINEER KILLED IN C. P. R. SMASH-UP. Winnipeg, Dec. 14--(Special)--A serious accident occurred on Napinka section of the C. P. R., about five miles eastward of Winnipeg, this morning. Engineer Graham, of Winnipeg, and Fireman O'Hara and Baggageman Nichols, both of Winnipeg, were in the train. Passenger train with Engineer Graham at the throttle plowing way through big piles of snow when engine struck an immense drift, down hard and solid. The engine struck, derailing the baggage, and going east. The remainder of the train. No passengers.

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MARITIME WINTER FAIR IS NOW ON.

Premier Tweedie Declared Amherst Show Open Monday Night.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 14--The third Maritime Winter Fair was opened to the public this morning under the most favorable conditions as far as weather and roads are considered, and judging from the first day's attendance this year promises to far exceed that of any previous.

The entries in all classes, are, with the exception of cattle which while smaller in number exceed in quality, in excess of last year, especially is this the case in the live poultry. There are about 800 birds entered. Mr. Landry, of the Model Farm, Turco, and Mr. Hazard, P. Island, are the efficient and obliging managers of the department.

A new feature introduced this season is the fruit exhibit in which a splendid showing is made. The prizes for apples are for county collections of ten varieties, five of each, and in this department there are forty entries. The section from the provinces includes the following counties, some of which have several lots. Cumberland, Colchester, Pictou, Queens, Kings, Antigonish, Yarmouth, Antigonish and Richmond in Nova Scotia, Westmorland, Kings, Sanbury, York, Victoria, in New Brunswick and the three counties of P. E. I. Altogether entries have been made for the fair by 149 individuals, a number of whom are represented by many entries.

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As last year the Women's Hospital Society are providing meals at all hours in the building and considering the crowded state of the hotels and cafes this is a great boon to strangers as well as adding to the funds of this noble cause. This afternoon the judging of swine was commenced by J. H. Gradade and A. P. Ketchum.

Opening Ceremonies. When Chairman E. B. Elderkin ascended the platform of the magnificent auditorium of the Hat Stock show building, every seat was filled with eager listeners. On the platform with him were Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick; Hon. F. L. Sweeney, H. J. Logan, M. P.; Dr. Mills, of Sussex; A. B. Copp, M. P. P.; Col. Blair, C. H. Groumet, M. P. P.; Hon. T. R. Black, Thos. A. Peters, dept. com. of agriculture, N. B.; Rev. Father Burke, of P. E. Island; Major Wedderburn, St. John (N.B.); Frank Hare, Ottawa; Duncan Anderson, Rugby (Ont.); E. S. Rogers, Amherst, and many others.

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MANY NOTABLES PRESENT.

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OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 10.—John Dickie, who has been inspecting the building of the new Shepody river bridge at Albert, has returned to his home in Dalhousie, the bridge being pretty well completed and open for traffic. Mr. Dickie made many friends during his sojourn in this county. The new bridge, which is a handsome and substantial structure, costing some \$3,000, was begun in the early summer. C. J. B. Simmons, of Fairville, being the contractor. The structure was built by M. M. Tingley, of this place, and cost \$2,000, as superintendent for the local government, and his work has given great satisfaction.

The superstructure of the bridge was built by A. E. Smye, of Alma, under sub-contract. The rail and covered portion of the bridge will not be put on until spring. The bridge has a span of 161 feet. A violent wind and rain storm prevailed here today. The roads are in a bad condition.

The schooner W. R. Huntley is leading pleasure at the port of St. John's. The schooner W. R. Huntley is leading pleasure at the port of St. John's. The schooner W. R. Huntley is leading pleasure at the port of St. John's.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 13.—The following delegates from the Albert Agricultural Society were last evening appointed delegates to attend the Maritime Winter Fair at Amherst: Fred. Smith, Job Stiles, Howard Stevens, Chas. Ayer, G. M. Russell and J. H. Deane.

The Hopewell and Hillsboro Farmers' Institute have elected the following officers for the year: R. Healey Smith, president; Barber Archibald, vice-president; G. M. Russell, secretary-treasurer; Allen Robinson, Howard Stevens, Valerian Smith, A. S. Nixon and Job Stiles, directors.

The death occurred a few days ago, at Curryville, of Mrs. Beechin, wife of Stephen Beechin, aged about seventy-five years. She died of pneumonia. A husband and grown-up family survive.

Paul Johnson, a native and for many years a resident of New Ireland, died last week of the influenza epidemic. Mr. Johnson was a well-known and popular young man, and his recovery is earnestly hoped for.

A meeting of the trustees of H. E. Graves, of Harvey, N. B., was held at Riverside last week, a few claims being filed. The larger creditors are withholding action for the time being. Mr. Graves was captured by agents of J. A. Harson and Captain G. A. Coonan appointed inspectors. The creditors were represented by Messrs. G. M. Russell and J. H. Deane.

