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1800's

- (1810) the first elections were held in the County.
- (1837) the County of Annapolis was divided to include the County of Digby.
- Old Post Road and rural school system improved.
- Weymouth Trading Post established.
- Ship Building is a major industry in the area.
- (1879) the District of Digby was incorporated.
- (1891) the railway (the missing link) between Annapolis and Digby was completed.
- Joshua Slocum sails around the world alone.
- Temperance Movement.
- Summer Tourism Industry develops.
- I.M. Singer invents the sewing machine.
- Canadian Confederation (1867)
- Klondike Gold Rush
- The Supreme Court of Canada is established
- Florence Nightingale takes London nurses to the battlefields of the Crimean War

1900's

- Poor Farm in operation
- Isaiah Wilson's Geography and History of the County of Digby Published.
- Prime Minister Sir Wilfred Laurier visits Digby.
- Marconi transmits wireless message across the Atlantic
- Queen Victoria dies
- The Boxer Rebellion breaks out in China.
- The Boer War in Southern Africa ends

1910's

- (1912) last race of the Brattain Cup in the Annapolis Basin.
- First motorized vehicle in the area.
- Communities collect cloths and money for the war effort.
- Spanish Flue kills many in the area.
- First Calgary Stampede
- Women in Canada get the vote
- Halifax explosion
- WW1
- The Titanic Disaster
- Norwegian Roald Amundsen becomes the first to reach the South Pole.

1920's

- Motorized vehicles becoming more common.
- Last wooden ship built in Bear River.
- Electric lights installed in villages.
- Motorized vehicles becoming more common
- Canadian Schooner "Bluenose" wins the International Fisherman's Trophy
- Agatha Christie launches her career as a mystery writer.
- George Carnarvon and Howard Carter unearth King Tutankhamen's tomb

1930's

- Economic Depression.
- Rural electric lines being installed.
- Electric lights installed in villages.
- Highway paving projects underway.
- First crossing of the Princess Helene Ferry.
- Rum running along the coast.
- Rum running in its heyday
- Dionne quints born in Ontario
- Movie "King Kong" released starring Canadian Fay Wray
- WW II begins

1940's

- Digby home to WWII submarine base.
- CFB Cornwallis largest training base in the Commonwealth.
- Scallop Industry expands.
- Hog farming expands.
- Population decline in rural communities.
- Newfoundland enters confederation
- UN Formed
- U.S. planes drop atomic bombs on Hiroshima and Nagasaki
- Orson Welles' film Citizen Kane, premieres

1950's

- Bus service along the Digby Neck.
- Population in villages continue to decline. NORAD formed with USA
- National Ballet of Canada founded
- Bear River Power Plant built
- Korean War
- Smoking linked to lung cancer
- Sputnik launched
- Castro takes over power in Cuba
- Elizabeth II coronation - Queen of England

1960's

- Sissiboo Power Plant built.
- Kejimkujik Park established.
- Conners Brothers Fish Cannery Plant closes in Freeport.
- Fish Meal Plant opens in Mink Cove.
- Weymouth Industries closure.
- Bear River Village Fire.
- Canada celebrates 100th birthday
- Pierre Trudeau sworn in as Prime Minister
- Bay of Pigs invasion
- Thalidomide deformities revealed
- Cuban Missile Crisis
- John F. Kennedy assassinated
- Demonstrations against Vietnam War

1970's

- Evangeline Mall built.
- New CN Ferry Terminal built.
- Ground Hog Day Storm.
- Municipal Airport opens.
- Hwy 101 completed to Digby.
- First Computer used.
- Jones Bottling Plant burns in Weymouth
- War Measures Act invoked
- Pierre Laporte murdered
- Canada-Soviet Summit Series in hockey begins
- Quebec language legislation (Bill 101) passes
- Munich massacre at the Olympics
- Rock stars Jimi Hendrix and Janis Joplin die.
- At Kent State University in Ohio, protesting students are killed by National Guardsmen

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The Acadian Odyssey
Digby Neck in Stories
The Elder Transcripts: History You Can't Get from a Book
Isaiah W. Wilson: The Digby County Historian
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New Year Wishes

What shall I wish thee? treasures of earth,
Songs in the springtime, pleasure and mirth,
Flowers in the pathway, skies ever clear—
Would these ensure thee a happy New Year?

What shall I wish thee? what can be found
Bringing thee sunshine all the year round?
Where is the treasure, lading and dear,
That shall ensure thee a happy New Year?

Faith that endureth, walking in light,
Hope that abounderh, happy and bright;
Love that is perfect, casting out fear—
These shall ensure thee a happy New Year.

Peace in the Saviour, rest at His feet,
Smiles of His countenance, radiant and sweet;
Joy in His presence, Christ ever near—
These shall ensure thee a happy New Year.

A White New Year at the Farmhouse.

'May we not consider the matter settled, Miss Edgemore?'

'No, it is better to be slow in deciding. Then one is sure. I would like till the first of the year to decide. I am going home, as you know. I will write from there.'

'Is there any other plan in your mind—if I may ask that without being obtrusive?'

There was an anxious wrinkle in Mr. Maye's usually smooth forehead.

'No—nothing definite. But I have a constitutional dislike to settling important matters without a careful examination of all their phases, and this I consider important. Do not you?'

'To me—yes. Our business is such that we are loath to put into responsible places those who have not had a long familiarity with its intricacies. And we are still more loath to part with one who has made herself invaluable—as you have.'

'Thank you, Mr. Maye. Well, [illegible] back to the farm, for [illegible] me with them a few [illegible] could tell what [illegible] year hence for a day—our wedding-day comes then—and we'll go off to the city ourselves. It's all right, Lora, only we must notice in the girl's way. She has her life to live, you know, when we are gone.'

It was just a plain old farmhouse—well cared for, but devoid of luxury. Joel and Lora were 'plain folks,' and in the busy care of field and fireside, cattle and dairy, and all the other work of a farm, which is 'never done,' they found no time for 'fixing up.' The square little parlor had the same horsehair set that Loretta used to slide off in vain attempts to keep awake on the lonely Sundays when only the parlor was used. The walls were dingy, and everything bore marks of age and wear.

The list of the 'good things' were set in careful array in the pantry. Mother and father were stiff and serene in their best clothes, always donned for the first hours of the city girl's visit. She came, and they blessed her for her earnest, kindly ways, her thoughtful, generous gifts, her loving reverence to their years and their parenthood. Ah, yes, they were 'mighty proud of Loretty!' But—and the trembling old hands secretly brushed away the tears which would fall, for she was their 'only one,' and their hearts yearned to 'see more of her.' Ah, the silent hunger of love which feeds on its tears and smiles!

They had some long, quiet evenings by the big hearth-fire, and the dear old people listened with wide eyes and flushed cheeks to their girl's stories of the city. She was always careful to make a note of things she knew would please them, and thus they shared in some measure the 'wide and varied outlook of her life. Then, leaving her in charge for a couple of days, these lovers of almost half a century went a jaunting to the town where they had known the sunny days of 'courting.' Mother was resplendent in a long, soft, warm cloak, and fine new bonnet, which was stylish, and yet kept the searching wind from aching ears; and father laughed at the neuralgia-breeding east wind in his fur cap and overcoat with great fur collar. Who wouldn't be 'mighty proud' of a girl like 'Loretty!' So they celebrated their wedding day with tears and smiles, and then—each with a hidden [illegible]

It was a beautiful winter night, that last night of the old year. They drew back the curtains and sat by the hearth, alternately enjoying the starlit scene of snow-crowned hills and the wonders which a picture-loving eye always finds 'in the hollow down by the flare.' But they did not talk much. Heart-voices had full sway.

When the 'grandfather' clock in the corner pointed five minutes before midnight they were on their knees, and Joel poured out his heart to God—thanks and praise for the past, trust and praise for the present and trust and praise for the future; and, above all—'Keep the steps of our child; crown her life with thy loving kindness!' We thank thee for her love. She has been the crown of our old age. Now, O Father, as she goes back to her work, bless her, and make her a blessing!' We are old—our days decline—we may not meet again—keep thou us, O Lord, according to thy tender mercy, we pray thee!'

In the distant city, gongs were striking, guns were booming, horns and whistles and bells were clamoring the advent of the New Year. In the country the starlit stretches of snow-clad fields lay still under the calm blue sky. All was well with God's world. The frost winked jovially at the jolly red twinkle from the farm windows.

They stood, embracing, by the leaping fire. 'Would another year bring them together again?'

'I have a New Year's present, dear ones,' said Loretta, standing between them, and drawing them close to her. 'Would you like a New Year's present?'

'You are our best gift, darling,' murmured the mother, brokenly.

Loretta's laugh was salted with happy tears.

'Well, that is just it. There is no place on earth like this dear home, and I'm going to stay in it! Mother don't cry!' O father did you want me to? Yes, I will be your girl again—till death parts us!'

The next morning, when [illegible] gone out to give a New Y[illegible] to his faithful grey, the [illegible] the little parlor [illegible] Then she called [illegible] wondering [illegible] quavers.

'Loretta [illegible] crazy—[illegible] looks [illegible]

HUNTING THE WHALE

Fast Little Gunboats Used by Newfoundland Fishers.

EIGHT HUNDRED LEVIATHANS TAKEN IN ONE SEASON—MODERN METHODS WHICH HAVE REVOLUTIONIZED AN ANCIENT INDUSTRY — MODERN WHALERS PAYING DIVIDENDS OF 50 PER CENT. ON THE CAPITAL INVESTED.

Contrary to the popular inland belief, the whaling industry on the northern Atlantic coast is very far from obsolescent. The Grand Bank of Newfoundland is almost as full of whales as it ever was, and the whaling steamers of Newfoundland last year towed in no less than 600 of these leviathans. It is expected that the catch this year will exceed 800. Whales are no longer pursued in the stout timber sailing vessels of the ancient mariners, but while the romance of this feature of life on the great ocean deeps has evaporated, the modern whalers are paying dividends of 50 per cent on the capital invested in steamers and trying out factories, and the hardships and perils of the business have been greatly lessened.

Half a century ago the business was at its height in Fortune, where it was mainly carried on. The record catch for those days was seventy-seven fish a season, which is remarkable when the primitive machinery of capture is c[illegible]sidered. Rowboats were sent out [illegible] the whaling ships when a s[illegible] whale was sighted.

Now [illegible] many [illegible] the [illegible]

As previously stated in the [illegible] is now having a boat built by Edw[illegible] G. Black of this city in a building on the Grover wharf which is nearly completed.

It is the intention of Capt. Blackburn to engage in fishing this time, and he is going to experiment in the catching of dogfish along the Massachusetts and Maine coasts.

The boat is 48 feet, 9 inches long, 7 feet, 2 inches wide, and 2 feet deep. She is being constricted with oak frames and cedar plank, is a sloop with square stern; forward there will be a cabin and amidship will be a place to stow the fish.

Capt. Blackburn will carry one dory and have a man with him. The captain thinks if the government gives a bounty for the extermination of dogfish which he claims it should, he thinks his venture will be a success. In destroying these sea wolves he will use a trawl with wire gauging fastened to a buoy at either end and extending for a short distance under water. The boat is a fine comfortable craft and as soon as the dogfish [illegible] their appearance next sea[illegible] be ready to go for them.

The C.P.R. [illegible]

THE COMPANY [illegible]

The Kingdom [illegible] pire of R[illegible]

HOW THEY LINE UP IN THE PACIFIC [illegible] FAR-DEVELOPING EMPIRE, IN [illegible] CAUSE OF [illegible] TWEEN THE [illegible]

The possibility [illegible] between Rus[illegible] awakened [illegible] ditions [illegible] disturb [illegible] coun[illegible]

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...TO THE

...o'clock Monday morn... schooner Glenara was ...he ran into the schooner ...E. Potter which was lying at ...r off Digby. The former vessel ...aged head gear and the latter was ...to the water line, and is leaking. ...t can be kept free with the pumps. There was considerable vapor on the water at the time of the accident. The Emma E. Potter not only displayed an anchor light but kept anchor watch. The man on watch did not see the Glenara's side lights. The Emma E. Potter is 98 tons, is owned by Samuel Potter of Clementsport, and commanded by Capt. Walker, of the same port. She is loaded with wood and piling for Boston. The damage is on the starboard side forward of the main rigging.

The Glenara is 72 tons, is owned and commanded by Capt. Charles Starratt, late of the schr. Annie Pearl, and was on a voyage from St. John with general cargo for Digby. She is now discharging at Turnbull's wharf. The Emma E. Potter will probably tow to Clementsport, where she will be discharged and repaired. We understand there is no insurance on vessels or cargoes.

LATER—The Emma E. Potter was docked at Sproul's wharf yesterday morning where her cargo will be discharged. We understand the damages amount to about $800 which will be paid by Capt. Starratt, owner of the Glenara. The repairs may be made at Digby if ice prevents the vessel being towed to Clementsport.

Night's Entertainment

...ON AND THE MEMBERS OF ...MINSTRELS SHOULD ...ED WITH A ...HOUSE.

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...AL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—A Happy New Year to all our readers.

—There will be service in the Presbyterian church on Sunday afternoon at 3.15.

—Claude, the thirteen year old son of Mr. George Bishop, fishery inspector, had his face injured with powder Christmas Eve.

—Mr. C. E. Woodman is moving his stock of paints and wall papers to his new store, Water street, which will be opened for business in a few weeks.

—The S. S. Yarmouth will be placed on the Bay Fundy route to-morrow.

—See the D. A. R.'s change of time table which will appear in our next issue.

—A quantity of American stamps can be obtained at the COURIER office.

—A new steamer will be placed on the Digby-St. John service about the last of April. She will be owned by a stock company and commanded by Capt. Clayton Collins, of Westport.

—This boat will call at Bridgetown, Annapolis, Granville Ferry, Digby and Victoria Beach, from which ports she will carry passengers and freight to St. John and return.

—It is said that a steam ferry boat will be placed on the route between Granville and Digby.

—We had the best sleighing of the season Wednesday and yesterday.

—There were only a few fish arrivals in port this week owing to rough weather.

—Tiffs makes business quiet with the wholesale dealers.

—Several railroad accidents occurred in the U. S. during the present week.

—Keith Lodge, No. 16, A. F & A. M. celebrated St. John's day by a dinner served in their lodge room in Bear River Monday evening.

—About fifty of the Masonic brethren were present all of whom enjoyed a pleasant evening.

—Copy was received too late to change advs. for Messrs. Letteney & ...B. Havey & Co. and L. Livingstone. ...ese ads. will appear next week. ...e have received a letter from ... Cove, signed "One Interest...h will appear in our next ...ice in ...con... ...ing ...

Death of Benj. Churchill.

A PROMINENT CITIZEN OF YARMOUTH COUNTY PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY.

(Yarmouth Herald.)

The death occurred at his home in Pembroke on Saturday morning last, of Mr. Benjamin Churchill, after an illness of one week, of inflammation of the heart.

Mr. Churchill had been a most vigorous, industrious and successful resident, and by his uprightness of character, strict integrity and honorable dealings, had won the esteem of all who knew him.

He was born at Ohio in 1819, and was consequently in the 85th year of his age. He married Miss Abigail Dunham, sister of Capt. C.B. Dunham and Mrs. Charles A. Abbott, of Barton, Digby County, who survives him, and by whom he had 8 children, 7 of whom also survive him. They first settled in Ohio, where their first three children were born. They removed to Pembroke 47 years ago, where they have since resided.

Mr. Churchill, up to 22 years of age, followed the sea, and was master of several vessels in the Boston and Prince Edward Island trade. He then assumed the life of a farmer, which he followed up to the time of his death.

Besides his widow, he leaves three daughters and four sons, viz.: Mrs. Thomas Wyman, of Milton; Mrs. Edmund Ritchie, of Yarmouth; Mrs. Enos Ryder, of New York, Edward D. Churchill, of Sydney, C. B.; Benjamin and Adelbert, of New York, and George B., of Yarmouth.

Mr. Churchill had been a most valued member of the Methodist church for the past quarter of a century, and was a generous contributor to all her enterprises. In politics he was a sturdy Liberal, never failing, in his long career, to cast his vote for the party's candidate.

In the death of Mr. Churchill the community has lost a most worthy member and his loss will be deeply lamented by all classes.

Death of Halifax Lady in England.

Mrs. H. Y. Clarke, Bedford, received a cable on Christmas Eve announcing the sudden death of her sister, Mrs. Ollerhead, wife of Dr. Thomas Ollerhead, of Minehead, Somerset, England. The cable stated that heart failure was the cause of death, which occurred on Wednesday. The deceased lady was a native of Halifax, and a daughter of the late Joseph Northup. She was well known here, and her relatives will have the sincere sympathy of their acquaintances in their bereavement. The deceased leaves a husband and a large family to mourn her loss.—*Halifax Recorder.*

[Mrs. Ollerhead had many friends in ...by who will regret to hear of her ...

Advice to Flour Dealers.

...rade depends largely ...s permanency and ...ll poor flour be... ...oes not leave ...e mind of ...hing cheap ... consider ...but it se... ...s that ...back

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Valdare is due at Digby Gut from Boston for Bear River.

Schr. R. R. Hardwick has gone into winter quarters in Clementsport.

Str. Sallasia, Capt. Purdy, arrived at Melbourne Tuesday from Port Adelaide.

Schr. Clifton was anchored at the mouth of Bear River Wednesday with a general cargo from St. John.

Bark Stranger will load lumber at Weymouth Bridge for Buenos Ayres at $5.50, option Rosario at $5.50.

Brigt. Dixon Rice, Capt. Belliveau, from Weymouth, N. S. (before reported), arrived at Barbados partially dismasted.

Schr. Loring B. Haskell, Capt. Ansel Snow, arrived here Tuesday night and will go into winter quarters in the Hoquiets.

Tern schr. Leonard Parker, Capt. Knowlton, towed from Annapolis Wednesday and anchored off Granville with lumber for the West Indies.

Schr. Eddie James, Capt. John Sime arrived in Yarmouth Friday morning with 700 bbls. mixed fish. Mr. W. A. Killam was the purchaser.

Schr. Quickstep will tow to Weymouth to be placed on the Marine railway where she will be thoroughly overhauled and repaired during the winter months.

The four-masted schooner J. H. Logan, Capt. Howard, will probably tow from Annapolis to-morrow with lumber for Buenos Ayres, shipped by Clarke Bros.

Schr. Bay Queen, Capt. John McKay, arrived here Wednesday from Parrsboro with coal for Tiverton. She experienced rough weather in the Bay Tuesday night.

Schrs. S. V. H., Capt. McGrath; Nebula, Capt. Ellis and Whisper, Capt. Keans, arrived at Syda & Cousins wharf Wednesday morning. They sailed again yesterday.

New Ads This Week

H. B. Short	Overshoes and Rubbers
Gates & Co	Family Medicines
S. E. Keen	If your head aches
T. Jackson	Town of Digby
L. F. Harkhouse	For Sale
W. B. Stewart	Notice
M. R. Cousins	Digby Book Store

Scrawny People

People grow thin, scrawny, pale and weak when the blood is thin and watery. What is needed is round off the angles and fill out the form, not fat but healthy, muscular tissue. By enriching the blood and increasing its nourishing qualities Dr. Chase's Nerve Food adds new flesh and tissue to the body as new vigor and energy. You can prove this by noting your increase in weight while using this great food cure.

—Commencing Saturday 2nd January the S. S. "Yarmouth" of the Dominion Atlantic Railway will perform a tri-weekly service between St. John and Digby, leaving St. John at 7.45 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays, and Saturdays, returning leave Digby same days at 2.00 p. m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

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SALUTATORY.

At the close of another year we take this opportunity to thank you for the patronage you have kindly extended to us in the past and at the same time to tender our best ... our success ... incoming ... the business ... that ... between us during ... have been ... satisfactory ... profitable.

... say we ... ders ... We are, Yours truly, **Clarke Bros** BEAR RIVER.

DIGBY COUNTY NEWS.

Sandy Cove

Mrs. N. H. Crowell is visiting her sister in Tiverton.

Miss Vera Morhouse is visiting relatives in Little River.

Dr. Ford, Digby, was the guest of Mr. W. W. Leary, Xmas.

Mrs. H. E. Jones, Digby, spent Xmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eldridge.

The members of the Methodist circle, intend holding a chicken supper, New Year's Eve.

Measles have returned to spend holidays with us again. Mrs. J. H. Morehouse is at present confined to the house with them.

We are informed that Ingram Saunders, Scott Act Inspector, has recently got a conviction against one of the rum-sellers in Weymouth.

A very pretty scene occurred at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alex McKay, Dec. 23rd, when their eldest daughter, Sarah J. was united in marriage to Mr. Chipman Saunders of this place. At 8 o'clock the bride entered the room, on the arm of her father to the strains of the wedding march well rendered by Miss Jessie Saunders. The bride, who was unattended, looked charming in a gown of white silk and bridal veil. She also carried a beautiful bouquet of bride's roses. After the ceremony, which was performed by the Rev. R. D. Mack, refreshments were passed around. About 100 guests were present and all report a very pleasant time. The presents were numerous and valuable, showing the high esteem in which the couple were held at home and abroad. Mr. and Mrs. Saunders will reside in their own home and we not only wish them a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year, but a long and prosperous life.

Westport

Mrs. James Spurr is visiting her parents.

Miss Edna Bailey is spending the holidays here.

Miss Lillie Parker has returned home from Truro.

Miss Lottie Burrill is visiting at Mr. Amos Welsh's.

Mr. Arthur Thompson has returned home from sea.

Happy New Year to the COURIER and all its readers.

Mr. Fran Gower paid a flying visit home last week.

Miss Nellie Gower was a passenger from St. John last week.

Miss Ira Denton, of Yarmouth, is the guest of her grandmother.

Mrs. Collins Titus and family have gone to Weymouth on a visit.

Mr. Gordon Gower of Wolfville is the guest of his parents through holidays.

Mrs. Burnette Welsh and son Willie have returned to their home in Cahas.

Miss Lizzie Titus is spending the Xmas holidays with her parents; also Mr. Charlie Titus.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thompson and daughter, Miss Leta, of Boston, are guests at Mr. Roland Welsh's.

Mr. Chesley Welsh was called to Digby very suddenly last week, owing to the illness of her daughter.

Miss Viola Hains was in town Saturday, the guest of Miss Florence Titus, who accompanied her to Freeport for a visit.

We are pleased to see Mrs. John Welsh on our streets again, having been confined to her home for the past 2 months.

Centreville

Capt. Centreville arrived from St. John 23rd.

Mr. Tuttle Graham is ill with heart trouble.

Invitations are out for a wedding here the 20th.

Miss Laura Graham is spending her vacation at home.

Mr. W. L. Steeves, of Salisbury, recently visited friends here.

Mr. W. Goudy of Yarmouth, is visiting Capt. R. C. Graham.

Mr. George Dakin, who has been visiting friends in Boston, is home again.

The ladies of the Methodist Society held a Christmas Tree and Supper the 24th.

Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, of Annapolis, has been spending a few days at his home here.

Rev. H. F. Adams recently made a visit here in the interest of the Twentieth Century Fund.

Dr. J. ... slightly recovered from his illness. He has resigned the pastorate of the churches on the Neck.

Centreville is to have a new hall. At a meeting of the share holders called the following were chosen as the board of directors: W. H. Smith, President; Capt. R. Graham, Vice-president; Geo. Holmes, Secretary and Treasurer; Fred M. Dakin, W. M. B. Dakin, Israel Hersey, Tuttle Graham, Edward Wescott. The work will be carried on at once.

Little River

Miss Flora Denton returned from Wolfville last week.

Capt. and Mrs. M. Trask were at Digby on Wednesday.

Messrs. K. C. Denton and W. K. Tupper are home for the holidays.

Mr. Frank Denton arrived home from Palmer, Mass., on the 21st inst.

Mrs. William Denton visited her parents, Capt. and Mrs. Thomas, at Sandy Cove recently.

Miss Myrtle Frost, who has charge of the school at Centreville, is spending the holidays with her parents.

Miss Elliott went to her home in Granville, on Monday. She will spend part of her vacation in St. John.

The ladies of the Sewing Circle held a Xmas Tree and tea in the Hall on Tuesday evening. Proceeds $37.20.

Mrs. G. A. Thurber, of Freeport, visited relatives here last week. She was en route to St. John to join her husband, who will sail from that port soon in command of the barque Still Water.

Rev. A. C. Morse, D. D., who has been pastor of the Digby Neck churches for over sixty years has resigned on account of ill health. His many friends regret to hear this, and hope that he may recover, so as to be with them again.

Central Grove

Mr. Ralph Tibert spent a few days last week with friends at Waterford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Pearl spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. James Morrell at Westport.

Mrs. Frank Dolney spent a couple of days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Israel Brooks at Freeport.

Miss Gertie Powell returned home last Saturday, from Westport, and Freeport where she had been visiting friends for the past week.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Tibert, Mr. and Mrs. K. B. Tibert and Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Tibert were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Outhouse, Xmas day.

Rev. W. A. Crowell, M. A., of Virginiues, Vt., preached a very appropriate Christmas sermon, Sunday afternoon, Dec. 27th, to an appreciative audience.

Little River

We are sorry to report Mr. Burton Freeman the sick list.

The Ladies of the Sewing Circle held a Xmas Tree on Tuesday evening last. The ... was realized.

... Denton, also Mr. Timothy ... spending the Xmas holidays ... Weymouth.

The workers of the Rising Tide division closed their contest on Saturday evening last. It proved a success and great benefit towards temperance work.

Miss Bessie M. Denton and Miss Carrie B. Denton have been successful prize winners in the Tiger Tea Competition. Miss Bessie M. Denton won $8.00 in cash. Miss Carrie B. Denton won a prize valued at $1.00.

A number of our young people have returned home to spend their Xmas holidays. Among the number we may mention Mr. Kelsey Denton, Tusket, Yarmouth Co. Mr. Walton Tibert, of Annapolis; Mr. Flora Denton, of Wolfville; Miss M. ... Frost, Centreville.

The Rev. J. C. Morse of Sandy Cove has sent in his resignation to the Church of Little River. His letter was read in the church on Sunday evening last with the deepest feeling of regret when they realized they had to part with their pastor who has labored in the church here for 13 years. We trust that his health will be restored again and he may enjoy a Happy New Year with his family. The pulpit will be occupied here on Sunday by the Rev. Mr. Little of Weymouth.

Rev. George Wood Inducted at Amherst.

HALIFAX BOY FORMALLY INSTALLED IN PASTORATE OF ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

AMHERST, Dec. 29.—Rev. George Wood, late of Digby, N. S., was inducted into the pastorate of St. Stephen's Presbyterian Church here this evening by the Presbytery of Wallace. Rev. Dr. Murray, of Earltown, Moderator of the Presbytery, presiding. Rev. Mr. Grant, of Parrsboro, preached the sermon, Dr. Sedgwick, of Tatamagouche, gave the charge to the pastor, Rev. Mr. Munro of Oxford to the congregation and Rev. Murray put the usual questions to the candidate. Other clergymen present were Rev. Messrs. Gordon, River John; McPhail, Wallace; Wright, Springhill; Fisher, Northport; Hattie, Port Elgin, N. B.

Rev Mr. Wood enters into his labors in Amherst under most favorable conditions, a church and congregation in splendid working order, a fine church building and a kind and sympathetic community.

He brings with him a reputation as an able preacher and a good pastor, and Amherst bids him a hearty welcome and congratulates the members of St. Stephen's Church on their choice. Rev. Mr. Wood will conduct the services for the first time as pastor on January 3rd, 1904.

D. A. R. Station Entered.

A PAIR OF NEW TROUSERS LED TO THE ARREST OF THE THIEVES.

YARMOUTH, December 29.—On October 12th the railway station on the line of the D. A. R., at Saulnierville was entered and a quantity of goods, including one box of tobacco and a package of dry goods stolen. The value of the goods was about twenty dollars, and the goods, which had been shipped ... Stonington, Yarmouth, ... dollars. The contents of the package were a piece each ... was and overcoating. The most ... inquiry set on foot at the time failed to reveal the slightest clue which would lead to the identity of the thieves, and it was not until last week, when a resident of Saulnierville, named Charles Smith, was noticed to be wearing a new pair of trousers—of similar material to that stolen—and on the strength of this new article of apparel he was arrested. At the same time his residence was examined and also the residence of a neighbor, Mrs. Henry Smith, and the discoveries in both cases led to the arrest of the latter. One of the two has since confessed and has implicated others in the thefts. A preliminary hearing was held at Little Brook, Digby county, before James Taylor yesterday.

Tried to Set Horse

YOUNG ST. CLAIR GOT HIMSELF INTO TROUBLE OVER A HORSE HE WISHED —SO DID JOHN DOE.

(Halifax Herald)

YARMOUTH, Dec. 28.—On Friday, a young fellow named St. Clair, went to Bain's livery stable and hired a team to go to the ... instead of going there he went to ... Maitland, where he tried to dispose of it, but was unsuccessful. He left there and walked to Meteghan, where he met a friend named Tufts, and together they went to Weymouth. St. Clair took the train to Digby, en route to St John this morning, but was arrested on a warrant which had been taken out in Meteghan. He will be brought to Yarmouth to-morrow.

DIGBY, December 28.—John Doe, hailing from New York, was arrested to-day charged with the theft of a horse and wagon from James Bain, of Yarmouth. Doe drove from Yarmouth to Meteghan, where he left the horse and carriage.

YARMOUTH, December 29.—Michael C. Griffin, special police officer, left for Digby to-day and brought back with him the man Sinclair, who was arrested there yesterday for the theft of a horse and team from Bain's stable.

Salvation Army

IN BOSTON FED MORE THAN 20,000 PEOPLE CHRISTMAS DAY.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Exceptionally warm weather, with occasional showers, was a feature of Christmas in this city, where the festival was celebrated according to time-honored customs.

The Salvation Army provided Christmas dinners to more than 20,000 persons. A great dinner to the poor of the city was served in Mechanics' hall under the auspices of the army, while the army sent 2,000 dinners out. In connection with the dinner more than 3,000 poor children were presented with Christmas gifts from an immense tree. Wellesley College students acted as waiters.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—The British ambassador and Lady Durand and their daughter celebrated their first Washington Christmas by entertaining the embassy staff at dinner tonight. At the American, French, German and other embassies, members of the diplomatic corps and others were entertained at dinner.

Furness Liner

LONG OVERDUE, ARRIVED AT HALIFAX AFTER FEARFUL VOYAGE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 25.—The Furness Line str. Florence, for whose safety grave fears were entertained, arrived here today after a voyage of 22 days from London. Her officers report continuous tempestuous weather all the way across without one smooth hour. The Florence loaded powder for the military at Gravesend and the next day found the storm so great that she almost had to lay to in the channel. On Dec. 14 she encountered a hurricane from the north and ran before it 200 miles out of her course. Had she done otherwise the seas would have smashed the ship.

The Dominion Line str. Canada arrived tonight from Liverpool and proceeded to Portland.

MARRIAGES

SAUNDERS-MCKAY—At the residence of Mr. Alex McKay, Sandy Cove, Dec. 23, by the Rev. R. Barry Mack, Harvard Chipman Saunders, to Sarah Jane McKay, all of Sandy Cove.

DEATHS.

SAVARY—At Digby Dec. 28th, Ida Lydia, daughter of James and Hannah Savary, aged 2 years and 7 months.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—As special attention is being called at the present time to the preservation of the fisheries, allow me space in your valuable paper to say a few words in reference to St. Mary's Bay, and what I consider its natural advantages for spawning fish of all kinds.

St. Mary's Bay, located in Digby County and separating the mainland from Digby Neck, is about thirty-five miles long, nine miles wide at the mouth and four miles wide at the head. This beautiful bay emptying into the mouth of the Bay of Fundy affords safe anchorage for vessels of any size. The shore on the south side of this bay formed by the municipalities of Digby and Clare presents many coves with smooth gravelly bottoms.

The western side formed by Digby Neck, Long Island and Brier Island consists mostly of trap rock with a few shoal and sandy bottomed coves. From Sandy Cove (which is one of the best harbors on the Digby Neck side) to the head of the Bay, a distance of fifteen miles, the water is very shoal. The rise and fall of the tides is about twenty feet.

The waters in this bay coming directly from the ocean are very salt and clear, whilst the many miles of flats situate at the head of the bay and the sandy coves along the shores which are exposed to the action of the sun during a part of every day, renders the temperature considerably above what it otherwise would be.

The principal requirements necessary for the successful hatching of cod, haddock and fish of this class which lay their spawn on the surface of the water are warmth, clearness and saltness of the water, all of which qualities are found naturally combined in this Bay.

The shoal waters at the head of the Bay afford an excellent spawning ground for mackerel, shad and herring and thousands of barrels of the latter are being caught here every year. The deeper waters further down the Bay are a favorite spawning ground for cod and haddock, in fact the waters between Sandy Cove and Petite Passage, a distance of ten miles with four miles of width, is the only place in the Dominion, with one exception where the water rises to the proper temperature for these fish to hatch naturally, the nearest spawning ground other than this being the warm waters in the vicinity of the Gulf Stream.

From about the 15th of April to 15th of June, cod and haddock frequent this spawning ground in St. Mary's, and some two hundred fishermen are busy here with their trawls fishing. As the spawn is in a mature state it often exudes from the fish in the hauls, and cartloads of this spawn is taken every season from the fishing stands with the offal and used on the farms. This shows that we have here an unlimited supply of spawn that is now being wasted.

On the north side of this Bay between Sandy Cove and Petite Passage, we find Long Beach Pond. This natural pond situated centrally within this spawning ground has an area of about ten acres at high water and eight acres at low water, with a depth of low water (over half of the area) of from three to eight feet, this pond has sufficient space of pure salt water for all purposes necessary in successfully hatching salt water fish.

For the past ten years I have given this matter some attention and study. I have visited Ten Pound Island Hatchery, Gloucester, Mass., Fox Island Lobster Pond, Maine, Dark Harbor Pond, New Brunswick, H. E. Baker's Pound, Cape Breton, and several minor ponds. I have on file from 1880 to 1902, one or more each year, of the annual reports and bulletins from the United States Fishery Commission. At Gloucester in 1883 I watched the progress of hatching cod and haddock spawn; from 1890 to 1896 I successfully hatched hundreds of millions of young lobsters at Long Beach Pond and had opportunities of studying the habits, growth, etc., of lobsters, shad and other fish that were impounded in this pond.

A few words here about the methods of hatching cod and haddock will illustrate more clearly the advantages of St. Mary's Bay for a hatchery. From the 1st of January to about the 10th of March cod and haddock spawn near the Gulf Stream. The United States Fishery Commission has had men employed in steamers for several years collecting spawn from vessels fishing in that locality. The ripe spawn is fertilized by floating it in salt water and mixing it with the melt of the male fish. This is then taken to Gloucester and Woods Hole Hatcheries, where about sixty per cent of the eggs hatch. Some hundreds of millions of fish are hatched here. Three days after hatching the young fish are distributed along the New England Coast a few miles from the shore; they float within three inches of the surface in a helpless state for sixteen days after hatching, before they can swim to the bottom. As the waters along that coast are at a very low temperature at that season when compared with the natural spawning waters near the Gulf Stream or in St. Mary's Bay in May and June, my opinion is that a large proportion of the young fish die off from the effects of the cold water, and millions more must be destroyed in the thirteen days during which they are floating, by herring and other fish that feed near the surface. However, with all these disadvantages, the Fishery Commission can show that there were several Bays along the U. S. coast, where food fish of different kinds had been practically exterminated, that have since been successfully restocked by artificial hatching.

If a hatchery were located in St. Mary's Bay at Long Beach Pond, we would have an unlimited supply of ripe spawn landed daily at the hatchery, caught within five miles of the pond.

The pond is sufficiently large to divide in sixteen or more compartments. The young fish could be deposited in the respective compartments each day after hatching and held during the floating stage (which is the most dangerous period) and fifteen days after hatching could be set at liberty in the Bay in their natural temperature. In June when the waters along the coast was at the proper temperature the young fish could be distributed elsewhere. The necessity of a hatchery to restock the fishing grounds along the western coast of Nova Scotia is apparent to all.

In the Bay of Fundy cod, haddock and hake are gradually decreasing. St. Mary's Bay does not produce over one sixth the cod it did twenty years ago, and Digby Basin not one twentieth that it did thirty years since.

As I understand the Fisheries Department is taking steps to preserve this industry which is the most valuable in the Province. I think it would be in the interest of all for the Department to consider the many natural advantages of St. Mary's Bay, which I mention above, and which would be required for the successful carrying out of any plans for restocking of our waters with these fish.

ALEX. HARRIS.

Long Beach, Dec. 28th, 1903.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR:—Allow me space in your valuable paper to say to all of those who were interested in the Tiger Tea Competition which was offered by Messrs. W. F. Hathaway & Co., St. John, N. B., that I have received my prize and am much pleased with it.

I remain,
Yours truly,
SADIE HAINES.

Freeport Dec. 29th, 1903.

A 28-Ton Christmas Box

We are to-day in receipt of the Christmas Farmer's *Advocate* and Home *Magazine*, of London, Ont., and upon examination of its beautiful cover and contents, have no hesitation in saying that the fortunate readers of that ever-popular periodical are receiving a veritable treat. The *Advocate* people certainly use their readers well. Besides all the good things of the year, they receive this superb number complimentary. Among the various holiday publications, this one stands in the very first rank in regard both to matter and illustrations. In short, the number is not only an entertainer, but an educator. As usual, it is an exponent of the highest type of Canadian art, being illustrated by over 100 photogravures and reproductions of paintings by eminent Canadian artists, while it contains over 60 specially written articles, all of exceptional merit, of which some deal with subjects of practical agricultural value, no department of the farm being overlooked, some with scenery and methods of life in different part of our great Dominion, while others appeal to the nature-student, the educationist, and to the devotee of literature. For its publication no less than 28 tons of paper were required. We heartily congratulate the *Farmer's Advocate* on its success, and are glad to see that it is about to add still more to its efficacy, in advancing the farming interests of the country by being issued beneforth as a weekly. Its Home Department is also being greatly strengthened, which popularizes the *Advocate* more than ever with the home-maker of our country. For the home life, as well as for our agricultural and live-stock interests, the *Farmer's Advocate* continues to render the very best kind of service.

People of this Place

There are people in every town and village of this country who have been cured of aching, bleeding and protruding piles by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Ask your friends about this great preparation, they can tell you of its great soothing, healing and antiseptic powers. Most reputable people have endorsed Dr. Chase's Ointment than any preparation you can mention.

Bold Robbery at Moncton

THIEF SNEAKS INTO A CHINESE LAUNDRY AND STEALS $80.

MONCTON, Dec. 25.—Considerable excitement was created in Chinese circles this evening as the result of a bold robbery perpetrated in Charlie Wah's laundry by a boy whose identity is in doubt.

While the Chinamen were having supper in the back shop a young fellow stealthily entered the front door, went behind the counter and cut open a grip in search of money. Wah caught him in the act and the latter, not having time to make an exit through the door, jumped through the window. The Chinaman dropped into up the street and the thief ran into F. MacKay's drug store, where he kept his pursuers at bay by holding the door for a time. Finally he made his escape and got away.

The thief had cut open the grip, which belonged to Harry Fong of Campbellton, who had stopped over here on his way to Halifax. Fong says his grip contained $80 and was taken by the robber.

The robbery was one of the boldest perpetrated here for some time. As a result of information given the police, a young man named Albert McDermott was arrested charged with the crime.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, and remove stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

Severe Earthquakes

EXTENDED FROM CALIFORNIA TO STATE OF NEW YORK.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Dec. 25.—A severe earthquake shock, lasting about eight seconds, occurred here at 9.45 this morning. The big buildings rocked the business centre swayed for an instant as though they would fall, and people rushed into the streets, thinking some explosion had occurred. No damage was reported.