A westward on the S. & H. railway, about two miles from Hillsboro, delayed the train on Thursday and will necessitate considerable repairs.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Dec. 11.—Leonard Black, I. C. R. brakeman, had a narrow escape from death. On Wednesday evening while working on a shunter in the I. C. R. yard, he stepped off the rear engine, which was running backwards, and slipped. By holding the hand rail he kept himself from going under the engine, but had a leg broken near the ankle.

Small fisherman Buctouche are reaping a harvest. The smelts are of very large size, and are very plentiful, some fishermen taking as high as \$100 worth a day. Five and one-quarter cents a pound is paid for smelts at Buctouche. Three carloads have already been shipped to the United States.

St. Andrews, N. B., Dec. 11.—(Special)—Members of the fish commission returned this afternoon from Grand Manan by the cruiser "Crested Eagle." They held meetings of fishermen at North Head and Grand Harbour at which delegates were heard from all the districts on the island. A deputaion representing the lobster industry of Grand Manan and Campobello were also heard.

A visit was paid to Esport airline factory on the return from the island. The commission has dispersed for the winter, or until the fisheries department instructs them to recommence their labors.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—At Christ church cathedral this morning, Rev. Hiram F. Bigby, B. A., of King's College, Windsor (N. S.), was ordained a deacon, and Rev. Mansel C. Sheehan, B. A., of Bishop's college, Lunenburg (Que.), was ordained a priest.

St. Martins, N. B., Dec. 11.—The wind here yesterday caused an exceedingly high tide. A portion of the cargo on the "Prudent," which was sold here a few weeks ago, was swept from the breakwater this morning. A good deal of it has been picked up, but it is feared that the storm's tide may do further damage.

The Episcopalian are having built for them in the rear of their commodious little church a vestry, the work is in charge of Wellington Val. The building committee consists of W. E. Skillen, George McEwen.

On Monday evening, the 7th inst., the Presbyterian church was crowded by an appreciative audience who were entertained to a rich treat, entitled a Night with Berlin, by the members of the G. P. E. Society. The programme, which was splendidly rendered, consisted of an opening hymn, solo by Mrs. B. Webb, address by Rev. Donald Smart, a duet by Messrs. Smart and Webb, readings by Wm. Shanklin, Miss Edith Skillen, Miss Annie McEwen and Mrs. Joseph Carson, a quartet by Messrs. Smart, Webb, Brown and Fitis, and the proceeds, which go to the building fund, amounted to \$8.80.

A. C. M. Lawson, of Chipman, Queens county, has been here for a few days. He is attending Tuesday evening with St. Martin's Division, S. of T.

HALIFAX.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—(Special)—Brenton, the eleven-year-old son of George A. Hoyt, of Bridgewater, was drowned Saturday afternoon in Whitman's pond. He and a number of other boys were playing on the pond when Brenton got on thin ice and went through and was carried under by the current. The body was not brought to the surface until twenty minutes afterward, and life was then extinct, although every effort was made by a physician to resuscitate him.

A heavy southwest gale, with rain, raged here all day, but moderated at 10 p. m.

Halifax, Dec. 13.—(Special)—No. 4 blast furnace of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, which has been closed down for the past six months for repairs, during which time it has been entirely refitted through will be blown in on Monday. No. 4 is going properly. No. 3 will be shut down for a short time in order that some necessary repairs might be effected.

Truro, N. S., Dec. 14.—(Special)—The Truro staff of the Canadian Bank of Commerce have received a special extra bonus this week and this is being given to the office in all branches of the bank.

The funeral of E. M. Fulton, president of Truro Board of Trade, took place Sunday afternoon. The funeral procession was headed by 100 Masons and Knights of Pythias. The service at the grave was by the Masons. Many costly floral designs were sent.

Maritime Winter Fair is now on. (Continued from page 1.) We need more people, too much Canadian literature is piled to the wall. He thought a colonial building should be built in London (Eng.), where every province should be given a fair show of their capabilities.

Dr. Mills, president of the Guelph Agricultural College, is always the most interesting and influential audience, and he brought greetings from Guelph. The object of such shows as the one now being held, was to assist the people in their material interest, and in increasing the production of wealth. He was pleased with the high place Canada was taking in the world, and with the progress of the country as Germany and others such as the water, we were away behind them.

Hon. F. J. Sweeney, of Moncton, said he had not come to speak. He looked ahead to the time when he would know the law and could settle down to the quiet of farm life.

W. C. H. Grimmer, M. P. P., of St. Stephen (N. B.), said the magnificent audience he saw before him, as well as the show, was a revelation to him and as he came to learn he would not attempt to inflame the audience upon this line. This he attributed to their standard of industrial intelligence. When compared with such countries as Germany and others such as the water, we were away behind them.

SCHOOL TRUSTEES HEAR MR. ARMSTRONG, WHO CLAIMS HE HAS BEEN BADLY USED.

The Trouble Over the Principalship of La Tour School—Some Questions Which Were Not Asked—Dissatisfaction With Coal Supply for City Schools—A Point About Medal Competitions.

The board of school trustees Monday heard Geo. E. Armstrong, former principal of La Tour, in reference to his transfer to another school, which transfer was not pleasing to him and was not accepted by him. They also had some discussion on the quality of the coal supplied to the schools this year; an interesting question relative to completion for school medals also arose. It was an interesting meeting.

The trustees present were Hon. A. L. Treuman, chairman; Messrs. Nason, Lockhart, Russell and Maxwell, Mrs. Dever and Mrs. Skinner. At a recent meeting a committee had been appointed to look into the complaint about poor quality of coal supplied the schools. Only one member of the committee was at the meeting, and he said three times more than 200 in all. He might have had 200 more, but he considered what he had sufficient.

The Coal. Trustees present said the janitors were complaining of the quality of the coal. It was two-thirds slack, and it should be ordered out of the buildings. There'd be trouble when cold days come. The trustees were very sharp in their condemnation of the coal. The committee hopes to report on the matter at the next meeting. It was only a point or so behind the position on the teaching staff was filed. Major Maude, the governor-general's secretary, wrote that the governor-general's gold medal for the high school had been forwarded.

Chairman Treuman said that neither the J. V. Ellis medal nor the A. I. Treuman gold medal had been received by the city, and it was doubtful if they would be here in time for the presentation tomorrow. A Question About Medal Winners. Trustee Maxwell said a question had arisen about the Treuman medal this year. It was won by Miss Kennedy, of Victoria school, who was two years in the grade. The next competitor was a boy named Jennings, who had been but one year in the grade. He was not eligible to receive the medal.

William Woods, winner of the corporation gold medal, wrote that he would be unable to attend the closing exercises tomorrow to receive the medal. "Doctor Bridges" announced that Miss Clara Price, winner of the Dufferin medal, would not be here either, for she was on the way to China with her father. The matter of repairs to pipes in Centennial school was left with the trustees, with that school in charge.

The secretary's report for November showed 7,241 pupils enrolled and 8,888 being taught, of the latter, 3,577 were boys and 3,323 girls. Five had died during the month, and 142 were absent because of sickness. The daily average attendance was 5,971, which equals 82 per cent. of the enrollment, or 862 per cent. of the number belonging.

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Episcopalians Against Change of Name. Proposal of Church in United States to Adopt Name of Catholic Church of America, Will Not Pass. Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 11.—No change will be made in the name of the Protestant Episcopal Church in the immediate future, and the next triennial council of that church will take no action whatsoever on the movement for a change in the name of the church to the Catholic Church of America.

Devonshire's Stand Attracts Other Notables. London, Dec. 14.—The letter of the Duke of Devonshire, the former Lord President of the Council, counselling the Unionist division in the several important parliamentary divisions where elections are pending to decline to support any Unionist candidate who expressed sympathy with the fiscal policy of Joseph Chamberlain, is meeting with widespread approval. Former cabinet ministers, Lord Balfour of Burleigh, Lord George Hamilton, C. T. Ritchie, Lord George George, and Lord James of Hereford have all given their adherence thereto, concurring with the duke's advice to electors.

DOWLING'S Great Fire Sale!

The interest which surrounds this 'Great Fire Sale' is increasing. The bargains we are giving leave an impression of values that is not easily forgotten. Sacrifices such as we are making are bound to fill our salesroom again and again, and each succeeding day, with its crowds of eager buyers, is clearing with rapidly the great stock. For the next few days exceptional bargains will be given in— LADIES' TAILOR-MADE COSTUMES from \$2 to \$5. Former prices \$10 to \$21.50. LADIES' TAILORED DRESS SKIRTS from \$1.75 to \$4.50. Former prices \$3.50 to \$10. LADIES' WRAPPERS, 55c. to \$1.35. Former prices 90c. to \$2.25. LADIES' BLACK UNDERSKIRTS, \$1.00 and \$1.25. Former prices \$2.00 and \$2.50.

The space we now occupy is less than half the size of that we formerly had for the display of our stock, so we find it quite impossible to show at one time all the goods we have to dispose of. During the present week we shall offer some GREAT BARGAINS in Dress Goods, Flannelettes, Hosiery, Children's Wool Hoods, Black Mercerized Blouses, And a good line of White Lawn Blouses, elegantly trimmed. \$1.50 quality for only 50c. \$3.00 quality for only 75c. Women's sizes in Fawn Beaver Jackets (silk lined) for \$1.00. Black Rough Cloth Jackets (lined) for 75c. Women's Fawn Cloth Jackets (spring weight) 25c. while they last. Think of it—a Jacket for 25c. The buttons on most of them are worth the price of the garment.

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HON. MR. BLAIR HAD INTERVIEW WITH LAURIER.