OGDENSBURG, N. Y., Dec. 25.—A distinct earthquake shock was felt throughout this city this morning, and reports received here show that it was noticed all through Northern St. Lawrence county, being severest in the St. Lawrence Valley.

Buildings trembled violently at Madrid and bottles were thrown from store shelves. The earthquake was accompanied by a noise resembling thunder, which was sufficiently loud to awaken people.

Preacher Dropped Unconscious

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—While telling the story of Him whose birthday was celebrated today, Rev. C. W. Duane dropped unconscious from the pulpit of Christ church this morning.

It was noticed during the service that Mr. Duane was apparently ill. After preaching for a time his words came slowly and he faltered between sentences.

"This reminds us back a thousand years ago in Israel," gasped the rector as he sank to the floor.

Fire at Mount Allison

SACKVILLE, Dec. 24.—Fire broke out today in the residence of the president of Mount Allison. Before it was suppressed, the inside was pretty well gutted, a good deal of furniture and part of Dr. Allison's books were damaged. The house, which belongs to the university, had been repaired and enlarged this autumn. The damage is probably ten or twelve hundred dollars, covered by insurance.

Pope Must Diet Himself

ROME, December 24.—The gout from which the Pope is suffering is increasing rapidly. Dr. Lapponi has prescribed a severe diet for the Pontiff.

To Rebuild Ottawa University

OTTAWA, December 24.—Father Emery, rector of the Ottawa university, left to-day to visit the Oblat houses throughout America, to raise funds for rebuilding the university.

His Guess.

"I think I made an impression today," said the automobile [illegible] he glanced back at the [illegible]

Sold by E. Jenner and H. E. Jones.

The New Year's Answer

I asked the New Year for some motto sweet, Some rule of life by which to guide my feet; I asked and received, it answered soft and low—
"Trust God's will to-day."

Will knowledge, then, suffice, New Year? I cried,
But ere the question into silence died,
The answer came, "Nay, this remember, too—
God's will to do."

Once more I asked, "Is there still more to tell?"
And once again the answer softly fell:
"Yes, take one thing, all things to love—
God's will to love."

Forestry Convention at St. Louis

EXPERTS FROM ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD ARE EXPECTED TO ATTEND.

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—At the annual meeting of the American Forestry Association held in Washington recently, Mr. Gifford Pinchot, Chief Forester for the United States, Mr. E. Stewart, Dominion Superintendent of Forestry, the forestry exhibit of the Exposition, were appointed a committee to make arrangements for an International Forestry Convention to be held at St. Louis during the World's Fair. No date was set for the Convention, but it will probably be early in the autumn of 1904. Invitations will be sent to forestry representatives in all countries, and it is expected that this will be one of the most important meetings held during the Exposition. The Canadian Forestry Association will send a good representation. While at Washington, Mr. Stewart made arrangements to have some of the leading foresters of the United States attend the annual meeting of the Canadian Forestry Association, to be held at Toronto on the 10th and 11th of March, 1904.

TAKE NOTICE.

During the year the space devoted to advertising MINARD'S LINIMENT will contain expressions of no uncertain sound from people who speak from personal experience as to the merits of this best of Household Remedies.

Wonderful Carving.

In a museum attached to two almshouses at Kirkleatham, near Redcar, erected in 1676 by Sir William Turner Knight, Lord Mayor of London, is a wonderful carving of St. George and the Dragon out of a single block of boxwood, the work of a poor prisoner, and it is valued at £2,000. It is said that this piece of carving was the cause of a wager being once laid in a dispute as to its entirety. To prove that the work was one single piece of carving it was plunged into a pot of boiling oil and allowed to remain for hours. All doubts were set at rest when it was withdrawn and found to be still complete. The prisoner who accomplished this marvelous piece of work used an ordinary penknife only.

Paper Stockings.

Paper gloves and stockings are now being manufactured in Europe. The stockings have been carefully examined by experts, and they are loud in their praise of them. Let no one assume they say, that the stockings, because they are made of paper, will only last a few days, for they will last almost as long as ordinary stockings. The reason is because the paper of which they are made was during the progress of manufacture rendered into a substance closely resembling wool, and was then woven and otherwise treated as ordinary wool.

Pointer For Poets.

"I don't see anything in this new poem of Jones,'" said the assistant editor.

"Of course you don't," replied the editor in chief, "because I opened it first and took a five dollar bill out!"

The Watch a Compass.

How many of you young people who carry watches are aware of the fact that you are always provided with a compass with which, when the sun is shining you can determine a north and south line?

All one has to do is to point the hour-hand to the sun, and south is exactly half way between the hour and the figure "12" on the watch. Suppose it is fine o'clock in the morning. Follow the rule above above, and we find the south as is indicated below. Prolong this line along the face of the watch, and you have a north-and-south line, and from this any point of the compass may be determined.

This may seem strange, but the reason is plain. While the sun is passing over one hundred and eighty degrees (from east to west) the hour hand of the watch passes over three hundred and sixty degrees (from six o'clock to six o'clock). Consequently, the angular movement of the sun in one hour corresponds to the angular movement of the hour-hand in half an hour; hence, if holding the watch horizontal we point the hour-hand toward the sun, the line from the pivot of the hands to the point midway between the hour-hand and twelve o'clock will point to the south.

He Deserved Pity

His suffering from Sciatica was so great, but thanks to Nerviline he was cured. "I suffered for three years from sciatica" writes E. S. Jenkins of Portland, "and no man ever suffered more. I spent a small fortune on different remedies but the only one with real merit was Nerviline. I used a few bottles of Nerviline and was perfectly free. I can recommend Nerviline as a sure cure for sciatica; it's excellent also for rheumatism and neuralgia." Try Nerviline, 25c. at all druggists.

Coming Royal Marriage.

H. R. H. PRINCESS ALICE OF ALBANY TO S. H. PRINCE ALEXANDER OF TECK.

From Sandringham on Nov. 10th, official notification was given in the London Court Circular of the betrothal of Her Royal Highness Princess Alice of Albany, their Majesties' niece, to his serene Highness Prince Alexander of Teck. Their impending marriage has the Kings entire sanction and approval. As both the contracting parties are within the succession, the King will in due course signify in council his approval of the match. Princess Alice of Albany, who is the daughter of the late Duke of Albany and sister of the young Duke of Saxe-Coburg-Gotha, is twenty years of age. Prince Alexander, who is the third son of the late Duke of Teck and Princess May of Cambridge, is the Princess of Wales' youngest brother. He is twenty-nine years of age, and holds a captain's commission in the Seventh Hussars. In the South African war he gained the distinguished service order.

Itching, Burning Skin Diseases. relieved in a day. Eczema, Salt Rheum, Barber's Itch, and all eruptions of the skin quickly relieved and speedily cured by Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It will give instant comfort in cases of Itching, Bleeding or Blind Piles, and will cure in from three to six nights. 35 cents.—119

Three Months Overdue

LOS ANGELES, Dec. 28.—With her topgallant mast carried away the bark Lafleuyer, which practically had been given up as lost, has arrived at port Los Angles with a cargo of 1,700 tons of iron from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, three months overdue. The Bruyers sailed from the English port the tenth of last May. The cause of her long voyage is attributed to storms, but the stories told are said to be rather contradictory.

Stomach "Scowls."—Every notice the seams and furrows that steal into the face of the sufferer from indigestion, dyspepsia and chronic stomach ailments? Watch the sunshine break in and the lines vanish when Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are given a chance to show their power. Use lady, in writing of their efficacy in her case, calls them "A heaven-born healer." 35 cts.—120

Sent Up For Life.

DEDHAM, Mass., Dec. 18—After being out five hours tonight, the jury in the murder trial of Kinstant Krobeck brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree as charged in the indictment. The penalty is life imprisonment. Krobeck was tried for the killing of Fred A. Peterson during a drunken row on Kent street, Quincy, on the morning of March 15th last. Krobeck claimed that he acted in self defence.

From Ocean's Depths.

ST. JOHN'S, December 21.—About five years ago a man and a boy named Lilly, were lost in their skiff in a sudden storm off Saddle Island, Hermitage Bay. Recently another man, Charles Gilley, was out fishing when the grapnel in his boat fouled something which was dragged ashore and it turned out to be the ill-fated craft. In the cuddy was found the skeleton of the unfortunate man with a knife and some crockery, but there was no sign of the boy's body. The remains were taken out and buried.

Smallpox at Buffalo.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 25.—Nine persons suffering from smallpox were taken to the quarantine hospital to day. Six of the cases were discovered at a dance hall in Broadway, where a large number of persons were exposed to infection.

Dog Fish on U. S. Coast.

The Massachusetts fishermen and fishing boat owners are as much worried over the dog-fish as are our Nova Scotian fishermen and signatures are being solicited in the United States Cities and towns along the Atlantic coast, to a petition to "save the nation's fisheries." Already a block of names of persons actually engaged in the fisheries has been forwarded. Arrangements are being made to canvass the U. S. Farmers Alliance of the West and South to have the fisheries furnish them with fertilizer at cost. The purpose of the petition is to have the government pay bounty on dog fish.

When Your Appetite Fails

And it makes you dizzy to even think of eating, you need Ferrozone the greatest of appetizing tonics. It builds up the whole body, the taste becomes aware of new flavors in food you never noticed before. A relish and alter-satisfaction in eating is another result from Ferrozone which improves the digestion and converts everything eaten into nourishment for the blood, and brain and nerves. Just get Ferrozone tablets after meals, easy to take and pleasant. Try Ferrozone, Price 50c. at druggists.

Additional Wharves for St. John.

ST. JOHN, December 18—Manager McNicoll, of the C. P. R., has been here all the afternoon. He has visited the Sand Point grounds, and inspected the surroundings with a view of reaching an arrangement with the city as to additional wharves and other works, and has gone carefully over the proposition submitted to him by the committee of the city council. It is understood that the scheme of joint action of the company and council is contingent on the government performing the required dredging. McNicoll leaves for the west tomorrow.

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CHURCHES.

Holy Trinity Church.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Fridays, 7.30 p. m. Saints days Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m.; second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m.; fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. Rev. H. A. Harley M. A. Rector.

Baptist Church—Hours of service: Sabbath, Preaching services 11 a m. and 7.00 p m. Sabbath School 12.15 p m; Wednesday general prayer meeting at 8.00 p m; W M A Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 pm. Visitors always welcomed; Ushers in attendance. Rev. A. J. Archibald, Pastor.

Digby Presbyterian Church.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. Rev. Geo. Wood Pastor.

Grace Methodist Church.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. Rev. A. B. Higgins Pastor.

Sydney Street Christian Church, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 2.30 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. Rev. H. A. Devoe, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No. 55, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. G. H. Chisholm, N. G.; Geo. H. Peters, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 54 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. Dennison, W. M.; M Viets Secty.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W W Hayden, C. R.; J A C deBalinhard, F S.

C. O. F.—Court Sea View, No. 773, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. Holdsworth, C. R.; H. B. Burnham, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the first and third Monday's in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. John E. Bent, M. W., H. B. Churchill, Rcd.

Digby Cornet Band—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months. Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young hands and voluntary, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, young hands and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendances at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. Francis E. Corrison, Bandmaster.

1902. A. No. 1690.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT,

For District No. 3.

Between—LOUIS H. MORSE, Plaintiff,

—AND—

DENNIS HUTCHINSON, Defendant.

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By the Sheriff of the County of Digby or his Deputy, in front of the Post Office, in the town of Digby, in the County of Digby, on Monday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1904, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon.

ALL the rig[illegible] title interest, claim, property and demand [illegible] the above named defendant, Dennis Hutchinson, [illegible] of, in, or to all that piece or parcel of land situate [illegible] at Gulliver's Cove, in the County of Digby, bounded [illegible] follows:—On the north by the Bay of Fundy, on the east by lands occupied by John Wentzel, on the south by the Broad Cove Road, and on the west by lands of James W. Cossaboom, the said land having been levied on under an execution issued on a judgment recovered in the above cause, which judgment has been registered for more than one year.

Terms—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed.

H. A. P. SMITH,
High Sheriff of the County of Digby.

Harry L. Dennison,
Solicitor of Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Office, Digby, Dec. 18th, 1903. 17 5i

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The Happy Time

The man who cannot rest to-day,
But says he will to-morrow,
Finds when his work is cleared away
New tasks or sits in sorrow.
The merry time, the happy time,
The blissful day in view
Is never gained by them that wait
To triumph and to celebrate,
With nothing more to do.

The man who folds his hands to-day
And contemplates with sorrow
The pressing task that's put away
Unfinished until to-morrow
Has neither rest of heart nor mind,
For he that looks ahead
To duties long delayed destroys
The sweetest of sweet leisure's joys,
But borrows doubt and dread.

The man who mixes work and play
At present and to-morrow
Keeps life's poor little ills away
And finds new cares to borrow.
The merry time, the happy time,
The blissful day in view
Is every day for him whose hand
Is turned each day to fair deeds and
Who plays in reason too.

THE CURING OF HER LONELINESS.

Susanna Underwood lived alone. There was no reason on earth why she should not, for all those who had been near to her by blood were sleeping in the village cemetery, or living in their own homes across the sea. She had left her native island because she loved Orrin Underwood, and his fortunes lay in American soil. Literally so, for he was a Western farmer. How a Western farmer wooed and won the little English lady is neither here nor there with us. He did and they lived happily for ten years. Then he died, and as we find her now she is sole owner and mistress of a lovely cottage home, in all its equipments as much like the old home across the waters as might be. The neighbors far and near smiled at the folly of an old-fashioned building in new-fashioned days, but they had to admit that somehow there was a home-aroma about the thatched cottage, the flower pots, and boxes and beds that the glaring paint of stiff 'two-story-frames' never shed forth.

But Susanna Underwood was alone and never so lonely as on this summer day, when bees and birds were busy, when the hollyhocks were in the zenith of their bold glory, when she had nothing to do but to sit in the midst and sew or read and think. But Susanna Underwood was alone.

For sheer hunger to hear a human voice she talked aloud to herself, sitting there among the flowers.

'I cannot bear this much longer, and I do not know what to do. How can I sell this place and go back to England? I do not belong there now. The homes of my friends are complete without me. I might travel if there were any use in it. Oh, Lord, I want to be of some use!' she exclaimed, passing from reflection to prayer. 'Some use! And I want to be happy too, and comfortable. That isn't wrong, is it? You made the world a pretty nice place, and I believe, heretic that I may be, you mean folk to have a good time in it. You see,' she continued, after a pause, spent outwardly in watching a caterpillar creep across the garden-bench, 'here is a home—as sweet a home as ever stood on foundations. Why not keep it a home? Whether Susanna was still talking to the Lord is not apparent, but her second person remarks were grave and almost beseeching. 'It would be like destroying something beautiful it had taken a lifetime to make—to close up, or rent this place to some one who never cared for it as we have. I might ask someone to live with me, but that's risky business, too. How shall two walk together except they be agreed?'

There were more words to the same purpose, and then Susanna folded up her work, gathered a bouquet of flowers, and stepped over to a neighbor's. She was welcome everywhere she went, and quietly assumed many a heart-burden among the bereaved and afflicted ones. But however she ministered or was ministered unto, the little home was a lonely place, and its owner fast going under the shadow.

One morning at family prayers—the simple after-breakfast service had once been really a family affair, and Susanna clung to the name—the lonely women sat still a long time with her Bible open on her knee. She spoke aloud at last: 'Now, what a good chapter that was, and only myself to hear it. It isn't right!' She dropped on her knees and held the open book to her face as if there were human consolation in the contact. After a while she became quieter. 'Lord,' she said aloud, 'I'm going to act as though you were a person right beside me. I'm going to tell you how lonely I am. I want someone near to me; someone I can do for; someone nearer than someone else. You know everyone. Won't you, please, send someone to share this home, or send me where I shall find someone—anyone, Lord—boy, girl, man, woman, old, young, rich, poor, sick, well, ugly, beautiful! I won't have a thing to say about it. I leave it all to you. Here I am and here's the place. Do with us according to your good pleasure, only—please do something! Amen. . . . . There, now, I feel better. I'm going to stick to that and watch out.'

God answers such prayers—not always right off, for he lets events take a natural course. But when an earnest heart is ready for the utterance of such a prayer, the answer is ready, or making ready, not far off.

Weeks passed on. Grapes were ripe. Morning-glories had gone to seed. Portulacca was making a brave defiance against impending frost. Susanna Underwood's hired man, who took care of her out-door work, had raked and swept up every brown leaf and dry stem. The little place was trig and tight.

'I guess I'll give you a day or two off, Jenkins. It's a sort of between spell, and I'm going to spend a couple of days in the city.' The city was twenty miles away, and usually a great, noisy, dirty, heartless horror, from which Susanna Underwood kept a frank distance. 'I suppose I could do what I have to do in the stores here, but the fact is I have an actual leaning to go into town.'

'I was in the other night—shan't forget it in a while.'

'Yes? Why? Susanna's questions were absently put. She was more interested just then with a pair of garden shears.

'I saw someting that 'most broke my heart.'

His listener looked up. Jenkins's heart had hitherto been an unknown quantity. His head was level, as the villagers said, and his hands capable. Hired men are not supposed to have hearts.

'What was it?'

'I went in to attend to some business, and a friend took me to the Crippled Children's Home. Ever been there?'

'No. I did not know there was such a place.'

'Well, there is. But don't go unless you want to be feeling bad for a week afterwards.'

'Where is it?'

Jenkins told her, and the next day when Susanna wrote out a precise little list of things to be done and places visited, she wrote 'Visit C. C. H. without fail.'

People like Susanna Underwood rarely fail when they set out to do a thing. The big hearted English woman had a package she had been wanting to dispose of for some time—the complete winter wardrobe of a lassie named Susie Underwood, her mother's one lamb, who died after eight years of pain, and was laid beside her father, Orrin Underwood, on the sunny hillside. 'Do not grieve,' a friend had said to the weeping mother. 'She would have been a cripple, you know. It is better so.' Susanna's grief never took on a morbid hue, but it was the grief of a mother heart just the same. Since there was a crippled children's home within reach, why, that was just the place for the warm, gay little dresses, the long warm stockings, the wool-lined slippers the snug hood—all the things that would have kept Susie from the winter's cold, had she not been called to sunnier climes. With her bulky package neatly strapped, and her heart under the strong sensible control from which it seldom broke away, Susanna Underwood visited the home.

'Please lay this package aside,' she said quietly to the matronly superintendent who bade her welcome. 'I think you may find it useful—just some clothes for your little ones. May I see the children?'

They had just gathered in the large, cheery parlor, such as were able, for their daily simple service of songs and prayers, twenty children whose tender bodies had refused to grow straight and strong.

No one could see Susanna's hands grip each other tightly under the shawl. Tears ran unchecked, over her cheeks—but then nearly all who visited the home were deeply moved at sight of that family of happy faced afflicted children.

After she had heard their songs and simple prayers, and had moved about among them with smiles and bright motherly words, she wrapped the shawl about her and made ready to leave. The superintendant walked with her to the door. In the hall stood a tall, bright-faced girl—armless.

'Ah,' said the superintendent, 'here is Mamie. She was sitting with one of the very sick children, so you did not see her. Mamie is our sunshine.'

The visitor instinctively put out her hand, and then shivered at her mistake.

'I can't shake hands,' said the child, brightly. 'You can shake me if you want to!'

'Poor darling!' exclaimed Susanna, taking Mamie into her own strong arms.

'Mamie is older than the age named in our by-laws,' said the superintendent, 'of children who may live here. Incurable cases we keep till we can place them comfortably somewhere else. Mamie's case was peculiar; and we all love her so we just break the law and keep her—at least until the Lord opens a home for her. She is well and strong, and only needs to be loved and cared for.'

It was the custom of the home to speak freely (in wisdom) before the older children touching their condition, to prepare them by the kindest practical method for the time when they would meet the looks and words of a thoughtless, if not heartless world.

A thrill shot through Susanna Underwood's soul. She looked into Mamie's fair, sweet, womanly face. She thought at lightening speed for the space of a minute and a half. Then she turned to the superintendent.

'Can you find time to come and see me this week. I live in L——. Bring this dear child. I don't know—I can't say—but perhaps the Lord is in this. At least come into the country for a day. There are some flowers left, and a good deal of sunshine and fresh air.'

That night Susanna Underwood prayed again: 'Lord! Don't let me do an impulsive thing at my age! But doesn't it look as if it was to be? The child can't even wipe away her own tears. Lord, think of it! No arms, and me here alone with two! Is that why I went to the city? Did you lead me to pray for some one? Lord, do keep me sensible and open my eyes to see straight!'

A few days later Mamie sat on the bench where Susanna Underwood had sat and longed to be of some use. She looked about her in a dream of delight. The old-fashioned garden, the thatched cottage, the queer little windows, the vines, the birds, the bees, the kitten leaping in the sunshine—'Oh, dear Jesus!' she whispered—for she had known the Saviour for many happy months—'I'd like to live here. That lady looks as if she knew just how crippled children feel!'

'Well,' said the superintendent to Susanna in the quaint, little parlour, where they had been sitting in close conference, 'it really looks as if the Lord has led each one of us to this. Mamie needs a real home to grow in. She took a very strange liking to you that day. I say "strange," for she is shy and sensitive. It is not as if she had been born without arms, or had lost them by accident in babyhood. She fully understands and remembers the terrible experience. She is what she is by the deed of one she loved, who was drink-crazed. . . . Have you considered well?'

'I have considered well,' answered Susanna.

'Let us go and tell the child, then. . . . . What an outcry there will be when she leaves us!'

Mamie listened to the words of her two friends, the old and the new. She stood between them. Only her loving Heavenly Father knew how in that supreme moment she wanted hands and arms to help fill out the sentences of loving gratitude she could but imperfectly frame. The mother of Susie Underwood knew. She drew the child close to her, 'What do you think, little one?'

'I can be feet for you, dear lady!'

'And I can be hands for you, darling! Then this is your own home. . . . I knew the Lord would fix things. He always does when we are truly in earnest.'

And Susanna Underwood has never been lonely since.—*Elizabeth Rogers, in the 'Epworth Herald.'*

An Open Letter to Mothers.

"I cannot praise Baby's Own Tablets too highly," writes Mrs. James S. Beach, Campbell's Bay, Que. "From the time my baby was born he was troubled with pains in the stomach and bowels and a rash on his skin which made him restless day and night. I got nothing to help him until I gave him Baby's Own Tablets, and under their use the trouble soon disappeared, and all my friends are now praising my baby he looks so healthy and well. I give him an occasional Tablet, and they keep him well. I can heartily recommend the Tablets to any mother who has a young baby."

Thousands of other mothers praise this medicine just as warmly, and keep it on hand in case of emergency. The Tablets cure all the minor ills of little ones; they act gently and speedily, and are absolutely safe. Sold by all druggists or sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Very Smoky Reason

Yes, I know it's an expensive and useless habit, said the old smoker, lighting a fresh cigar with the stump of the old one, but you can't think what a solace it is.

A solace for what? asked the other man.

Why, for the—er—discomfort and craving you feel when you're not smoking, you know.

Startling Revelations

It frequently happens that people suffer for years from kidney derangements without knowing the cause of their backaches, aching limbs and other bodily sufferings, suddenly the truth is revealed to them that they are the victims of serious kidney disease and in imminent danger. There is no medicine which gives such prompt and lasting relief for every form of kidney disease as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills. They are positively effective even in the most chronic cases.

Grew Through a Rock

There is a tree just beyond the New England railway arch on the Middlebury road, in Connecticut, which has grown through a solid rock many tons in weight, making a large fissure which would require a dynamite explosion to duplicate.

THE CHICAGO FIRE.

Shadow of the Awful Catastrophe Darkens New Year's Dawn.

THE DEAD AND MISSING NUMBER NEARLY SIX HUNDRED—THE CITY STUNNED BY THE OVERWHELMING TRAGEDY—THE IROQUOIS THEATRE HAD NOT CONFORMED TO BUILDING REGULATIONS.

Chicago, Dec. 31.—For the first time since Chicago has procured bells to peal, whistles to shriek and horns to blow, the Old Year was allowed silently to take its place in history and the New Year permitted to come with no evidence of joy at its birth.

In an official proclamation this evening by Mayor Carter H. H. Harrison, he made the suggestion that the usual New Year's eve celebration be for this time omitted. The idea found a ready response in the hearts of the people and the Mayor's words in fact only gave utterance to the unexpressed thoughts that had filled them all.

The appalling calamity of yesterday in the Iroquois Theatre has cast Chicago into the deepest grief and gloom and for the time being at least seems to have deadened all the ordinary ambitions of life. Business today was performed with the sole view to actual necessity and even that much was carried out in a perfunctory manner.

GRIEF INSTEAD OF JOY.

Ordinarily on New Year's eve the streets of the City are filled with merry makers, but tonight the only throngs to be found were those around the morgues. Ordinarily numbers of fashionable restaurants in the heart of the City are filled with light hearted revellers who toast the year that passes and hail the year that comes. Tonight these places were comparatively deserted and some of them closed entirely. Usually among these gay people are found many members of the theatrical profession. Tonight not a single one of them was in evidence.

For the second time in her life the City of Chicago has been stricken to the heart. Not only have many of her sons and daughters met death in a variety of horrible and torturing forms, but the blow has fallen almost as heavily upon the strangers within her gates. There is hardly a village or town within a radius of 100 miles of Chicago whose people are not directly or indirectly interested in the piles of dead or in the injured, which fill the hospitals, or in the fate of those who seem to have passed from human knowledge, in the fact that it is believed they were in the ill-fated structure and of whom no word has since been heard.

DEAD NOW NUMBER 564.

The list continues as it was given last night, in the neighborhood of 560. It is generally accepted at this time that the most accurate estimate is 564. This number will be increased somewhat, as there are people in the hospitals who cannot survive for any length of time. It is believed, however, that the total number of dead will not in any event exceed 575. Including the missing it is estimated that the total number of casualties at the present time is approximately 1000.

There are among the missing the names of many who are at their homes and of some who were not at the theatre at all. In the first excitement following the calamity these people were reported by their relatives as among the missing, and numbers of them have since returned to their homes and no report of this fact has been made to Police Headquarters. Their names, however, swell the list of the missing. When the names of the dead who are still to be identified have been substracted from the list of missing it is probable that the extent of the catastrophe will be fully revealed.

CAUSE OF THE FIRE.

There was animated discussion today among firemen, employes of the theatre and architects as to the cause of the fire. Accounts differ today as widely as they varied last night. The theatrical people are practically a unit in declaring that the fire started with an explosion, and in this they are flatly contradicted by scores of people in the audience who declare that they saw the fire creeping along the edge of the curtain for several minutes before the explosion took place. These statements are substantiated by the stories of a number of people who left their seats after seeing the blaze and were well on their way to the street when overtaken by the frightful rush of those they had left behind them.

Miss Anna Woodward, a lady who occupied a seat in the second balcony, gave strong evidence today on this point. She said: "I was in the second balcony and plainly saw the fire. I am a large woman, weighing close to 180 pounds and I made up my mind that if there were going to be a panic it would be wise for me to beat it to the street. I left my seat in the balcony, went down the stairs to the first balcony and from there started to pass out through the very door in which so many people were killed a few minutes later.

DOOR WAS KEPT CLOSED.

"The door was closed and a man standing on the outside refused to open it so that I could pass out. Whether he was an employee of the theatre or not, I do not know, but he had evidently determined that no one should leave the theatre and in so doing start a panic. I was leaving quietly up to this time, but when he refused to allow me to pass out peaceably I determined to get out if I had to make all sorts of noise. I went along the balcony about ten feet to a glass partition and smashed it with the point of my umbrella. I went out and down the stairs. When I was about half way down I heard the roar of the crowd as it came after me and I hurried with all the speed I had.

They overtook me, however, knocking me down and but for the fact that I was close to the door, I think my chances of life would have been almost nothing. As it was, I think I must have walked the last ten feet of my passage to the exit on the bodies of those who had fallen."

The best evidence is obtainable to the effect that the fire was caused by the sparks from an arc light striking the edge of the drop curtain, but the actual fact, however, will not be known until after the conclusion of the Coroner's inquest. There are so many statements at present, and they differ so widely that it is impossible to ascertain the exact truth of the matter.

BUILDING LAW NOT ENFORCED.

Although the Iroquois Theatre was undoubtedly the safest theatre in Chicago, it became evident today that the City Building Department had not strictly enforced one or two sections of the building ordinances. William Curran, Building Inspector, was in the theatre only a few minutes before the catastrophe and went away saying that everything was in good condition. He reported this fact this morning to Deputy Building Inspector Stanhope. The Deputy Commissioner early this morning in company with Building Inspectors Taughtin, Tanse and Dalton went to the theatre to make an inspection.

WOMEN FAINTED AT SIGHT.

In many instances women fainted when lifting the sheets from some face, from which they recognized any features of a dead child or beautiful young girl. The scenes that were enacted around the bodies of the little children were pathetic in the extreme. There has been no sadder feature connected with the disaster than the killing of so many little children. It is the one thing that seems to overpower all visitors to the morgue beyond anything else.

Thousands Accept Reduced Wages

Pittsburg, Jan. 1.—The 3,000 employes of the Edgar Thomson steel works and the eleven blast furnaces of the Carnegie Steel Company, at Braddock, today accepted the reduction in wages offered them. The tonnage men in the converting mills and bloom mills of the mill plans received the heaviest cut, which is from twelve to twenty-two per cent.

At Monessen the new wage scale of the American Tin Plate Company went into effect today at the National works. It is said the salary of Supt. W. H. Harris was cut from $6,000 to $3,000 a year. The brick masons were reduced from fifty cents an hour to twenty-five, and rather than accept the reduction they refused to work. Supt. Harris also tendered his resignation, to take effect tomorrow.

Newfoundland Schooner Wrecked

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 1.—The schooner Clara Mason, laden with codfish, bound for Europe, was driven ashore at Bonavista during a gale last night and became a total wreck. The crew took to the rigging when the vessel struck and remained there for several hours before they were rescued. They were severely frostbitten.

A quantity of wreckage has drifted ashore near Cape Bacalieu and it is feared that another and worse marine disaster has occurred.

CABINET PENSIONERS.

British Ministers Receive Liberal Retiring Allowances.

LUCKIEST OF CIVIL SERVANTS—IF THEY HAVE SERVED FOUR YEARS THEY GET A PENSION OF £2,000 A YEAR—SOME OF THEM DECLINE TO ACCEPT THE NATION'S BOUNTY—OTHER OFFICIAL PENSIONS AND SINECURES.

A fact which is usually kept secret by those interested is that the chief British Cabinet Ministers are entitled to a retiring allowance—or pension, to use a more common term—of £2,000 a year, provided that they hold offie for four years. It matters not whether this period has been continuous or has been made up of several short terms.

How many people are fortunate enough to receive an annuity of £2,000 after four years' work, however hard it may have been, especially when they have been paid at the rate of £5,000 for every twelve months of labor, as in the case of many Ministers? In justice, it should be stated that some of them decline to accept the nation's bounty. They have enough money of their own, and they do not require a pension. Those members of the Government who hold minor posts are expected to put in longer terms of service, and, naturally receive less. The second-class rank entitles the holder to £1,200 a year after six years, and the third-class rank means ten years' service and £800 a year.

LUCKY CIVAL SERVANTS.

Ministers may be more favored than other servants of the country in the matter of length of service, but not as regards the rate of the retiring allowance. The cival servant, who has to retire at sixty, receives as a pension a yearly sum equal to two-thirds of his salary; whereas the Cabinet Minister occupying a post worth £5,000 annually has to be content with two-fifths.

It will come as a great surprise to the majority of people to learn that the expenditure of Great Britain in payment of pensions in seven and a half millions every year? In India—poverty-striken India—the amount paid out every year for a like purpose is six millions, of which three and a half millions are for the military, and two and a half millions are for the cival department.

There is one Cabinet Minister who is better off in the matter of a retiring allowance than all the others; this is the Lord Chancellor. He is in receipt of a double salary, because he acts in a double capacity. As an Appeal judge his renumeration is £6,000 per annum, and as Speaker of the House of Lords he has a further sum of £4,000.

NOT MUCH WORK.

The latter office is little more than a formality. The Lord Chancellor does not have to keep order, as does the Speaker of the Lower House. The retiring allowance of this Minister is £5,000, owing to his twofold office.

The Speaker of the House of Commons has a salary of £5,000 and a grand residence. His office is by no means a sinecure, and ten or eleven years of work is enough for the most robust constitution. When he retires, his brother Commoners vote a special allowance, and a grateful sovereign creates him a peer.

The Lord Judges and the judges of the Kings's Bench and the Chancery Divisions receive a salary of £5,000, and their retiring allowances is practically two-thirds, being £3,500. The Lords of Appeal have a salary of £6,000, and a pension of £4,000. The greater portion of the seven and a half millions just mentioned goes to the army and navy; the balance—something under two millions—is absorbed by civil servants, the civil list, and hereditary pensions.

DUTY ON COALS.

In reading the obituary notice of the late Duke of Richmond, many people will learn, for the first time, that the original holder of the title was a son of Charles II. He was created Duke of Richmond for no other reason than that he was the son of the Merry Monarch; but that worthy sovereign did not stop there. In his generosity towards his son, he was profuse with other people's money, and in 1676 he granted to the Duke and his heirs for ever a duty of 1s. per ton for all coals sent from the Tyne for consumption in England. One hundred years later this charge was converted into a perpetual pension of £19,000, chargeable on the Consolidated Funds. This was afterwards redeemed for £633,333, and invested in lands settled on the Duke and his heirs.

One of the most flagrant instances of the indefensible system of perpetual pensions, was that of the Master of the Hawks, a post conferred on the Duke of St. Albans and his heirs for ever by the same generous monarch, Charles II.

FOR DOING NOTHING.

The total cost of this office, including salaries, purchase of hawks, maintenance, and other expenses, was nearly £1,400 a year. This was afterwards reduced to £965, and that sum was paid until 1891, although there had been neither hawks nor falconers for many a long year. In that year it was treated as an hereditary pension, and was commuted for £18,335.

It was in the early eighties that the public attention was called to these abuses of the country's money and the effect upon the holders of the pensions was remarkable. The system of commutation in vogue was that of giving a lump sum equal to twenty-seven years' purchase. This was regarded as much too high a figure, and more than 300 holders, fearing that the scale would be altered, commuted their pensions for a total sum nearly £19,000. This was between the year 1880 and 1887. In the latter year a Select Committee recommended that pensions granted for abolished offices should in no case be continued beyond the lives of the present holders of the annuity.

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—THE situation in the Far East seems daily to grow more grave. Several diplomatic notes have been exchanged, but an assured settlement by peaceful means appears to be as far off as ever. According to the *Allgemeine Zeitung*, usually well-informed upon this subject, Japan in her note to Russia formulates three main claims. Japan's predominance in Corea must be recognized and no Corean territory is to fall into the hands of any power other than Japan, least of all Russia. Secondly, the open door principle must be recognized in practice in Manchuria, and that province must not become Russian, as the Russianizing of Manchuria would threaten Japanese interests in Corea. Thirdly, Japan pledges herself to the integrity of China. Nobody, not even Japan, expected Russia to concede these demands in full, and Russia's first reply is said to have contained no reference at all to Manchuria; but it declared that Russia could not abandon her claims so far as Northern Corea is concerned. To this Japan replied, so, at least, says the Tokio correspondent of the *Times*-asking Russia to reconsider her position, as she had made no tangible concession, since she sought to exclude Japan altogether from the Manchurian question, while she proposed an equal position for the two powers in Corea. Such is understood broadly to be the diplomatic position, with neither Japan nor Russia inclined to make concessions satisfactory to the other.

Great Britain has a keen interest in the matter apart from her alliance with Japan. By the treaty of alliance Great Britain undertakes to maintain a strict neutrality in case of a war between Russia and Japan, but if a second power goes to the assistance of Russia, Great Britain will go to Japan's assistance. When the interests of the two powers are in jeopardy, the fifth article of the Japanese-British treaty provides that the two governments will 'communicate with one another fully, and frankly,' and there is no doubt that full and frank communication has been taking place between the two signatory powers during the past few months, with Great Britain doing her best to prevent war. Even if Russia were left to fight Japan alone, the position of Great Britain would be one of grave anxiety, and Japan would be ill-advised to put too great her future upon a war until she has exhausted all the resources of diplomacy. Strange as it may seem, not a few of the best military authorities of Europe are of opinion that Japan would be successful, at least in the early stages of a war, and perhaps throughout the campaign, as Russia is said to be ill-prepared for the struggle, while Japan's preparations are complete and excellent. But even if that were so, the advantages to Japan would hardly be likely to be permanent, as success would make her more vulnerable, and only by organizing the hosts of China would she be able to keep such possessions as would fall into her power. It is to be hoped that she will not let her hot-heads force her into a position that is perilous in the extreme for herself, and which might involve her ally in a war into which neither her honor nor material interests draw her, but by the issue of which these might be greatly imperilled.

Family Reunion at Gardner, Mass.

FOUR GENERATIONS GATHER AROUND THE HEARTHSTONE.

Four generations were represented at a family gathering at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Bennett, 25 Green street, Wednesday evening. The oldest member of the party was 68 and the youngest was not so old by 65 years.

The event was given in honor of Major R. Timpany of Digby, N. S. who was present, and who is really the father of the flock. Two of his sons, C. I. and James A., and two daughters, Mrs. Lester A. Newcomb and Mrs. John H. Hines, all of Gardner, were present. Just eighteen people sat down to supper at 7 o'clock. The remainder of the evening was spent in the enjoyment of song and story and the occasion was a memorable one for all present.

A Long Voyage

Portland, Me., *Advertiser*: "Discretion is the better part of valor," was never better illustrated than it was Thursday when the British schooner Hattie C., Capt. John Llewelyn, came into port from Yarmouth, N. S. after being three weeks on the way. Capt. Llewelyn decided that he could do better by himself and his boat, in the stormy weather prevailing, by exercising prudence, than he could by braving the storm and tried to come through in less time. He made frequent stops on the way when the weather became too bad and often had to lie several days in port. He did however, come through without an accident of any kind, and is now able to discharge his schooner's load of 167,700 feet of pine lumber at the wharf of J. S. Hamlen & Son without having to undergo any repairs while doing so.

The Injured Mail Clerk.

J. W. H. Cameron, the veteran mail clerk who fell from the D. A. R. train a short time ago, is still at the Victoria General Hospital, and while his condition has improved some, it is yet considered serious. His leg, which was so badly broken, does not seem to heal, the flesh being so torn and the bone jagged by dragging it along the frozen ground, that it will not knit, and it may be necessary to amputate the limb. He will also lose the tips of all his fingers.—*Halifax Chronicle.*

The Late Mrs. Hersey.

The funeral of the late Mrs. George Hersey, whose death we reported last week, was held from her home in Mink Cove, Wednesday, the remains being interred at Little River. The deceased was 62 years of age and is survived by a husband, two sons, William and George, and four daughters, Mrs. M. Raymond, Mrs. John Wentzell, Mrs. Joseph Tidd and Mrs. Lester Thomas, all of whom reside at Gulliver's Cove; also a large circle of relatives and friends to mourn their loss.

A Gentle Hint

The Parrsboro *Leader*, in its last issue, gives a list of ten merchants who have recently gone out of business in that town, and says: "It is a significant fact that none were regular up-to-date advertisers in the *Leader*." This is a hint that might be taken into consideration by a few merchants in Digby, who have no regular advertising space in the COURIER.

Asking For Fog Horn.

An exchange says that a petition will be forwarded to the Marine Department asking that the light station at Cape Negro Island be furnished with a fog horn of the latest pattern worked by hand, as it is claimed by a few experienced by local and passing crafts in thick weather, and there is no signal to warn them of danger.