YORK COUNTY SUNDAY SCHOOL INTERESTS. Frederickton, N. B., Dec. 11.—On Thursday evening the Sunday school field secretary met the executive of this county and reported his meetings recently held at the parishes of Kingsford, Prince William, Stanley, Douglas, Bright and Southampton. He is expected to attend Managers' sutton and McAdams on Tuesday and Wednesday next. This executive propose holding a Sunday school conference or institute of three sessions some time during February. The programme will be arranged from the standpoint of the relations and privileges of pastors and superintendents to their schools. Invitation by letter will be sent to every one of these in York county, and earnest efforts will be put forth by the city pastors, each to get the brightest of his own church. All sessions will be public.

Insane Patient Kills Asylum Superintendent. Dabruq, Ia., Dec. 14.—William Mayne, superintendent of the insane asylum at Lancaster, (Wis.), has been killed by "Thomas Fox," a patient. The superintendent's brains were beaten out with a poker in the hands of Fox. Fifty gallons in the order which for a slight default built by a London firm of growers.

Letters to the Editor. A Digby Complaint. To the Editor of The Telegraph: Sir—Will you kindly insert the following letter in your next issue of your valuable paper, and by doing so you will oblige more than one Digby subscriber. We noticed in the Halifax Chronicle of today, Dec. 10th, a description of a ball held at the Pines Hotel. With, or about the ball, we have nothing to say, but one little word used by the Digby correspondent to the Chronicle was not understood. I here refer to the little ad. best before the collective noun people. He surely does not mean that the 75 invitations were to the members of our churches, of which we have seven in town. These followers of the Divine Redeemer do not receive or accept invitations to balls. They are supposed to follow in the footsteps of the Great Teacher who, when on earth, neither kept a dancing school nor a card table. If the writer meant the best society of Digby he is at fault again; they only accept invitations given at the house of the parties giving the ball; not hotels hired for the purpose. Of course, societies or clubs have to hire halls and hotels for their entertainments, but people of the best society do not. A few years ago a similar letter was sent to a Halifax paper and an answer was sent to another leading Montreal, Ottawa and Winnipeg that the general elections will be held February 15.

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MR. BLAIR READ OUT.

Having announced its intention to support the nominees of the Liberal party in this constituency, the Globe appears to have entered upon the work of shutting out from the possibility of nomination all but the particular candidates it regards with favor.

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The teachers have some grievances. The taxpayers also have some. Reforms which benefit the teacher should also be such as will improve the school system. The teachers protest, and with justice, against the small salaries paid in some instances.

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The inquiry into the death of Robert L. Purvis, who was killed while at work on one of the government dredge scows at Carleton Tuesday last, was held Friday, and the jury found a verdict of accidental death, with no blame on any one on the scow or dredge.

J. A. Sullivan, the well known hotel proprietor at Bonny River, is at the Hotel Fern. He has just completed a hotel of 14 rooms at a cost of \$8,000. Spreading of the lumber cut in that vicinity he states that this year there will be an output of about 8,000,000 feet.

Mr. and Mrs. James Pender and family and J. Macdonald wish to return thanks to their many friends for the loving words and acts of sympathy extended to them in their recent sad bereavement, and will feel grateful if the friends will please accept this acknowledgment.

Many friends will be pleased to learn that Professor John Caven has been appointed to a position in the customs department at a salary of \$300 a year. Prof. Caven has worked long and given the best of his lifetime to the interests of the youth of the province and his appointment will no doubt meet with general approbation.—Charlottetown Guardian.

Miss Marguerite Winslow left today for St. John to attend the Hammond-White wedding which will take place at the Winter Port on Wednesday. Capt. H. Kemmes-Betty, R. C. R., also went down on the 9.45 express to attend the fashionable event at which he will act as best man. Capt. J. J. Winslow, 1st Regiment, will go down tomorrow to act as usher and C. H. Allen will be present from this city.—Fredericton Journal.

Cullum Lodge, No. 36, L. O. B. A., met in regular session Monday night. The following officers were elected: Mrs. Geo. F. Armstrong, W. M.; Mrs. B. Hamilton, D. M.; Miss Jennie Akery, chap.; Miss M. Green, R. S.; Mrs. S. Wood, F. S.; Mrs. H. Green, treasurer; Miss A. Downey, D. of C.; Miss P. Webb, lecturer; Mrs. C. Sullivan, I. G.; P. Pearce, O. G.; Mrs. R. Leeman, S. of C.; Mrs. Wood, Mrs. Green, Miss Akery, Mrs. Sullivan, committee; Mrs. H. Kilpatrick, guardian.

The three story brick building on the corner of Church and German streets, owned by Mrs. J. F. Alexander, and formerly the property of the Judge Pender estate, was gutted by fire Monday night. The loss is somewhere about \$15,000. The following business concerns having their quarters in the building have been losers: W. O. Dunham, A. J. Lorry, J. S. Hamer, A. Tufar, A. S. and William Cameron. Nearly every establishment affected had insurance.

It is expected that work will be commenced shortly on further strengthening of the curves in the Prince Edward Island Railway. The part of the road to which an improvement will be made is the section between Winslow station and Milton station. By consultation of the atlas it will be seen that the curves along this part of the line are among the worst remaining in the province. A number of those through whose land the prospective straightened line is to pass have already made agreements regarding the disposal of their land.—Charlottetown Guardian.

Policemen Bowes and Totten made a find at the head of Market Slip Friday and whether it means anything serious or not they like to know. What they found was a man's outfit of clothing—inside woolen shirt, outside shirt, pants with woolen drawers inside. The trousers are black and of good material, the night is hardly the kind to be thrown away and so the officers are puzzled. The clothing they found a coat hanging on a water street telephone pole and the garment was still there last night. The officers decided it best at all events to take care of the outfit and so placed the clothes in Water street lock-up. There was nothing found in the pockets.

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SOUTH AFRICAN TRADE.

An Interview With Capt. Anderson of the Steamship Oriana.

Captain Anderson, of the steamship Oriana, of the South African service, said to a Telegraph man on Saturday that Canadian shippers should look carefully into the quality of all goods they send to that country.

Rev. B. N. Nobles, of the Carleton Baptist church, has declined the call recently extended to him by the Baptist church at Liverpool (N. S.).

The repairs to the steamer Springfield, damaged in Thursday's storm, have been completed and the boat has been again placed in winter quarters.

The West Indies steamer Oruro cleared from Halifax on Saturday with a full general cargo for the West Indies, Bermuda and Demerara.

During the past week one marriage and nineteen births were registered, twelve of the infants being males. During the same period there were eleven deaths in the city due to the following causes: Heart disease, two; measles, inattention, apoplexy, accident, peritonitis, pneumonia, placenta previa, chronic bronchitis, one each.

The treasurer of the Protestant Orphan Asylum begs to acknowledge receipt of the following name: T. H. Estabrook, \$30; Joseph Allison, a friend (Woodstock), \$25; P. P. Starr, Emerson & Fisher, \$20; Lewis J. Almon, a friend (city), \$10; James Anderson, E. L. Rising, \$5; McPherson Bros., Mrs. Alfred Porter, \$2 each; cash (K), \$3; E. T. Sturdee, \$2.

Publisher Crockett, of the Fredericton Gleaser, gave his employes a regular Christmas surprise on Monday. He increased their wages 20 per cent. They had not struck, nor even asked for the advance. Therefore they tackled him yesterday and fired a complimentary address at him. It was a trying moment, but Mr. Crockett acquitted himself with credit and expressed the hope that he might be able to do it again.

Messrs. Lilley & Sons have shipped to St. John this season no less than 2,500 pairs of chickens, nearly the whole lot having been used on the ocean steamers running out of that city. This goes to prove what has often been pointed out, that the benefits to be derived from the winter port trade, are not confined to St. John alone. An immense quantity of beef and pork has also been forwarded to St. John by local dealers during the past few weeks.—Fredericton Gleaser.

The propagate committee of the Sons of Temperance of New Brunswick has decided that the grand officers, accompanied by the propagation committee, would pay official visits to the following divisions at the dates named: Loyalist Division, No. 431, Monday, Jan 11; Granite Rock Division, No. 77, Tuesday, Jan. 19; Albion Division, No. 14, Wednesday, Feb. 10; Gurney Division, No. 5, Thursday, Feb. 18; Fairville Division, No. 437, Tuesday, March 8; St. George's Division, No. 383, Saturday, March 19; Gordon Division, No. 275, Monday, April 11.

Dr. Macfarland, of Fairville, was called to Musquash on Saturday evening to attend William Dean, aged fifteen years, son of Conn. W. J. Dean. The youth had been out in the woods, and had cut his left foot, almost severing four toes. He was taken home and the doctor sent for. All the toes except the great toe were missing hanging to the foot, but Dr. Macfarland got them saved and on thinks that a night drive to Musquash, returning some about 3 in the morning, driving over roads partly bare, is a rather lonely experience.

Boys Lodge, L. O. A., Whitehead, Elect Officers. Whitehead, Kings county, Dec. 14.—The members of Boys Lodge, No. 15, L. O. A., at Whitehead, on Dec. 13, elected and installed the following officers for the year: W. M.—Samuel Kingston. D. M.—Robert Chotler. Chaplain—James R. White. R. S.—William McEwan. F. S.—Warren Williams. Treasurer—E. Sewell White. D. of C.—David B. Miller. Lecturer—Stanford White. W. M.—David White and Harry Redmore. Committee—Albert B. White, John A. White, Thomas Edwards, George Chesley, Robert Miller.

The election was conducted by James A. White, of Skinner No. 106, past county warden of Kings West.

In the Courts. County Court Chambers. In the case of White vs. Hamm, the defendant was examined before Judge Forbes Friday for \$2500. Ralph B. White secured judgment for \$300 against Police-man Hamm for false arrest and imprisonment. White alleges that before this judgment was obtained Hamm transferred his property to his wife, with a view to defeating the judgment. The transfer was made through a man named Black, and the evidence failed to show that there was no consideration.

Geo. H. V. Belyea appeared for the plaintiff, and A. A. Wilson, K. C., for the defendant.