The D. C. B. Minstrels.

A LARGE AUDIENCE IN THE I. O. O. F. HALL, FRIDAY EVENING.

All the reserved seats and the majority of the cheaper seats in the I. O. O. F. hall were occupied New Year's night by an interested audience who appeared to appreciate the local's entertainment. The circle consisted of nineteen men with Mr. R. G. Monroe as interlocutor, the four end men being Messrs. W. E. Bacon, Daniel Dillon, J. Outram Dakin and Daniel M. Cossaboom.

The jokes were good, but many of them were not given loud enough to be distinctly heard by the audience, and therefore were not greeted with the applause they would have otherwise received.

The songs by Messrs. Dillon, (Percy) Holdsworth, Lindstrom, Bacon and Beaman were well rendered and a number of them were encored.

The opening number of the second part of the programme was a stump speech by Mr. B. W. Cousins of this town, entitled "Sparks Gadered from de Daley Rountine ob Life," by Prof. Crawford. This was good, and while it did not contain as many local hits as some of Mr. Cousins former speeches, his remarks were broader and it must have required more thought than the usual stump speech given at a local minstrel show.

The cornet solo by Mr. A. B. Lane, of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff, was one of the best numbers on the programme. He was loudly encored. Mr. J. Outram Dakin's clog dancing was the third number of Part II and was well received. The clarinet and saxophone duet by Messrs. Fritz and Harold Dakin was also encored. The comic sketch, "In Good Old Slavery Days," by Messrs. Harry Beaman, W. T. Bacon, Daniel Dillon and John Dakin was original throughout, having been written and arranged by the actors. It contained good features and pleased all present. The orchestra rendered excellent music during the evening, and, in fact, Prof. E. E. Corpison and all who assisted, deserve credit for the manner in which the whole programme was rendered. It was regretted that several of the seats were sold more than once which proved a great inconvenience to the ushers as well as the purchasers of the tickets.

Death of George Bishop, Esq.

A WELL-KNOWN CITIZEN PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY AFTER A SHORT ILLNESS.

We regret to announce the sudden death of the late George Bishop, Esq. who died at his home, Montague street about eleven o'clock New Years night, aged 81 years. He had been ill but a short time, his death resulting from a severe attack of pneumonia and the news of his death was a surprise to his large circle of friends throughout the western part of Nova Scotia. The deceased was a Justice of the Peace, Digby's first water superintendent, and an executive officer, having served in the council with the late Mayor Shreve during 1894 and '95. He was appointed fishery inspector for this county in 1882 and served the office faithfully. He was a member of the Independent Order of Foresters and a Mason. In politics he was a staunch Liberal and had always taken a prominent part in every political campaign. A widow, six sons and two daughters survive him. He also leaves three brothers, Robert, in Sandy Cove; William in Digby and James in the United States; and two sisters, Mrs. Thomas in Sandy Cove and Mrs. Allen, wife of Rev. Mr. Allen, a clergyman residing in New Brunswick. His second son Roger, at one time a member of the COURIER staff, but who is now a printer in Boston, arrived here in time for the funeral which was held from his late residence Wednesday afternoon and was largely attended. The services were conducted by Rev. H. A. Hadley, rector of Holy Trinity church after which the members of King Solomon lodge, No. 61, A. F. & A. M. paid their last rites to the deceased brother. The COURIER extends its deepest sympathy to the large circle of bereaved relatives and friends.

Burned to Death

A telephone message to the COURIER Saturday night announced the sad death of Mrs. Berry Canty which occurred at her home in Sandy Cove that afternoon. Her husband, who is a retired sea captain, had gone to one of the village stores, and although he was absent but a few minutes, returning to find his wife lying on the kitchen floor burned to death. The mats and floor were also burning, but the flames were soon extinguished. It is supposed that Mrs. Canty was putting fuel in the stove when the flames caught her clothing. The deceased was 70 years of age, and left no family. The funeral took place yesterday, the remains being interred at Sandy Cove. The services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Mack, pastor of the Digby Neck Methodist churches.

Died at Rossway

The death occurred in Rossway, Dec. 30th, of Mr. George Ross, aged 83 years. The deceased was one of the oldest residents in that village. He had been suffering some time with cancer, so his death was not unexpected. The funeral was held Saturday. The services were conducted by Rev. A. J. Archibald, pastor of the Digby Baptist church.

Calendars

Among the calendars received this week were the following: A handsome one from Mr. H. B. Burnham, the Digby agent of the United States Fidelity and Guaranty Co.; a small but convenient one from the People's Savings Bank of Worcester, Mass., and two designs from Messrs. Turnbull & Co., Digby's well-known grocers.

Death of an Aged Resident

James Thomas died at his home in Upper Rossway, Sunday, the 3rd inst., aged 93 years. He leaves a family, two of whom reside in Digby, the others in the United States. The funeral was held yesterday, the services being conducted by Rev. H. A. Hadley. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery.

A New Advertiser.

We wish to draw the attention of those interested in poultry to an advertisement which appears on this page from Mr. Fred P. Timpany, manager of the Bonnie View Farm at Rossway. He keeps good stock and we trust will be successful in working up a big business.

Death at Little River.

A telephone message to the COURIER last night announced the death of Mrs. Susan Addington which occurred at her home in Little River yesterday. The deceased was 96 years of age and is survived by a large number of relatives residing on Digby Neck and Brier Island.

Death of John Hutchinson.

John, son of James Hutchinson, died at his home in Upper Rossway, Monday, aged 32 years. The funeral will be held today noon. Interment in Marshallown, services being conducted by Rev. A. J. Archibald, of Digby.

Lost In the Chicago Fire

A telegram received on Friday by H. A. West, hardware merchant of Annapolis, conveyed the sad intelligence that Harry P. Sutton, a nephew of his, was one of the victims of the Iroquois Theatre holocaust in Chicago.

Chappell's Annual Booklet.

The Chappell Bros. & Co., architects, woodworkers, etc., of Sydney, C. B., have sent us a copy of their annual booklet, of 100 pages, setting forth a list of their manufactures and other information.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—A number of Digby people visited the wreck at Culloden Cove yesterday morning.

—It is thought there will be no civic election this year, that Councillors Syda & Titus will retire and that Mr. E. Turnbull and Capt. Howard Anderson will be elected by acclamation.

—Councillor W. E. VanBlarcom will probably be returned by acclamation.

—We have not heard of any opposition to Mr. H. B. Short as Mayor.

—A Digby hockey team defeated a Weymouth team on the Digby rink New Years day, 3 to 2.

—We refer our readers to an interesting letter on the third page calling attention to the necessity of a better rink for Digby.

—Mr. H. T. Warne has moved his grocery business from the Dunham building to his new store, Water street.

—Our streets are now fairly well broken out and the sleighing is good.

—The post office department has issued a notice that bi-fold stamps can only be used for newspaper purposes.

—The last union meeting of week of prayer to-night in the Baptist vestry.

—There will be special services in the Baptist Church next week for four evenings, begining on Tuesday.

—The Lecture which was to have been delivered by Rev. A. H. Higgins in Upper Rossway Methodist Church has been postponed until Monday evening, Jan. 11th.

Wrecked at Culloden Cove.

THE AMERICAN TERN SCHR. S. P. HITCHCOCK A TOTAL LOSS.

Word reached here Tuesday noon that an American tern schooner was ashore at Culloden Cove, at the exact place where the ship Culloden was wrecked half a century ago. This cove received its name from the former wreck and is situated on the Bay of Fundy Shore, five miles west of Point Prim Light.

Capt. Geo. Post, receiver of wrecks, immediately left for the scene of the disaster. He was compelled to drive through unbroken snow drifts and did not return to Digby until Wednesday noon. The rough weather prevented the tug Marina from going outside. The wrecked vessel proved to be the tern schr. S. P. Hitchcock, Capt. Hugh Alcorn, with 900 tons of plaster from Hillsboro for Philadelphia.

Capt. Alcorn arrived in town Wednesday and in conversation with a COURIER representative said: "We weighed anchor off Grindstone Island last Wednesday and were off Quaco when the big storm struck us at nine o'clock Saturday evening. The wind was north-east, accompanied by thick snow squalls and vapor.

"We did not sight anything after that until we saw the land where the vessel now lies, a total wreck.

"Sunday morning at three o'clock I hove the vessel to, on the port tack, I judged off St. John. The vessel led up so rapidly that she soon became unmanageable, and the officers and crew, consisting of nine men, were more or less frost bitten. Our sails blew away as fast as we endeavored to set them. I finally rigged a storm try sail on the mizzen mast. Sunday night about 7 o'clock we discovered land close aboard and let go both anchors. These held the vessel until high water Tuesday noon when she dragged ashore, the heavy sea continually breaking over us. The crew managed to save themselves during the ebb tide, but if we had struck anywhere else along that coast we would have been all lost."

The S. P. Hitchcock was built in Bath, Me., in 1880, is 553 tons net, and owned by S. P. Blackburn, of New York. She was rebuilt at Hillsboro during the summer and autumn and was as good as new. This is her first voyage after being re-classed.

It is not known at present whether the vessel or cargo is insured. The captain hails from Boston, but is a native of New Horton, Albert county, N. B. The first-mate, Mr. E. Edgett, hails from New York, but was also born in Albert county, being a native of Surrey.

The men will be sent home by the American Consul.

A survey was held Tuesday afternoon and the wreck will be sold at public auction to-morrow morning at eleven o'clock.

Splendid Prospect For Farmers.

A gentleman who has just returned from the Pacific Coast says that no part of America to-day offers better opportunity to the first-class farmer than the Canadian Northwest. He says that the prospect for wheat raising is abundant, and that the quality is in many sections the finest in the world. He was much impressed with the immense size of the Ogilvie Flour Mills and the high standard of flour produced. He regards Ogilvie's Flour as superior to all others.

Personal Mention

Mr. J. G. Rice is ill at his home First Avenue.

Mr. H. B. Burnham spent Sunday in Annapolis.

Dr. F. S. Kinsman, of Truro, was in town Saturday.

Miss Gidhouse has returned from her visit to Smith's Cove.

Mr. Joshua Potter, of Plympton, was in town yesterday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred E. Sellers returned to Middleton Monday.

Miss Elsie Hall, of Smith's Cove, is attending school in Wolfville.

Miss Bessie Russel was a passenger to New Glasgow last Friday.

Councillor Geo. H. Peters returned Wednesday from a trip to Marlborough.

Mr. L. B. Nelson returned to town and will remain here several months.

Miss Lena Anderson has returned from visiting friends at Victoria Beach.

Mr. Alfred Saunders was a passenger from St. John to Bear River Monday.

Mr. Bruce Rand returned from Boston Wednesday to attend his father's funeral.

Mr. Parker Quinn of Bear River is in Freeport this week surveying government land.

Mr. Timpany and wife, of Rossway, have returned from their trip to Lynn, Mass.

Mrs. Sophia Hensley of New York who was in town during week, left for Brighton yesterday.

Mr. W. D. Morton, of Boston, is in Digby this week in the interest of the medicine oil business.

Mr. E. Peters, of Port Maitland passed through Digby Wednesday en route to Boston.

Rev. Ernest Underwood and wife of Bridgetown are visiting at the home of Mrs. A. D. Merkel.

Mr. Oliver Huckins, of Freeport, who has been employed at Ludlow, Mass., returned home last week.

Mr. Robt. Viets who has been visiting his parents in Digby, left for Glace Bay via Montreal Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. McKay, who have been visiting at the Racquette, returned to Moncton N. B. Saturday.

Mr. J. A. Lawson principal of the Digby Academy returned Saturday from a pleasant visit to Boston and vicinity.

Miss Gertrude Chisolm arrived home on Tuesday from a short visit to friends in Parrsboro, Annapolis Co.

Miss Mary Short who for past three weeks has been visiting relatives in New York returns home to-morrow.

Mr. Bernard Gillis who has been the guest of Mr. E. Hart Nichols, barrister, returned to Dalhousie College Wednesday.

Mr. Harry Doane, of the Yarmouth telephone exchange, was in town New Years, the guest of Mr. Robt. Ellis, Shore Road.

Mr. Dodwell, Digby engineer, was a passenger from Halifax yesterday and left for Riverside to operate the break water.

Miss Blanche Guptil has returned home after a very pleasant visit of two weeks in Boston, Newton Centre and Jamaica Plain.

Mr. Edw. W. Nicholls, who has been spending the Christmas holidays at his parents returned to Dalhousie College Monday.

Mr. Fred Gillis who has been quite ill at his home in Weymouth. A telephone message yesterday gave us the welcome news that he was better.

Mr. J. M. Shortliffe of Freeport who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Shortliffe Digby has returned to Acadia College.

Mr. A. J. Westhaver returned Tuesday from a trip to Kentville. His hand, injured with a cartridge last autumn, is but slowly improving.

Mr. Lindsay Haine, Utah and Eunice Haine, Freeport, sailed for Boston Tuesday. Other passengers to Wolfville yesterday to attend Acadia College.

Mr. R. W. Ford, of Wolfville, passed through Digby Monday returning from a trip to Montreal where he visited Dr. Butler, the well-known specialist.

Mrs. Kate Chute and little daughter Eva, of Mount Pleasant, left on Saturday last for Boston where they intend stopping the winter with her aunt, Mrs. Bennett.

Mr. Murray Lewis was a passenger from St. John Saturday. He will spend a few weeks with his parents in Freeport while the S. Westport II is being repaired in St. John.

Mr. Dodwell was in Victoria Beach last week—making the final survey for the new government wharf to be built at the terminus of the Middleton & Victoria Beach Railway.

Messrs. Fred and Seth Spinney of the D. A. R. machine shops in Kentville, who have been spending a few days with their parents in Brighton, returned to Kentville via yesterday's express.

Mr. Gerald Hughes, of Dakin's Drug Store, Windsor, arrived here New Years day, returning to Windsor Monday. "Gerald" many friends were pleased to see him in town, but regret that his vacation was a short one.

Mr. Irving W. Jones, Forestdale, R. B. Viets, Hart Nichols and Miss Margaret Stewart were passengers to Annapolis on New Years day, where in the evening they enjoyed a dance, given by the young ladies of Annapolis.

Mr. Edgar Dickson, of St. John, who recently returned from Calgary, N. W. T., and has been visiting friends in Hebron, Yarmouth Co. was a passenger to Digby Wednesday. He is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Peters, Montague street.

Rev. A. H. C. Morse, of Corning, N. Y., brother of Dr. L. E. Morse of this town, has received a call from the Strong Place Baptist church of Digby, N. S., and will probably accept. Mr. Morse has been in Corning three years, where he has made many friends who will be sorry to hear of his departure from the city, but will be pleased to know he has secured a larger and wealthier church. It is said his salary will be over $1,000 with several months vacation during the summer.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Valdare arrived Wednesday from Boston for Bear River.

Schr. Emerald has gone into winter quarters at Sipp's Cousins' wharf.

Capt. Charles T. Warner's schr. Arizona is being repaired in Plympton.

Schr. Silver Cloud, Capt. Geo. Post, has gone into winter quarters at Snow's wharf.

Schr. Bay Queen Capt. McKay sailed from Digby yesterday with coal from Parrsboro for Tiverton.

Capt. White's schr. Race Horse is being thoroughly overhauled and repaired at Gilbert's Cove.

Schr. Little Dyas Capt. Geo. Mallett is on a voyage from Church Point for Rockland with a load of shingles.

Schr. Carrie E., Capt. Robbins arrived from Tiverton Wednesday and is discharging 300 haddock at the Racquette.

The four-masted schr. J. H. Logan, Capt. Howard, towed to sea Wednesday with lumber from Annapolis for Buenos Ayres.

The St. Mary's Bay coasting fleet have gone into winter quarters. The craft are filled with ice from Brighton to Gilbert's Point.

Stmr. Westport III., Capt. Powell, which attempted to leave St. John Saturday night for Westport, had to remain there till an early hour Monday morning.

Schr. A. W. Cousins, Capt. Arthur Casey, sailed yesterday for the fishing grounds. With the present captain and crew, she will be in doubt meet with good success.

Tern schr. Leonard Parker, Knowlton, towed to Digby with lumber from Annapolis for the West Indies. She was probably out of the bay before the moderate blow of Sunday.

Schooner Helen Shafner, with a cargo of lumber shipped by Pickle and Silver, of Annapolis arrived at Barbados from Mahone Bay on Christmas day, making the passage in twelve days.

Schr. W. Parnell O'Harra Capt. William Snow arrived here Wednesday night and was docked by tug Marina Thursday morning. She is now discharging her fare of fish at Snow's wharf.

Schr. Jessie D., bound from St. John with a general cargo, for Wolfville and Kentville, is frozen in at Wolfville. It is not known here what will be done further with respect to the vessel or her cargo.

The following clearances are reported: Schrs. Helen Shaffner, Fernandina or King's Ferry to St. Lucia, lumber, $6.25. Lady Aberdeen, New York to Nassau, coal, $1.75; Italian bark Anna, Guapo to United Kingdom, deals 10s.

Steamer Prince Rupert, Capt. Kinney, arrived at Yarmouth from St. John on Saturday and was docked for repairs to her propeller. She came up to the wharf on Sunday, and went into winter quarters.

S. S. Westport II. is being thoroughly overhauled in St. John where she will be repaired. Capt. Ernest Lewis has left for his home in Apple River on a short visit. Her mate, Capt. Murray Lewis, has gone to Freeport.

Schrs. Hunter, Gillis and Gleanara which were in collision off Digby have both abandoned their voyages for the present. The former is at Spencer's wharf and the latter has gone into winter quarters in the Racquette. The captains and crews have left for their homes.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

DIGBY COUNTY NEWS.

Westport

No mails arrived from Digby for two days.

Mr. Angus Sidney, M. P. P., of Mink Cove, was in town last week.

Stm. Westport III arrived Tuesday afternoon at 5 p. m., from St. John.

Rev. Richard Kempt held watch meeting here on Thursday evening, Dec 31st.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coggins and son Fuller, of Boston, are visiting the former's parents here.

Tuesday was something that we can seldom record, each district had to turn out and break roads. Some of the banks were four feet deep.

During Sunday and Monday we had the rigest and coldest snow storm at Westport since 1887. The Schrs. Parnell O'Harra, Daisy Linden and Curlew rode out the gale in our harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Welsh entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening. Miss Nora Denton Friday evening and Miss Mina and Lugilla Welsh on Saturday night, all had a very pleasant time.

A pretty wedding took place at the residence of Mr. Albert Moore on Thursday evening, Dec. 17th, when his eldest daughter Alice M. Thomas, was united in holy bonds of wedlock to Mr. Winfred W. Darton, the ceremony being performed by Rev. E. C. Ford. The bridal party standing under a floral arch. The bride was dressed in a suit of white organdie trimmed with chiffon and ribbon and wore a bridal veil. She was attended by her sister, Miss Georgia Thomas, who also was gowned in a dress of figured organdie, while the groom was attended by Mr. Charles Bailey. Refreshments were served to the guests and the remainder of the evening was spent in games of all kinds. Among the presents was noticed a silver berry spoon from the bride's friends in Gloucester, also many others both beautiful and useful. Mr. and Mrs. Garron have our wishes for a long and happy wedded life.

Freeport

Mr. Oswald Prime is employed at Westfield for the winter.

Miss May Titus of Westport, is spending a few days with Miss Viola Hains.

Mr. Bernard Morrell of Stmr. "Calvin Austin" is home for an indefinite period.

Mr. Archie Brooks of Weymouth, is visiting his sister, Mrs. Edward Eaton.

Miss Minnie Huntoff is spending the Xmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. (Dr.) Bishop.

Miss Josie Wyman arrived from Yarmouth Sunday morning on the S. S. Westport.

Mrs. Lyman Outhouse and children of Tiverton, spent Xmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Finnegan.

Mr. Gordon Lewis, who is employed at carpenter work in St. John, came home to spend Xmas.

Messrs. Waitstill Wyman, John Hersey, and George Young have returned home from sea.

Mrs. Hanford Outhouse and Miss May Wyman of Tiverton, are spending a few days here with friends.

Mr. Lindsay Hains of Acadia College, is spending his vacation with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Milton Hains.

Miss Annie Israel of Newtonville, came home to spend Xmas with her father, Mr. Albert Israel. She will return in a few days.

Xmas here passed off very quietly. The day being pleasant there were many family and social gatherings. Unlike many of our neighboring villages, there were no signs of liquor, due to a great extent to old Western Star being in such a flourishing condition. We hope always to be able to report Freeport a strictly temperate community.

Plympton.

Happy New Year.

Christmas passed very quietly, there being a few family reunions.

Miss Ione S. Warner has been visiting relatives at Bridgetown, during the holiday.

Capt. W. C. Warner has gone to Concquerall Bank, Lunenburg Co., for a few weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. W. K. Smith entertained Mr. J. Cleveland of Morden, Kings Co., a few days last week.

David Tibbits arrived on the late train Monday evening, from Digby where he has been engaged in fishing during the past summer.

Rev. Chester, Mr. Morse, of Bridgetown, is expected to arrive on Wednesday. We understand he is to be accompanied by his wife and one child.

Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Bowlby and little daughter returned to Greenwood last Saturday, after a very pleasant visit, the guests of Mrs. W. M. Warner.

Capt. C. T. Warner is doing extension repairs on his schr., Arizona, under supervision of W. K. Smith. He also sends a gang of men this week to the logging woods.

Mr. J. A. Potter returned from Yarmouth Saturday. His wife was to follow Monday but on account of trains being stalled by the snow storm, she has not arrived yet.

Lower Granville.

Misses Hannah Thorne and Myra Morrison are visiting relatives in Salem, Mass.

D. M. Foster, Wallace Covert, jr., and Daigd Wade, are visiting relatives in Lynn.

Mrs. James Morrison, senr., who has been visiting in Lynn, Mass., for several weeks, returned on Sunday.

J. J. Kemp, Esq., has disposed of his property here to Mr. James Nelson, of Lynn, Mass., and will remove to his former home in England in May.

Howard Croscup, Gilbert Shafner, J. K. Healy, James Morrison, Geo. Morrison and Forrester Shafner returned on Saturday from a trip to Boston.

Invitations are out for the marriage of Capt. Horace M. Johnson to Miss Annabel G. Corbitt which happy event takes place at the residence of the bride's father, South Williamston, Annapolis Co., Jan. 12th.

It is very seldom that we experience such cold weather as prevailed from Saturday until Tuesday. The mercury lingered about zero entirely too long for comfort and we sincerely hope it will not perform such a trick again this winter.

Weymouth.

Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong, of Yarmouth, spent Xmas with Rev. Mr. Armstrong.

Mrs. Calvaretta Brooks, of Boston, formerly of Weymouth, is visiting friends here.

Miss Daisy Hankinson, of Yarmouth, spent her Xmas holidays with friends in this place.

Mrs. Mary Grant left for Boston last week to spend the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Downing.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Morse (nee Grace Blackford), of Lynn, are visiting his mother, Mrs. Morse.

Mrs. W. F. Nicholl, who has been spending a few days in Woodstock and St. John, returned home last Wednesday.

Miss Jean Grant, of Yarmouth spent Xmas in her position, Mrs. Johnson's great returning Saturday.

Mr. DeWolf who has been spending a few weeks with her sister Mrs. Eaton returned to her home Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Langelois and Mrs. Lucinda Langelois spent New Year's with Mrs. Fitzgerald.

Centreville

Mr. Oscar Morgan has been in the village this week.

Miss Eldridge of Beaver Harbor, is visiting here for a few days.

Edward Ward was one of the passengers from this place to Boston the 26th.

Mr. S. M. Dakin and daughter Mrs. William Titus, have gone to Boston to visit friends.

Mr. Wm. Cossaboom is spending a short time in Boston at the home of his son, Mr. Selden Cossaboom.

Mr. Beecher Morehouse is home from Beaver Harbor. He met with an accident a few days ago while working in a gun shop, and cut the ends of the two middle fingers on his right hand.

A pretty home wedding took place here the thirteenth at the home of Mrs. Frances Morehouse, when her daughter Cecelia was married to Reuben Morehouse of this place. The bride wore a dress of white crepe voile with trimmings of silk and lace, and was attended by her sister Lizzie. Mr. Fred Morehouse acted as groomsman. The bride received many valuable and useful presents.

East Ferry

The haddock fishermen have been making big catches.

Miss Gower, our school teacher, has returned to resume her duties.

We have had the worst storm for many years, and had no mail for two days.

East Side Division, No. 899, is in a flourishing condition. It was started 14 months ago with 14 members, now it has 45.

Town Council.

The adjourned meeting of the council met January 2nd, 1904, at 8 p. m. Present, Acting Mayor Hayden and Couns. Titus, Syda, VanBlarcom and Letteney.

Minutes of previous meeting was approved.

The following motion to rescind notice of which had been given last regular meeting, was moved by Coun. Letteney:

Whereas, on the 27th day of November 1902, a certain resolution was adopted by the town council of the town of Digby, authorizing the Mayor to enter into an agreement and contract with A. J. S. Copp, for the payment, as the said A. J. S. Copp, of the sum of $3500, for securing improved wharf accommodation at the port of Digby; and subsequently, to wit on the 29th day of November, 1902, an agreement and contract was entered into under said resolution, and the sum of $500, a portion of said $3500, was paid to the said A. J. S. Copp thereunder, on account of expenses, and it is deemed desirable that the said resolution should be rescinded, and the agreement cancelled and annulled;

Therefore resolved, that the said resolution be, and, the same is, hereby, rescinded and revoked, and that the said agreement entered into thereunder be forthwith cancelled and annulled, and the said sum of $500 refunded to the town. Coun. Syda seconded the motion.

The acting mayor said he would make a brief statement before putting the resolution. "It was supposed" he said, "when the ratepayers voted for the expenditure of this money that they were sincere; it now appears that some, at least, of them were insincere. It seems they have been willing to vilify their own conduct, in the endeavor to make some political capital, and that they have anything but the welfare of the town and surrounding country at heart. But it is better the agreement should be cancelled, than that it should be misrepresented, and an entirely false construction put on it throughout the length and breadth of the land, merely to gratify the spite of a few insignificant would be politicians."

The resolution being put was carried unanimously.

The report of the superintendent being read was received and ordered to be filed.

A letter from the town clerk of Windsor, asked the co-operation of the town council, towards getting an amendment to the act, allowing a discount of 5 per cent instead of as at present, 2½ per cent, on taxes.

After some discussion the matter was laid on the table, on motions of couns. Titus and VanBlarcom.

Auditor Wood, by letter, recommended publishing, in the year book, the names of any parties having rates unpaid at the end of the year, for the purpose of facilitating collecting, because in his opinion it is information the ratepayers are entitled to, and is necessary in order to make a complete audit.

After discussion in which most of the councillors expressed themselves as unfavourable to the recommendation, the matter was laid on the table, on motion of Couns. Titus and VanBlarcom.

On motion, it was ordered that polling booths on election day, February 9th, should be in the town hall, Digby, and R. B. Burnham and J. T. McBride were appointed presiding officer and poll clerk, respectively.

The clerk was instructed to prepare certain acts, relating to the town of Digby, to be presented to the legislature at next session; on motion of Couns. Letteney and VanBlarcom.

The Acting Mayor said Mr. George B. Bishop, at one time a member of this council, had, a few hours since, died after a brief illness; and some action on the part of the council would be very appropriate.

On motion of Couns. Syda and VanBlarcom, the following resolution was unanimously carried:

Whereas this Council has learned with much sorrow of the sudden death of Mr. George B. Bishop, who was formerly a member of the Town Council of Digby;

Resolved, that this Council do place on record an expression of the deep regret with which it has heard of the demise of Mr. Bishop, and its sincere sympathy with the family of the deceased, in their affliction;

Further resolved, that this resolution be engrossed on the records of the proceedings of the Council, and a copy of the same forwarded to the widow of the deceased.

The Council adjourned.

The Saulac Successfully Launched.

(St. John Telegraph.)

The new steamer Senlac, built for the south shore of Nova Scotia route, was successfully launched Monday morning from the Hilyard shipyard. About 11.30 o'clock all was ready, and the pretty steamer glided gracefully into the water, where she was taken hold of by the tug Neptune and moored to the I. C. R. pier.

There was not a hitch in the arrangements, and, despite the extreme cold, a large number of people, including a number of ladies, witnessed the launching. The steamer is about ready for sea.

The crew are on board, and include Captain Norman S. McKinnon, First Officer Lorenzo McKinnon, Second Officer Cook, Purser F. Leslie Wilson, Pilot Crowell, Baggage Master Crowell, Steward W. H. Fraser, Chief Engineer John Matthews, of West End; Second Engineer Weddleton.

Wm. Thomson & Co., who are the managing owners, are to be congratulated on putting such a fine steamer on the south shore route.

The Battle Line

Steamer Sellasia, Capt. Purdy, sailed from Melbourne for Sydney on Thursday.

Steamer Loucria, Capt. Grant, arrived at Hong Kong on Thursday from Foochow.

THE BIG STORM.

No Damage to Shipping Anchored off Digby.

TELEPHONE POLES BLOWN DOWN—SUNDAY NIGHT SERVICES ABANDONED—D. A. R. BLOCKED WITH SNOW—HOW THE TRAINS "MADE TIME"—DIGBY SECK MAIL "NOT TOO SLOW"—THE OLDEST INHABITANTS KEPT BUSY.

The worst storm that has visited Digby for many years began Saturday at midnight and continued all day Sunday, and in fact did not moderate until Tuesday morning. The wind was north-east accompanied by a large tide and high swell completely blocked up the streets and the D. A. R. track from Yarmouth to Halifax.

The only vessel anchored off Digby was the schr. Bay Queen, Capt. McKay, with coal from Parrsboro for Tiverton. She got underweigh and docked at H. T. Warne's wharf. The four-masted schr. J. H. Logan, Capt. D. S. Hopkins, was anchored off Granville with lumber from Annapolis for Buenos Ayres. She rode out the gale in safety and was towed to sea Wednesday by tug Marina. The fleet of pleasure yachts on the north side of the Racquette were lifted from their cradles by the tides but did not receive much damage. A telephone pole was blown down near the head of the government pier, but the telegraph, telephone and electric light wires received but slight damage.

Only a few people were in the churches Sunday morning. The regular afternoon and evening services were abandoned.

Business was almost at a standstill Monday. The S. S. Yarmouth did not leave St. John until 10.30 a. m., but arrived here ahead of the express trains. She remained in port until 9 o'clock Tuesday morning.

The suburban train arrived from Annapolis at noon. The express trains from Yarmouth and Halifax arrived here at five o'clock in the afternoon and people imagined they would make good time after crossing Bere as they would both have clear tracks. But it was then that they began to meet trouble. The west-bound express left Digby with two engines which resembled snow banks on wheels. This train was from five to seven o'clock coming from the Digby station to the Neck crossing. She made good time from there to Weymouth, but found the road again drifted from there to Hebron. At the latter place she was stuck in a snow bank all night with the freight from Yarmouth a short distance west, stuck in another drift. The express reached Yarmouth Tuesday noon.

In the meantime the east-bound express, on which were a large number of Digby passengers, was having troubles of her own.

At 8.30 this train was a half-mile east of Annapolis with the engine completely frozen up and not able to move an inch. The suburban train, which left Digby during the evening, was despatched to her relief and succeeded in getting the train to Middleton at midnight. This train arrived in Wolfville at 3 o'clock Tuesday morning and in Halifax at 8 a. m.

The snow plows were working on the eastern end of the road Monday. Tuesday morning one of them went to the relief of the west bound express at Hebron, which with three engines arrived in Yarmouth Tuesday noon as stated above.

The express, in charge of Conductor Margeson, left Yarmouth at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon for Halifax, crossing Tuesday's west bound express at Church Point and arriving at Digby about 6 p. m.

The Yarmouth freight arrived here about 30 hours late and returned to Yarmouth Wednesday morning returning again Wednesday night.

All trains are again running on time. A section man from Cambridge, Kings county, was struck in the head with a bolt while coupling cars in the Weymouth yard Tuesday night. He was sent to Annapolis on the flanger which run through here without stop, just ahead of the express. He was attended by the railroad doctor in that town and will likely recover.

The cold weather caused the water to freeze in many pipes and the local plumbers are having busy times making necessary repairs.

The Digby Neck stage experienced rough weather on their mail route, but Mr. W. H. Eldridge and his staff of drivers succeeded in making nearly as good time as the various mail routes throughout the province.

The oldest inhabitants are kept busy telling us about the storms which were far worse than this one when they were young. While the stories are interesting, we are not anxious for their experience.

Battered By Ocean's Gales.

THE STEAMER RHENANIA HAD A TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE.

St. John's Nfld., Jan. 5.—The German steamer Rhenania, seventeen days out from Liverpool for Halifax, arrived in this port this morning with her rudder and stern post broken and her vessel was buffetted by gales during the entire passage. The holds were flooded, bulwarks smashed, deckhouses stove in and steam pipes damaged. All the upperworks suffered serious injury.

During the voyage the Rhenania was thickly coated with ice and almost unmanageable. The shifting of the cargo caused a list of 25 degrees and for two days she was in danger of sinking. The Rhenania's cargo of 800 tons was nearly all battered to pieces. She may be compelled to dock here for repairs.

Big Fire in Halifax.

HALIFAX, Jan. 4.—At 4.30 o'clock this morning the thermometer was ten below in Halifax, and it remained between that and six below till this evening, when it again commenced to drop, and at 10 o'clock tonight was down to nine below, and indications are that it will go lower before morning.

At 5 o'clock this morning fire broke out in the house 110½ Cornwallis street, caused by a defective flue, and spread to the adjoining houses. The firemen responded promptly, but experienced great difficulty in getting apparatus to the scene, owing to the heavy snow drifts. The fire was a tedious one to handle, and the firemen were working in coats that were solid masses of ice. It was 10 o'clock before it was under control, and by that time houses 103, 110 and 110½ were gutted, and the fire had worked along the backs of houses 104 and 108, while it also communicated lightly with the building containing a shop, 112 and 47 Bauer street.

Ottawa Post Office Burned.

OTTAWA, Jan. 4.—The Ottawa city post office and custom house building was wrecked by fire tonight. The roof and upper story are completely destroyed and part of the second floor is gone, while the whole building is drenched with water.

Y. S. S. Co.

February 9th has been fixed by Judge Graham, as the date for hearing an application to fix the liquidator's remuneration and for final hearing in re the winding up of Yarmouth Steamship Company.

Mill Shut Down.

The Marysville, N. B., cotton mill has been obliged to shut down for a few days on account of the scarcity of raw cotton.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—Our S. School held its annual treat in the form of a Xmas Tree last night, in the vestry of the Baptist Church, and was a great success as far as numbers are concerned. A large tree was well decorated and ladened with candy and oranges, etc. Santa Claus appeared On the scene, called for order, and amused the audience by a reading selected for the occasion, after which he rendered good assistance in distributing the gifts to the enjoyment of the children. Our ladies then furnished a treat which was enjoyed by all.

Several selections of music were given by the S. School scholars during the evening. But we wish to say more particularly at this time how glad we were to see so many of our boys and girls present, who do not come to our S. School. Over two hundred were present and our school numbers eighty-five.

Now the question arises, are we doing our duty towards those who do not attend? And if you will permit me to carry this thought a little farther (for it is one I have become very much interested in), we find the same evil in connection with our day school. Only a small percentage of our children help to make up the average, and what is true of this place is also true all over this County. Fathers and mothers, are we doing our duty towards those whom God has placed under our care, by keeping them away from school. What are the results? Why your boys and girls are growing into manhood and womanhood in total ignorance, which is one of the greatest crimes that a parent could be guilty of, with all the advantages of our improved School System of the present day. And yet you and I are not availing ourselves of its advantages.

Groaning, as we are here in Digby Co., under such heavy taxes, heavier than any other in the Province, so far as I have learned, and there is little prospect of them becoming less.

Why Mr. Editor, there is not that business intelligence in our Municipal Council to give us a bill of our County and Poor rate separate, but they are carried into one. And I have been informed that we are paying on school moneies, at the rate of ten per cent. This we impute to the ignorance of those who have preceded us.

Now let us come back to our boys and girls, unless we seek to do more for them than we are doing, the unhappy state of affairs will always exist, for our young people are the hope of the nation. The parents who are making the sacrifice to educate their children and carefully train them for God are doing more for the world than a Rockfeller could do with his millions unless invested in this way.

Wishing you a Happy New Year, I remain,

ONE INTERESTED.

Smith's Cove, Dec. 30th, 1903.

To the Editor of the Courier:

SIR,—In view of the introduction here of the game of Hockey, on a modest scale though it be, it may be of interest to say something of the need of a covered skating rink for Digby.

That there are a great many people in this town who enjoy the exhilirating sport of skating is shown by the attendance at the present not very comfortable pond at the North End. It is equally certain that the number of skaters would be many times doubled if a modern covered rink were provided.

The one thing to be considered is whether such an institution would pay. The initial cost of a covered rink of suitable size would probably be in the vicinity of $2,500. The running expenses could be easily ascertained, being made up chiefly of items for lighting, care-taker, water supply and heating for dressing rooms. The sum of $200 should cover these expenses, which with the interest on $2500 would be a total of $350.00 and anything earned above that figure would go to divide among the shareholders as profits.

These figures are tentative merely. Accurate estimates could be obtained by communicating with the managements of rinks in other parts of the province.

Looking at the matter from a hockey standpoint alone it seems a pity that we in Digby have no home for that greatest of Canadian games. Digby is so centrally situated that the smallest guarantee imaginable would bring hockey teams here from St. John, Yarmouth, Annapolis or any Valley town from Windsor west.

And, too, there is plenty of material in Digby for a good team, so the hockey branch of a rink would without doubt be a dividend payer.

A very feasible plan, to the writer's mind, would be the organization of a Company to build a rink. Lots of Digby money has of late been put into speculating ventures that at the inception were not half so attractive as this of a covered skating rink.

Perhaps some others of the COURIER readers will have some ideas as to whether or not the scheme suggested in this letter would be wise.

R. B.

Digby, Jan. 4, 1904.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—By instruction of the Hon. Minister of Agriculture, another distribution will be made this season of samples of the most productive sorts of grain to Canadian farmers for the improvement of seed. The stock for distribution is of the very best and has been secured mainly from the best crops recently had at the branch Experimental Farm at Indian Head in the Northwest Territories. The distribution this spring will consist of samples of oats, spring wheat, barley, Indian corn and potatoes. The quantities of oats, wheat and barley to be sent this year will be 4 lbs. of oats and 3 lbs. of wheat or barley, sufficient to sow one twentieth of an acre. The samples of Indian corn and potatoes will weigh 2 lbs. as heretofore. Every farmer may apply, but only one sample can be sent to each applicant, hence if an individual receives a sample of oats he cannot also receive one of wheat, barley or potatoes, and applications from more than one sample for one household cannot be entertained. These samples will be sent free of charge by mail or express.

Applications should be addressed to the Director of Experimental Farms, Ottawa, and may be sent in any time before the 1st of March, after which the lists will be closed, so that all the samples asked for may be sent out in good time for sowing. Parties writing should mention the sort of variety they would prefer, and should the available stock of the kind asked for be exhausted, some other good sort will be sent in its place.

WM. SAUNDERS,
Director Experimental Farms.

Ottawa, December 30th, 1903.

Biggest Ship in the World

It is reported that the White Star Line has ordered a steamer 755 feet in length, or 30 feet longer than the Baltic, the largest ship in the world. The construction of the vessel, it is added, will begin immediately at Belfast, Ireland.

MARRIAGES

At the Baptist church, Margaretville, Annapolis Co., N. S., Dec. 30, by the Rev. E. H. Morse, Mr. Fred A. Savage, of Billtown, Kings Co., to Miss Eva M. Deviney, of Margaretville.