In the afternoon, Judge Forbes sentenced Wm. G. Riggs to three years in Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor, for theft. Riggs was found guilty of the same time ago, but was allowed to go on his own recognizance. He recently got into trouble with his brother and threatened to shoot him. The brother laid information against him, and he was brought before the court and sentenced for the old offence.

Father of Triplets. The following story relates to the family of a Fredericton man, who went west about seven years ago. It is from the Annapolis Standard.

Three babies, two girls and one boy, were born last night to the wife of Walter J. Sewell, of 224 South Idaho street. "They are the finest bunch of babies I have ever seen, and their combined weight is seventeen pounds," said the family physician.

One of the interesting facts is that Mr. Sewell, father of the triplets, was away from home and did not return until this morning. He will probably agree with Josh Billings that one of the things a man is never prepared for is triplets.

DESIRABLE IMMIGRANTS.

Valuable Suggestions Made by Thomas Hetherington, ex-M. P., on This Question.

The Telegraph recently published an interview with Thos. Hetherington, ex-M. P., of Queens county, on the subject of immigration. Mr. Hetherington writes the following letter, and encloses part of a letter from a Canadian now living in the States, which is worthy of attention:

Cody, N. B., Dec. 11, 1903. To the Editor of The Telegraph.

Sir,—Allow me to draw public attention to the subject of immigration, as it presents itself to my mind. You will remember that in my talk with your reporter I felt there was an excellent field in the United States instead of securing a splendid class of people that would make good, loyal Canadian citizens, with very much less cost to the government than the cost of the French brought in from foreign countries. If it is desirable to increase the French population in Canada, why not send the agent to the United States instead of the land all that can be induced to come, of a desirable class, every single one of whom would be worth a dozen from the old land? And much the same with all other nationalities. There is one thing that should never be lost sight of, and that is the quality of the people imported at the expense of the country. There are thousands of people coming to this country, both from the old world and the United States, that should never be encouraged to settle in Canada, much less having special aid and free grants of land. Let an honest effort be made in an intelligent and business-like way to encourage the people back, with and without capital, to settle down in Canada, but see to it that they are a desirable class. In your view you will find a word of warning from a former Canadian upon this line of policy, which to my mind is worthy of notice.

Yours truly, THOS. HETHERINGTON.

"I observe with much pleasure your remarks in The Telegraph about the immigration problem, for it really is a problem. There can be no well grounded excuse in this day and generation of Canada's unimproved property for the Canadian boys quitting their own country, and it is fair to assume the exodus is not in any way to be compared with that of a few years ago. The discovery of north-western Canada and its development has materially aided in interesting and holding our boys in their own country and it may come many to return. I do not know what precaution the government is taking in the matter of eliminating the undesirable matter going from the United States to the westward into northwestern Canada. That is a question of serious import to Canada, and unless the serious is careful and exacting in a short time your country will be flooded with the sweepings and riffraff, and element so objectionable and numerous in the United States. I am sorry you neglected to make this one of the features of your interview. A CANADIAN NOW LIVING IN THE UNITED STATES.

STRAIT LUNenburg MAY GO ON SOUTH SHORE ROUTE.

Nova Scotia Government Tired With 'Senic's Delay.

Correspondence between the local government and the Thomsons, of St. John in reference to the new South Shore boat, has elicited the fact that the steamer, the Senic, will not leave St. John before January 4—on December 15, as announced in the press. There is some doubt expressed whether the boat will be ready even then. This information was brought out by a telegram from the Thomsons, asking them to state a definite date for the sailing of the steamer, to which they replied by saying that the mechanics would not be through with her until the 15th, and that she would sail on Thursday, the 24th. This was followed by a letter which said it would not be possible for her to sail before January 1, and by another dated the 24th announcing January 4th as the date. As it was first announced that she would be ready in June, then in August, then in September, October and November in turn, followed by these other announcements, some of the members of the house think they have good grounds for believing that she will not go on the route this winter, and so the owners of the steamer Lunenburg have been approached, and it is likely a contract will be entered into with her.—Halifax Herald, Dec. 11.

TRAINS NOW RUNNING TO-MINTO, QUEENS CO.

Two Bad Accidents in Lumber Woods; One May Be Fatal—Other News.

Washademoak, Dec. 8.—A new company now owns the Central railway. It is called the New Brunswick Coal & Railway Company. For sixteen years Chipman has been the terminus of this railway. About one week ago the train made the first trip to Minto, eighteen miles farther on. The coal fields at this place are yielding quantities of excellent coal, which is being carried away by train.

The sympathy of the community is felt for Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Fowler, of Cole's Island, on account of the death of their little two weeks' old baby, which occurred on Monday last.

Captain Isaac Worden sold his life stock by public auction on Friday.

Walter Knudsen cut his foot quite badly at Coy's Brook camp, and Henard Fowler, while working for Alfred West at Pork Stream, had his hand bruised by a blow of a log rolling over him. Later accounts say it is feared he is injured internally, and Doctor Earle, who is attending him, is doing every effort to recover him.

A private day school has been started at Cody's Hall, and Miss Edna Roberts is engaged as teacher.

Work has begun on the covering of the highway bridge east of Cole's Island.

Dr. Wood's Norway Pine Syrup. It must be sweet to be buried alive—soured by a coffin and unable to move. "Yes, indeed, I tell you, Jane, there are worse ways than this. If I only had my own mind about it."—Lettie's Weekly.

AID TO NAVIGATION.

Building Ready for the Siren to Be Placed on Tiner's Point.

The building on Tiner's Point, twelve miles west of Partridge Island, in which it is to be installed the new siren, has been completed. The contractors were Messrs. Flood and Bates. The house is frame, one and a half stories high, with ell, and is painted white. It stands on a bluff forty feet above high water. The siren, which will be worked by a gasoline engine, has not yet reached the city. It will be automatically actuated.

A contractor has not yet been appointed, but it is expected a Lepreux man will perform the duties. Messrs. Flood and Bates manage the siren quarters, but until an appointment is made, work will not be commenced.

PRACTICAL INTEREST.

Subscriptions for St. John Institution for the Deaf Acknowledged.

There are now thirty-three pupils in the St. John Institution for the Deaf, Lancaster Heights. Substantial aid for the conducting of the work continues to reach the management. J. Harvey Brown makes acknowledgment of several subscriptions of good amount and the interest in the institution is shown by the donations coming unsolicited in nearly every case. W. E. Earle has subscribed \$100 C. F. King, \$20, D. H. Ferguson of Fredericton, \$25; George H. Evans \$25, and Miss J. A. Bateman, teacher, in the school for the deaf, Halifax, has sent \$100. There are in addition to amounts before acknowledged.

President Vreeland Talks of "Railway Kings."

President Vreeland of the Interurban Street Railway Company of New York, an organization that has just issued a report showing that it carries over 1,000,000 passengers a day, and takes in over \$20,000,000 a year, was talking the other afternoon about the railways of Europe.

"A Chicagoan was in here talking to me yesterday, and he said that when he was abroad last summer he found the railroads of Scotland atrocious. He said that on one of the Scotch railroads one day, the train stopped in a desolate country, and the guards got out, sat down on a rock, and began to eat their lunch.

When the workmen entered the building of the Provincial Fertilizer Company, Marsh Road, Friday morning, they found the body of the night watchman, William D. Bowes, cold in his bed. Word was sent to deB. Carrite, manager of the company, and he notified Coroner Berryman. The coroner made some enquiries and gave permission for the body to be buried. The coroner does not think an inquest necessary.

Mr. Bowes was about 70 years of age. He was a veteran of the British army and saw active service in India. With his wife he resided near the factory. A daughter lives at Westchester (N. S.), and the body will be taken for interment.

The coroner ascertained that it had been the habit of Mr. Bowes to do certain work about the place during the night, and that he had taken a barrel of material toward the elevator. It is thought he tripped, or that the barrel fell in some way, for it fell through the hatchway also.

"On the Contrary." Eugene Field was once visiting the home of his friends, the Stoddards, in New York, of which he sang: "Their home, Eugene Field, street is all so snug and furnished so. That when I once get planted there, I don't know when to go."

"On the contrary!" cried Stoddard. "What's the contrary of eating two eggs?" "Laying two eggs," came the reply, in solemn tones from Field.—Sat. Eve. Post.

The Freaks of the Types. A friend met Whitehead Red, the veteran editor of the New York Tribune, the other day and said to him: "I see you are to be on the advisory board of Mr. Pulitzer's new College of Journalism at Columbia University. Do you expect in your school to put an end to the typographical error?"

"The more we can hope to do," replied Mr. Red, "is to mitigate its horrors. You can't abolish the typographical error any more than you can original sin. I remember when the Prince of Wales visited this country of writing an editorial on the subject. I was young and ambitious, and I thought I said some rather clever things. It began, 'The Prince of Wales is making stirring speeches.' The next morning I picked up the paper to enjoy reading it in print. I turned to the editorial page, and the next my gaze: 'The Prince of Wales is making stirring speeches.'—Sat. Eve. Post.

"When We Meet." When General Longstreet met General Wheeler after he had been made an officer in the Spanish-American war he is said to have remarked: "Joe, I have got one wish."

"What is that?" asked General Wheeler. "I want to get to halves a few minutes before you do so as to hear Jubal Early's remarks when he sees you with that Yankee unknown one."—Sat. Eve. Post.

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Richard ... has a young son who has the incurable mind of death in a limited degree. While to the country last summer he became very much interested in the birds, and raised a few hundred of ornithological questions ranging from "Do birds fly to the moon?" and "Why nest?" to "What is an early bird?" and "Where does he get the worm?" and "Why does he?"

Finally the psychological aspect occurred to him, and he one day astonished his father by this inquiry: "Pop, do birds know they are birds?" Mr. Mansfield could only lamely respond by raising speculation as to whether or not small boys know they are small boys.—Sat. Eve. Post.