MOREHOUSE—MOREHOUSE—At the home of the bride, Centreville, Digby Co., Dec. 30, by the Rev. R. Barry Mack, Reuben Alpin Morehouse to Bessie Alberta Morehouse, all of Centreville.

NOTICE

IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council for the Municipality of Digby will meet at the Court House, Town of Digby, on Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904.

By order,
W. R. STEWART,
Clerk of Municipality.

Digby, Dec. 30th, 1903. 12 2

HELP ONE ANOTHER

An Interesting Chat With Rev. R. Hatchett

HE ASSERTS PEOPLE SHOULD SPEAK PLAINLY WHEN THEIR WORDS WILL BENEFIT OTHERS.

(From the Recorder, Brockville, Ont.)

Rev. R. Hachett, general agent of the African Methodist Church in Canada, spent several days in Brockville recently in the interest of the church work. Talking with a reporter he said he always liked to visit Brockville, because he found so many of its citizens in hearty sympathy with the church he represents. "And besides, said Mr. Hatchett, I have what may be called a sentimental reason for liking Brockville. It is the home of a medicine that has done me much good and has done much good to other members of my family. I refer to Dr. Williams' Pink Pills." Would you mind," asked the reporter, "giving your experience with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills?" "Not at all," said Mr. Hatchett, "I always say a good word for this medicine whenever the opportunity offers. I know some people object to speaking in public about medicines they use, but I think this is a narrow view to take. When one finds something really good and really helpful in relieving human ills, it seems to me it is a duty we owe other sufferers to put them in way of obtaining new health. You can say from me therefore that I think Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a very superior medicine—I know of no other so good. My work as you may judge, is by no means light, I have to travel a great deal in the interest of our church work, and it is no wonder that often I find myself much run down, and afflicted almost with a general prostration. It is on occasions of this kind that I resort to Dr. Williams' Pills, and I can say in all sincerity that they have never failed me. The pills have also been used in my family, and among my friends, and the results have always been satisfactory. You may just say from me that I think those who are afflicted with any of the ills for which this medicine is recommended will make no mistake in giving Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial."

The Rev. Mr. Hatchett's home is in Hamilton, Ont., where he is known to most of the citizens and greatly esteemed by those who know him.

Hens on a General Strike

GROCERS IN MONTREAL PREDICT THAT EGGS WILL GO TO ONE DOLLAR A DOZEN.

"I wouldn't be surprised to see the price of eggs go up to 75 cents and perhaps $1 a dozen," said a Catherine Street west end grocer to the Montreal *Herald*.

"The hens this winter," he continued "seem to have gone on a general strike. I have had the greatest difficulty in supplying my regular customers with newly-laid stock, and at the moment haven't got a real fresh egg in the store."

"We scalled fresh eggs which come in by freight, and we get from the wholesale people, are bringing 50 cents a dozen, but the 'real thing' brought to us by the farmers in the district sell at 60 cents. These are real scarce.

"The farmers tell us that the hens seem to be getting more independent every year and not particular whether they produce eggs or not.

"I don't know why it is, and the farmers don't, but the fact remains that we are not getting the eggs.

"At the present time we are selling the new laid stock at practically cost price and it looks now as if we would be held up for more money in a few days, unless the hens reform."

Only One Dr. Chase

There is only one Dr. Chase of Receipt Book fame—Only one Dr. Chase who is known the world over because of the great prescriptions he gave to mankind. His portrait and signature—A. W. Chase, M. D.—are on every box of his remedies. Imitators do not dare to reproduce these. They are the guarantee which proves you genuine. Be sure they are on the box you buy.

A Typographical Tragedy.

"You have some professional humorists working on your linotype machines, haven't you?" asked the poet.

"Haven't noticed that any of them have a failing that way," answered the editor.

"Well, you're a poor observer. Do you read your own paper?"

"Occasionally."

"Did you read my poem, 'To Agatha, in yesterday's issue?'

"N-no."

"I thought not. In the poem I wrote a line which read, 'I love you better than I love my life.'

"That was a great line."

"And one of your linotype humorists made it read, 'I love you better than I love my wife.'"

"Er—"

"Exactly—my wife. And my wife not being acquainted with the failings of these key thumpers, thinks the poem was printed exactly as it was written."

Pill-Age.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills, 10 cents a vial, are planned after the most modern in medical science. They are as great an improvement over the 50 years old strong dose pill formulas as a bicycle is over an ox cart in travel. They never gripe and they never fail. 40 doses, 10 cents.—125

Clementavale

[Telephone.]

Mr. Ward Wright, of Ipswich, Mass., is visiting her relatives here.

Mrs. Croft, of Fairville, N. B., is the guest of Mrs. McLaughlin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Beeler, Miss Mamie Beeler, of Bridgetown, and Mr. and Mrs. I. D. Little, of Weymouth, spent Xmas at Mr. Alex. Millett's.

Miss Alice Early recently visited her friends and relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Floyd, accompanied by Mrs. Floyd's sister, Mrs. Farr, spent Christmas at Milford.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Berry, Mr. Will Berry, Mr. Oscar Elliott and Miss Essie Elliott are holiday guests at Mr. S. Fyne's.

Mr. John Cameron, of Boston, and Mrs. Thomas Rawding are guests at the home of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. McCameron.

The Curfew Bell in Chicago.

The curfew bell has been established in a suburb of Chicago, called Wheaton. It rings at 9 o'clock p. m., after which it is unlawful for any one under 16 years of age to appear on the streets unaccompanied by parent or guardian. The results are said to be extremely beneficial.—*The Ram's Horn.*

Think of Mother.

Young man, stop a moment. Ten years ago you left your old home. You thought you knew more than any man in the township. Your old fatherhad-mother wanted you to stay on the farm, but you wouldn't do it. So she gave you a ten dollar bill, some new shirts and her fondest blessing. You came to the city. You spent your ten dollars. You ran in debt for your board. Then you secured employment in a dry goods store at $8 a week. You have held the same position for ten years. To-day you receive $7 a week. This is all eaten up in board, laundry work, cigars and theatre tickets. You have no bank account. You never lay by a cent for a rainy day.

Every New Year's morning you look for a box from your old home. There are more new shirts, a necktie, and warm woolen stockings. The work of your old gray-haired mother's hands. She toiled night and day to make these presents for her dear boy. You were glad to get them. Sometimes you dropped a card offering your feeble thanks, but often you forgot to acknowledge these presents at all. Look here a moment. Have you ever sent your old mother a nice present? No? Just stop long enough to think how mean you are: what a selfish, hardhearted wretch you are becoming. Suppose you take a quarter or half a dollar and buy her some trinket, say a lace handkerchief for her neck.

You won't see the wrinkled hands open the package. You can't see the tears in those poor old eyes as she gazes upon this little offering, or hear her lips murmur: "God bless him, dear boy." You can't see all this,—but you feel it. Life will look more rosy, the future more brilliant. Don't forget the poor old mother. Send her a sunshine, my boy, even if it is only a little beam. Don't forget that dear old mother, with her wrinkled hands, her silvery hair, and feeble step. Drive away your thoughts of worldly life, and for once in many years, remember your mother as God would have you. You will be happier, and so will your mother.

C. C. RICHARDS & Co.

Dear Sirs,—Your LENARD'S LINIMENT is our remedy for sore throat, colds and all ordinary ailments.

It never fails to relieve and cure promptly.

CHARLES WHOOTEN.

Port Mulgrave.

Fast Horses

The New Glasgow *Chronicle* says: "A new fast pacer made an appearance on Provest street, Wednesday, in the white horse, Parker S., with a record of 2.06½. He was driven by Mr. James D. Keith, of Stellarton."

Says an Exchange:—J. R. Lamy, Amherst has sold to a clergyman in Lower Stewiacke, the handsome black gelding Hazen Gay, by George Buchanan, out of the dam Minota, which was the first horse to beat 2.20 in the Maritime provinces, and holds the records for maritime provinces.—Ex. This good clergyman will be able to rush at a 2.40 step to the bedside of sick and dying parishoners.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heal and soften the hands and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

A Cross in the Heavens

On Oct. 28th, A. D. 312, Constantine the Great is said to have "heard a great and mighty noise above and to the east of him" and upon turning his eyes in that direction "was astonished beyond measure at what he there beheld." Clearly outlined upon the blue sky was a cross of pure white, and in the halo which surrounded the top was the Latin phrase, "In hoc signo" ("By this sign"), in letters of deep scarlet. Mackey, the great historian, says that there was a second inscription in Greek, the letters of which in English would be "En to nika."

"The High Seas."

By "the high seas" referred to in article 1 of the constitution of the United States is meant the open sea—that is, the waters outside the civil jurisdiction of any country whatever, which, according to the law of nations, is limited to one marine league, or three geographical miles, from the shore. Even the great lakes, beyond the limit designated above, are regarded as "high seas."

Finger Nails.

Lemon acts on the finger nails with a wonderful effect. It seems to polish them, at the same time softening the skin around them marvelously and removing any traces of ink, fruit or stain. Brushing is said to roughen the nails, and the brush should be used only when necessary.

His Choice

Agent—Yes, sir; I will guarantee that this is the most concentrated food you ever ate.

Consumer—But I don't want that kind, I want the kind that spreads all over my system.

Was too Nervous to Rest or Sleep

All run down in health—Had splitting Headaches—Dr. Chase's Nerve Food.

When your nerves are all on edge, when you cannot rest or sleep, when you are nervous, irritable, despondent and discouraged, racked with headache, neuralgia and sciatic pains, you can turn to Dr. Chase's Nerve Food knowing that with each dose new blood is being formed, the nerves re-vitalized and health and strength restored.

MRS. S. THOMPSON, 240 Munro St., Toronto, Ont., writes: "I was very much run down in health, and whenever I exerted myself more than usual I had severe attacks of splitting headache, and was nervous, so much so that I could not rest well at nights. After using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food I found that my nerves were steadier, I could rest and sleep better than I have for a long time, and I was entirely free of headache. I can speak very highly of this preparation for nervous trouble."

To protect you against imitations the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box. At all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates and Co., Toronto.

Sold by E. Jones and H. E. Jones.

To Address Tammany

CLEVELAND MAY HAVE UNDERGONE A CHANGE OF MIND

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Charles F. Murphy said at Tammany hall that ex-President Cleveland will speak at a dinner to be given in honor of Mayor-elect McClellan on Jan. 4, by the Tammany leaders. The committee in charge of the dinner consists of Judge O'Gorman, grand sachem of the Tammany society; Judge M. J. G. Brien and Bourke Cockran. During the late municipal campaign, it will be remembered, Mr. Cleveland refused to say a word in favor of the Tammany ticket, although he was earnestly requested to do so by men prominent in Tammany.

If Mr. Cleveland is now to come forward to do honor to McClellan it will look very much as though he might yet be persuaded to be the Democratic presidential candidate next year. At all events, that will be the interpretation put upon his action by the politicians. Murphy has frequently spoken of Cleveland as the most available candidate for president, and if Cleveland speaks at a Tammany dinner given for the purpose of celebrating the Tammany victory, it will be hard to convince the politicians that he is not looking forward to next year's possibilities, notwithstanding his letter to the editor of the Brooklyn *Eagle*, in which he declared his unalterable determination to remain in retirement.

Thomas Hoskins' Nerves.—Mr. Hoskins, a resident of Durham, Ont., for a score of years, was a martyr to stomach and nerve disorders. Schooled to prejudice against "patent medicines," he started using South American Nervine as, he says, "a last resort," but six bottles of this great remedy proved to be his salvation physically. It can be yours.—124

A Good Farm Paper.

The special Winter Fair and Christmas edition of the *Maritime Farmer*, published at Sussex, N. B., is just to hand. It is an improvement over last year's number, in size, character of contents and typographical appearance. Containing a complete report of the Maritime Winter Fair held at Amherst last week. This number of the *Maritime Farmer* is made up of forty-four pages of interesting, matter of general interest, illustrated with over fifty finely printed half-tones of Maritime farm homes, Maritime live stock and Maritime farms. Among the interesting articles are: "P. E. Island Communication," by Rev. A. E. Burke; "Our Agricultural Needs," by J. Frank Tilley; "The Turf Season of 1903," by Jas. W. Power, of Halifax; "The P. E. I. Provincial Farm," by Prof. Macmillan; "Cold Curing of Cheese," by W. A. Clemons; "Commercial Apples," by Prof. Sears, "Illustrated Orchards," by W. Saxby Blair. These are also interestingly written accounts of the Nova Scotia School of Agriculture being established at Truro; the Maritime packing industry as it stands to-day, a humorous article entitled "Mack Dee's Picnic," as well as many other special features. The whole number is brim full of matter interesting to every person interested in the agricultural welfare of the Maritime Provinces. Sample copies may be had from the publishers at Sussex, N. B., for 25 cents each.

Every Physician Knows

About the great merit of Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake And Butternut which cleanse the system, cure constipation and piles. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Eyes That Change Color.

Although the eyes of children may deepen or alter in color with their growth, the change of hue in the iris is principally due to the development of disease. The most marked changes are produced by an inflammatory disease known as acute iritis. The iris of the eyes of the sufferer from this disease entirely changes color, principally owing to the loss of distinctness in its fibers, with a consequent change of appearance. The pupil is contracted, and small brownish white specks appear in it, produced by the breaking away of adhesions of the iris to the capsule of the lens.

The varieties of color in the eyes of different kinds of animals mainly depend upon the color of the pigment which is deposited in cells in the substance of the iris, and the eye can, therefore, only be said to change color when there is a change in the color of the iris. The color of the sclerotic coat, or white of the eye, is frequently affected by disease or accidents, of which the well known bloodshot appearance is most common.

Bad Heard—Could not Lie Down for Eighteen Months.

"I was unable to lie down in my bed for eighteen months, owing to smothering spells caused by heart disease. One bottle of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart removed the trouble, and to-day I am as well as ever I was."—L. W. Law, Toronto Junction.—123

No Drinkers Wanted

Railway managers are pooling their interests in respect to the drink question, so that these great corporations are gradually eliminating the drunkard or the drinking man from the railway service. Every competent railway man understands this, and he will advise a beginner ambitious to work up in the service to give up absolutely the habit of tippling or drinking at home or in public. No man, however bright, can expect to make a success in railroading who is not willing to yield to this inexorable rule of the road. Thus, from the highest to the lowest, the railway men are invariably temperate and sober, and if they ever had the habit of drinking they have bravely overcome it. Consequently the force of example set by this great body of workmen is far more powerful in its effects than any preaching or open advocacy of temperance from a moral point of view. The railways demand the strictest sobriety, and, by rigidly enforcing the rule, voluntary teetotalism is spreading throughout the thousands and millions of their employes.—*Harper's Weekly.*

Curious Liquid Air Effects.

A ball of India rubber immersed in liquid air becomes brittle and it dropped to the floor breaks like glass. A lead ball when put in liquid air acquires elasticity and will rebound like the rubber ball in its normal state.

Japs as Rice Eaters.

Not Chinese, but Japanese, are the greatest rice eaters. Each Jap eats on an average 300 pounds of rice in the course of a year.

The Greatest Ocean Depth

What is said to be the greatest ocean depth ever discovered was sounded only a short time ago, during the recent cruise of the Albatross in the Pacific. Professor Agassiz was in charge of the expedition, and near the Island of Guam. There the beam trawl attached to a steel cable, was lowered to the depth of 28,878 feet, five miles, almost as high as Mount Everest. By means of thermometers attached to the trawl it was found that the water at this depth bore the temperature of only 35 degrees, just a little above freezing point.

A Man Hates Himself

When he wakes up with headache and bad taste in the mouth. Something is needed to settle the stomach, clear away the dull heavy feeling and create a little appetite. Just get a tumbler of water, some sugar, and one to a stiff dose of Nerviline. You'll pick up immediately and feel tip-top in a few minutes. Nerviline, hasn't any equal for a condition of this kind. It stimulates, cures the headache, relieves the sick feeling and fits you for a hard day's work. Try Nerviline. Large bottles costs 25c.

Resolved to Die on New Years

NEW YORK, Jan. 1.—Edward Kersey, of Springfield (N. J.,) committed suicide today by drinking carbolic acid at Fifth Avenue and 14th street. When asked why he had taken the acid he merely said: "This is a New Year's resolution."

He died in the ambulance on the way to the hospital.

Common Sense and Modern Medical Science have reversed the almost universal belief that Rheumatism cannot be cured. The great South American Rheumatism Cure has turned the tables and has given to sufferers a tried, safe, simple and permanent cure. Thousands have testified that it has cured them in three days.—122

To Open Oysters

To open oyster shells easily just place the oysters on the warm kitchen stove for a second, then insert the knife between the thin parts of the shell and it will open easily.

TOWN OF DIGBY

OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK & TREASURER.

NOTICE is hereby given, that the assessment roll for the Town of Digby, upon which the rates will be levied in and for the said town, for the year 1904, has been filed in the office of the undersigned, and that the said roll is open to the inspection of the ratepayers of the town. And further take notice, that any person, firm, company, association or corporation assessed in said roll, who claims that he, she or it should not be assessed, or who claims that he, she or it is overassessed, in such roll, may, on or before the 10th day of February next, give notice in writing to the undersigned, that he, or it appeals from such assessment, in whole or in part; and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of objection to such assessment.

And further take notice that if any person assessed in such roll claims that any person, firm, company, association or corporation has been assessed too low, or has been omitted from or wrongfully inserted in such roll, he may, on or before the 10th day of February, give notice in writing to the undersigned, that he appeals in respect to the assessment, or non-assessment of such person, firm, company, association or corporation, and shall in such notice state particularly the grounds of his objection.

Dated at Digby this 28th day of December, A. D. 1903.

C. JAMESON, Town Clerk.

Hydraulic Lift Lock

The students of the School of Practical Science, Toronto, recently paid a visit to Peterboro. To them the wonders of the hydraulic lift lock on the Trent Canal, the highest lock in the world, and the peculiarities of its construction and working, were explained fully by the enthusiastic chief of the engineering staff, Wm. Rogers, assisted by his staff, two of whome are graduates of the school, viz., Messrs. Francis and Fasson. Standing on the top of the central tower, which has a very pleasing outline, it was very hard to believe that the lift is only 65 feet. It is simply a tremendous height, and it is marvellous to think that it is proposed to lift a vessel up this with one lock. This must revolutionize the system of canal construction, and it is pleasing to think that Canada should be leading the world in its advanced system of inland navigation. This novel lock, with its massive masonary, its graceful lines and proportions, its pretty glassy slopes and tasty white fences combine to make a sight that is very pleasing and impressive.

Dairy Cream.

Rich cream is a most wholesome food. The richer the better for butter making. What is the meaning of the word rich? It refers to the amount or per cent of butter fat found in any sample. If the sample is rich in clabber it is what we call low grade cream. Some of the cream sold in the city is made rich in water. All people who handle milk cows should know cream. Without definite knowledge of its composition we cannot be watchful of our own interests as cow owners. Test your cream for its butter fat in much the same way that milk is tested for its butter.

Every butter-maker should study a strong bulletin sent out recently by the Vermont station on the subject of cream. You can write for it and get a copy for the asking. Address Experiment Station, Burlington, Vt., and mention bulletin 100. There is something in this for every dairyman to study.

Not a Bad Story.

"The Texas *Steer, Journal* says that an Iowa farmer had a cow killed by a train on a railroad. He presented his claims to the company in a note, in which he said, "Thirty dollars will be considered sufficient, as the animal killed was but a common cow and by no means the best of my herd." The claim agent of the road answered the letter promptly and inclosed a check for $100. He wrote the farmer, "It is the first instant since my connection with the road that any other than a full blooded animal of great value has been killed by our trains, and I inclose $100 as damages and a reward for your honesty, and I would humbly ask for your photograph to be framed and placed in my office."

The Witch Hazel's Gun.

The propulsive power of the Witch Hazel seed pod is extraordinary. It flies open with a click like a rifle, and fires its seed to a distance of several yards. Naturally too, Witch Hazel knows its own business, and has sufficient reason for this strange behavior. It desires to start its seeds in new and unoccupied spots, where they will root and start out in life for themselves. It is a cunning plant.

We have got it fixed in our stupid human heads that plants do not think and plan, or have the power of locomotion. Here at our very doors is the refutation of this belief.—*Pharos, in The Globe.*

Hints For the Dairyman.

Don't allow the milk to stand in the stable.

Don't mix water with the milk to raise the cream.

Don't guess the temperature of the cream by sticking the finger in it. A thermometer costs 25 cents.

Don't salt butter by guess. Weigh or measure it.

Don't use cheap, coarse salt. Only fine dairy salt is fit.

Don't touch the butter with the hands.

Don't think rinsing will keep cans and dairy utensils clean. Add boiling water, washing powder, muscle and shunshine.

Around The World.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, the founder of the Christian Endeavor Society, left this city today on a trip around the world. Dr. Clark was accompanied by his daughter. Several prominent clergyman and Christian Endeavor officials were at the South Terminal station to bid Dr. Clark a farewell. Dr. Clark and his daughter will spend Sunday in Chicago, going from there to San Francisco and thence to the Orient.

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Digby Churches and Societies.

CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Friday, 7.30 p. m. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m., second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m., fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. REV. H. A. HARLEY M. A. Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath, Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p.m. Wednesday general prayer-meeting at 7.00 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 pm. Visitors always welcomed. Ushers in attendance REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every sunday afternoon at 3.30. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at 11a. Vice every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. GEO. WOOD Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. A. H. HOUSES Pastor.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ. Hours of service: Sabbath preaching service 2.30 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school will be opened as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DYKE, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers are fraternally invited. E. L. JONES, N. G. Geo. H. PETERS, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 81 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in each month at 7 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. DENNISON, W. M.; M. VIVIAN SECY.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall 2nd Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. W. HAYDEN, C. R.; J. A. U. DESBRISAY RECD. R. S.

C. O. F.—Court Sea-View, No. 173, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the 1st Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. B. BURNHAM, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall, the 1st and 3rd Monday's in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. JOHN K. BENT, M. W.; H. H. CHURCHILL Rec.

DIGBY CORNET BAND.—Rehearsals etc., for winter months. Monday Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Wednesday, young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The Band leader earnestly requests full and punctual attendances at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. FRANCIS S. CORNISH, Bandmaster.

1902. A. No. 1020.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

IN THE COUNTY COURT,

For District No. 3.

Between—LOUIS H. MORSE, Plaintiff.

—AND—

DENNIS HUTCHINSON, Defendant.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby or his Deputy, in front of the Post Office, in the town of Digby, in the County of Digby, on Monday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1904, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,

ALL the right, title interest, claim, property and demand of the above named defendant, Dennis Hutchinson, of, in, or to all that place or parcel of land situate at Gulliver's Cove, in the County of Digby, bounded as follows:—On the north by the bay of Fundy, on the east by lands occupied by John Wentzel, on the south by the Broad Cove Road, and on the west by lands of James W. Cossboom, the said land having been seized under and by virtue of an execution issued on a judgment recovered in the above cause, which judgment has been registered for more than one year.

TERMS:—Cash on the spot, deposit at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed.

H. A. J. SMITH,
High Sheriff of the County of Digby.

HARRY L. DENNISON,
Solicitor of Plaintiff.

Sheriff's Office, Digby, Dec. 18th, 1903. 17 3i

The Newsboy's Annual Address.

Miss Alice Bailey, of Atlanta, Ga., escaped the surgeon's knife, by using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I wish to express my gratitude for the restored health and happiness Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has brought into my life.

"I had suffered for three years with terrible pains at the time of menstruation, and did not know what the trouble was until the doctor pronounced it inflammation of the ovaries, and proposed an operation.

"I felt so weak and sick that I felt sure that I could not survive the ordeal, and so I told him that I would not undergo it. The following week I read an advertisement in the paper of your Vegetable Compound in such an emergency, and so I decided to try it. Great was my joy to find that I actually improved after taking two bottles, so I kept taking it for ten weeks, and at the end of that time I was cured. I had gained eighteen pounds and was in excellent health, and am now

"You surely deserve great success, and you have my very best wishes."—MISS ALICE BAILEY, 50 North Boulevard, Atlanta, Ga. —*$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.*

All sick women would be wise if they would take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and be well.

How steadily jogs father Time in his flight,
His footsteps so rapidly fall
I can hardly believe a year has gone by
Since I made my last holiday call.

Yet fifty-two times I have called at your door
And always been doing my best
To bring you the news of the country and town
In the "COURIER," hot from the press.

The Newsboy's Address is supposed to contain
Some account of the things that he'd see,
But I will not say much for fear you should think
It was "cheek," in a kiddy like me.

You know the "Town Council" is always a mark
For those who find fault with its acts,
But though rate-payers growl, they seldom will bite,
If no increase is made in the tax.

I sometimes hear talk when making my calls,
Of the wharf that we don't seem to get,
That a sewerage we want, and a "Scott Act" we don't
Of dust when its dry, and of mud when its wet.

There are many improvements all over the town,
Better yachts and new summer hotels,
Some very fine dwellings and up-to-date shops,
And one street—well, they'll speak for themselves.

So when we look back on the year that is past,
We think that we've done altogether
As well as we could with the chances we had,
And this year perhaps we'll do better.

We know that our visitors frequently say
That we're slow, and don't move as we should,
But we're doing as much as our means will allow
And would hustle much more if we could.

I don't think they can find any seaside resort
In this part of the world to compete
With our beautiful town in its midsummer dress,
Or the Basin that lies at its feet.

I wish all my patrons a "Happy New Year,"
And hope that the season before us
Will crown with success the efforts they make,
And fill all the hotels with the tourists.

So making my bow I hand you this verse;
On your time I will trespass no longer
But hoping you kindly will open your purse,
And the "News Boy" make glad with a quarter.

A LADY.

Of course I was an old maid, any body in Maple Ridge could have told you that, and a good many would have said I was several years older than the old family Bible affirmed.

I felt all of my three and thirty years, and knew that the dark little face that looked back at me so soberly from the cracked mirror, showed them beyond question. But, what of that? I had other things to think of than that I was an old maid—many others.

There was poor Susie, our pet, the youngest of us all, who would marry handsome, reckless Nell Dasher, who, after a wild life of only a few years, ended it in a drunkard's grave and left poor Susie and her two babies to me.

Nor was that all, for Fred, our eldest, the pride of our old father's and mother's hearts, must marry, too, which well enough, only, after one brief year in his city office, he too grew sick and died, but oh, so peacefully, so nobly!

You'll care for my wife and baby, Mary! he said, looking at me so pleadingly, and I answered, Yes, Fred always.

So it isn't much wonder I looked old, since only my little dressmaking shop stood between us all and starvation.

Father and mother had become so feeble they could only sit on either side of the chimney and talk of their trials and sorrows.

Susie took upon herself the care of the large household, and I've shed many a secret tear at night thinking how wan and white she was growing, our beautiful little Susie.

What did Fred's wife do? I—that's a sore subject; no one ever said any thing, but I've seen Susie shut her lips in a strange way when "the lady" swept in to our simple meals, and never offered to soil her white hands even to wash her own dishes or clothes.

She's never been taught to work, I suppose, I thought, poor thing!

Then I bent lower over my sewing and sat up a little later.

Things had gone on in this way for nearly a year, until one night when it was growing very late, Susie came in and shut the door of my shop carefully.

What is it, my dear? I said cheerfully, for there was a look on her face that troubled me.

Mary, she said, sinking down at my side and laying her pretty golden head on my knee, my poor Mary! and then she began to sob so pitifully.

I had but little time to spare, for I knew Mrs. Greathouse must have her new dress by the next evening, but I dropped my needle and took her in my arms and whispered:

What is it, my darling, tell me won't you?

Oh, Mary, so good, so unselfish! I can't bear it. You are working yourself to death for me and mine. I thought and thought and planned, and there's only one way.

I don't understand—how hot your cheeks are. You're going to be sick.

I am going to die. Don't look so startled. I'm very wicked and foolish but I can't see you kill yourself nor my precious children starve, I'm only going to get married, desperately.

Then I felt her whole body shudder.

Yes, darling, but who?

I'm going to marry Mr. Caleb Leffingwell.

Susie! You are mad!

No; he proposed to night as I left the store, and I accepted him, that's all. Why don't you congratulate me!

Because I can't, for I know, oh, my darling! I know you don't love him!

Love! I loved once and got a sweet reward. Yes, I'm in love with the old miser's money; that's honest.

Hush! Never mind, sleep on it, pet. We'll talk about it to-morrow. I must finish this dress now.

Mary, do stop and rest, you unselfish house-keeper. Your burden shall be lightened! I am not half as miserable as you fancy.

But I knew what she suffered, and I sighed, for things had come to a very bad state. What with poor father down with the rheumatism and Susie's children suffering for shoes, and none of us too warmly clad, unless it was "the lady," that is what Susie had called Fred's wife to me more than once, but I could only sigh and remember that they were her old gowns.

Nevertheless, it did seem hard that she and her baby should have the one spare room and a fire, and coal so dear. But, la me, I had promised. Such a rosebud as that little, cooing baby was. If I'd had time I'd have cuddled it by the hour, and, strange to say, the mother had called it "Mary." She never said it was for me, and I often wondered, but never asked her, for somehow all us simple folks were a bit afraid of "the lady."

It was one dull, rainy evening in February when poor Susie came to me with her pitiful story of sacrifice she had resolved to make. I remember very particularly, because Mrs. Greathouse was to have a party on the 25th, the next night, and I was hurried with her gown.

She came in quite early for it, but the rich silk was all finished. I trembled a mite as she scanned it so closely, but she found no fault what ever, and paid me the five dollars for it promptly. Her last words were:

You are looking far from well, Mary; Tom would hardly recognize his old sweetheart if he could see you now. You need rest, my dear. Do take some. Then she passed out.

Good advice, excellent, said Susie, in a hard voice, and I was glad she had not noticed what Mrs. Greathouse said about her brother.

I wish you had charged her fifteen, instead of five, Mary. The dress was worth it.

Yes, I know, I answered, wearily, but even that would not have paid all the bills, and for the first time in Susie's presence I broke down and cried.

Even as I wept softly and Susie tried to comfort me, somebody entered the little shop, and bending above Susie and me, dropped a letter in my lap—a great, big, funny-looking affair, a letter! Oh, Mary, who would send you a letter! said Susie.

The "lady" paused a moment in the shadows of the room, and I tore off the envelope, and there fell in my lap a great lot of bank bills.

Money! cried Susie, money! Who, what does it mean! Oh, here's a note! Listen:

"Dear Mary,—Accept a little present from a loving Friend."

That was all. We looked at each other stupidly.

Who could have sent it? Oh, Susie! it's a mistake! I gasped.

No it is not. The letter is sent to you and is for you. I find it is just $100. I'm so glad.

I kept the money. I needed it so sorely, and they all said it really was mine, but I felt uneasy all the time, and wondered and wondered, for we hadn't a rich relation in the world. But even that hundred dollars would not last forever, and by and bye I saw Susie looking over her old things, and trying to make up her mind that the time had come when she could tell her betrothed husband that she was ready. Poor, poor little Susie!

I've set the day at last, she said. It's to be next Tuesday. Then she began to sob.

Once more "the lady" entered and dropped into my lap another letter and a book.

This letter was not so bulky, but when I opened it I found it contained two bills of a hundred dollars each.

What, who? I began vaguely, as before, when once more "the lady" bent over Susie and I, and, winding her white arms around our necks, fell into a violent fit of weeping.

Oh, my sisters! she sobbed, when she could speak. Do you think me blind as well as heartless? Do you think you are to do all the work and me none? Dear, patient fingers! and, to our astonishment, she kissed first my needle pricked hand, and then Susie's chapped and tail-marked.

There's the book, she continued, read it when you can.—I began it when my husband was first taken ill. I fancied I could get it done in time to help him, but I couldn't. Yet he knows, he must know, how glad I am to be able to help those so dear to him.

Florence, I said in wonder, what are you talking about!

Why, my book. It is there in your lap, as well as the money for it, a portion of it. I always scribbled more or less, but in a careless way, until I saw the great need, and then I found I could write even better than I dared hope. I never told, because I wanted to surprise you. Susie, little sister, don't dream of that distasteful marriage. I was so afraid that it wouldn't come in time to save you. And, Mary, gentle one, I've something for you even better than gold. I—forgive me! I found out all about your sad love story or the quarrel long ago, and the lover in the West, and I sent a little bird with a message of your faithfulness, your noble life, and the answer came (oh, the West is not very far away): 'I'm coming.'

I wondered why Susie, with such a face of peace and joy as I had not seen her wear in years, should look startled and step back, while "the lady," oh such a lady, stood between me and the door.

Suddenly, she bent and kissed my hot cheek, and deftly snatching the comb that held my curls so very primly, as I deemed most becoming a staid old maid, she fled with Susie into the next room and closed the door.

I knew then why she had held herself so persistently before me, for, standing on the threshold of the outside door stood a tall man, tanned and bearded.

I could not speak. I would have fled, too, but I could not move.

The tall man smiled and approached me, took me in his arms, and whispered:

Is it my own little Mary?

And, somehow, in his sheltering arms, I found my tongue and answered boldly: Yes, Tom.

We call her "the lady" still, sometimes; for she is famous now, and rich, and Susie and her children live with her. The old folks have found a better home with Fred, and I cannot help but think they told him how we love his wife and all the happiness she brought us.—*Abbie C. M'Keever in Farmer's Advocate.*

Baths.

Baths should never be taken just after a meal and preferably at least three hours after eating.

PROSPEROUS DIGBY.

The Fishing Business Up to the Average

TOURISTS LEFT $100,000 IN THE TOWN —MANY NEW BUILDINGS ERECTED, OTHERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION—A GLANCE AT THE TOWN'S FUTURE PROSPECTS.

(From the Halifax Chronicle)

The year 1903 which has just closed has been a prosperous one for Digby. There has been quite a large number of buildings erected and several are now under construction. The increased tourist accommodation was not taxed to its utmost until during the month of August and this gave the impression abroad that Digby was slow in filling with tourists, but the fact is we had more visitors than usual and they left us over $100,000 cash.

The fishing business is up to the average. The principal wholesale fish firms report as follows: Short & Ellis have exported 500,000 lbs haddock, 150,000 lbs. mixed fish. Capt. Joseph E. Snow, 200,000 lbs. herring, 500,000 mixed fish, Syda & Cousins, 650,000 lbs. mixed fish. D. &. O. Sproul, 700,000 lbs. mixed fish. Anderson & Leland, 605,000 lbs. hake and haddock and 102,000 lbs. cod. Digby firms have shipped a large quantity of smoked finnan haddies to the Upper Provinces, Short & Ellis taking the lead this season in the haddie business.

NEW BUILDINGS.

The principal new buildings are as follow:

The Pines Hotel, H. B. Churchill, $28,000.

H. T. Warne, new business block, $16,000.

Lour Lodge, Aubrey Brown, an expensive and well fitted summer hotel, exact value not estimated.

W. S. Troop, log cabin on Manhattan Hotel property, value about $1,000.

Myrtle House, newly furnished at a big cost.

Mrs. Bent's restaurant, new building worth $1,500.

C. E. Woodman, new business block, $2,000.

J. L. Peters, extensive repairs on business block, including a new plate glass front, also residence under construction which will probably cost $3,500.

Eber Turnbull, warehouse.

Edmund Handspiker, a small dwelling house.

David Sproul has under construction a tenement house and barn which will cost about $1,200.

Ross Smallie, new store and improvements on dwelling.

At Mt. Pleasant, just outside the Town limit, about $3,000 worth of buildings have been erected.

In the West End of the Town several buildings have been built.

Eaton's Hotel has a new building used as a sample room, and improvements in the hotel. Trinity Sunday School House has been erected at a cost of $3,300.

Geo. Baxter, a new dwelling house.

Wm. A. Turnbull, extensive repairs on residence, changing the same to a private boarding house during the tourist season.

Wm. Sulis, carriage factory, on Warwick Street.

There has been considerable improvements made on the Government wharf at this port.

Several schooners have been added to the fishing fleet. Among which are the Eddie J., Nebula, Mayflower, and extensive repairs, new rigging, etc., on the L. H.

Mr. H. T. Warne, our heaviest exporter, has shipped 3,300,000 feet of lumber, 8,000 barrels of potatoes, and 10,000 lbs. turnips.

H. A. DeVoe has put in new threshing machinery, grist mill and wood-sawing machinery.

PROSPECTS ARE GOOD.

The Town's future prospects are good. The following schemes are now being pushed by a number of our enterprising citizens: Enlarged wharf accommodation; the importation of 500 men from Scotland to man our fishing fleet, many of the large vessels being continually tied up at the wharf waiting for captains and crew. The Digby Wood Working Co. intend to increase their plant in order to build cars for the I. C. R. Steam Ferry between Digby and Victoria Beach to connect with the Middleton & Victoria Beach Railway. Electric railway from Digby to Bear River. Digby and Sydney Railway; D. A. R. to change their route, to do away with the Racquette bridge and purchase increased yard facilities with better protected crossings in the centre of the Town. These together with Federal and Civic elections near at hand make things interesting and will keep the people guessing until the schemes have been accomplished.

A new steamer is being built at Shelburne for a stock company The new boat, which is larger than the Westport III., will be placed on the Digby-St. John route the last of April. She will be fitted for carrying passengers and freight, will be commanded by Capt. Clayton Collins, of Westport, and her ports of call will be Bridgetown, Annapolis, Granville Ferry, Digby, Victoria Beach and St. John.

Another industry for Digby which it is said will be in running order during 1904 is a marine railway for repairing our fishing fleet and coasting vessels. Land has been purchased and work will likely go forward in the early spring. Our vessels at present have to be towed to Weymouth or Meteghan for repairs.

Wakeful Babies.

No baby cries for the mere fun of the thing. It cries because it is not well—generally its little stomach is sour, its bowels congested, its skin hot and feverish. This is often why babies are wakeful and make nights miserable for the parents. Relieve the little one and it will sleep all night, and let the mother get her needed rest as well. Just what mothers need for this purpose is Baly's Own Tablets—a medicine that speedily relieves and promptly cures all the minor ailments of young children. The experience of thousands of mothers has proved the truth of this and among these mothers is Mrs. James Farrell, Banberry, Ont., who says: "I think Baby's Own Tablets the best medicine in the world for little ones." My baby was cross and gave me a good deal of trouble, but since using the Tablets I could not wish for a healthier or better natured child."

Stronger praise could not be given, and the mother has a guarantee that the Tablets contain no opiate or harmful drug. Sold by medicine dealers or sent post paid at 25 cents a box by writing the Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Nauticals' Sound Blocked by Ice

NAVY VESSELS AT ANNEYARD, HAVEN WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO SAIL.

YARMOUTH HARBOR, Mass., Jan. 8.—The tug Storm King, with the schooner Future, bound for Boston, made a third attempt to get around Cape Cod today but returned this afternoon after getting as far as Half Moon Shoals. Capt. Higgins of the tug stated that the sound was badly filled with ice, but he came back more because of a northeasterly eastery storm. The balance of tugs, barges and schooners which have been in the harbor since Saturday morning, and the fishing schooner Sound Scow so badly jammed in the anchor ice today with the exception of the schooner Clarke Harold, which succeeded in forcing a passage north.

NANTUCKET, Mass., Jan. 8.—For the first time since the recent cold wave and the subsequent ice embargo there was a prospect tonight through the change of the wind to the eastward and warmer weather of a breaking up of the great ice fields which hem in the island to the north. A great part of the ice held broke away from Great Point today and moved over in the direction of the Chatham shore.

The food supply here still holds out, although the selection of staple articles is constantly narrowing.

Health and Success.

Weakness and disease cause discouragement failure and unhappiness, but with the use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food these conditions give way and energy, new hopes and new confidence stronger determination to succeed, and the college graduate, the student, the author, physically, Health and success go hand in hand. By restoring good health, Dr. Chase's Nerve Food helps to success and happiness.

Christian Science Attacked

PITTSBURG, Pa., Jan. 8.—The Rev. G. Campbell Morgan of the Northfield Conference attacked Christian Science in Witherspoon Hall yesterday, when he inaugurated a three weeks' series of meetings under the auspices of the Presbyterian Evangelistic committee. He said:

"One of the signs that there is a revolt against materialism is the remarkable growth of Christian Science in the last decade. Christian Science is characterized by ignorance of Christ's antecedent by long years of science. But the thing has taken hold of multitudes of the people. It is almost appalling to see the growth of the movement. As to the explanation of its growth I decline to wrestle with it by denying its existence. It is there, there, of course. But its growth means that there is a new passion for the spiritual.

"If the church had been true to her own calling, if there had not been a tendency to rationalism by preachers during the last 20 years, if we had been preaching the cross, affirming the reality of the spiritual and the inferiority of the material, there would be no such thing as Christian Science."

Bring His French.

"Gracious! What in the world is that man ordering such a lot of dishes for? Will he be able to eat them?

"Oh, no. He merely likes to show that he can pronounce all these French names."

Bear River's Lumber Business.

CLARKE BROS. HAVE SHIPPED TEN MILLIONS OF SPRUCE PINE AND HEMLOCK.

The Halifax *Chronicle's* special New Year's number contains many communications from the principal lumbermen of Nova Scotia. The following was received from Clarke Bros., Bear River's leading merchants:

The year just closed has been marked by steady progress in all departments. Merchandise sales exceed $131,000, lumber, wood and piling total $142,000, making a gross turnover of upwards of $263,000 an increase of $30,000 over 1902.

With the greater activity of the lumber trade, consequent upon the increased demand in the markets of the Argentine Republic, Cuba and the Windward West Indies, we have increased the capacity of our stationary mill at Lake Jolly by adding a stock gang, with a capacity of 15 thousand per day in 6 in. stock, giving us an output at this mill in South American lumber of 35 to 40 thousand per day and with three in stock and boards, 45 to 50 thousand per day. Have also built a dry house, installed a matcher and moulder and are putting in barrel machinery, in order to utilize our small timber and waste. We have a large supply of hardwood, and are finding a ready market for all the first-class flooring we can supply. Besides our stationary mill, we have kept three portable rotaries busy during the past season.

While we have shipped about ten millions of spruce, pine and hemlock, we have been unable to keep pace with our orders and have not found it necessary to secure new markets, as we have been compelled to decline orders equal in amount to the quantity shipped, not having sufficient stock to fill. In the various branches of our business, we employ about one hundred and seventy-five men. During the winter season this number is considerably greater.

Regarding the outlook for 1904, we see no reason for being pessimistic, but quite the opposite. Lumber stocks are well cleaned up, demand active and any increase in the supply, will, from present indications, be fully equal to the demand. As this industry in Western Nova Scotia may be regarded as the trade barometer, we are looking forward with confidence, and may be termed optimists, so far as the trade outlook for 1904 is concerned.

CLARKE BROS.

Boston Broker Gone Wrong.

POLICE SEEKING FOR OLIVER M. DENNETT OF FIRM OF DENNETT BROTHERS & CO.

BOSTON, January 8.—Surprise was occasioned on the Boston stock exchange to day when it became known that inspectors of the police department, armed with a warrant charging the larceny of $1,200, had been searching since Wednesday for Oliver M. Dennett, a member of the brokerage firm of Dennett Bros. & Co. The firm made an assignment on Dec. 7th last, with liabilities of $152,000 and assets of $30,000. Up to last May there were four partners in the concern, but since then the business has been conducted by Oliver M. Dennett, the executive head of the firm and his brother, H. Scott Dennett, who owned a seat in the stock exchange and acted as board manager. When the firm assigned, William E. Roche, an employee, was made assignee. On the day the assignment was made, Oliver M. Dennett went to New York, and has not been in Boston since. H. Scott Dennett said to-night that, by advice of his doctor, his brother took a trip to Cuba and returned to New York about three weeks ago without having received benefit from his journey. Then he entered a sanitarium near New York where he still remains but is expected to return to Boston in a few days.

After the assignment the creditors of the firm appointed a committee to examine its affairs. William F. Whitney, a manufacturer of Ashburnham, was appointed chairman of this committee and an expert accountant was engaged, but the examination has not been completed. The creditors claimed that there was a discrepancy in the accounts.

The partial results of the expert's investigations have been reported to the police inspectors from time to time and on Wednesday a warrant for Dennett's arrest was issued. The specific charge in the warrant is the larceny of $1,200 from Leslie, baker of Hyannis.

A Hero In His Day.

At this time of much air ship talk one rarely hears the name of Pilatre de Rozier, one of the first to test the feasibility of aerial navigation, and yet he was the hero of his day. A monument was erected in France on the spot where he made his last and fatal attempt. When the balloon was first invented he scorned the idea that criminals should be sent to make test accents. "It would be an honor to lose one's life, if need be, in such an enterprise," he said. He died some years after in trying to cross the English channel, and he is still the idol of French aeronauts because of his fearlessness, his enthusiasm and his love of the sport.

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Digby, January 15, 1904.

—THE importance attached to the promised neutrality of the Dreibund in case of war between Russia and Japan is suggestive of a horror which has not been in the mind of the public, but must have been before British diplomatists all the time, namely, the possibility of Germany supporting Russia, with a view to Russia's assent to her taking possession of Shunfung, the most populous and strategically the most commanding province of China. Britain's course in such a case might be to accept the policy of those two powers with regard to China, and allowing Germany to wedge herself between her and Russia take possession of the whole Yangtze valley. This, however, has never been Britain's policy or that of the United States. Politically neither of these powers wants any of China. Commercially they want the whole of it, and they have always contended for the integrity of that Empire. With Germany allied with Russia, however, Great Britain might very easily find herself forced into an attitude of self defence, and thus would, in turn, mobilize the alliance of France with Russia and bring Britain with Japan and perhaps China into collision with the whole world except the United States. Everything would, in such a case, depend on the course of that power. If the United States are forced into it, it would have to be on the side of Great Britain and Japan, which alliance would be tremendously strong and a very hopeful omen for the world's future. Still the whole prospect so opened is so hideous, that all Christians may well pray that it may be averted.

Meanwhile trouble seems to be brewing at the other end of the Yangtze Valley, where the Chinese resident at Lhassa is said to be recruiting a force to assist the British incursion into Thibet. This would be no difficulty in creating there a considerable army, well enured to the terrible hardships of the dreary region which it is proposed to defend, if it were only out of the Coolies, who form a ceaseless procession from China into Thibet and back again, carrying out on their weary backs burdens of heavy merchandise and even ores in return for the tea and other products of China which they carry in. Such a resistance would not prove a serious obstacle to the British policy, except that it would place Great Britain into the undesirable position of an enemy of China, which, desiring as she does the integrity of the Chinese empire, she is very far from being. Her only objects in entering Thibet are to prevent Russia from doing so and to be prepared to counter any movement of Russia upon China. Russia, threatens, if China joins Japan, to march on Pekin. Should she and Germany begin dividing up China it would not do for Great Britain to be found asleep.

Sons of Temperance

The Seventh Annual Session of Digby County District Division was held at Little River, Jan. 12, 1904. Notwithstanding the bad weather the divisions in Westport, Tiverton, East Ferry, Little River, Centreville, Smith's Cove, and Acaciaville, were represented; and reports were generally encouraging. Officers, as follows, were chosen for ensuing term:—D. W. P., Amos E. Outhouse, Tiverton; D. A. D., Rev. Israel W. Porter, Bear River; D. Scribe, Joseph W. Smith, Smith's Cove; D. Treasurer, Donald J. M. McKay, Acaciaville; D. Chaplain, William B. Deveau, Little River; D. Conductor, Morris McCullough, Tiddville; D. Sentinel, Lionel E. Dakin, Centreville; D. Supt. Y P Work, Miss A Laura Graham, Centreville; P D W W, Solomon M Dakin, Centreville. All those officers excepting D Chaplain were same as last calendar year. The District Scribe was unanimously re-elected the fourth consecutive time. Standing committees were appointed. District Worthy Patriarch:—*Returns and Credentials*:—George I Brooks, Frank S. Wells, Duncan C McKay. *Finance*:—Solomon M. Dakin, Cebra D Rice, Lionel E Dakin. Much important business was transacted. A very successful public temperance meeting was held in the evening. A prominent feature of future was the music and recitations finely rendered by several young sisters and brothers of Rising Tide Division, No. 51, Little River.
ISAIAH W. WILSON,
District Scribe.

Annapolis County Wedding

One of Lower Granville's most generally esteemed young men, Capt. Hogan M. Johnson, was married on Tuesday evening 12th to Miss Annnie B. G. Corbitt. The happy event took place at the residence of the bride's father W. A. Corbitt, South Williamston, Rev. W. L. Archibald officiating. The wedding presents were numerous and valuable, including a cheque for $200 from the bride's father. The groom's present to the bride being $20. On Wednesday the happy couple boarded the west bound train for a trip to Boston and other American cities. We wish them a long and happy married life.

Three Barges Adrift.

During the gale on Monday of last week the three barges—Gypsum Queen Gypsum King and Ontario—broke from their moorings at Westport and went adrift in the basin. The tug Springhill went out in search of them on Tuesday and succeeded in locating the Gypsum King off Blomidon, took her in tow and anchored her in West Bay. Great difficulty was experienced, as she was so iced up that she appears like an iceberg. The Ontario is supposed to be ashore on Long Island, near Hortonville, and the Gypsum Queen is reported on the flats ashore off Kingsport.

Another Halifax Fire

A fire at "Pinehurst," the residence of R. L. Borden, M. P., North West Arm, Halifax, at 5.30 on Friday afternoon, badly damaged the building and caused a loss of from $2000 to $3000. It broke out in a room upstairs between the partitions, and a hole had to be cut through the roof and a large quantity of water poured into the building before the flames were subdued. The furniture was badly damaged, particularly the carpets, which were drenched with water.

In New Brunswick Woods

Forty-eight men and five ox teams left Weymouth recently for Westfield, N. B., where they are working in the lumber woods. These men were engaged by Mr. L. D. Prime, who returned to Digby county Wednesday looking for fifty more men. Mr. Prime is well satisfied with his Digby county employees and says the men appear to like the work.

Abandoned at Sea

CAPT. GEORGE E. MALLETT AND CREW RESCUED BY THE S. S. BOSTON.

A telephone message to the COURIER Saturday night stated that the captain and crew of the schooner Lizzie Dyas had been abandoned at sea and were rescued by the S. S. Boston. The Lizzie Dyas was built in Parrsboro in 1893, is 99 tons register and owned by Mr. Joseph Potter, of Plympton, and others. The vessel is partially insured and will prove a good prize for any steamer which succeeds in towing her in. The Yarmouth *Herald* reporter obtained the following information from the captain:

Schr. Lizzie Dyas, George E. Mallett, master, left Church Point Dec. 12th, with a cargo of ship timber for Rockland. Mr. Encountered heavy winds while in the Bay, and on the 16th made sail and proceeded as far as Westport and lay there until the 18th, then started to cross the Bay of Fundy. At 5 p. m. got in West Quoddy and lay there until the 20th on account of head winds. Then proceeded on voyage and got as far as Petite Manan. On the 25th encountered a heavy N. W. gale, with snow and vapor, and had to heave to, and when the gale moderated made sail and got in to Machias, Me., and lay there until the 2nd of Jan. We then made sail, and at 8 p. m., with the wind N. E. and thick snow, could not make the land and had to heave to, the wind increasing and the vessel making in and labouring heavy. On the 4th at 8 a. m. had to run the mainsail before the wind to get off some of the ice, and continued until the 6th, and at 10 a. m. hove to. We had then run 131 miles S. S. E. from Seal Island. On the 7th at 2 p. m. wind moderating, made sail to get north again. We then noticed the lower part of the rudder was broken, and had to steer the vessel by working the sails until we could fix it. We found we could do nothing with the rudder and rigged one by towing along astern with a line from each quarter, but that failed to work, and as the wind was light we got to work at the rudder again.

At 6 p. m. on the 8th sighted Seal Island and shaped our course to get into Yarmouth. At 10 a. m., wind freezing from the N. E. in a gale, with snow, we have to under two reef foresail, and at 2 a. m. on the 9th blew away foresail and had to lay under bare poles. At 8 a. m. we discovered the rudder was broken off, and lay there until sighted by the steamer Boston.

Since Sunday several tug boats have been out searching for the schooner, but so far with no success.

Wedding Bells at Centreville

A very pretty wedding took place on the evening of the thirtieth ult., at the home of Mrs. Franchia Morehouse, when her daughter, Miss Cassie Alberta, was united in marriage to Mr. Reuben Morehouse, the ceremony being performed by the Rev. R. B. Muck, of Sandy Cove. At eight o'clock the bride received from the arm of her brother, Mr. Beecher Morehouse, of Beaver Harbour, to the strains of the wedding march played by Miss Carrie Dakin. She was becomingly attired in a suit of white crepe voile with trimmings of lace and pearls and wore a bridal veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Lizzie, who was dressed in a suit of white Cassmly trimmed with valenciennes lace, while the groom was attended by Mr. Fred Morehouse. After the ceremony refreshments were passed around. About seventy-five guests were present and all report a very pleasant time. Among the invited guests were Miss Jessie Eldridge of Beaver Harbor, and Mrs. Roger Dakin, of Digby. The presents were numerous and valuable, showing the high esteem in which the couple are held by their many friends. Mr. and Mrs. Morehouse will reside at their home in Centreville, and we not only wish them a "Happy New Year" but a long and prosperous wedded life.

Handsome Calendars.

The firm of D. & O. Sprouse, one of Digby's well known wholesale fish firms and proprietors of the North End Grocery, have our thanks for one of the largest and most expensive calendars ever distributed by a Digby firm. It is 15x22 inches with large and printed especially for this firm. The whole design is a good one and will no doubt find a prominent position in the offices of their wholesale customers throughout Canada and the United States.

Among the other calendars received this week were appropriate designs from E. W. Bacon & Co., wholesale dealers in country produce, hay, grain, etc., Lynn, Mass.; J. S. Robertson, manufacturer of printers' rollers, Montreal, and J. K. Tusk, proprietor of the John Street West Market, Yarmouth. Mr. Tusk always issues a pretty calendar and the one for 1904 is no exception to the past record.

I. O. O. F.

The following officers were installed in St. George Lodge No. 55, I. O. O. F., last Friday evening by Mr. H. G. Turnbull, District Deputy Grand Master:
H. F. Jones—N. G.
Ernest Turnbull—V. G.
G. H. Peters—P. G., R. S.
H. B. Burnham—P. G., F. S.
J. L. Peters—P. G., Treas.
W. S. Winchester—Warden.
Arthur Turnbull—Conductor.
O. Turnbull—P. G., Chaplain.
D. F. Young—P. G., R. S. N. G.
Albert Williams—L. S. N. G.
H. W. Bowles—P. G., R. S. V. G.
Wm. Turnbull—L S V G.
Harry Hersey—R. S. S.
B. B. Hayden—L. S. S.
George Clarke—I. G.
George Keen—O. G.
G. H. Chisholm—L. P. G.
The first degree will be conferred on several candidates this evening.

Change of Business

Mr. J. G. Rice, who has conducted the undertaking business in Digby for many years, has, owing to ill health, retired from active work. The business will, in future, be managed by his son, Mr. Frederick Rice, who has always been more or less connected with the firm and has a large experience in this line of work. He has also attended several associations where he has received the latest of lectures as well as practical knowledge. We feel confident that the business will be continued satisfactorily under the new management.

Wrecked Schooner Sold

The wrecked American tern schr. S. P. Hitchcock, which was sold at auction in Culloden Saturday, was purchased by Mr. Fred Peterkin, of Yarmouth for $380.00. The Victoria Capt. C. F. Lewis, visits the wreck when weather permits. The hull will be broken up for junk. The officers and crew of the S. P. Hitchcock were sent home Monday by the American Consul.

Purchased New Schooner

MESSRS. Hains Bros., of Freeport, have purchased a handsome fishing vessel which is being built at McGowan's yard, Shelburne. She will be launched in a few weeks. The new vessel is 46 tons register and will be commanded by Capt. Nelson Thurber, of Freeport, who will engage in the hand-lining business as soon as the vessel is ready for sea.

Scott Act Inspector Appointed

The following applications were received for the position of Scott Act Inspector for the Municipality of Digby, John Journeay and Tattle Cook, of Weymouth; Collins Titus, of Westport and Ingram Saunders, of Sandy Cove. After some discussion among the councillors, a vote was taken which resulted in the election of Mr. Journeay at a salary of $100 per year.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Several new buildings are in demand at present.

—A number of business men are looking for new stores.

—There is also a demand for a number of tenements which could be rented for seven or eight dollars a month.

—We trust some capitalists will invest money in Digby's real estate during the present year and erect a few up-to-date buildings, and a number of cheap dwelling houses.

—The recent snow storms again blocked our streets.

—They were soon broken out Monday morning.

—The sleighing was fairly good throughout the entire county.

—A big rain storm early yesterday morning put the streets in a bad condition.

—A number of our up-to-date summer hotel men are contracting for thousands of booklets to be circulated during the next few months.

—Now is the time to get your summer printing.

—The COURIER job department makes a specialty of hotel printing and has recently been fitted with new presses, etc.

—The municipal council is in session this week in the Digby court house.

—The appointment of new officers and other matters of interest transacted by the councillors will appear in our next issue.

—Digby is getting her share of winter weather this year.

—While we have had a number of big storms, local shipping disasters have not been as frequent as in former years.

—And now there's to be a session of parliament before time elections. Which will guessing cease?

—"Cold Friday" of which there has been considerable talk recently, occurred on the 8th February, 1861.

—The mercury was 20 below zero in Windsor, N. S., and while we have no record of the cold in Digby county, we understand it was from ten to fifteen below.

—Twenty-two persons were received into membership in Grace Methodist Church last Sunday evening.

—There have been but few fish arrivals in port this week.

—A number of small boat fares have been purchased.

—A requisition from the ratepayers and a reply from Mr. H. B. Short appear in this issue.

—We reprinted an item from the Halifax *Chronicle* in reference to a steam ferry between Digby and Granville.

—It is intended to run this boat in connection with the Middleton & Victoria Beach Railway, and it is not likely it will be placed on the route for some time.

—The service is now being performed by Capt. Mussels, who runs a small sail boat.

—He also carries the mail.

—There will be no service in the Presbyterian Church on Sunday, the 17th inst., either at Digby or Bay View.

—The choir and orchestra of Grace Methodist Church will repeat, by request, next Sunday evening, the exercise rendered by them Christmas Sunday.

Harbor Master Taylor Dead.

A FORMER DIGBY COUNTY MAN DIED SUDDENLY AT HIS HOME IN ST. JOHN.

(From Wednesday's St. John Sun.)

St. John lost a valuable official yesterday when Charles S. Taylor, the harbor master of the port, died. Mr. Taylor had served most satisfactorily in that position for about 30 years. He was a man clothed with much authority, having had in fact control of the harbor. He endeavored to see that everybody got a proper show and this made him popular with all people whether citizens or visitors in vessels of all classes and sizes. Mr. Taylor was able to attend to the duties of his office on Monday and seemed as well as ever. But yesterday morning he complained at his home on the western side of Queen Square, that he was feeling unwell. He partook of his breakfast in his own room and when his dinner was taken up to him he was discovered by Mrs. Taylor to be rapidly failing. He died about half-past one. Dr. Bayard was sent for, but he was unable to do anything for the patient. General regret will be felt by all citizens when they learn of the demise of the harbor master.

Mr. Taylor was born at Weymouth, N. S., in 1831. He was a son of Morris and Mary Alice Taylor. His grandfather, John Taylor, who was a native of New Jersey, and a Loyalist, after serving as a captain in the British army during the revolutionary war, received from the government a pension and a grant of land in Nova Scotia, located in what is now the town of Weymouth. He married Eleanor Taylor and had five children, three sons and two daughters, of whom Morris L. was the youngest child. Mrs. Taylor, the mother of the late harbor master, was a daughter of Benjamin Lee, a Loyalist, who went from Connecticut to Scotia. The late Mr. Taylor, whose death occurred yesterday, became apprentice in St. John years ago and acquitted himself in a creditable manner. In 1874 he was made harbor master of St. John. In 1859 he married Miss Margaret Mantell of this city, daughter of Charles Mantell, a native of London. Mrs. Taylor survives her husband with three sons, Charles E. Taylor, who is out west, W. Henry, who lives in Kingman, Me.; Mrs. R. D. McGivern and Miss Vesta Allison Taylor, who lived at their father's home. Another son was Byron Gordon Taylor, who years ago was accidentally shot up river.

The Farmer's Association.

A MEETING OF THE PROVISIONAL DIRECTORS HELD WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON.

A meeting of the provisional directors of The Digby County Farmers' Association was held in Digby Wednesday afternoon. This society has only been organized a few weeks, but is making good progress. There are now 58 members and it is no doubt that within a few months over two hundred names will be added to the list. The Association has applied to the Agricultural Council, now in session, for an annual grant of $25.00, and we trust that they will be successful in obtaining the amount asked for.

There are many advantages in belonging to a society of this nature. It not only gives an opportunity for our farmers to exchange ideas and work in harmony with each other, but it is the means of enabling them to procure useful literature from the Ottawa experimental farms and from other farmers' associations throughout the Dominion. The organization has our best wishes for a long and successful career.

Card of Thanks

The officers and members of the Digby Cornet Band wish to thank all who assisted in the performance and also those who so liberally patronized their minstrel show held in the Oddfellows' hall New Years night.

Signs of Spring.

Mr. Charles Winchester, jr., one of Digby's truckmen, prophesies an early spring. To strengthen his argument he called at the COURIER office yesterday with a caterpillar which he discovered coming down Warwick street.

S. S. Boston's Stormy Passage.

RESCUES A CREW FROM DISABLED SCHOONER.

(Yarmouth Herald.)

Steamer Boston, which left Boston on her usual trip on Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock, encountered a N. E. gale and heavy sea all the way down. About 10 p.m. an unusually heavy cross sea boarded the steamer smashing in the forward and port lifeboats and flooding the front staterooms. The steamer was immediately hove to, and the rent in the house battened with mattresses and boards, occupying two or three hours. The steamer then proceeded under slow steam, arriving here at 6 p. m. on Saturday.

At 2.40 p. m. (Boston time) on Saturday Capt. Swanson saw a signal of distress flying from a vessel a short distance off, and although the Boston was much behind time, immediately altered his course and ran down to it. It proved to be the schr. Lizzie Dyas, from Church Point for Rockland, Me., with a cargo of timber. The schooner had lost her rudder the night before off Yarmouth Cape, and was badly frozen up and unmanageable.

A boat was at once launched from the schooner, and the captain and crew (6 in number) were transferred to the steamer after which she proceeded on her voyage. Before leaving the schr. the sails were lowered and furled.

A large gang of men were at once set to work unloading, coaling and reloading the Boston, whilst a number of carpenters were employed in repairing the damage caused by the sea. She sailed at 7.15 for Boston and 11.45 on Sunday morning, arriving in Boston at 7.15 Monday morning.

The steamer had a very rough passage. The rescue of the crew was effected with much difficulty and at great danger, but Capt. Stanwood was equal for the emergency and all got on board without accident. The men saved all their effects.

No Place for Politics

"The candidates who attempt to foist party politics in civic affairs should be carefully left to attend to their own affairs. Once more we say, down the political candidate who attempts to introce Conservative or Liberal partyism into town affairs and elect good honest capable men who will advance the interest of the town be serves."

The above is from the *Acadian Orchardist*, of Wolfville, and should express the opinion of every intelligent citizen.

Paper Strike

A strike among the workmen of the E. B. Eddy Co. at Hull, bids fair to inconvenience that firm's customers for printing paper. The company demand that the machine tenders work until midnight Saturday instead of 5.30 p. m., which the latter decline to do. Hence the trouble. Over 300 employes are affected.

Picked Up Lobster Smack

Capt. Kenney, of steamer Wanda, picked up on Friday last, in the ice, about four miles west from Spectacle Island, a lobster smack, under sail, with moorings hanging over the bow. The boat was painted black, sloop rigged, with small foresail, and there were footprints in the ice on her deck. He towed it into Harry's Island.

Change of Management

The Glace Bay *Gazette* has again changed hands. In its last issue it says: "E. J. Hamilton and R. C. Hamilton, either of them, have no further connection with this paper. Advertisers and subscribers will kindly take notice of this."

Personal Mention

Rev. H. A. Harley returned from Bridgetown Tuesday.

Mr. Roger Bishop, of Digby, returned to Boston Wednesday.

Mr. Ernest Dakin returned home Wednesday from a trip to Boston.

Mr. G. W. Weldon, of Ottawa, formerly of Digby, is very ill with pneumonia.

Mr. L. S. Ford, fishery inspector, who was in town this week, left for Wolfville yesterday.

Harry Havey has returned home after visiting friends and formerly schooling in Bridgetown.

Mayor and Mrs. Sproule have returned from their trip to Cuba. They were absent three weeks.

Mr. Charlie Thurber who has been steward on board the steamer Boston, left last week for his home in Freeport.

Mr. F. M. Steadman, Digby's new furniture dealer, was a passenger to Windsor Wednesday, returning yesterday.

Mr. L. H. Johnston, proprietor of the Digby Marble Works, left Wednesday for a trip to Barrington and Clark's Harbor.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Gordon Lynch left this week for the Southern States where they will spend the remainder of the winter.

Mr. Fiske Thurber, son of Dr. Chipman, of Grand Pre, who has been the guest of his uncle, Mr. E. Thurber, returned home yesterday.

Mr. T. Stubbert, formerly of the firm of Dunham & Stubbert, Yarmouth, is in town, having accepted a position with Mr. Steadman, furniture dealer.

Mrs. John W. Card, of Everett Mass., who has been visiting friends in the Annapolis Valley, arrived here Tuesday and is the guest of Mrs. John Bent at the Racquette.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. S. V. H., Capt. Wormell has gone into winter quarters at Tyler & Cousins' wharf.

Schr. E. Mayfield arrived here Monday with coal from Parrsboro for W. E. Van Blarcom.

Schr. W. Parnell (Harris, Capt. Wm. Snow, from Digby arrived here Monday, having put in for harbor.

Schr. Whisper, Capt. Edw. Keans, and Nebula, Capt. James Ellis, have gone into winter quarters at Tyler & Cousins' wharf.

Schooner Eddie James, of Yarmouth, arrived here Sunday with a large lot of haddock and mixed fish, she called for St. John Monday morning to sell her catch. She is a handsome schooner and is commanded by Capt. John Kane, formerly master of the Digby schooner J. W. Counins.

New Ads. This Week

Lettenay & Co.....Remnants.
W. Jones.....Winter Goods.
C. F. Goodall.....South End Grocery.
Kaulbach & Schurman.....Business College.
Dr. Fairweather.....Rubber Goods.
Park's Perfect Emulsion.....Healthy Children.
W. L. Hunt.....For Sale.
F. M. Steadman.....Furniture.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

REQUISITION.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 11th, 1903.

To H. B. Short, Esq., Digby, N. S.

SIR,—The undersigned residents and ratepayers of the Town of Digby, learn or believe that it is the intention of Major Sproule to offer again to seek office, would request that you allow yourself to be put in nomination for the office of Mayor of the Town for the ensuing year.

Your wide business experience, your personal interests in the town and the fact that you have in the past served several years at the Council board, all combine to make you particularly fitted to act as the head of the civic government of Digby, and we pledge ourselves to support your candidature if you will consent to a nomination.

H. K. Jones	O. Fairweather
J. E. Jones, M. D.	H. G. Monroe
C. A. Dakin	C. W. Muise
H. W. Dakin	Geo. M. Wilson
E. DuVernet, M. D.	F. McLarren
J. A. McNeil	Edmund F. L. Jones
J. L. Peters	H. Green
W. E. Weldon	Wm. H. Winchester
G. I. Lettenay	E. E. Burnham
W. Fairweather	Geo. M. Tesher
H. L. Bennison	Hazlett Shaw
A. S. Daley	Daniel H. Hilton
Arthur Turnbull	G. H. Holdsworth
C. F. Lewis	E. Hart Nichols
T. Turnbull	H. B. Hogg
J. A. Clinton	F. G. Eaton
R. J. Thorne	J. H. Syda
J. M. Viets	C. E. Woodman
E. Bodd Dakin	Chas. H. Barr
Jas. M. Keen	L. S. Morse
Stanley A. Keen	O. S. Dunham
S. Wood	A. H. Holdsworth
Jas. H. Wright	J. F. Mullin
Louis H. Morse	R. M. Oliver
W. E. Vanblarcom	H. W. Bowles
Otis R. Warne	A. J. S. Copp
S. W. Titus	W. W. Hayden
B. W. Cousins	J. W. Corbett
Henry Bacon	Orbin Sproule
Alex. Sproule	John Daley
David Sproul	Aubrey Brown
G. W. Wightman	J. A. Cullen
Rose C. Smallie	J. R. Wright
Jos. S. Snow	F. A. Brennan
W. B. Stewart	

REPLY.

GENTLEMEN,—Referring to the above largely signed requisition requesting me to allow myself to be nominated to the office of Mayor of the Town of Digby at the forthcoming election for the ensuing year, I beg to say that after duly considering the same, I have decided to accept, although were I to consult my own feelings in the matter I should be obliged to decline the honor. But believing that it is the duty of every citizen to share in the responsibility of our civic affairs and therefore do everything in his power for the advancement of our Town, I feel that if it is your wish that I should be nominated for the responsible position of Mayor, that it is my duty to accept the same, and I assure you that if elected, it will be my aim to do everything in my power for the welfare of my native Town.

Thanking you for the confidence you have placed in me, I am

Your obedient servant,
H. B. SHORT.

Digby, N. S., Jan. 14th, 1904.

DIGBY COUNTY NEWS.

Westport

Schr. Curlew has gone into winter quarters.

Miss Mina Welsh is visiting relatives in Boston and vicinity.

Mr. Manson Hersey returned to his home in Dubnico last week.

Mrs Bertie Powell and Miss Ida McNeil were in town Monday.

Miss Lottie Barrill returned to her home in Yarmouth, Wednesday.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Sinclair Cann on the birth of a daughter.

Mr. Wellington Titus of Centreville, is here in the interest of a singing school.

Mr. Albert Thompson was a passenger to Yarmouth en route to Boston Wednesday.

Str. Westport III. will sail for Yarmouth this afternoon with lobsters and passengers.

Schr. Eddie Janies, Sims, sailed Sunday morning for St. John with 60,000 lbs. mixed fish.

Mr. Charles Titus and Miss Lillie Parker have gone to Truro to attend Normal school.

Mr. Albert Dakin was a passenger to Boston last week where he intends stopping the winter.

Schr. Sovereign has been waiting for some time to get a chance to go over to the north shore.

Schr. Yarmouth Packet has been lying in the harbor for the last eight days, bound to St. John.

Schr. Basil M. Geldert, arrived to-day with a cargo of reserve mine coal for the Insular S. S. Company.

E. C. Bowers grew a lemon in his store on a 10 inch tree that measured 10½ inches in circumference.

Mr. Gordon Gower, who has been spending the holidays with his parents, returned to Wolfville last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Thompson and daughter Ina returned to their home in Melrose last week, via Yarmouth.

Mrs. Charles Coggins and son Fuller were passengers to Weymouth Monday, en route to Yarmouth. Mr. Coggins will go via Wednesday's boat.

Tyro Division will celebrate its annual anniversary on Friday evening. New officers for the ensuing quarter were elected and installed on Monday evening as follows: Ernest Peters, W. P; Elmer Gower, P. W. P; Gertie Dakin, W. A; Chas. McDonald, Treasurer; Alice Bailey, F. Scribe; Blanche Hicks, R. S; Marjorie Olson, A. R. S; W. A. Pugh, Conductor; Hattie Welsh, Conductor; Edna Gower, A. C; Reid Behson, F. S; Harley Gavin, O. S; Howard Titus, Deputy.

Mr. Thomas Besser passed away on the morning of the 8th inst after a short illness, aged 68 years. Funeral took place at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. Thomas Besser was born in Bath, England, in 1836 and came to Yarmouth when about 17 years of age. He resided at Beaver River for several years with the late W. M. H. Jenkins, Esq., ship builder and owner, in whose employ Mr. Besser sailed for some time. He was a good sailor and efficient master. He had an A 1 certificate. He joined a lodge of A. F. and A. M. Masons in 1862 in Ireland, where he was married when quite young to a Miss Alice Raymond, daughter of Deacon Ira Raymond of Beaver River. His second wife was Miss Sally Raymond, daughter of Wm. H. Raymond of the same place. After her death he married Mrs. Collins, widow of the late Arthur Collins of Westport and daughter of Josiah Porter of Lake George. In 1880 he moved to Westport and sailed out of this port until 1890 when he lost his eyesight. He leaves a wife and one daughter to mourn the loss of a father and a kind husband.

Little River

Mrs. Eliza J. Stanton, of East Ferry, is visiting friends here.

Mrs. Cynthia Lord is the guest of her sister, Mrs. James H. Tibert.

Messrs. Frank Bastin and William Morse, spent Sunday with friends here.

Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Collins are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, 7th inst.

Mr. Charlie Frost, who has been at Westport for several months past, returned home via S. S. Westport III. on Monday.

Capt. M. Trask has purchased the schooner "Ona Vine", and intends having her re-modeled during the winter months, at Weymouth.

The quarterly meeting of the Digby County District Division met here on Tuesday, Jan. 12th. The meetings were enjoyed by all present. The programme for the public meeting in the evening was well rendered.

The Misses Gussie Denton and Lena Trask each received a handsome parlor clock as prize from the "Tiger Tea letter competition." Miss Carrie B. Denton also received a handsome present valued at $4. The girls are very much pleased.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Susan Addington, whose death was reported last week, took place on Sunday. The deceased was for many years a consistent member of the Baptist Church. She leaves three brothers, Messrs. Jacob, Kelsey and John Denton, one sister, Mrs. Charlotte Frost, of Westport, three sons, Reuben, Hanford and William Addington, and a large circle of friends to mourn their loss. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. D. Mack, of Sandy Cove.

(From Another Correspondent.)

Mr. Wm. Morse, of Centreville, visited friends here on Sunday.

Mr. Spinney, Yarmouth, was here Thursday on a business trip.

Major Timpany, of Rossway, is engaged in carpenter work here.

Mr. Ernest Collins, of Westport, was here for a few days on business.

Mr. Howard Denton, of Gloucester, Mass., is home for a few weeks.

Mrs. Robert Nisbit, of Danvers, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Aug. Prime.

Miss Sadie Trask, who has been visiting friends at Tiverton, returned home Monday.

Haddock fishing reported good at present. Lobsters scarce in St. Mary's Bay. Fishermen are getting discouraged.

Miss Myrtle Frost gave a party to her many friends at Centreville on Friday evening last. A very pleasant evening was spent with games and music.

Mr. Kilsey Denton gave a 20th Century party to his friends in Temperance Hall, Tuesday evening last. A very pleasant and enjoyable evening was spent by all—Mr. Curtus Denton, violin music, Mrs. Geo. Morehouse, organist.

Freeport

Mr. Elwin Haines is attending council in Digby.

Mr. Willie Prime is visiting friends in Annapolis.

Miss Bell has returned to her home in Cape Breton.

Mr. Norman Young, of Brighton, is visiting friends in this place.

Mr. Joseph Israel and daughter Maud, returned from St. John last week.

Miss Lily Moses, of Yarmouth, is the guest of her cousin, Mrs. Leonard Perry.

E. A. Gidney, M. P. P., and Samuel Gidney, of Mink Cove, were in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Crowell, of Yarmouth, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Willie V. Perry.

Capt. Blanche Perry, of the S. A., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Perry.

Messrs. Murray Lewis and Charlie Thurber arrived home Sunday on a special.

Mrs. Eliza Haycock, of Westport, is confined to the home of her daughter, Mrs. Milton Hains.

The Rev. Mr. Crowell left by stmr. "Westport" Jan. 11th, for his home in Virginia, New Jersey.

Mr. Milton Hains, of the firm of Hains Bros., has recently returned from Shelburne, having purchased a new fishing schooner.

Capt. Joseph Thurber, of the schr. "Venigo," has recently moved to Weymouth. We wish Capt Thurber every success in his new undertaking.

Mr. Winfred Thurber, the eighteen year old son of Mr. Alonzo Thurber, died on New Year's Day after several months' illness. On account of the severe storm he was not buried till Wednesday afternoon.

The B. Y. P. U., being at a very low ebb for some time past, was resuscitated during the short stay of the Rev. W. B. Crowell. The following officers were elected: Pres. Ralph Morrell, Vice-Pres. Mrs Frank Lent; Sec'y and Treas. Vera Brooks; Organist, Beatrice Israel.

We are pleased to see some of our seafaring men returning home. Among the number are: Messrs. Rodney Brooks, Judson Thurber, Henry Stendersen, Halet Moran, William Risteen, Mendal Morrell, Jesse Wyman, Bernard Blackford, Jeremiah Perry, Frank Perry and Oliver Huckins.

The weather here for four days was the coldest that Freeport had experienced for many years. Besides the exceeding cold a strong gale prevailed, accompanied by blinding snow squalls, which completely blocked the streets. No services were held on Sunday. Monday morning, several of the teachers as well as scholars failed to put in an appearance at the school-house. No mail was received Monday and it was not until 8.30 p. m., Tuesday that it arrived.

Sandy Cove

Miss Maggie Leary is visiting friends in Digby.

Mr. Arthur Bond, of Brighton, was in town last week.

Mrs. W. H. Eldridge is visiting her daughter in Digby.

Mrs. Orren Morehouse is confined to the house with measles.

Mrs. Sophronia Morton, of Centreville, is the guest of Mrs. E. D. Morehouse.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Carty on the birth of a son, Jan. 2nd.

Mr. Crosby is in town travelling in the interest of J. N. Gardner & Co., lobster dealers.

Quite a number of young people drove to Little River Tuesday to attend District Division.

Dame rumor reports there's to be another wedding soon. Why not? It's Leap Year.

Mrs. Bosford Boyer and Mrs. Wm. Burns, spent Friday with friends in Little River.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Gidney celebrated the 30th anniversary of their marriage Jan. 8th. A very pleasant evening was spent.

Mrs. Alex. McKay and Mrs. Torah Morehouse were called to Rossway on account of the illness of their mother, Mrs. George Ross.

Mr. Henry Griffith met with a very painful accident last Saturday, while felling a tree. A branch struck him in the face putting his eye out.

Tiverton

Mrs. George Cossabaum, jr., is quite ill.

Quite a number of our young people are taking advantage of the fine weather.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Outhouse on the arrival of a little daughter, Jan. 12th.

Mr. Fred Outhouse and Vernon Cossaboom have gone down the Eastern Shore to work the remainder of the winter in a lumber factory.

Capt. T. W. Brooks and others of Freeport have purchased schr. A. B. Parker. Capt. Holland Outhouse has gone to Bridgewater to get schr. Adrian to replace her.

Our village was deeply grieved to hear of the death of our respected friend Geo. Bishop, Esq. We wish through the columns of your valuable paper, to sympathize with his bereaved family.

Our young men still keep coming and going. Mr. Nehemia Outhouse, who has been working in Lubec, Maine, and Messrs. Ossie and Irving Ruggles from Blacks Harbor, are the latest arrivals.

Acadiaville

Miss Louise Bell is very ill.