St. Andrew's Church Pastorate. The statement in an evening paper Saturday that Rev. L. G. Macneil will very shortly retire from the pastorate of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church is regarded by Rev. Mr. Macneil as premature. For the past few weeks he has been in poor health, and the services at the church have been conducted by Rev. Gordon Decker, assistant to St. Andrew's pastor. The publication referred to, according to Rev. Mr. Macneil, placed both gentlemen in an uncomfortable position.

On Wednesday evening next a congregational meeting will be held when the subject of Rev. Mr. Macneil's retirement will be discussed.

La Mont.—"What do you think of Carrie Nation in Ten Nights in a Barroom?" Belle.—"In what way?" La Moyn.—"I'd think it would suit Carrie Nation better to be in ten barrooms in a night."—Philadelphia Record.

Nell.—"I consider that he paid a flattering compliment to my good sense." Belle.—"In what way?" Nell.—"He didn't attempt to say anything flattering to me."—Philadelphia Public Ledger.





ROUND THE TOWN. Bright little bits which illustrate the many sides of human life in St. John.

She was pretty and pretty, and he an... The Opera House the other evening. It was the first time he had been there in two years.

On either side of the front verandah, which projects over the water, there is a dwarf birch, overhanging the edge of the lake.

On the Stage.

Maurice, Earl of Featherstonhaugh—I say, old chap, he good enough to accommodate me with a few pounds until tomorrow.

Dudley Phutlight—Overjoyed, my dear boy, to be of service to you. Nothing, my best of friends, yields me more profound joy than to be able to render you an obligation.

At last has the pernicious habit of our fathers been shown in its true light. The custom that has been handed down from generation to generation, the evil, debilitating, constitution-shattering custom of bathing; at last has modern science demonstrated its devilish effects on physical well-being.

Prof. J. D. Robertson (even at the risk of being pronounced a renegade by his colleagues) has performed an exploit in the name of his fellow men. He urges that all refrain from washing. To do so is to court suffering and death. His professional researches have also shown that in taking the stand that he has, he asserts: "To bathe is to be dirty; for you thereby make a sewer of the skin. Blood attracted by the skin gives it a pinkish tint that should be left to seek its natural outlet, and so the skin."

The next time that boy goes to the show he will buy his tickets with numbers odd or even, and never consecutively again; no never.

The rabbits that come out on the evenings and sit on the verandah of the club house on the shore of Ping Pong Lake, seven miles from St. John by the old Westmorland road, were very much surprised when they approached the place on Wednesday evening. They made tracks in the snow around it, but did not enter it.

HON. DR. PUGSLEY CLAIMS 11 SEATS

Out of the Thirteen in This Province in Coming Elections FOR THE LIBERALS.

Says Hon. Mr. Blair Would Carry St. John If He Ran Here, and That Hon. H. R. Emmerson Will Be the Next Minister of Railways.

The following interview with Hon. Dr. Pugsley appears in Wednesday's Montreal Herald: "Of the thirteen constituencies in New Brunswick the government will carry eleven at the next elections."

SUICIDE RATHER THAN A PRISON.

Wm. G. Riggs Makes Attempt in the County Jail. DOCTORS SAVE HIS LIFE.

Was Sentenced to Three Years in Dorchester But Preferred Death Instead—Drank Poison as He Was Being Conducted to a Cell.

With a vision of three long years in Dorchester penitentiary with hard labor before his eyes, William G. Riggs, in the presence of fellow prisoners in the county jail, Friday afternoon swallowed a poisonous drug and fell to the floor unconscious. Timely assistance of physicians saved the life of the would-be suicide.

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Present Recovery, Compared With the August-September Rise—Other Light on the Subject—1910 and 1913.

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OBITUARY.

Mrs. David Jamieson, formerly of Canterbury, N. B., Dec. 9.—This community was shocked when Clarence Jamieson received a telegram from his brother, David, in Washington territory, announcing the sudden death of his wife. They were married about two years ago, and shortly after went to the west.

CASTORIA

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James McLean.

The death occurred at his residence at Marguerite on the 12th inst. of James McLean, aged 73 years, who for the past 51 years had been a foreman for D. D. Glasier & Sons.

Sgt. John Donellan.

John Donellan, an old British soldier, and for many years a familiar figure on the streets, died at the hospital Saturday.

Mrs. Edward Tupper.

The death occurred Sunday night at Matineau of Janet A. wife of Edward Tupper, a well known carpenter of that place, and a daughter of David Jewett.

Leonard S. Brittain.

At about 11:30 o'clock Friday night the death took place at his father's residence, Prince street, Carleton, of Leonard S. Brittain, at the age of twenty-three years.

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\$12.00 Blue and Black Beaver Overcoats; medium long; mohair linings; box back; broad shoulders; silk velvet collar; elegantly tailored; only a few, but in nearly every size—a very dressy overcoat. Sale price \$9.00.
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