Mrs. George Adams, of Deep Brook, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. W. A. Bacon.

Messrs. William and Joseph Franklyn, of Boston, Mass., are here on a short vacation, the guest of their father, Mr. James Franklyn.

Hope Division, No. 154, S. of T., elected the following officers for another term: D. C. Mackay, W. P.; Frank Barr, W. A; Anna M. Woodman, R. S; Dora Woodman, A. R. S.; Goudy G. H. Nichols, F. S; Donald J. MacKay, Treasurer; Samuel E Woodman, Chaplain; Georgie Allison, Conductor; Caroline Woodman, A. C; Frank Earlem, I. S; James Woodman, O. S; (Mrs.) D. J. MacKay, S. J. P, W; Clara Woodman, P. W. P.

To Fix Responsibility

CHICAGO, Jan. 11.—Unlimited funds to aid in prosecuting the persons responsible for the Iroquois Theatre fire have been pledged to the "Iroquois Society," composing relatives of victims. An offer has been made by a firm with a financial backing of more than a million dollars, to aid in a permanent organization decided upon the following recommendation.

1.—To establish a memorial to commemorate the names of the victims.

2.—To render assistance to those made destitute through the loss of relatives in the fire.

3.—To devise methods to prevent similar occurrences.

4.—To assist in and compel the passage of ordinances to safeguard the lives of public assemblages.

It was decided to appoint a committee to aid the Coroner in his investigation.

A Rough Trip

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Jan. 12.—The schooner Wanola, from Dalhousie (N. B.) for Philadelphia, arrived here today after an exceedingly rough trip. On the 9th instant, during a heavy northeast gale, when 50 miles east of Cape Cod, 100,000 laths were washed from the deck and the vessel blown into Boston Bay. On the 10th she experienced a heavy northwest gale, had her forestaysail torn and stay-sail boom broken.

CALAIS, Me., Jan. 12.—Schr. Roger Drury, which went ashore near this port, has been floated and repairs made. She will sail Wednesday for New York.

Will Prepare a Technical Report

The following is reprinted from the Weymouth *Free Press*:

"We understand Mr. F. M. Steadman has been engaged by the liquidator of Sissboo Pulp and Paper Co., to examine the machinery of the two mills and make a technical report on their condition and capacity."

Flour Mills Burned

Matheson's flour mills at Dartmouth, Halifax, were destroyed by fire on Friday night. No insurance on the buildings, which were valued at $3000. The machinery, valued at $8000, was insured for $1500.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

To the Editor of the Courier:

SIR,—Rarely have the ratepayers of any town found themselves in the pitiable plight of having to take from one of their own numbers, acting as chairman of the town council, such censure and accusation as that reported to have issued from the throne of "the acting mayor" at a recent council meeting. He is reported to have briefly remarked that,—"it was supposed the "ratepayers were sincere—it appears "they were insincere—they have been "willing to vilify their own conduct—"they have anything but the welfare "of the town at heart—they have put "an entirely false representation upon "the agreement—to gratify the spite "of a few would be politicians."

Had Shakespeare lived in our day, how he might have improved upon his character of Dogberry! Just compare the brief remarks of Shakespeare's Dogberry with those quoted above: "Marry, sir," says Dogberry, "they have committed false speech; moreover, they have spoken untruths; secondarily they are slanders; sixth and lastly, they have lied; a lady; thirdly they have verified unjust things; and to conclude, they are lying knaves." The language ascribed to the "acting mayor" may be more grammatical, but that is due evidently to revision by more literate hands; those words are mostly not of his vocabulary, nor all of his comprehension—but, whosoever the words, the sentiments are his, and do not differ materially from those of Dogberry. His own language too, had it been given, would not likely have been very dissimilar.

The "acting mayor" remarked but briefly; and we are so thankful that the COURIER's reporter was able to catch the words and gratify public curiosity with that small quotation. The only pity is that he did not make an extended speech: posterity would prize it so much!

Whenever put those words into the mouth of the "acting mayor," and thus got him to designate gentlemen of this town as "insignificant would be politicians" had indeed a fine sense of humour. It is a rich bit of sarcasm, and the ratepayers of Digby will doubtless enjoy the joke. We will all be better able now than ever before to appreciate Douglas Jerrold's definition of dogmatism as "puppyism come to maturity;" and we will understand better too the significance of *Insignificance* holding prominence in the councils of the town. We realize, however, that it is the outcome of our own folly in ever having made possible this public degredation; and must endure it patiently yet a little while, until the time arrives, when we can correct our past mistake and relegate to his natural obscurity one who ought never to have had an opportunity for public notoriety.

Sincerely,
ONE OF THE RATEPAYERS.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR:—With your kind permission I would like to address a word to Sunday School workers in Digby County. The County Convention at Weymouth Bridge in October referred me to the office of Superintendent of the Normal or Teacher's Training Department. The importance of teaching training for S. S. work does not need to be emphasized in this day. Normal certificates have already come to Digby Co., but we want to see a larger share. Mr. E. D. King, K. C. of Halifax is the Superintendent of this work for the Province.

I have on hand leaflets explaining the Teacher Training Course and circulars containing the syallabus of the full Normal Study. The examinations are held in May, and it will be necessary to begin work right away.

Digby County is divided in five districts, as follows, with name of Pres.: Digby and Bear River, H. B. Hatch; St. Mary's Bay, F. M. Grant; Weymouth and New Tusket, W. C. Hankinson; Digby Neck, S. M. Dakin; Islands, W. A. Pugh.

If the District Superintendents will help in calling attention to this important matter, those who desire to take up the course will get in the way of proper directions.

I shall be glad to hear from any teacher, superintendent, pastor or school in the county requesting circulars or leaflets explaining this Teaching Training Course.

R. O. ARMSTRONG.
Weymouth Bridge, Jan. 11th, 1904.

Death of Baby Ruth

The death occurred at Princeton, N. J., on Friday last, of Ruth Cleveland, eldest child of ex-President Grover Cleveland, of diphtheria.

DEATHS.

GOLDSPRING—At the alms house, on the 12th inst., Nellie Goldspring, aged 80 years.

Aches and Pains

ARE MERELY SYMPTOMS OF DISEASE AND MUST BE TREATED THROUGH THE BLOOD.

If you suffer with pain—keep in mind that pain is but a symptom, not a disease; that what you must fight is not the pain but its cause; that liniments and oils for external application are absolutely useless. To overcome the cause of pain internal treatment is necessary. Pains, no matter where located, will disappear when you purify and enrich the blood and strengthen the nerves. Aches and pains disappear as if by magic when Dr. Williams' Pink Pills are used. Every dose actually makes new, rich, red blood, which drives disease from the system and banishes pain. Thousands and thousands of grateful people have given their testimony to prove this. Mr. George Cary, Tilbury, Ont., says: "For a whole summer I suffered terribly from sciatica. The pain was something awful, and I could scarcely bear to have anything touch my leg. I took medicine from two doctors, and tried a number of recommended remedies, but derived no benefit. Then I was advised to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, and this helped me almost from the start; and soon relieved me from the trouble, and I have not since had a twinge of it. I therefore have great reason to praise Dr. Williams' Pink Pills."

Sciatica, rheumatism, neuralgia and all other aches and pains are completely driven from the system through a fair use of Dr. William's Pink Pills. Don't take any pink colored substitute; see that the full name "Dr. William's Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around the box. If in doubt send direct to the Dr. William's Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.

Photographing the Moon.

SPECIAL PLATES AND APPARATUS USED TO SECURE NEGATIVES.

With the application of photography to astronomy much attention has naturally been given to lunar photography. In 1840, less than a year after Daguerre's discovery, Dr. John W. Draper obtained the first photograph of the moon, but with small and imperfect apparatus. The exposure time required was twenty minutes. In 1862-63 a very great advance was made by his son, Dr. Henry Draper, who used a powerful reflecting telescope of his own construction. The image of the moon on his photographs was slightly less than one and one-half inches in diameter.

Ten years later Dr. Lewis M. Rutherford of New York secured many exquisitely sharp lunar photographs, using a very different form of instrument, a thirteen inch reflecting telescope with a "photographic corrector," an additional lens by means of which his visual telescope could be converted into a photographic one, says *Harper's Magazine*.

By the use of a method perfected by the writer in 1900 the Verkes refractor is made available for direct photography of the moon, planets, star clusters, and so on. The method is extremely simple and economical and is applicable to all visual telescopes. Instead of the ordinary blue sensitive photographic plates isochromatic plates are used, which are very sensitive to yellow light. Mounted in the plate holder close in front of the sensitive plate is a large, brilliantly transparent yellow color screen or ray filter. This excludes the out of focus blue light, which would otherwise destroy the sharpness of the photograph, and allows only the sharp yellow or visual image to reach the sensitive plate. With this arrangement the great telescope photographs the moon with an exposure of less than a second. On account of the size and length of the telescope and the effectiveness of the color screen method the resulting negatives show smaller details of the moon's surface than have been photographed before.

Making Saltpetre From Air.

For ages whenever persons wished to make a particularly strong statement about the impossibility of doing anything they were more likely than not to say, "I can't pull it out of the air can I?"

Now Professor Muthmann of the Polytechnical academy in Munich has found a way by which things can be pulled out of the air. He has demonstrated that by passing high electric currents through moist air from one platinum point to another nitric acid is formed and can be gathered by the use of suitable apparatus. He has shown that saltpetre can be "pulled out of the air" at less than one-fourth of its present cost.

Odd Echoes.

In a cave in the Pantheon the guide by striking the flaps of his coat makes a noise equal to that produced by firing a twelve pound cannon. In the cave of Smellin, near Viborg, Finland, a stone thrown down a certain abyss makes a reverberating echo which sounds like the dying wail of some wild animal.

London Store Detectives.

The women who are employed as detectives in London department stores receive about $10 a week or twice as much as the saleswomen. When a woman is caught stealing the usual method is for the detective to ask to see her bill just before it is paid and to add the cost of the stolen article.

Muddy Complexion

Pale, sallow, yellow skin tells of a torpid, sluggish liver and impurities in the blood which will be entirely removed when Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills are used. This medicine awakens the action of the liver, invigorates the kidney and regulates the bowels. As a result digestion is improved, bodily pains disappear and the health is benefited in every way.

Clay Pipes.

Five-sixths of the clay pipes so much used by smokers are made at Mogadore, O. The industry began twenty-five years ago on a small scale. Now the plant is the largest in the world. It is not an unusual thing for a boy to make 16,000 in one day.

The Test.

Mrs. Muggs—That horrid Mrs. Frills told Mrs. Nextdoor that I was a regular cat. What do you think of that?

Mr. Muggs—I think she never see you in the same room with a mouth.—

He Passed a Bogus Cheque

DR. H. C. JELLISON, VETERINARY, IS IN TROUBLE WITH THE SYDNEY POLICE.

(Halifax Herald.)

SYDNEY, Jan. 8.—Dr. H. C. Jellison, who was arrested at North Sydney to-day by Detective Jefferson, of Sydney, for obtaining money under false pretences, is in jail at Sydney, and will be given a hearing to-morrow. The exact charge upon which he was arrested consists of the passing off of a worthless cheque upon Max Fried, at Glace Bay, a day or two ago. The cheque was for ten dollars. While in charge of the detective coming from North Sydney on the train he tried and while the train was moving at about half speed, in North Sydney Junction, Jellison suddenly jumped off and attempted to escape. The detective also jumped and caught his man a few yards away. He then handcuffed him and brought him to Sydney. Jellison claims that he is a veterinary surgeon, but since coming to Cape Breton two months ago, his record, it is alleged, is not of the very best. It is also alleged that he is wanted by the police authorities in several places through Nova Scotia.

Cure the Nerves—get you will control almost every disease that preys to life. The foundation of health is a perfect stomach and good digestion—these right and you are insured plenty of nerve force, perfect circulation and pure blood. South American Nervine is a wonder worker—gives nerve force—makes rich blood. It's a veritable "Elixir of Life." —132

Sentiment Not Shared.

(Lippincott's.)

Dr. M. C. Peters tells of a ludicrous remark made by a young man just about ready to graduate into the ministry. The youthful divine was called upon to address the inmates of a penitentiary on an occasion when the prisoners were assembled in the chapel for prayers.

When he looked down from his pulpit at the depraved and desperate looking characters in the congregation the young parson experienced quite a turn. He entirely forgot, in that instant, all the fine sentiments he had prepared. Finally he spoke, but instead of the fine address he had hoped to make, the best he could stammer forth was:

"Ah, my friends, I am indeed happy to see so many of you here this morning."

Covering Books.

To cover paper bound books take two pieces of cardboard a tiny bit larger than book. Paste fly leaves at front and back to cardboard, which of course is outside. Then take a strip of strong cotton cloth; paste it down back of book; have it wide, so it will cover about one-fourth of each piece of cardboard, thereby joining the two pieces together. Now put a cover of brown paper over all, pasting securely, and your decorated cover goes over this.

The books may be covered with decorated silk, plush or duck if you paint or embroider, but the simplest way is to cover with tissue paper (not crape). Paste a pretty card on the front, and after cutting title and author's name from old cover arrange them prettily on the new one.

No Heart too Bad to be Cured.—Testimony could be piled high in commendation of the wonderful cures wrought by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart. No case standing against this great remedy where it did not relieve the most acute heart affection within thirty minutes. It attacks the disease in an instant after being taken.—133

Where Are We At?

Drink water and get typhoid. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get the jimjams. Eat soup and get Bright's disease. Eat meat and encourage apoplexy. Eat oysters and acquire taxemia. Eat vegetables and weaken the system. Eat dessert and take to paresis. Smoke cigarettes and die early. Smoke cigars and get catarrh. Drink coffee and obtain nervous prostration. Drink wine and get the gout. In order to be entirely healthy one must eat nothing, drink nothing, smoke nothing, and even before breathing one should see that the air is properly sterilized.

Pill-Price.—The days of 25 cents a box for pills are numbered. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 25 cents a vial are much safer and pleasanter to take. Cure Constipation, Sick and Nervous Headaches, Dizziness, Lassitude, Heartburn, Dyspepsia, Loss of Appetite, and all troubles arising from liver disorder.—133

Nova Scotia's Trade Report—1903.

Business during the year 1903 is reported to have been on the whole prosperous, though the failures in the way of liabilities aggregated considerably over those of any year during the past five years. They were swelled chiefly by the liquidation of two large iron and paper manufacturing companies with large trade liabilities and the assignment of a country store dealer at Kingston Station who conducted three stores and who ran up the heavy liability of $73,000.

"500 People Badly Bent" have in effect said these words in praise of curative qualities of South American Rheumatic Cure—"My legs were crippled"—"My hands were distorted" "My joints were swollen" —"My back was bent double" "Rheumatism excruciating" —"Bedridden for years." This great remedy has been the heaven-sent agent that worked a permanent cure.—130

Closed For Inspection.

CHICAGO, Ill., Jan. 5.—As a result of the famous Iroquois Theatre fire, in which 600 persons lost their lives, the building commissioner has issued an order to close all public halls, dance halls and similar places of public amusement, until inspection shows that they are amply provided with all protection required by the provisions of the building ordinances. This leaves Chicago churches and lodge rooms alone open for public gatherings. The investigation is still going on, the doctors stock to their post like the least.

The Engineer Killed

UTICA, N. Y., Jan. 4—Train No. 35, the fast mail on the New York Central Railroad, which arrived here at 9 o'clock Sunday morning, six hours late, ran past the station because the air brakes failed to work and crashed into four express cars being shifted by the engine. The work train blocked traffic for some time. Engineer E. F. Murphy, of Albany, was killed, the hand rail of his engine being driven through his head.

Freights Advancing.

St. John *Telegraph*: Troop & Son received a despatch Friday from London announcing that freight rates to the far east are advancing rapidly. This will be good news to people who have vessels in that trade.

Ambergris

RESULT OF DISEASED CONDITION OF SPERM WHALE.

In a recent report of the United States fish commission Charles H. Stevenson has much to say on ambergris, which is a wax-like substance found at rare intervals, but sometimes in relatively large quantities in the intestines of the sperm whale. With the exception of choice pearls and coral, it is the highest priced product of the fisheries, selling at upward of $40 an ounce.

Although ambergris was a valuable commercial article, little or nothing was known of its origin before the eighteenth century, all sorts of theories being put forth to account for it. It is now, however, generally conceded that it is generated in the sperm whale, and is the result of a diseased state of the animal, caused possibly by a biliary irritation. It occurs in rough lumps, varying in weight from less than one pound to 150 pounds or more. It is light in weight, opaque, wax like, and inflammable. Its color ranges from black to whitish gray, and is often variegated with light stripes and spots resembling marble somewhat. When dried the only curing process it undergoes—it yields a suitable odor faintly resembling that of honey.

The principal and almost the only use for ambergris at present is in the preparation of fine perfumes, furnishing an important ingredient in the production of choice bouquet of "extracts." It also acts as a "fixer" and serves to impart homogeneity and permanency to the different ingredients employed. For perfumers use, it is generally made into an essence or tincture by dissolving 4 ounces in a gallon of alcohol. This is facilitated by first crushing and mixing it with sand. The value of ambergris depends large ly upon its scarcity at the time and its freedom from impurities. During the last thirty years it has varied in price from $5 to $40 an ounce. At the present time it is quoted at $8 to $30 an ounce.

The amount of ambergris produced annually from all sources varies greatly, scarcely an ounce being obtained in some years, while in others the product may exceed $50,000 in value.

Pieces have been found varying in value from $10,500 to $23,231.

Many Sudden Deaths

Are traced to a heart that was neglected. If your heart is weak or beating rapidly you need Ferrozone to strengthen the heart's muscles, regulate its action and stop smothering spasms. Ferrozone always cures weak heart and restores this organ to a strong healthy state. The best heart medicine in the world is Ferrozone which beats any substitute. Widely used by doctors and sold at 50c. per box by all druggists.

Wealth of Nova Scotia.

PRODUCTS OF THE PROVINCE IN 1903 TOTAL NEARLY NINETY MILLION DOLLARS.

Coal	$11,690,000
Gold	560,000
Iron Ore	25,000
Pig Iron	2,140,000
Steel Billets	1,560,000
Gypsum	223,000
Limestone	275,000
Fisheries	7,900,000
Grindstone and Building Stone	55,000
Tripoli, Parytes & Moulding Sand	5,000
Copper, Antimony & Manganese	5,000
Ships and Freights	200,000
Manufactures	46,000,000
Apples and Other Fruit	1,400,000
Field Crops	8,548,000
Dairy Produce	2,885,000
Potatoes and Other Vegetables	3,000,000
Products of the Forest	2,770,000
Live Stock and Meats	730,000
Wool and Eggs	
Total Products	$89,971,000

How long have your Kidneys been sick?—Here's South American Kidney Cure testimony that's convincing: "I am a new man—three bottles cured me." Five bottles cured me of Diabetes. "I never expected to be cured of Bright's Disease, but half a dozen bottles did it." "I thought my days were numbered, but this great remedy cured me." It never fails.—134

Another Fire Horror

CHICAGO, Jan. 12.—Three persons were killed and four others injured in a fire to-night that destroyed the Louvre Hotel, 3011-3023 Lake Avenue. Nearly 300 guests were in the hotel at the time the fire broke out, several of whom had retired for the night. With the remembrance of the Iroquois Theatre horror fresh in their minds, everyone in the place became panic stricken and rushed madly for the streets as soon as it became known that the Hotel was on fire. At a late hour the dead had not been identified.

The building was a three storey and basement brick structure and was used as a private hotel. It was in reality the building which had been connected for hotel purposes. The fire started in the dining room on the first floor and spread with great rapidity. The entire building was practically destroyed. The loss is $10,000.

The Usual Delay.

Restaurant Proprietor (to guest)—It's too bad you have had to wait so long. Our men have just gone on a strike. How long since you gave your order?

Guest—About half an hour. I didn't know there was a strike. I thought it was merely the usual delay.

The Pilothouse

From out my window I can see
The great ships sailing, proud and free,
As to and fro they grandly go.
Across the singing, treacherous main.
Their forms majestic bear a chain
Whose golden links will bind in one
All land-and peoples 'neath the sun.
For out on the wide and deep sea
They bound along so fearlessly
Untold seem little where they threw and rone
Their compass true would guide them home.
But near the land they need a hand
To lead them through the dangerous way;
A helper gain they lie and wait
For trusty pilot to appear
And into port their course to steer.

A little boat that seems a mote
Glides swiftly down the narrow bay.
The tiny thing on steam fleeced wing
Flies gaily out with buoy-speed.
It looks so wee, it seems to me,
Too weak the vessel bark to lead.
With seeming pride it hies along side
Of the giant that looms aloft.
Whose greatness now, with shore set prow,
In reckless follows the little craft.

In the voyage of life
Mid its strain and strife
The weak may are help the strong.
And none so great or high in state
But he may need helping along.

—*Margaret May in Boston Transcript.*

St Louis Theatres Closed

ST. LOUIS, Jan. 8.—Notice was served on the management of seven theatres in St. Louis this afternoon by licence collector Clifford that their licenses were revoked and that they would be required to secure new licenses based on certificates from the building commissioners' office that they had complied with the city ordinances in the matter of safeguards against fire before being allowed to continue giving performances.

Catarrh, Pneumonia, Consumption

Death's fateful trinity they are often called. Catarrh is the first stage, pneumonia often follows, and consumption finally exacts the full penalty. This can all be averted by using healing, balsamic Catarrhozone, an antiseptic that penetrates the remotest cells of the lungs. Catarrhozone reaches the entire mucous surface of the throat and breathing apparatus; it cures health wherever it goes, brings instant relief and is absolutely certain to cure. Don't delay, get Catarrhozone to-day. It means health, certain cure, two months' treatment $1.00, trial size 25c. Catarrhozone is guaranteed.

Herring Curers Coming.

OTTAWA, January 8.—The Scotch herring expert had an interview with Mr. Prefontaine to-day, at which it was settled, subject to the approval of the cabinet, to bring out a number of Scotch herring curers next spring to teach the Nova Scotians improved methods of old Scotland in curing herring. The Scotch contingent will come out in May next.

Artificial Snails

In Paris snails are popular, and the adulterators mix them with lungs of cattle and horses. Even entirely artificial snails are manufactured. The shells recreated with fat and slime, are filled with lung and then sold as Burgundy snails.

Much Depends

Joey—Jes, Pietro; in whist playing a good deal depends on your luck.

Pietro—Quite so. And your luck depends on a good deal, hey?

The Old Reliable Remedy

for Spavins, Ringbones, Splints, Curbs and all forms of Lameness. The use of a single bottle may double the selling price of your horse.

GOOD FOR EVERYTHING.

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO.,
Dear Sirs— Gaboto, N.W., June 18, 1902.
Please send me your Kendall's Spavin Cure for cows. I use from twelve to fifteen bottles a week and find it an everlasting remedy for Spavins, Ringbone, **Gall and all Cuts and Swellings.** I have two hundred and fifty horses in my care.
Send me a pamphlet stamp for your "Treatise on the Horse" and its Diseases.
Yours very truly, H. W. LAIRD.

Thousands of testimonials like this prove good or superior results from the use of Kendall's Spavin Cure. As a liniment it is truly wonderful in its effects. Ask your druggist for Kendall's Spavin Cure, also for "Treatise on the Horse," the book free, or address

DR. B. J. KENDALL CO., ENOSBURG FALLS, VT.

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Sherwin William's Paint is the only paint that will stand the water. Paint your Dories, Boats and Buoys with S. W. P., the paint that gives good results.

Aluminum Paint for Stoves and Pipes.

Wall Paper, also a few SLEDS AND SLEIGHS still on hand.

C. F. Dunham

One Door South of Union Bank.

TO-DAY IS

New Years

Well I don't care for I was in the Digby Meat Market and ordered my

New Years Dinner.

This is the Bill of Fare:—Turkey, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Lamb, Beef, Fresh Pork, Ham Bits, Sausage, Head Cheese, Lettuce, Celery, Squash, etc.

They are putting up the best Dry Salted Sugar Cured Ham and Bacon, making their own Head Cheese and Sausages. Trying out the pure Lard. Keep Fresh Oysters. Fish and Shellfish. Read what Mr. J. E. Lloyd, the largest dealer in Bridgetown, Annapolis West our goods. "They take all right in this market, and I have not had any wait and cancelled." We have cut up over four tons of pork and have ordered a new two hundred and thirty inch sausage machine in order to fill our orders.

Digby Meat Market,

O. Fairweather, Proprietor.
Old Stand. 'Phone H.

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and if you honestly believe that no honest manufacturer would use or recommend it, we shall be pleased and glad to have you try it. BENTLEY'S LINIMENT is sold under a guarantee that if you are not satisfied with the results it claims have endorsed it; try it for yourself. For sale by all dealers, but don't let a dealer palm off on getting

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2 oz. size, 10c.
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SOLE PROPRIETOR. FOLLY VILLAGE.

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As well as those long established in housekeeping, should not fail to see our display of

House Furnishings

Seeing is knowing even more than it is believing, and certainly those examining our stock have a sight of everything in vogue and, therefore, have seen and know just what is most desirable in every department. Furnishings like ours will outlast the style they represent. This is the point that makes the lowness of our price so conspicuous. It pays to buy here.

FULL LINE OF

Acme and Hockey Skates, Also a large assortment Pocket Knives suitable for

Christmas Presents.

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IF Your head aches, Your eyes ache, Your eyes water IF Your eyes burn, Your eyes tire,

If Your Glasses Don't Fit, If You Need New Glasses,

Consult me and examination costs you nothing.

Stanley E. Keen, Optician.

Look Here!

IF YOU NEED A

Sleigh, Double or Single, Carriage of any description. Harness, double or single

I have on hand a large stock which I will sell at prices that defy competition in any part of the Province.

If you want to buy a FARM near Digby: House in town: House or Suburban Building Lots: I can accommodate you. I have Farms for sale at Hill Grove, Brighton, Marshallowen, Bay View and Deerville. Two houses and 10 building lots in town, desirable location; a house and one-half acre lot near town. Also 12 acres of land at Sylda's corner on which is small farm mill with wood and water power and shrieker. Grand chance for business and sufficient power to add more machinery.

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We have much pleasure in offering you, now in stock and arriving, Fresh Fish, Haddie, Latest designs, Ladies' Underwear, Tea and Coffee, extra quality, Garden and Flower Seeds, Timothy and Clover, fresh and cleaned.

FANCY FLOWER POTS, LADIES' and GENTS' FOOTWEAR. All at Hock Bottom Prices.

Pleased to show goods and quote prices.

V. T. HARDWICK, Bear River.

Cook's Cotton Root Compound.

Ladies' Favorite.

Is the only safe and reliable regulator on which women can rely, giving the hour and time of need.

Reported in two degrees of strength.

No. 1—For ordinary cases in by far the best dollar medicine known.

No. 2—For special cases—10 degrees stronger—three dollars per box.

Ladies—ask your druggist for **Cook's Cotton Root Compound.** Take no other and all pills, mixtures and imitations are dangerous. No. 1 and No. 2 are sold and recommended by all druggists in the Dominion of Canada. Mailed to any address on receipt of price and four 2-cent postage stamps. **The Cook Medicine Co., Windsor, Ont.**

Now, 1 and 2 are sold in Digby by H. E. Jones druggist.

A WELL KNOWN FACT

That WATTS' PILE CURE SALVE has cured piles of long standing. E. T. Harris, of Brighton, N. S., says he was completely cured of a very bad case of fifteen years (!!) of suffering with piles; also found it very effective in case of a bad burn. The company holds numbers of testimonials from people who have had similar lasting cures. The salve will be sent teasy address on receipt of price, 50 cents. WATTS' PILE CURE CO. Smith's Cove, Digby County, N. S.

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There is health and strength in every draught of

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it contains in the smallest possible bulk all the strengthening and stimulating properties of the finest beef and is so palatable, refreshing and invigorating that thousands are getting THE BOVRIL HABIT—because they like it—because it is the ideal cold weather beverage.

Warming—Nourishing—Stimulating.

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"LAND OF EVANGELINE" ROUTE.

On and after Saturday, Jan. 2nd, 1904, the Steamship and Train service of this Railway will be as follows:

Trains will Arrive at Digby.

(SUNDAY EXCEPTED.)

Express from Halifax ..... 1.41 P. M.
Express from Yarmouth ..... 12.50 A. M.
†Accom. from Yarmouth ..... 5.04 P. M.
Accom. from Annapolis Royal. 9.20 A. M.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

Accom. from Annapolis Royal Tuesday, Thursday Saturday 8.21 A. M.

Trains will Leave Digby.

(SUNDAY EXCEPTED.)

Express for Yarmouth ..... 1.55 P. M.
Express for Halifax ..... 1.05 A. M.
†Accom. for Annapolis Royal. 5.12 P. M.
Accom. for Yarmouth ..... 8.35 A. M.
Accom. for Annapolis Royal. 4.20 P. M.

Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

†Monday, Wednesday Friday.
Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday.

Royal and U S Steamships BOSTON

Leave Yarmouth, N. S., Wednesday and Saturdays immediately on arrival of the Express from Halifax, arriving in Boston next morning. Returning leave Long Wharf, Boston, Tuesday and Friday at 2.00 p. m.

R. M. S. YARMOUTH, ST. JOHN AND DIGBY.

Leaving St. John Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday at 7.15 a. m., arriving at Digby 10.45 a. m. Returning will leave Digby on arrival of express from Halifax.

Buffet Parlor Cars run each way daily on Express trains between Halifax and Yarmouth, where close connection is made with the Halifax and Yarmouth Railways.

Trains run on Atlantic standard time

P. GIFKINS,
Gen. Manager,
Kentville N S

EASTERN S. S. CO.

INTERNATIONAL DIVISION.

Winter Reduced Rates.

In effect to May 1, 1904. St. John to Portland $3.00; St. John to Boston $3.50.

Commencing December 19, 1903, steamer leaves St. John at 5 a. m. (Atlantic Standard) Thursdays for Lubec, Eastport, Portland and Boston.

Returning from Boston 4.30 p. m. via Portland, Eastport and Lubec, Mondays.

Passengers arriving at St. John on evenings previous to morning sailings can go aboard steamer and take berth and stateroom for the trip.

WILLIAM G LEE, Agent,
St John, N B

A. H. HANSCOM, G. P. & T. A.
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Westport and Meteghan.

Winter Ferry Service, 1903.

After November 1st the

S. S. WESTPORT III.

Will leave Westport every MONDAY for Meteghan, returning same day. Once per week for St. John, N. B., to bring freight for porto rico. Apply at Westport or Meteghan to this steamer during the winter months. Trips will be made to Yarmouth with sufficient frequency to accommodate the freight that may offer.

Above trips will be made as regularly as weather will permit.

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Shipping facilities of the most modern type at Port Hastings, C. B., for prompt loading of all classes and sizes of steamers and sailing vessels. Apply to

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WANTED—FAITHFUL PERSON To Call on Retail trade and agents for manufacturing house having well established business; local territory; straight salary $20 paid weekly and expenses monthly advanced; previous experience unnecessary; position permanent; business successful; enclose self-addressed envelope. Superintendent Travelers, 600 Mecom Bldg., Chicago. 13 6i

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We are now opening a new line of

Gent's Furnishings

in the Tailoring Department. Various styles of up-to-date soft American and Canadian

HATS and CAPS,

together with a nice variety of

Ties, Shirts and Collars

Can Be Purchased Here.

OUR WINTER AND SPRING

SUITINGS

Are awaiting your calls, ready to be made up in the latest fashions. New goods and latest plates.

MUISE BROS., Merchant Tailors

United States Absolutely Neutral.

WASHINGTON, January 8.—The Far Eastern situation was discussed at the cabinet meeting to-day, special consideration being given the movement of the Asiatic squadron, which it is desired, shall be shaped as to emphasize the absolute neutrality of the United States in the event of hostilities between Russia and Japan. After the meeting it was authorized that orders would be cabled Rear-Admiral Evans upon his arrival at Cuanl to morrow to proceed thence to Sabig Bay, it being desired that the American navy shall observe good sea manners, by not going to Japanese or Russian waters just now.

"Keep your Stomach in good working order and your general health will take care of itself." This is the advice of an eminent specialist on stomach troubles, and he "clinched" the advice by prescribing Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets as a wonder worker in all phases of stomach disorders from the little "ferment" after eating to the chronic dyspepsia. 35 cents.—136

15 Million Gain by Banks.

In round figures the clearing of all the Montreal Banks for 1903 show a gain of $15,000,000 over 1902. The total clearings this year were $1,113,978,000 compared with $1,098,970,000 the previous year. These figures are small, however, when the increase over 1902 over 1901 is taken into consideration. A year ago the increase of over $20,000,000 was shown, but this was in a considerable measure due to the very heavy transactions in the stock market.

While general business has increased tremendously there was a marked falling off in stock transactions, which would result in a considerable reduction in Bank exchanges.

Doctored Nine Years for Tetter.—Mrs James Gaston, merchant, of Walkesterre, Pa., writes: "For nine years I have suffered with tetter on my hands and face. At last I have found a cure in Dr. Agnew's Ointment. It helped me from the first application, and now I am permanently cured."—135

Artist Murdered His Wife.

MINNEAPOLIS, January 8.—James Garfield last night locked the door of his flat on the third floor of the building opposite the West hotel in Fifth street and told his wife he meant to kill her. Then he telephoned a friend to "Hold the line and listen." The friend heard the woman's screams and three revolver shots. He notified the police, who broke open the door and found Garfield lying with a bullet in his brain. The woman was dead. She was a vaudeville artist, known as Pearl Guyotte.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen! To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and tarts, etc. use The "Master Mechanics" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

New 7000 ton Steamer.

MONTREAL, January 8.—A cable to the Montreal office of Elder Dempster and company announces that a new 7000-ton steamer for the Canada-South Africa service will soon be launched. The vessel will be called the Canada-Cape. After next month the service from St. John in winter, and Montreal in summer, will be regular. Including the Canada-Cape there will be four vessels on the service.

Killed by Masked Men.

SALT LAKE, Utah January 8.—Conductor Thomas Brodbem, of the Consolidated Street Railway, who was robbed last night by masked highwaymen, is dead. The police have arrested John Shockleigh in connection with the murder. The street carmen of the city, infuriated by the deed, made an attempt to lynch Shockleigh, and stormed the city jail.

—TO— EVERYBODY

We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, and to

—OUR— CUSTOMERS

Many thanks for the liberal patronage during the past year. We solicit a continuance of the same. Customers will please call and receive our special selected calendars to arrive about first week in January.

Yours truly,

D. & O. SPROULE.

Removed.

My Grocery Business

Has been removed from the Dunham Building to the north store in my

NEW BLOCK,

where I will be pleased to meet all my old patrons as well as new ones. The sale of goods at

Reduced Prices for Cash

still continues. I have on hand a large quantity of choice Sugar-cured Hams which will be sold low for cash.

H. T. WARNE.

Advertise in "Courier."

Out in Two Minutes

VALUE OF FIRE DRILL PROVED AT DESTRUCTION OF A TORONTO SCHOOL.

TORONTO, Jan. 11.—The value of the fire drill in vogue in Toronto's public schools for the last twenty-five years was proved today when the Hamilton Street School was destroyed by fire, which was discovered by the caretaker in the basement. He ran up stairs and notified the teacher in the first class-room. She in turn notified the Principal. The fire gong was sounded and two minutes afterward without confusion or undue haste the 600 pupils were on the street.

The Principal and some of the elder boys returned to the cloak rooms and managed to get out a quantity of clothing, but many of the children lost their outer wraps.

There was a mad rush of parents to the scene when the news of the fire spread and they were overjoyed to find their children safe. The building was gutted,—loss $25,000.

Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has proved a blessing to many a "man before the public" in case of hoarseness, bad throat, tonsilitis and catarrh. "Some of the most recent evidence of its efficacy comes from a well-known actor, whose home is in New York City. He says: "I have never found anything to equal this remedy for quick relief." 50 cents.—132

Hopi Songs

The Hopi songs for different purposes are different in character. They are all definite in form, with forceful, graceful or poetic words. The Katcina dance songs consist of an introduction on vowel syllables, then the son itself, also interspersed with vowel refrains, and lastly a sort of coda, again on vowel syllables. And the Hopis sing. There is no crooning over a crying baby, no monotonous chanting, no nasal droning. The men have fine, clear voices and the women sing softly with a "breathy" tone, the quality of which sounds often just a little sharp in pitch. The gentle lullabies, the pretty, graceful basket songs of old women and the melodies to which they grind their corn are as different from the rugged, rhythmic Katchina songs as are the cliffs of the mesa from the blossoms in the fields below.—*Natalie Curtis in Harper's.*

A Family Necessity

Is a remedy capable of affording immediate relief to the hundred and one ailments that constantly arise. It may be a cold, perhaps toothache, neuralgia, pain in the back,—use Nerviline, it's more penetrating, pain-subduing and powerful than any other liniment. Nerviline is at least five times stronger than ordinary remedies and its worth in any household can't be overestimated. Pain or no pain Nerviline is a panacea for all pain and costs only 25c. per bottle. Buy Nerviline to-day.

Insulting Remarks.

Mr. Bigg—Why don't you get married? Mr. Bigg—Why don't you get married?

Mr. Bigg—Why don't you get married?

Mr. Bigg—Why don't you get married?

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Digby Churches and Societies.

CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School 3 p. m. Holy Communion, 1st Sunday, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m.—second fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m. Fifth Sunday children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. REV. H. D. HOWLAND, Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath Preaching morning 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sabbath School 12.15 p.m; Wednesday geneeral prayer meeting at 7.00 p. m. Y. P. S. C. E. on Thursday in each month at 3 p.m. Visitors always welcomed. Cordially invited to attend. REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bear River every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. GEORGE WOOD, Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Bear River every Sunday evening, alternate Sabbaths at 3 o'clock p.m. Epworth League every Monday evening at 8 o'clock. Seats free; all welcomed to all the services. REV. A. H. DRYER, Pastor.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 2.30 p. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at 3 p. m. Prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school orphanage will be opened soon as possible. REV. H. A. DRYER, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.—

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. L. JONES, N. G.; GEO. H. PARKER, Sec'y, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 84 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in each month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren always welcome. H. L. DENNISON, W. M.; J. M. VANCE, Secy.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. W. HAYDEN, C. R.; J. A. C. DEWOLFE, Rec. S.

O. S. C.—Court Sea-View, No. 773, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in every month at 8 o'clock. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. B. MCKENZIE, R. S.

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DIGBY, No. 1020.

SHERIFF'S SALE,

IN THE COUNTY COURT,

For District No. 3.

Between—LOUIS E. MORSE, Plaintiff,

—AND—

DENNIS HUTCHINSON, Defendant.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby or his Deputy, in front of the Post Office, in the town of Digby, in the County of Digby, on Monday, the 25th day of January, A. D. 1904, at eleven o'clock in the forenoon,

ALL the right, title interest, claim, property and possession of the above named defendant, Dennis Hutchinson, of, in, or to all that piece or parcel of land and premises situate, lying and being in the County of Digby, bounded as follows: On the east by land owned by Cove, on the west by land occupied by John Wentzel, on the south by the Broad River Road, and on the west by lands of James W. Crosskhanes, the said land having been levied on and taken in execution and on a judgment recovered in the above cause, which judgment has been registered for more than one year.

TERMS—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, balance on delivery of deed.

H. A. P. SMITH,
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HARRY L. DENNISON,
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We are growing old, how the thought will rise
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On some long remembered spot that lies
In the silence of the past.
It may be the shrine of our early vows,
Or the tomb of early tears,
But it seems like a far off isle to us
In the stormy sea of years.
Oh, wide and wild are the waves that part
Our steps from the greenness now,
And we miss the joy of many a heart,
And the light of many a brow.
For deep our many a stately barque
Have wind-blown billows rolled,
That sailed with us from our early mark—
Oh, friends, we are growing old.

Old in the dimness and the dust
Of our daily toils and cares,
Old in the wrecks of love and trust,
Which our hardened memory bears.
Each form may wear to the passing gaze
The bloom of life's freshness yet,
And beams may brighten our eyes of gaze
Which the morning never met.
But, oh, the changes we have seen
In the far and wide land,
The graves in our path that had grown green,
And the locks that have grown grey!
The winters still on our way share,
The solo of many a step,
But we saw their snows upon brighter hair
And, friends, we are growing old.

We have gained the world's cold wisdom now,
We have learned to pause and fear,
But where are the living fonts whose flow
Was a joy of heart to hear?
We have won the wealth of many a clime,
And the lore of many a page,
But where is the hope that saw in time
But its boundless heritage?
Will it come again when the violet wakes,
And the woods their youth renew?
We have stood in the light of sunny brakes
Where the bloom was deep and blue,
And our souls have felt joy in the spring-time then
But the joy was faint and cold,
For it never could give us the youth again
Of hearts that are growing old.

Clinching a Chance.

The sun had dropped behind the mountains, the long blue shadows were falling across the valley of Quail Creek as Jim Kennedy, the engineer of the "Crown Diamond" mine, came plodding up the trail, returning from a three-days' stay in Denver. The silence was oppressive, and as he came in sight of the mine buildings, they seemed to be utterly deserted.

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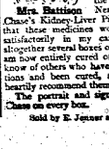

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Tom straightened his weary frame at the words.

I'm a business man, and though I like your looks, and your pluck, and what Kenneky has told me about you, I'm not in the habit of taking on men off-hand. I shall want to think the matter over a little after I get back to Denver. You may expect to receive word of my decision within a week or ten days.

The words were business-like, as was to be expected from such a man as Mr. Ripley, but they were spoken with a genial twinkle of the eye that brought to Tom the reassuring conviction that his night mile walk down the dark trail had not been for nothing. A week later he had greater proof of the worth of that night's work. The place was open to him, Mr. Ripley wrote.

There, said Tom, tossing the letter over to the friendly engineer, you see it paid for me to clinch my chance, old fellow.—*By Alice L. Grigg.*

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The steamer Maude has picked up the upper part of the Challam and is towing it to port.

John Davis, of Nanaimo, made a remarkable statement regarding a conversation with Capt. Roberts by passengers who remonstrated with him for not placing them on the tug Byloke. Davis said he believed the passengers were kept on board the steamer to help haul in the tow, to save the property. Davis said when a dozen passengers waited upon the captain and asked why he had not signalled the Byloke for the purpose of placing them aboard, the captain replied:

"I am running this part of the work. When I want you or are in danger, I will signal the tugboat to come back."

After the Davis says that the Challam was not about 20 minutes. Davis continued:

"I said: 'Captain, we are all right? And the captain replied: 'We can get there all right. The steamer is good for three hours.'

"I said: 'Why don't you run up to some rocks?' The captain said: 'I am not running the tug. They can take us where we are like.'"

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New Lights in The Red Sea.

The Merchant Service Guild, Liverpool, have now received a reply from the Marquess of Lansdowne, to their further representation on the subject of the new lights in the Red Sea. The Guide are now officially informed that "His Majesty's Ambassador at Constantinople reports that an Irade authorizing the lighting of the new lights in the Red Sea has been issued but has not yet been officially communicated by the Ministry of Marine to the Lighthouse Administration at Constantinople. It is understood that the Central Administration in Paris have given instructions to make arrangements for lighting from the eighth instant. The new lighthouses in question are by name Mocha, Abu, Ali, Centre Peak, and Jebel Tier, and when they are put into effective use will prove an undoubted boon the captains and officers navigating the Red Sea."

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During a long life time the heart will propel half a million tons of blood through the lungs and body, as the blood is in a healthy condition it will never tire, but is at it always, patiently keeping up your life and beat to the rhythm of its throbs. If the action of the heart gets weak, irregular and fluttering, the blood is thin and impoverished (anæmic), and requires just such assistance as is ably supplied by Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great blood builder and nerve restorative.

Scotch Herring Expert.

CANSO, January 15.—The Scotch fishery expert, who recently visited here, has decided to locate his experimental station here for herring curing and has gone to Scotland for steamer, nets and men to carry on the work. He expects to bring enough fishermen, gutters and packers to instruct our local fishermen how to catch and cure herring in the approved Scotch fashion. If the experiment proves a success, stations will be established at other points on the coast. The western states and Canadian northwest now import some 200,000 barrels of herring from Europe, and it is this trade that it is expected to supply from Nova Scotia.

Have to For Two Days

PHILADELPHIA, Jan. 15.—The Red Star steamship Noordland, Liverpool for Philadelphia, passed in the Delaware Breakwater at 10.05 today, five days overdue. The delay, as reported by Captain Roberts, was due to the breaking of an eccentric strap on the engine when 500 miles from Queentown. The big steamship was have to for repairs and later proceeded under headway repairs. All are well on board.

NEED OF GOOD ROADS

Poor Highways a Bar to Educational Progress.

CONDITION OF THE ROADS IN COUNTRY DISTRICTS A GREAT DRAWBACK TO THE SUCCESS OF RURAL SCHOOLS—A SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

"The advantage of good roads to dwellers in the country districts lies not alone in greater ease by which crops can be transported to the distributing centres and towns, says a writer in the *Municipal Journal and Engineer.* They play a great part in the education of the children of these districts inasmuch as the more the children can be drawn together in large central schools the better can they be educated. With a number of small schools scattered over the rural districts it is so expensive to provide much more than instruction in the rudimentary branches, but if the children can be brought together in large central schools the cost of instruction is divided among a greater number and more branches can be included in the curriculum. As it pointed out in the following extract from the report of Superintendent of Public Instruction Charles R. Skinner of New York State, it is impossible to bring the children together unless the roads are in good condition.

"The arguments thus far advanced in the commendable agitation for good roads have not considered the welfare and comfort of our school children as a factor.

"The farmer is told that good roads will put money into his pocket by saving his horses and wagons, that the value of his farm will be enchanted and the trip to town or to church will be a pleasure rather than a burden. The merchant is assured that his trade will mightily increase if good roads lead to the village. The bicyclist knows by an occasional run over rare sections of well built highway what comfort would result if good roads were the rule instead of the exception. Those who are able to indulge in the luxury of automobiles also see pleasant visions.

"Nothing, however, has been said about the children as they go through the mud or dust, up hill and down, from their homes to the schoolhouse one to three miles distant. It is unreasonable to believe that these men and women of tomorrow would prefer well graded macadamized roadbeds to the miserable pretenses for highways which now disfigure so much of our landscape! It is not difficult to imagine the country school a much happier and busier place if the children could gather after pleasant walks along well built and well kept highways.

"What to do with our country schools is becoming a serious problem as the years go by and the rural districts becoming more sparsely settled. When more than 30 per cent of our rural schools have an average daily attendance of less than ten children something should be devised to put a stop to such needless waste. Combination of resources and capital cheapens production and results in an improved product. It is the opinion of educators that a reasonable application of this principal to our rural school problem would work beneficially.

"With the present condition of country roads the transportation of the children to central, well equipped schools is practically impossible during most of the year. Good roads would remove a serious obstacle to this most important step forward in the improvement of our country schools. The boys and girls of the country with one accord demand good roads that they may enjoy school privileges equal to those of their brothers and sisters in village and city."

RUTS

The walking sick, what a crowd of them there are: Persons who are thin and weak but not sick enough to go to bed.

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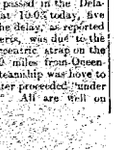

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IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

NOT since the abolition of the Corn laws and the inauguration of free trade has there been any political movement in Great Britain affecting her fiscal policy at all equal in importance to the question of preferential trade within the Empire and the consolidation of all its parts. To Mr. Chamberlain, lately Colonial Secretary, belongs the credit of placing this question fairly before the public, and to his able and energetic advocacy is largely due the acceptance it has met with, and the wonderful change in public opinion. Two years ago the English people seemed firmly rooted in the policy of free trade. To-day it is a question if half the population are not willing to accept some form of protection. In Canada there is no question about it. With the exception of a small party which opposes it as all great questions are opposed by some one, we are prepared to accept the idea of preferential trade within the Empire as much from the impression that it will strengthen the bond which unites us as from the expectation of increased commercial advantage. There can be no doubt that if the government at Ottawa had taken a more decided stand and passed a resolution of approval and sympathy with the movement it would with the exception of the party already referred to, have voiced the sentiments of Canadians and done much to strengthen the hands of Mr. Chamberlain. It would also have showed to the people of England how incorrect was the Contention of the opponents of the movement, that in Canada there was no strong sentiment in its favor. There must be no question as to the stand Canada will take. We are Britons, first, last and always. Great Britain is the home of our ancestors, the cradle of our race. We claim and will never willingly resign a share in the heritage of her glorious past. There are no doubt many difficulties in the way of making Imperial Federation practical and operative, but none that may not be overcome. The future that it opens up for us is very fascinating and attractive one. The British Empire now contains 383,000,000 inhabitants and 11,400,000 square miles of territory, one fourth of the earth's inhabitants and almost one fourth of its surface. Within these enormous limits are to be found every variety of race, soil and productions. The races under her control, though so diverse in origin, religion and habits, have been so justly and equitably treated, that they enjoy a happiness and security of life and property which were unknown to their forefathers, consequently they are contented and loyal and ready to take up arms in defence of the empire whenever required to do so. Foreign nations have noted all these things, and have expressed their disapproval of Mr. Chamberlain and of his plans for Imperial Federation and trade within the empire. None have been more outspoken because none would be more affected by it than our American neighbors. The manifest destiny theory is likely to be shattered. Imperial federation means death to annaxation. Now that we do not want reciprocity it is almost forced upon us. It never struck them that a nation was likely to grow up on this Continent to compete with them in any way. They do not like the idea and will head us off if they can. There is a cool arrogance about the way some of the American journals discuss the matter that is very annoying and can only have the effect of causing us to drift politically farther apart. The Saturday Evening *Post*, an influential journal, has this to say about it:

"That decision rests not with Canada but with us. We can drive her away from the own continent into an unnatural association with countries on the other side of the world, or we can bind her to North America by ties of interest that no imperial sentiment can loose. Even the most fanatic imperialists admit that if the currents of Canadian trade were made to run permanently north and south, instead of east and west, the political boundary would be practically wiped out. Some of them denounce Mr. Charlton's reciprocity ideas for this reason.

"The continent of North America will never have its full development until it is treated industrially and commercially as a unit. To detach Canada from business dependence on Europe and make her at least part of our commercial, if not of our political, system is a logical extension of the Monroe doctrine."

What a pity it is that the people of the United States cannot realize that while we desire the utmost friendship and have only neighborly feeling towards them, that we have not the slightest desire and do not intend to become a part of their commercial or political system. Canada is on the road to become a powerful nation. She intends to continue on that road and will not sell her birthright for a mess of pottage.

JANUARY is always considered as the month for settling up business affairs and starting new ventures along the road to a successful issue. The holiday trade which has grown into mammoth proportions in these latter years depletes the wallets of the buyers until they are at low water mark in the majority of cases. To stimulate those who may fortunately have something left over, the great mark down sales are carried through the month and cash customers obtain decided bargains, as they help the dealers to reduce their stocks and at the same time obtain seasonable and desirable goods

These sales break up the dullness which generally exists, give an impetus to the advertising columns of the papers, and start the people on the keen scent for the greatest bargain of the year. They have kept posted on prices and the mark downs must be of such a margin as will induce them to part with their cash and carry home the bargains. These mark down sales are an important factor in the business world during the first month of the year, and are taken advantage of by those who make it a point to make their money have as large a purchasing power as possible.

January is the great harvest time for the collection of bills. Although short credits should be the rule in these days, yet there are some who will get behind, and in January they have frequent opportunities of knowing that they are in arrears and politely but firmly invited to settle up.

We are now past the middle of the first month of the year. The mark down sales are going on very satisfactory, thanks to the potency of printers' ink and low prices. In many parts of the province new partnerships have been started along the stream of business life, old partnerships have been dissolved and every thing is being put in trim for a successful business voyage.

Died in Ottawa

G. A. VIETS, ESQ., OF DIGBY, PASSES PEACEFULLY AWAY.

A telegram received from Ottawa early Saturday morning contained the following:

"Mr. George Augustus Viets, of the Department of Militia and Defence, passed peacefully away at the Protestant Hospital, Ottawa, on Friday night. He was in the 69th year of his age. For about two weeks the had been suffering from pleuro-pneumonia, and was on a fair way to recovery when bronchitis set in. Notwithstanding the best medical advice and attendance he succumbed to the malady, comforted by the presence of a number of his dearest friends."

The late Mr. Viets was a prominent and much respected citizen of this town, where he had spent the greater portion of his life. When a young man he was employed by Messrs. Young & Baker, of Yarmouth. Later he returned to Digby and engaged in the fish export trade, being a pioneer in the finnan haddie trade with the upper provinces. Later he engaged in the tow boat business which he continued until the loss of his tug Clipper which sunk in Digby Gut while in collision with the ten schooner Shenandoah, Sept. 4th, 1897.

He spent several years in northern and western parts of Canada after which he accepted a position in the Census department at Ottawa, and later in the Militia department as stated in the despatch.

He was an enthusiastic Mason, being a member of the Royal Arch Chapter in Annapolis and King Solomon lodge, No. 54, A. F. & A. M., of Digby; also a member of Court Admiral Digby, of the Independent Orders of Foresters.

He leaves a mother, widow of the late Botsford Viets, who is in her 91st year; one brother, Mr. J. M. Viets, customs collector at this port, and two sisters, Mrs. P. W. Smith, widow of the late Dr. Smith, residing in South sea, England, and Miss Adelaide Viets, of Digby.

The funeral, which was largely attended, was held yesterday afternoon, the service being conducted by Rev. H. A. Harley, rector of Holy Trinity Church. King Solomon Lodge attended in a body and also held service at the grave. The floral tokens were numerous and beautiful. The COURIER extends its deepest sympathy to the large circle of bereaved relatives and friends.

Church Meeting

The Digby Baptist church held its annual business meeting on Monday, Jan. 18, at 7.30 p. m. A goodly number were present and reports from every department of the work were encouraging. The finance committee shows a large expenditure and a balance on the right side. The pastor reported an addition of 23 members during the year, 21 of these by Baptism. Both the Sunday School and the Women's Missionary Aid Society reported progress. Some of the appointments for the coming year are: Trustees, David Sproul, Jas. Cousins and C. F. Lewis; Church Clerk, T. P. Stubbert; Treasurer, F. W. Nichols, Supt. of Sunday School, O. C. Jones; Supt. of Cemetery, H. B. Short; Ushers, E. H. Nichols, G. H. Peters, A. J. Westbrave, F. W. Nichols and O. C. Jones; Finance Committee, C. F. Lewis (chairman), G. A. Vye, J. L. Peters, Dr. Morse, H. B. Short, and Orbin Sproul; Auditors, O. Sproul and R. J. Thorne; Choir Leader, L. S. Morse; new Deacons, David Sproul, N. A. Cummings and B. Havey. During the year a large amount of work has been done on the cemetery under the leadership of Mr. Short, who received a hearty expression of thanks from the church. Mr. Vye in retiring from the chairmanship of the Finance committee deserves and doubtless receives the gratitude of every member for his excellent services. F. W. Nichols was also given an expression of appreciation for his careful work in the distribution of the funds. The church decided to continue the system of free pews indefinitely.

Digby Firemen Elect Officers

At a recent meeting of the Digby firemen, the following officers were elected: J. Outram Dakin, President; Albert E. Williams, Vice President; Joseph M. Millberry, Captain; Wm. S. Winchester, Vice Captain; John Bent, 1st Lieutenant; Charles McGrath, 2nd Lieutenant; Geo. Wightman, Secty. The officers have with them a full company of good men. The alarms should receive careful attention, also the hydrants during cold weather. While Digby has been quite fortunate since the big fire of Feb. 14, 1899, when a large number of buildings were destroyed (which have since been replaced by up-to-date business blocks) it is always well to render every assistance and encouragement possible to the firemen who are liable to be called at any time, to protect our property.

Arrested in Digby.

A man named Wambolt, wanted in Chester for stabbing Valter Smith, left the Halifax express at Bear River Tuesday afternoon and drove to Digby Wednesday morning. His description was telegraphed to the authorities here. Provincial Constable Harry Burnham, made the arrest as the man reached Digby, and lodged him in jail. Yesterday Mr. Burnham delivered the prisoner to Detective Power at Bear River station, who conveyed him to Halifax via the east-bound express.

Purchased a Vessel in Lunenburg

Capt. Holland Outhouse, one of Tiverton's most popular skippers, passed through Digby Friday, returning from Lunenburg where he purchased the schr. Ariadne from Mr. James Bell, of New Dublin, N. S. The Ariadne was built at Petite Riviere, N. S., in 1902, is 63 feet long, 19 feet beam, 7 feet 4 deep, and registers 48 tons. She is said to be a handsome and well built vessel and will prove a good addition to Tiverton's fleet.

Sudden Death in Westport

Our Westport correspondent writes: Capt. William J. Welch died suddenly at his home here Tuesday night, aged 76 years. He had been suffering with heart trouble. The deceased sailed out of St. John as master mariner for several years. About ten years ago he retired from sea, and since the death of his second wife, which occurred in June 1903, had been living alone. He is survived by several relatives and friends.

H.&S.W.R.

Caledonia *Gold Hunter*: Rail laying on the H. & S. W. railway has ceased for a time. The rails are now laid to within two and a half miles of Gold River. In the meantime ties for the road are accumulating at all the stations along the line.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK, AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—On Saturday last the D. A. R. Express from Halifax was two hours late on account of a freight car being derailed between Windsor Junction and Halifax.

—There will be a pie social in the school house in Upper Rossway next Thursday evening. Proceeds for shingling Baptist church.

—Another cold wave passed over the province Tuesday.

—In Digby the mercury dropped to five degrees below zero during the morning.

—Mr. J. A. VanTassel, who has again opened his tonsorial rooms in Digby, has been appointed local agent for the Clements Laundry.

—Messrs. A. W. Allan & Son, proprietors of Middleton's Wood-Working factory, are supplying the doors, sashes and furnishings for Mr. J. L. Peters' new residence, Montague row.

—Dr. T. R. Ford has moved into his new office in H. T. Warne's block.

—Add to your telephone list: Nos. 85, F. M. Steadman's Furniture Store; 20, Waverly Hotel; 81, Dr. T. R. Ford's office.

—Several prisoners will be tried under the Speedy Trials Act, before Judge Savary, at Clare next week.

—The trials will begin Wednesday morning.

—Good sleighing yesterday brought a large number of people to town.

—The merchants no doubt had a busy day.

—Considerable of our space has been devoted to Municipal Council affairs this week.

—This has prevented us from publishing a number of foreign despatches.

—Our local items have also been condensed.

Thanks

Mr. Eli Lombard, formerly of Digby, but who has for many years resided in Portland, Oregon, has our thanks for Portland papers. He reports, in a letter to the editor, very pleasant weather in that State and says he is always anxious to receive the news from Digby county.

Mr. MacDonald, a former Digby county gentleman, has our thanks for Sunday of the San Francisco *Chronicle's* special New Years number.

Mr. C. E. Woodman, manager of the Digby Paint & Wallpaper Co., has our thanks for a large calendar issued by the Canada Paint Co., especially advertising their bridge and roof paints. Mr. Woodman is the company's Digby agent, and handles large quantities of their goods.

Mr. E. A. Roney, agent for the Deering Harvesting machinery, sent us a pretty calendar last week. It is certainly an appropriate design for a Canadian company and is entitled "I'm British too."

Canadian Club.

Friday's Boston *Post* says: The Canadian Club held its annual election of officers last evening at the Copley Square Hotel.

John F. Masters was elected president, Charles H. McIntyre first vice-president, Joseph Bennett, second vice-president, Alexander P. Graham third vice-president, H. Clifford Williams treasurer, George D. Berry secretary, Asa R. Minard assistant secretary, George C. Tupper auditor, Thomas P. Anderson historian and the Rev. S. H. Rohlin, D. D., chaplain.

The executive committee consists of W. M. MacVicar, A. D. Norton and J. Whitman Bailey. The membership committee is composed of A. B. McLean, Fred P. Warner and J. W. F. Moore.

Victory for a Newspaper.

The ten thousand dollar libel suit instituted by J. Bidwell Milles, of Hamilton, against the Montreal *Witness* has been decided in favor of the *Witness*. The finding of the jury is that the *Witness* is not guilty of libel; that the articles were substantially true and were in the public interest. The court dismissed Mr. Mills' action with costs against him.

The verdict was a triumph for the *Witness*, and vindicates the honesty of that journal in its endeavors to do a public service, by exposing a line of business which is considered was conducted under false pretences.

Barkt Grenada Overdue.

Hope of ever seeing the British barkt. Grenada, bound from Turk's Island Dec. 2, for Boston, has about been abandoned. The ship Kambira left the same port as the Grenada some ten days after, but arrived some days ago, reporting bad weather the entire passage. The Grenada was built at Horton, N.S., in 1888, is 633 tons and owned by J. T. North, of Hantsport, N.S. She was in command of Capt. Gardner, who made many friends in Bear River and Digby while loading lumber at the former port last summer for Buenos Ayres, shipped by Clarke Bros.

A Bird Story.

Caledonia *Gold Hunter*: A pitiful sight may be seen on the sled road leading into the woods in the rear of Mr. John Mosher's farm, where four crows are closely perched, each on a small granite boulder, standing erect, facing each other and frozen to death in that position. They probably lighted on the rocks during the storm, bewildered, benumbed and hungry, in which position the icy cold rocks soon relieved them of their sufferings." This is surely either a great sight, or a great story.

Stmr. Alice M. Jacobs Burned.

St John, N.B., *Free Press*, Jan. 12: The wrecked stmr. Alice M Jacobs, near Cantel, was totally destroyed by fire on Tuesday night last. Capt. Sol. Jacobs and two men were at work on the wreck at the time and had a large fire burning trying to thaw out the engines which they hoped to save. This soon got beyond their control and the hull was burned to the water's edge, thus destroying all hope of getting any salvage from her.

Finger Amputated

Word has been received from Brockton, Mass., that Capt. C. W. Danforth, owner of the yacht Alton, which is in winter quarters at the Racquette, was obliged to have his finger amputated recently. The captain has many friends in Digby who will regret to hear of his misfortune, but who will be pleased to learn that he intends spending next summer cruising in Digby waters.

A Handsome Bird

Mr. A. D. Daley, electrician at the Digby light station, shot a drake wood duck several months ago near Jordantown station. He sent it to one of St. John's taxidermists, who returned it last week. A drake wood duck is said to be one of the handsomest birds in Canada and is quite rare in Nova Scotia at the present time.

Sons of Temperance

First Quarterly Session of Grand Division, Sons of Temperance of N. S., for 1904, will be held at Pugwash, Tuesday, January 26th. Officers reports show the tide of prosperity unabated.

An Attractive Window Display

BY THE INTERNATIONAL CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL, SCRANTON, PA.

The International Correspondence Schools of Scranton, Pa., have a window display in G. I. Letteney's store which is attracting considerable attention. A special feature of the display is a plate in ornamental design made by Chas. Pettis, a local student. An examination of this piece of work will convince the most skeptical of the practability of correspondence instruction. There are more graduates from this school in a few months than from any other school or college in a year. They also have on exhibition samples of students' work in other lines, students' outfits, etc. Special features of the display are free language lessons by the Phonograph in French, German and Spanish which are given to all who are interested. This method of teaching a foreign language has proved the most practical yet devised. It has many advantages over a personal teacher, some of which are: The phonograph never gets tired or out of patience and will repeat as often as required. You can take a lesson when and where you like and as often as you like, and the small cost and easy terms of payments make it possible for all who desire to learn to speak either of the languages, to do so.

These schools have also recently brought out courses in ad. writing, show card writing, and window dressing, which are proving very popular. During this display special discounts are being offered in all courses which makes it advisable for any who are thinking of taking up a course to do so this week.—COM.

Digby's New Store

A COURIER representative was shown through Digby's new furniture store last evening. The genial proprietor, Mr. F. M. Steadman, was busily engaged opening his new stock, which consists of a large variety of up-to-date goods usually found in a regular furniture establishment. Space will not permit us to describe the various lines, but we might state that a glance at our advertising columns will prove that Mr. Steadman believes in printer's ink and we believe it will pay to watch his ads. When Mr. Steadman's store is thoroughly fitted up and his goods arranged, he will have one of the best equipped furniture establishments in this part of the province.

The Battle Line

Steamer Sallasia, Capt. Purdy, arrived at Newcastle (N. S. W.) on Wednesday from Brisbane.

Steamer Tanagra, Capt. Kehoe, sailed from Licata on Wednesday, for Portland, Me.

Steamer Albuera, Capt. Grady, arrived at New York Sunday from Brazil, and will load for Australia.

Steamer Pandosia, Capt. Starratt, sailed from Cattaron on Saturday for Philadelphia.

Steamer Leuctra, Capt. Grant, arrived at Victoria, Brazil, on Tuesday and sailed on Saturday for the United States.

Mayor Mildon Not a Candidate

Mayor W. S. Mildon, of Eastport, informs the *Bangor News* correspondent that he will not be a candidate for the citizens' party, or in fact any other party at the coming municipal election and that his name will not be presented at the caucus. This will be somewhat of a surprise to most of the city politicians who supposed that he would again represent the party which he has so faithfully served since last March. Mayor Mildon is a native of Weymouth, where his parents reside, and has many friends in this county.

Try the Local Merchants

When you get a catalogue from a big mail order house just look it over and see what they will pay for your produce. Also investigate and see what their terms of credit are in case you do not have ready cash; how much will they give towards building our new sidewalks. Just write and ask them how much they will contribute toward the erection of a church; how much they will give to assist the poor. After you have done this and receive a reply see if your home merchants won't do as well.

Wants an American Register

Steamer Mira, which was ashore at Chebogue Point in 1902, and was subsequently floated, taken to Halifax and to Philadelphia, is now undergoing repairs at the latter port. She has been purchased by F. A. Gilchrist, of Alpena, Michigan, and will be changed into and fitted as an oil carrier. Mr. Gilchrist is applying for an American register.

Another Daily Paper

Glace Bay is to have a daily paper, the first issue of which will be published on February 1st. The Glace Bay *Gazette* amalgamates with the *Canny*, and will issue a daily paper. The *Canny* ceased publication on Saturday. It had been published by Mr. Peter Lawson, a native of Waterville, Kings County.

Death of James Anslow.

James Anslow, second son of J. J. Anslow, editor of the *Hants Journal*, died at Windsor on Sunday night. He was 32 years of age. About a year ago he was compelled to return home from Boston, where he was employed as a printer, owing to ill health, and gradually grew weaker until his death.

Personal Mention

Mr. E. Hart Nichols, barrister, was a passenger to Yarmouth yesterday.

Bridgetown Monitor: O. S. Miller left yesterday to attend Probate Court in Digby.

Judge Savary was in town this week, returning to his home in Annapolis yesterday afternoon.

Mr. P. C. H. Harris, accountant in the Union Bank of Halifax has been transferred to the Digby Branch.

Mrs. John W. Card was a passenger to Yarmouth Saturday, returning to her home in Everett, Mass.

Mr. J. Boyd McNeill, of Weymouth, was in town yesterday to attend the funeral of the late Frank Viets.

Mr. G. W. Nichols returned home Wednesday from Dalhousie College owing to the illness of his father, Mr. E. Hart Nichols, K.

Mr. C. C. Richard, assistant general manager and W. C. Harvey, inspector of the Union Bank of Halifax, were in town this week.

Miss Zita Bowers, of Westport, was a passenger to Digby yesterday and is the guest of Mayor and Mrs. Orbin Sproule, Queen street.

Mr. L. H. Johnson, proprietor of the Digby Laundry who was a passenger from St. John Wednesday, returned to the city the same evening. He will visit some of his places of business in New Brunswick before returning to Digby next Monday.

Yarmouth Times: Mr. Frank Kilham left for Montreal on Saturday where his son Lawrence was lying ill of appendicitis for which an operation was deemed necessary. Mr. Kilham writes that the lad is doing very well. He is a student at McGill university.

Marine and Shipping

The Marina, Capt. C. F. Lewis, arrived here yesterday from Tiverton.

The Marina cleared schr. Josie, Capt. Wyman, at Meteghan River Wednesday.

Schr Daisy Linden, Capt. Maidrey, arrived yesterday with about 30,000 feet mixed.

Schr Carrie E. Capt. Stoddens, arrived from Tiverton Friday and discharged 200 hacks for the Racquette.

The Bay ship Astral, Capt. J. W. Dunham, from New York for San Francisco, was reported Friday, 300 miles from her port of destination.

Schr. Carrie H., Capt. Robbins, sailed from Digby yesterday for Tiverton, having discharged a cargo of haddock in the Racquette.

Schr. W. Parsell (Hants), Capt. Wm. Dwyer, which landed about 6,000 lbs of fish at Digby yesterday, sailed for the fishing grounds Monday.

Schr. Quickstep was towed from Digby to Weymouth Saturday by tug Marina, where she will be placed on the marine railway and thoroughly overhauled.

The tug Roma, recently purchased by the Dominion government from Pictou, N. S., arrived here at Yarmouth on Saturday and has gone into winter quarters.

Schr. Following charters are announced: Bargee Bakhuis, Annapolis to Buenos Ayres, for orders, lumber, $8.50; Westmorland, south side Cuba to New York, cedar and mahogany, $8.50.

A Pleasant Vacation

A correspondent writes: Mr. J. Leslie Dowley, Mrs. J. A. Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. B. William Dowley who have been spending the Xmas holidays at the "Hillside Home", left for New York on Wednesday, 13th inst. The short trip was very much enjoyed by all and they wish to thank the Digby, Bear River and Smith's Cove friends for the efforts put forth to help make their stay pleasant, and the hospitality with which they were received into the several homes.

Mr. Fred Purdy's teams were duly sampled and many thanks are rendered to both him and his drivers.

The first few days found them storm stayed within doors but owing to the sufficient number in the home, time did not hang heavily, and as soon as weather and roads permitted all delays and broken engagements were retrieved.

One especial sleigh drive was to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Orville Jones, Digby, where a very pleasant evening was spent and the "wee" hours of morning found them on the way home with the hearty chorus, so well known, "We won't be home 'til morning," re-echoing through the stilly night.

Another was to the homes of Mr. and Mrs. John Purdy and Mrs. J. A. Turnbull of Bear River. An excellent afternoon and evening were spent among the friends, and a midnight drive appreciated, on a night that seemed perfect and the sleighing delightful, while many enjoyable evenings were spent with the friends in the Cove.

On a whole those who get tired and weary of the hurry and rush of the busy American life know how to value a short two weeks of rest and recreation in the country in mid-winter.

All are eagerly looking forward to the "Good Old Summer Time," when there will be another reunion and the jolly times continued.

Picture of the Wreck

"Brayley" the lightning chalk artist, has placed on exhibition, in the office of Hotel Dufferin, an oil painting of the three masted schooner S. P. Hitchcock, just as she appeared on the evening she struck on the rocks at Culloden Cove. It's a weird scene and one looking upon the picture, inwardly breathes a prayer of relief, when he sees the noble vessel thickly coated with ice, her sails torn and ragged. The cruel rocks on which she was cast in that terrible storm of Monday, Jan. 4th, 1904, with the thermomener registering six below zero, not one of the nine brave men who fought so hard for their lives were lost. The picture shows the rescuing party who not only saved the lives of the poor fellows, but with eager hands brought them to their homes, and looked after them.

Mr. Brayley has placed in the hands of the proprietor of the Dufferin a small number of tickets to be sold at 10 cents, and whoever draws this painting will have an ornament worthy of a place in any home.—Com.

Robt. H. Grierson Dead.

Kentville, Jan. 18.—The death occurred this morning at an early hour of Robert H. Grierson, third son of the late William Grierson, superintendent of the car department of the D. A. R. Mr. Grierson was foreman of the woodworking department of the D. A. R. He leaves a widow and eight children. The funeral will take place on Wednesday at two o'clock. Mr. Grierson is a nephew of Mr. John Grierson of Halifax, and a brother of J. Arthur Grierson, barrister, of Weymouth.

Tiverton.

Mr. Hermon Elliott will build a new house in the spring.

Schr. A. B. Parker is in the harbor loaded with fresh haddock for St. John.

Edgar Outhouse, Esq., was a passenger to St. John on the steamer Westport last week.

Capt. John McKay, schr. Bay Queen, has arrived home with a load of coal and discharged for L. H. Outhouse.

A fine new lamp has been placed in front of the Christian Church grounds to light the congregation to and from church.

A new public hall is being talked about. The present one is too small for the societies. The new one will be 30 x 50 ft. with two stories.

Mrs. Byron Blackford of Tiverton, and Mrs. H. S. Bishop of Freeport, spent a few days at Mink Cove and Sandy Cove, visiting friends.

The new breakwater is a credit to our town. We understand another 100 ft. will be built in the near future making a total of 381 feet in length.

Mr. Oscar and Irving Ruggles, who have been away in New Brunswick, have returned home to spend the winter with their father, St. Clair Ruggles, Esq.

Capt. Holland Outhouse has sold his schr. A. B. Parker to parties in Freeport. Capt. Outhouse has purchased a new schooner from Bridgetown, two tons larger than the Parker.

A large Tent of the Maccabees has been organized in this town by Sir Knight Deputy H. A. Daniels of Middleton, with a membership of 65 with Sir Knight Frank Ruggles, Esq., as commander, and Mr. A. Handspiker as Record Keeper.

Schr. Carrie H, Capt. Norman Robbins, sailed for Digby last week with about 9000 haddock. Haddock fishing in Tiverton has been above the ordinary catch this winter, a number of boats have stocked $650. One boat stocked $75.00 in one day.

Our ferryman, Mr. Byron Blackford, has had rough weather crossing the passage this winter. But the most timid persons need not fear with such a competent man as Mr. Blackford at the helm. He has never had an accident since he commenced the ferry business 17 years ago.

Little River

Mr. Fred Tibert, who has been very ill, is recovering.

The Misses Susie McCormick and Mary Elliott, of Tiverton, were guests of Mrs. Wilbert Denton last week.

Miss Myrtle Frost, who teaches school at Centreville, spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Frost

A few of the members of Rising Tide Division drove to East Ferry on Monday evening, to attend East Side Division.

Rev. H. E. Adams occupied the pulpit here on Sunday afternoon, and Rev. Mr. Little, of Weymouth, in the evening. Both services were largely attended.

Court Lloyd, I. O. F., installed officers for the year on Monday evening, viz: Manning Trask, C. D.; Ernest Denton, P. C. R.; Joseph E. Denton, C. R.; Chas. W. Denton, V. C. R.; Geo. E. Denton, R. S.; W. S. Trask, Treasurer; T. H. Denton, F. S.; Chas. D. Tibert, Orator; Sydney Denton, S. W.; Omer E. Denton, J. W.; Burwell Trask, S. B.; Kelsey Trask, J. B.

Westport

Schr. Basil M. Gilbert sailed the 18th inst. for Louisburg, C. B.

Schrs. W. Parnell O'Harra and Daisy Linden were in the harbor Tuesday.

The Baptist Church is having very good meetings at the present time.

Capt. Collins Titus' family came home on the Westport from Weymouth on Sunday morning.

We are having some very severe cold weather at the present time—4 below at 7 o'clock Tuesday morning.

Our lobster fishermen are having very poor catches this winter. One man pulled 15 pots that did not contain a saleable lobster.

Central Grove.

Mrs. Weld Tibert is visiting friends at Freeport this week.

Miss Eva Outhouse, of Tiverton spent a few days last week with Miss Flossy Delaney.

Mr. and Mrs. Colman Powell are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a daughter, 16th inst.

Miss Margary Prime and Miss Libbie Shortliff spent Saturday and Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Prime.

Mrs. John Shaw, Mrs. Leslie Powell, Miss Gertie and Annie Powell attended the district Division, which was held at Little River last week.

Havelock.

Snow is required by the lumbermen who are in the loging woods.

A succession of three stormy Sundays has prevented Sunday school and church meetings, and the fourth with a small attendance.

We are having severe winter weather, thermometer this afternoon was 4 to 8 below in different places in this village and at New Tusket.

BIRTHS.

Robinson—At Digby, on the 21st inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Bertram Robinson, a daughter.

Bacon—At the Rectory, Musquash, N. B., on Tuesday, Jan. 19th, 1904, to the wife of the Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, a son.

McDonald—At Digby, on the 18th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McDonald, a daughter.

DEATHS.

Harris—At Jordantown, on the 18th inst., Josephine, wife of Waldon Harris, aged 23 years, leaving a husband and two daughters.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting Held at Digby, January, 1904.

LIST OF MONEY APPROPRIATIONS—DISTRICT AND TOWNSHIP OFFICERS FOR THE CURRENT YEAR.

We, your committee on Finance and Public accounts hereby recommend that the following bills be paid to the several persons mentioned below, and that the same with any estimates named herein be assessed upon the Municipality according to law.

C. C. Rice assessing District No.	1	$ 20.00
George L. Marshall "	2	20.00
George A. Morehouse "	4	20.00
Albert J. Thurber "	5	10.00
Howard Titus and Geo Bowers "	6	12.00
Charles Smith "	7	20.00
Robert Journeay "	22	20.00
St. Clair Ruggles "	13	8.00
H. R. Kinney "	8	10.00
James W. Cosseboom "	15	13.00
Henry J. Woodman "	16	12.00
John O. Turnbull "	17	11.00
W. A. Purdy rev. lists of Stat. Labor		2.25
Robert Marshall "	"	3.75
Watson Saunders "	"	2.10
J. A. Crocker "	"	1.20
Hubert Bowers "	"	.75
Walter Walsh "	"	3.90
Alpheus Marshall "	"	1.95
Ephraim Brooks "	"	1.25
St. Clair Ruggles "	"	.45
James A. Robbins "	"	1.65
David Young "	"	2.10
Albert Benson, for planking Sissiboo road bridge		12.10
J. S. McNeill and H. B. Churchill, auditing accounts for 1903		12.00
J. A. Russell drawing Juries for 1903		1.50
J. A. Clinton " "		1.50
J. E. Jones, M. D., examining prisoners		3.50
W. A. Purdy, for laying out road at Smith's Cove		7.00
Timothy B. Denton, fencing road at Little River		77.10
J. Russell Denton, fencing road at Little River		77.10
W. R. Westcott, attending committees		4.30
H. A. P. Smith, half cost Execution Book		3.00
J. Boyd McNeill, R[illegible]trar of Deeds for books		13.98
W. S. Hutchinson, Ja[illegible]s bill		54.70
F. Jones		38.45
W. B. Stewart, revising jury lists 1903		2.00
Clarke Bros., planks for Roop's Hollow Bridge		3.49
Augustus Harris		16.00
ESTIMATES.		
Keeper Victoria Bridge		80.00
" Joggin Bridge		20.00
" Bear River Bridge		25.00
" Tiverton Bridge		10.00
" Weymouth Bridge		10.00
Municipal Treasurer		175.00
" Clerk		350.00
" " Stationery		20.00
Warden's Salary		35.00
Jury fund		100.00
Municipal Councillors		250.00
Jailor's Salary		250.00
Crier's Salary		25.00
Contingent Fund		150.00
Support of Insane, Nova Scotia Hospital		1500.00
Support of poor and harmless insane		3000.00
Repayment of Poor House Loan		650.00
Education		4107.95
In aid of Digby County Farmers' Association		25.00
Support of boy in Reformatory		60.00
Medical Health Inspector's Salary		100.00
Court Constable		15.00
Printing		25.00
		$11,510.52
Commissions for collecting		460.00
Total		$11,970.95

We recommend that the accounts of Councillors for reporting on Roads and Bridges in their respective districts be paid out of the Road and Bridge money allotted to said districts and drawn by commissioners.

List of Officers for 1904

Warden, N. R. Westcott; Deputy-Warden, Alex. Daley; Clerk and Treasurer, W. B. Stewart; Auditors, John S. McNeill, Harry B. Churchill.

Ordered that the following persons, be, and they are hereby appointed to fill the offices set over or against their respective names, in accordance with the statute, or any municipal regulation in that behalf.

Polling District No. 1—Hillsburgh

Constables: John A. Henshaw, M. C. Harris, James G. Purdy, George Kennedy, F. W. Purdy, Obed Berry.

Police constables: James Wentzel, F. W. Purdy, Augustus Wentzel.

To prevent cattle going at large: James H. Purdy, James Wentzel, C. H. Harris, Reuben Alcorn, Byron Harris, William Hancock, Nehemiah Chute, Herman Rice, Bernard Harris, Bernard Berry, James Morgan, Thaddeus Harris.

To prevent coasting on public streets: James Wentzel, F. W. Purdy, G. I. Brooks.

Health wardens: James H. Purdy, A. B. Marshall, W. R. Rice, L. J. Lovitt, M. D., (inspector.)

Inspectors of leather: F. W. Benson, Whitfield Taylor.

Inspectors of fruit: Ezra Miller, C. D. Rice, W. D. Ryarson.

Inspectors of wood and lumber: C. O. Anthony, W. R. Rice, A. B. Marshall, Decker McCormack.

Inspector of South American lumber: George Kennedy.

Inspectors of barrels: C. C. Rice, Millidge Armstrong.

Commissioner of West Branch Bear River: Joseph Snell.

Collector of rates: C. H. Dunn.

Bridge keeper: H. W. Purdy.

Clerk of license: C. O. Anthony.

Town clerk: Edward Clarke.

Revisor of stature labor: W. A. Purdy.

Fence viewers: M. C. Harris, W. E. Dunn, James Dunn.

Fire wardens: C. C. Rice, A. B. Marshall, G. I. Brooks.

Pound keepers: Bernard Harris, Edward Clarke, M. C. Harris, Albert Robbins, Charles Rice, James Mullen, Edwin Rice.

Inspectors of meat and fish: W. R. Rice, C. O. Anthony.

Assessor: Colin C. Rice.

Overseers of poor: C. C. Rice, M. C. Harris, Thaddeus Harris.

Returning officer municipal election: W. R. Rice.

Supervisors of public lands: Edward Clarke, James H. Purdy, Ezra Miller.

Revisor of electoral list (to be appointed in May): W. W. Wade.

Overseers of highways: 1 C D Rice, 2 Thaddeus Harris, 3 James Rice, 4 Albert Benson, 5 Clarence Wilson, 6 Byron Harris, 7 Frank Alcorn, 8 Lee Alcorn, 9 John H. Berry, 10 Charles Therreau, 11 James Wentzel, 12 Charles R. Harris, 13 Omer Rice, 14 C. McDermand, 15 Burton Rice.

To operate road grader: Chas. McDormand.

Polling District No. 2—Brighton.

Clerk of license: Charles VanBlarcom.

Assessor: George L. Marshall.

Overseers of poor: James R. Young, George L. Marshall, J. A. Morehouse.

Board of health: J. A. Morehous, Fred W. Hutchinson, Alexander McKay, George L. Marshall.

Constables: Samuel Ryan, Thomas Franklin, E. T. Harris, Robert Bell, William DeLong, John Franklin, Alfred Shortliff, Wilkins Miller, Edgar Shortliff.

Police constables: E. T. Harris, Samuel Ryan, John Franklin, Wilkins Miller, (for colored population), Thomas Franklin.

Revisor of electoral list (appointed in May): Robert Bell.

To make up lists for overseers of highways: Robert Marshall.

Inspectors of shingles: James R. Young, James Roop.

Inspectors of cordwood: Thomas Woodman, James Trevoy.

Inspectors and measurers of logs and piling: Jones Morehouse, Albert Marshall, Fred W. Hutchinson, William DeLong, John Franklin.

Fence viewers: James R. Young, Samuel Ryan, Edwin Robbins, Robert Woodman, John Wilson, William H. Porter, Rotheus Welsh, Thomas Franklin.

To prevent cattle going at large: Handford Johns, Albert Marshall, Chas. Marr, Edwin Robbins, George Nichols, Jacob Trask, Thomas Woodman, Alexander McKay, John Wilson, Robert Bell, Thomas Abbott.

Surveyors of lumber: James Trevoy, Charles Aymar, Robert Bell, Howard Marshall, William DeLong.

Pound keepers: Joseph Comeau, (Marshalltown), Henry D'Ambroise, John Franklin, John D. Savary, Thomas Franklin, Henry Adams, Albert Marshall, Charles Haines, Nathan Seeley, Thomas Woodman, Samuel Ryan, Goody Nichols, James Roop.

Presiding officer at municipal election: Robert Marshall.

Collector of rates: William DeLong.

Overseers of highways: 1 George L. Marshall, 2 Charles Dugas, 3 Thomas Abbott, 4 Charles Seeley, 5 James Young, 6 George Nickerson, 7 Henry D'Ambroise, 8 Charles Marr, 9 William VanBuskirk, 10 William H Porter, 11 James Comeau, 12 John Wilson, 13 Goody Nichols, 14 John Maxwell, 15 John Franklin, 16 Rotheus Welsh, 17 Whitfield Barton, 18 Edwin Robbins, 19 Stephen Marshall, 20 Whitfield Holmes, 21 Francis Foster, 22 Robert Woodman, 23 Thomas Woodman, 24 Charles Aymar, 25 John O'Brien.

To have charge of road grader: Robert Woodman.

Polling District No. 4—Sandy Cove.

Constables: Watson Holmes, Chas. Graham, Barlow Crowell, Chipman M. Denton, William Melanson.

Police constables: George Dakin, Frank Saunders, Fred Frost, Israel Hersey.

To prevent cattle going at large: George Holmes, Chipman Cossaboom, Alex. McKay, E. A. Gidney, Edgar Denton, Burton Bunker, Leonard Thereau, John E. Crowell, William B. Denton.

Pound keepers: Tuttle Graham, Coran Cossaboom, William Crowell, John Gidney, D. J. Morehouse, Ensley Tidd, Israel Heisey.

Overseers of poor: George A. Morehouse, Solomon Dakin, Ensley Tidd.

Presiding officer at municipal election: Albert Gidney.

Collector of rates: T. Harding Denton.

Clerk of license: Samuel Gidney.

Overseers of highways: 1 Tuttle Graham, 2 Edward Thompson, 3 James Cosseboom, 4 Ingram Saunders, 5 Barlow Crowell, 6 Samuel Gidney, 7 D. J. Morehouse, 9 Maurice McCully, 10 Benjamin Stanton, 11 Joshua Tidd, 12 Loran Blackford, 13 W. H. Crowell, 14 Russell Denton.

Assessor: George A. Morehouse.

Board of health: Reuben Morehouse, Charles Graham, Blair Dakin, Omer E. Denton, Holland Eldridge.

Revisor electoral list: Solomon Dakin.

Fence viewers: Darius Farnsworth, James W. Cosseboom, Amasa Eldridge, Terah Morehouse, Albert Gidney, Edgar Denton, Cutler Thereau, Ensley Tidd.

Supervisors of public works: Solomon Dakin, Ernest Morehouse, Wallace Trask.

Revisor of statute labor: Watson Saunders.

To have charge of and run road grader: Samuel Gidney.

Ferryman between Sandy Cove and Weymouth Bridge: J. H. Morehouse.

Polling District No. 5—Freeport.

Overseers of highways: 1 John Titus, 2 Gilbert Bates, 3 Albert Blackford, 4 Charles Moore, 5 James W. Tibert, 8 Milton Hains, 10 W. H. Brooks, 11 George McNeill.

To prevent gurry being thrown into the sea: David Thurber, Robert Hains.

Assessor: Albert J. Thurber.

Supervisors of public lands: A. J. Thurber, J. A. Crocker, Seth Prime.

Overseers of poor: A. F. Outhouse, Charles Brooks, Jefferson Stevens.

Collector of rates: Albert Israel.

Constables: Edgar Ring, James Finnigan, Fenwick C. Morrell.

Clerk of license: Joseph A. Crocker.

Measurer of coal and salt: Albert Israel.

Presiding officer: Robert Hains.

Ferryman: Ralph Morrell.

Police constables: Frank Hains, Leonard Ring, Harris Young.

Board of health: Dr. Bishop, Waitstill Perry, sr., W. H. Brooks, M. G. Crocker.

Pound keepers: Samuel Thurber, Patrick Delaney, Joseph Sullivan.

Revisor of statute labor: J. A. Crocker.

Fence viewers: Jefferson Stevens, John Moran.

To prevent throwing ballast below high water mark: Charles Brooks, Colin Israel.

To prevent cattle going at large: Joseph Sullivan, George Finegan, Seth Prime, Wallace Hains, Edgar Ring, Byron Delaney, David Bushey, Norman Perry.

Electoral revisor (to take effect in May): N. J. Thurber.

Polling District No. 6—Westport.

Overseers of poor: Henry Glaven, Charles Bailey, Howard Titus.

Board of health: E. C. Bowers, Edward A. Payson, Charles McDormand, Thomas Pugh, sr.

Assessor: Howard Titus.

Surveyor of wood and lumber: Stephen Payson.

Constables: Collin Thompson, T. C. Titus, James Morrell, George Cochrane.

Clerk of license: W. J. Harriott.

Inspectors of coal (by weight): Hubert Bowers; (by measure), William Pugh, sr.

Collector of rates: T. C. Titus.

Pound keeper: Holland Graham.

To prevent cattle going at large: James Morrell, George Welsh, Ernest Peters.

Overseers of highways: 1 James Morrell, 2 E. C. Bowers, 3 William Pugh, sr., 4 W. A. Pugh, 5 Charles Pugh.

Revisor of electoral list: Hubert Bowers.

Revisor of statute labor: Hubert Bowers.

Fence viewer: Jacob Davis.

To prevent offal of any kind being thrown above half-tide mark: F. B. Lent.

Presiding officer municipal election: T. C. Titus.

Insular S. S. Co., to run the winter ferry between Westport, Freeport and Meteghan, 1904 and 1905.

Polling District No. 7—Plympton.

Overseers of highways: 2 Herbert Mallett, 3 Dennis Oliver, 4 George McDonald, 5 Joseph Potter, 6 Samuel O'Neal, 7 Clayton Haight, 8 Tunis Lambertson, 10 John J. Robichau, 11 Rogers Amereau, 12 Hamilton Wagoner, 13 Samuel Thebeau, 14 George Thebeau, 15 Charles M. Amereau, 16 Henry Gosson, 17 F. W. Kinney, 18 Bruce Cook, 19 Alvin McNeill, 20 Herman Marshall, 21 Ira Sabean, 22 Bruce Haight, 23 C. W. Cook, 24 Joseph B. Cook, 25 Jeremiah Thebedeau, 26 Maurice McBride, 27 Jesse Haight, 28 Rogers Amereau.

Fence viewers: Tunis Lambertson, Ephraim Melanson, Theophilus Melancon, John M. Melancon, John J. Melancon, John Thebedeau, Maurice McBride, Issac Thebeau, Herman Marshall, Duran Haight, James S. Wright, Jeremiah Wagoner.

To prevent cattle going at large: William Murray, Balfour Speicht, Archibald O'Neal, Ephraim Melancon, F. W. Kinney, Isaac Melancon, Leonard McNeill, Bernard Wright, Frank Melancon, Maurice McBride, Dexter Wagoner, Justin Robichau, Ambroise Amereau, John B. Gosson, John Oliver Harding B. Cook, Clarence Thomas, Oscar Cook, Fredrick Thebedeau.

Assessor: Joshua C. Potter.

Collector of rates: George McDonald.

Pound keepers: Ethel Ring, Charles Haight, Alfred Amereau, John H Amereau, Chas. Philip Comeau, John Thebedeau, Robert Comeau, Charles Wagoner, Mark Amereau, George N. Thebeau, Freeman Amereau Osgood Bell, Charles Shortliff, George W. Andrews, Beloni Thebedean.

Constables: Robert McNeill, Osgood Bell, Rogers Amereau, Fredrick Blaney, Charles Bingay, Thomas Walsh, John Thebedeau, James R. McNeill.

Police constables: James Warner, John Walsh, John E. Melancon, John A. Andrews, John Oliver, Frank Melancon, Leonard McNeill.

Supervisors of public lands: John Lambertson, Archibald Comeau, Benjamine Wagoner.

Surveyors of logs: Elijah Mullen, St. Clair Perry, Jesse L. Haight.

Inspectors of fish: Percy Gavel, W. K. Smith, Oliver White.

To make up scale of statute labor: Walter Walsh.

Clerk of license: Dennis Oliver.

Presiding officer at municipal election: Walter Walsh.

Board of health: Patrick Mullan, William Warner, sr, Edward Speicht, W. H. Eagar, M. D.

Revisor of electoral list (to take effect in May): Robert McNeill.

Surveyors of wood, piling and bark: Handford VanBlarcom, William Warner, jr., Patrick Mullan.

To prevent offal of any kind being thrown into the sea: Curtis Speicht, F. W. Kinney, Patrick Mullan.

Overseers of poor: W. K. Smith, Heber C. McNeill, Samuel Thebeau.

To operate read grader: Leonard McNeill.

Polling District No. 8—Weymouth.

Constables: Charles Kinney, Henry Kinney, Bickford Brooks, Albert Grant.

Fence viewers: Charlton Mullen, Fred Lent, John Thebeau.

To prevent cattle going at large: William Melancon, Henry Manzer, Rodney Doty, Wallace Blackadar, Fowler Weaver, Alfred Sabean, Gilbert Doty, Edwin Thereau.

Overseers of poor: Wm. C. Hankinson, Ephriam Brooks, jr, George Manzer.

Revisor of electoral list (to be appointed in May): William W. Jones.

Assessor: H. R. Kinney.

Pound keepers: Fred Lent, Wm. Brooks, T. C. Hankinson, Allen Kinney, Edwin Thereau, Harding Brooks, John McMahon, Luke Melancon.

Overseers of highways: 1 Charles Kinney, 2 Micheal Melancon, 3 James Manzer, 4 George Manzer, 5 William Brooks, 6 John Robichau, 7 Bickford Brooks, 8 Howard Grant, 9 Milton Sabean, 10 John Deveau.

Collector of rates: William C. Hankinson.

Revisor of statute labor: Ephriam Brooks, jr.

Supervisors of public lands: Charlton Mullen, Harding Brooks, F. B. Sweeney.

Inspectors of meat and provisions: Henry Hankinson, Jesse Barr, J. H. Cook.

Health wardens: E. O. Hallett, M. D., E. J. Elderkin, M. D., D. Kemp, F. B. Sweeney.

Surveyors of timber, lumber, bark, laths, shingles and wood: N. A. Ruggles, W. H. Sabean, Charles Leary.

Weighers of coal and salt: Sidney Jones, W. Blackadar, Charles H. Titus.

Police constables: Albert Grant, George W. Brooks.

Clerk of license: H. L. Jones.

Presiding officer municipal election: H. L. Jones.

To operate road grader: Thomas Journeay.

Polling District No. 13—Tiverton.

Overseers of poor: Byron Outhouse, Hadley Blackford, William H. Powell.

Presiding officer municipal election: St. Clair Ruggles.

Constables: Russell Outhouse, John A. Pyne.

Police constables: Hadley Blackford, Jacob Wyman.

Ferryman, both sides Petite Passage: Byron Blackford.

Revisor of electoral list (appointed in May): Alpheus Handspiker.

Assessor: St. Clair Ruggles.

Fence viewers: George Outhouse, Frank Delaney.

Clerk of license: Holland Outhouse.

Inspector of fish and coal by weight: William H. McKay.

To prevent cattle going at large: Holland Outhouse, George Outhouse, William Howard, John A. Pyne, Alfred Pyne, Frank Delaney.

Pound keepers: Leonard Outhouse, William H. Powell.

Board of health: Byron Blackford, Lyman H. Outhouse, William H. Powell, Amos E. Outhouse.

Bridge keeper: Joel Blackford.

Revisor of statute labor: St. Clair Ruggles.

Overseers of highways: 1 George E. Cossehoom, 2 Russel Outhouse, 3 Alfred Shortliff, 4 Frank Delaney.

Polling District No. 15—Rossway.

Assessor: James W. Cosseboom.

Collector of rates: Jacob W. Gilliland.

Board of health: E. D. Westcott, John N. Barnaby, Byron Gilliland, Johnson Gidney.

Constables: Jacob W. Gilliland, Horace Nichols, Caswell H. Denton, George E. Johnson.

Pound keepers: Matthew Raymond, Leslie Sabean, Timothy Comean.

Overseers of poor: James A. Robbins, Johnson Gidney, George Marr.

To prevent cattle going at large: William Sanderson, Hadden Westcott, Elihu Porter, George Marr.

Revisor of statute labor: James A. Robbins.

Revisor of electoral list (appointed in May): Joshua Reed.

Presiding officer at municipal election: James A. Robbins.

Fence viewers: Hadden Westcott, Timothy Robichau, W. A. Hall.

Overseers of highways: 1 George E. Johnson, 2 Charles Robichau, 3 Calab Gilliland, 4 Arthur C. Sabean, 5 John A. Cosseboom, 6 George McNeill.

To operate road machine: John N Barnaby.

Polling District No. 16—Smith's Cove.

Overseers of poor: Richard Morgan, John L. Sulis, Spurgeon Weir.

Revisor of highway labor: George W. Potter.

Clerk of license: Robert Austin.

Inspector of coal and flour: Wm. Cosseboom.

Inspector of fish: Herbert Woodman.

Board of health: L. J. Lovitt, M. D. Oscar Morgan, Christopher Harris, Jeremiah Potter.

To prevent cattle going at large: John L. Sulis, Harry Smith, John Nichols, James R. Winchester, E. R. Thomas.

Fence viewers: Emery Turnbull, George T. Cossett, Isaac Smith, Edward Winchester.

Surveyors of lumber and wood: Eben R. Thomas, Simeon Sulis.

Collector of rates: Herbert Woodman.

Revisor of electoral list: John L. Sulis.

Presiding officer at municipal election: E. W. Potter.

Keeper Victoria bridge: Edward Winchester.

Keeper Joggin bridge: William Cossett.

Pound keepers: George S. Cossett, Charles E. Cossaboom, Spurgeon Weir, Jeremiah Potter, James R. Winchester, John Nichols.

Assessor: Henry J. Woodman.

Overseers of highways: 1 John E. Woodman, 2 Harvey Weir, 3 Herbert Woodman, 4 Henry A. Sulis, 5 Harvey Cosby, 6 Carey Morgan, 7 Herbert Wright.

Constables: Benjamin Hunt, Wm. Cossaboom, George W. Potter, John E. Woodman, Isaac Smith, Frank Cossett.

To operate road machine: Charles McDormand.

Polling District No 17—Culloden.

Assessor: John O Turnbull.

Collector: Charles E. Turnbull.

Presiding officer Municipal election: John Warrington.

Police constables: John C Handspiker, James Handspiker (Broad Cove), James D Hutchinson.

Constables: William Ross, (Broad Cove) James D Hutchinson, Roland Hinxman.

Overseers of poor: William Bishop, Nathan Stark, Roland Hinxman.

Pound keepers: Thomas Murphy, James W Hayden, John C Handspiker, Samuel Hutchins, George Stark, James Ellis, John O Turnbull.

To prevent cattle going at large: John Bishop, John Henderson, James *W Hayden*, Augustus Turnbull, Chas. *H Handspiker*, Joseph White, Benedict Vantassel.

Revisor of electoral list: John Warrington (appointed in *May*.)

Clerk of license: James *W Hayden*.

Fence viewers: Fredrick O Connor, James *W Hayden*, Charles *H Handspiker*, David Condon, William Hutchinson.

Revisor of statute labor: David Young.

Health wardens: Avard Campbell, John Post, Allen Adams, Augustus Turnbull, John Henderson.

Surveyor of lumber: John Dunn.

Overseers of highways: 1 Daniel Bremner, 2 Maynard Turnbull, 3 Gilbert Ellis, 4 *Hallett* Stark, 5 James A *Handspiker*, 6 James *Handspiker*, (B. Cove), 7 John *H* Post, 8 Walton Post, 9 Charles R Vantassel, 10 John O Turnbull, 11 Alexander Adams, 12 *Handford* Thomas, 13 William *Hutchinson*, 14 Thomas Crowley.

To manage and store road grader: John Bishop.

Polling District No 22—Weymouth.

Assessor: Robert Journeay.

Constables: Thomas Journeay, Holland Payson, John McCormack, Manly Wagoner, Robert Langford, Cornelius Brooks, John McConnell, Alfred Cosman, Alexander Kilcup, Howard Steele, Fred Wade, Jesse Dahlgreen, Herbert Sabean, Albert Francis, Geo. M. Blakeney, Fred John, Solomon Langford, George O Hankinson, Watson Taylor, Charles Sprague, Siegfroid C Thereau, Robert K Newcomb, John Journeay, Angus McPhee.

Police constables: Thomas Journeay, Holland Payson, Alexander Kilcup, John McCormack, John Journeay.

Fence viewers: Charles Belliveau, George Cosman, Samuel Jarvis, Harding Cook, Peter Wagoner, Harley John, John Dahlgreen, Thomas Mildon, jr., William Weaver.

To prevent cattle going at large: Randal McDonald, Howard Cosman, Joseph Cosman, Henry Jarvis, Harley John, Charles Journeay, sr, George Everett, Robert K Newcomb.

Pound keepers: Samuel LeBlanc, Thomas Journeay, Maurice Barnes, Walter W. Goodwin, George Cosman, Valentine Gaudet, John Lovitt.

Board of health: E O Hallett, M D, E J Elderkin, M D, T C Rice, C A Ryan.

Sanitary inspector: Ernest Brooks.

Surveyors of lumber, timber, shingles clapboards, bark, cordwood, hoops, staves: Maurice McBride, Edmund Hogan, Harry Wagoner, R O Payson, George Wagoner, Frank Goodwin, John E Wagoner, Isaac Wagoner, John McCormack, Samuel McCormack, Emile Stehelin, jr., Paul Stehelin, G D Campbell, jr., Theophilus Melancon, Geo. Everett.

Inspectors and weighers of general merchandise and produce: Samuel McCormack, A C Johnson, Hastings Taylor, Harry S Hoyt, John McDonald.

Inspectors of fruit: Brenton St. C Jones, R. L. Black, Henry E Oakes.

Inspector of pulp, R L Black.

Clerk of license: N E Butler.

Inspectors of barrels: William Moore, jr., C H Butler, B L Oakes.

Overseers of poor: A D Foote, Frank Hankinson, Fred A Hogan.

Presiding officer municipal election: George Taylor.

To make up lists of highway labor: Alpheus Marshall.

Inspectors of flour, butter, meat and fish: Herbert M Journeay, E P Rice, Alexander Beaton.

Revisor of electoral list (to take effect in May): George Taylor.

Measurers and weighers of coal and salt: R O Payson, Henry Wilson, Edmund Hogan.

Supervisors of public grounds: J B McNeill, William Moore, jr., J A Goodwin.

Inspectors of hides and leather: Frank Dahlgreen, Joseph B Belliveau, Lindley M Journeay.

Keeper of the bridge at the village of Weymouth bridge: Harley John.

Collector of rates: Holland Payson.

Overseers of highways: 1 Brenton St. C Jones, 2 A D Foote, 3 Charles Saulnier, 4 Walter W Goodwin, 5 Watson Taylor, 6 John Dahlgreen, 7 Fred John, 8 Edmund Black, 9 J G K Gates, 10 Lezin C Gaudet, 11 Manly Wagoner, 12 Alfred Cosman, 13 L N Thibeau.

Fire wardens: R L Black, P G Melancon, W F Journeay, E E Comeau, H S Hoyt, Joseph C Muise, E P Rice.

Firemen: Hastings Taylor, Holland Payson, Thomas Journeay, Brenton St. C Jones.

Fire constables: A H Brooks, Siegfroid C Thereau, Alexander Beaton, Pius Comeau.

To prevent coasting: Jasper Journeay, William Moore sr., John W Goodwin.

Commissioners of Sissiboo River: Maurice McBride, Frank P Goodwin, George Wagoner.

To operate road grader: Thomas Journeay.

Boston's Twin Policemen.

ABOUT THE ONLY WAY TO TELL THEM APART IS BY NUMBERS ON THEIR HELMETS.

[Boston Globe]

Thursday the two most talked of policemen in the city were the "twin coppers," patrolmen Almon L. Daniels of the City Hall ave station and Alfred H. Daniels of the Roxbury Crossing division. They were among the patrolmen who acted as guard at the police ball Wednesday night, and the resemblance between them is so close that even their best friends have difficulty in telling them apart.

Alfred, during the early part of the evening at the ball, was stationed at the entrance to the promenade, giving out dance orders, and he was kept busy acknowledging salutations intended for his brother. Many persons stopped and conversed with him, and yesterday he stated that he did not know what they were talking about, but he assented to everything they said just to be agreeable.

Almon said yesterday, "I have smoked many a good cigar that was intended for my brother," and Alfred said the same thing.

Almon Daniels for two years has patrolled the route along newspaper row by day and he keeps an eye over the newsboys, by whom he is well liked. Alfred is the day officer on the Roxbury Crossing route, and is known by almost everyone in that section. Several times a week, he says persons alighting from cars at the transfer station mistake him for his brother and ask him when he left newspaper row. Station 2 Daniels tells how many friends of his brother holds him up in the row and tells him funny stories.

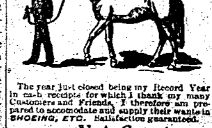
The twin policemen enjoy the mistakes made by their friends.

The brothers were born in East Medway, Mass., Oct. 22, 1867. Alfred joined the police force Oct. 21, 1895, and Almon became a member June 8, 1897. About the only way to tell them apart is by the numbers on their helmets.

Division of Nova Scotia Diocese

RURAL DEANERY OF SYDNEY THINKS IT IS OPPORTUNE TIME TO EFFECT IT.

Sydney, Jan. 20.—At a meeting of the Clergy of the Rural Deanery of Sydney held today in the parish of Christ Church after a resolution expressing the deep regret of the Deanery at the resignation of Bishop Courtney, a resolution was unanimously passed expressing the belief of the Deanery that the division of the Diocese of Nova Scotia would be in the best interest of the Church and that the present is an exceedingly opportune time for the subject to be discussed and if possible effected. The Deanery will, it is understood, send a copy of their resolution to the other Deaneries of the Diocese who will be respectfully asked to give the matter their consideration. Rev. T. Fraser Draper was re-elected Rural Dean for the ensuing five years.



THE GRIP AGAIN.

This Dangerous Epidemic Has Made Another Appearance.

A SUGGESTION AS TO HOW TO GUARD AGAINST THE TROUBLE AND ITS PERNICIOUS AFTER EFFECTS.

Every winter influenza, or as it is more generally known, the grip, makes its appearance in Canada. Every few years it spreads and assumes alarming proportions. From all appearances this is one of the years in which it will seize upon a great number of victims for every day new cases are reported. As in scarlet and typhoid fever, the after effects of grip are often worse than the disease itself. The sufferer is left with a debilitated system, short of breath upon the slightest exertion, subject to headache and heart palpitation, affected by every change in the weather, and in a physical condition to invite the attack of more serious diseases, such as pneumonia and consumption.

A timely suggestion as to how to enable the system to resist the inroads of grip and its after effects is given by Mrs. Emma Doucett, St. Eulalie, Que. who says:—"I had an attack of the grip which left me a sufferer from headache, pains in the stomach and general weakness. I used several medicines but found nothing to help me until I began to take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. When I began to take these pills I was very much run down and very weak, but they soon began to help me, and after using them a few weeks I was not only as well as ever but had gained in flesh as well. I can hardly tell you how pleased I am with Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, for I was feeling very hopeless when I began their use."

These pills cure by making new, rich red blood, thus strengthening every part of the body and enabling it to throw off disease. You can always avoid imitations by seeing that the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" is printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent post-paid at 50 cents a box or six for $2.50 by writing to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

To Reduce Weight

If you wish to reduce your weight abstain from all eating between meals. Cut out of the diet all candy and sweet foods, all severe acids and all alcoholic or malt liquors. Drink plenty of pure, cool water. Partake of only two meals a day.

I Know MINARD'S LINIMENT will cure Diphtheria.

JOHN D. BOUTILIER.

French Village.

I Know MINARD'S LINIMENT will cure croup.

J. F. CUNNINGHAM.

Cape Island.

I Know MINARD'S LINIMENT is the best remedy on earth.

JOSEPH A. SNOW.

Norway, Me.

The Chinese Almanac.

There is no other work in the world of which so many copies are printed annually as of the Chinese almanac. The number is estimated at several millions. It is printed at Peking and is a monopoly of the emperor.

40 Gems, 10 Cents.—Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills cure all troubles arising from torpor of the liver. Easy and quick, banish Sick Headache, purify the blood and expel all impurities from the system. The demand is big. The Pills are little, easy to take, pleasant results, no pain. 40 of a vial, 10 cents.—141

Silence Is Golden.

"Of course," said the beginner, "to be successful in politics one must know how to speak."

"Better still," replied the old hand, "the must know how not to speak."—Exchange.

"Love Laughs at Locksmiths" as such American Kidney Cure laughs at disease. It's the seemingly impossible doors to disease that it unlocks that makes its cures almost incredible. But for every cure there is a proof if you care to investigate. It is a liquid kidney specific and it never fails. Makes and keeps men "fit" and well.—142

Sleeps as He Walked.

Rising in his sleep, a Swift workman living near Neufchatel walked a quarter of a mile and only awoke when he put his foot in a pool of water by the roadside.

Got a Constant Headache?—Ten chances to one the secret of your suffering is that "white man's burden," Catarrh. Here's a sentence from one man's evidence for Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder—"One application gave me instant relief, cleared the nasal passages and stopped the pain in my head." It's a quick, safe and sure treatment, and it never fails to cure. 50 cents.—145

Water In the Human Body.

The proportion of water in a child at birth is 75 per cent; in the adult 58 per cent.

Discouraged Stomachs.—Could you wonder at the delicate organs of digestion refusing to be helped and comforted when day after day are literally "drowned out" by strong tonics, bitters and bootful nostrums. Common sense came into Medical Science when it evolved the tablet dose and discovered a God-Send to humanity in Dr. Ward's pineapple tablets formula. 35 cents.—144

N. S. Farmers' Association

The Annual Convention of the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association will be held at Truro on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, February, 2, 3 and 4, at which a large attendance of delegates from Agricultural Societies and County Farmers' Associations is expected. A cordial invitation is extended to all Agriculturists and those interested in rural pursuits, to be present. This promises to be the most profitable convention ever held by the Association.

Besides general business, addresses will be given by prominent practical Agriculturists and the afternoon sessions will be held in the new Live Stock Pavilion, at the Provincial Farm, when demonstration lectures with live animals as objects, will be given. As many as possible should take advantage of these lectures and system of education by "demonstration to the eye."

Reduced rates by Railway, by asking at starting point for a one-way first class ticket to Truro, and a Standard Certificate, which on being signed by the Secretary at the Convention, entitles the bearer to a return ticket, free.

Women in England and Wales.

In England and Wales from 16 to 17 per cent of the women do not marry. In London the percentage is twenty.

Bear River

(Telephone)

Frank Day spent a few days here this week visiting relatives.

Rev. Father Hayes held services in the chapel here on Sunday last.

W. G. Clarke attended Municipal Council at Annapolis this week.

Mr. W. D. Ryerson has returned from a visit to friends at Moschelle.

J. Atwood Miller returned from his trip up country Thursday. He reports a good time with lots doing.

Messrs. C. H. Purdy and Frank Jones went to Digby Tuesday to attend Municipal Council there.

Miss Jessie Milligan returned to St. John Wednesday, after a visit to her mother at the Bear River Hotel.

Misses Ethel Purdy and Gertrude Donkin left on Wednesday for Sackville, to resume their studies at Mt. Allison.

There were eleven new members initiated into Royal Division, No. 37, S. of T., Monday evening. There is room for more, come along.

Mr. T. H. Wright left for Kennetcook to install a new boiler and engine in the mill owned by the S. S. Stevens Co. at that place.

Mrs. J. W. Parker, of New York, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alpheus Marshall, went to Wilmot on a short visit on Monday.

Edna, the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Peck, fell out of the door door on Saturday last, receiving a very bad cut under the chin. She is doing well.

The different members of the Dowley family who have been spending the winter holidays with their mother at Smith's Cove returned to New York on Wednesday.

The S. A. people had a great rally at Annapolis Wednesday night, and the officers with a contingent from here attended and were caught in the storm on their return.

The storm of wind and rain yesterday morning carried the ice out of the river and navigation is unimpeded. Schr. Citizen sailed down to the mouth of the river on another trip to St. John, and schr. Valdare pulled into a berth at E. E. Rice's wharf. Nova is loading for the West Indies.

A party of twelve drove to Clementsport in one of F. W. Purdy's teams Wednesday evening to attend a social party given by Mr. and Mrs. Melbourne Purdy. Beguiled by a pleasant time they remained until after the beginning of the storm and the roads became so bad they were forced to remain till the following day.

Mr. S. Fred Smith, of Smith's Cove, has recently come into an unexpected legacy. The estate of his father, the late Wm. Smith, had been settled up, very little remained. A few months later, however, a statement was received, showing a substantial sum deposited in a bank institution. Mr. Smith is now about coming into the enjoyment of his property about $1,000.

Rev. A. C. Borden, who has spent several years as a missionary in Japan, gave three interesting addresses in the Methodist church here on the work being done there, and the modes and customs of their religious worship before hearing the gospel. On Saturday evening he spoke to the Epworth League, and on Sunday evening the Baptists held no service, but united with the Methodist people, and those who went to hear Mr. Borden were well repaid, as he is a very easy, eloquent speaker, and held the united attention of his audience throughout.

One of the Vilest Diseases.

Is catarrh which first attacks the nose and throat and finally spreads all through the system. The one sure cure is fragrant healing Catarrhozone which is sent by the air you breath direct to the root of the trouble. Mr. T. V. MacVicar of Yarmouth, suffered for years from catarrh and says: "In my long experience this loathsome disease I never used any remedy that relieved and cured so promptly as Catarrhozone. When my nostrils were so stuffed up that I couldn't breathe I found a few inhalations of Catarrhozone was sufficient to clear away the mucous. I am perfectly cured by Catarrhozone and free from the disease entirely." Use only Catarrhozone. Complete outfit $1.00; trial size 25c.

First Cast in Seven Years.

TRURO, January 11.—Last night a small but successful cast was made from the furnace of the Londonderry Iron Mining company, that was lighted last Friday. This is the first pig iron made in Londonderry since September, 1886. As a result the people of not only that place but also those of the entire countryside are delighted with the new turn affairs have taken.

To Quickly Cure Billiousness

Use Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. They cleanse the stomach and bowels, assist the liver in removing bile, and cure thoroughly. Use only Dr Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Against Chinese Labor.

WELLINGTON, New Zealand, January 11.—Premier Seddon has invited the premiers of Australia, Canada, Cape Colony and Natal to unite in protesting to the imperial government against the introduction of Chinese labor in the Rand mines, Transvaal Colony, South Africa.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

For years we have been asked and have been urged to put up a reliable grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

Keen on Scent

The aborigines of Peru can in the darkest night and in the thickest woods distinguish respectively a white man, a negro and one of their own race by the smell.

Most Dreadful of Skin Diseases

A decade case of Eczema of 30 years' standing cured by Dr. Chase's Ointment.

That Dr. Chase's Ointment is a thorough cure for the most aggravated forms of itching skin disease is proven in hundreds of cases similar to the one described in the following letter.

Mr. G. H. McCONNELL, engineer in Fleury's Foundry, Aurora, Ont., states: "I believe that Dr. Chase's Ointment is worth its weight in gold. For about thirty years I was troubled with eczema, and could not obtain any cure. I was so unfortunate as to have blotches on my face, and this developed into eczema, the most dreadful of skin diseases.

"I was so bad that I would get up at night and scratch myself until the raw skin would flaming. The torture I endured is almost beyond description, and now I cannot say anything too good for Dr. Chase's Ointment. It has cured me, and I recommend it because I know there is nothing so good for itching skin."

Dr. Chase's Ointment, 60 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates and Co., Toronto. To protect you against imitations the portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous receipt book author, are on every box.

Sold by E. Jenner and H. E. Jones.

I. C. R. Trackmen Get Raise of Pay

TRURO, January 11.—A few weeks ago the I. C. R. and P. E. I. Ry. members of the Interdominion Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way men through their joint protective board, asked the railway department that the pay of ordinary trackman be increased from $1.25 to $1.50 a day, with a corresponding increase for foremen. The department complied to the extent of $1.40 for trackmen, and a corresponding increase for foremen. This the men it is understood, declined to accept, holding out the original demand, and a compromise has been effected. Yard hands are to receive the $1.50 a day, with a corresponding increase for yard foremen, flagmen and others. It is said the exception to yard employes is because living is dearer in the towns than in the country districts.

Submarine Signals.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 11—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine has obtained the consent of his colleagues to get as many submarine bells for use on the St. Lawrence River and Atlantic Coast as he deems advisable. These bells were tested some time ago while the Minister of Marine was present and he found them very satisfactory.

The bells will be in use on the St. Lawrence during the coming season of navigation. Mr. Prefontaine will also establish five Marconi stations in the Gulf of St. Lawrence.

Freight Rates Will Advance.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 11.—The probability of war between Russia and Japan is beginning to have its effect upon steamship business. Wm. Thompson & Co., agents here for the Allan Line of steamships today received from the office of the Allan Line in Glasgow the following despatch:

"Make no further engagement for cargo at present rates. War appears inevitable."

Mills Shortening Hours.

LONDON, January 11.—Short time of four hours weekly instead of fifty-six was started this morning in a number of mills using American cotton in the Ashton underlying district, in accordance with the recommendation of the Cotton Spinners' association, in its efforts to abolish the cotton speculation.

Crashed Into a Trolley Car

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 15.—An East bound Michigan line car carrying a heavy load of passengers home at the close of the day was struck by a Grand Trunk Passenger train this evening at Gratiot Avenue and Dequindre Street. More than 34 people were injured, the heavy double truck car being carried 20 feet down the track from the point of collision and almost demolished. Every ambulance in the City was hurried to the scene. Seven of the injured were conveyed to the hospitals and 27 were taken to their homes. No one was killed though some of the injured are in a very serious condition and may die.

Thunder And Snow.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 21.—The phenomena of a mid-winter thunder storm, accompanied by heavy snow, was experienced in Salt Lake City last night. A gale which came with the thunder storm reached the velocity of over 30 miles an hour at times and was accompanied by heavy snow and hail, which was driven in blinding sheets, making it almost impossible to remain out of doors. Telegraph service throughout this section is prostrated by the storm, is raging with blizzardlike violence throughout Nevada and Western Utah.

Heavy snow is reported from a number of places but the temperature remains mild.

South American Nervine makes the whole system radiant with perfect health, it accelerates circulation, enriches the blood, penetrates to the very centres of nerve force, builds tissue, makes and keeps people well. This wonderful remedy has had a charmed experience and has done its great work in cases that the medical fraternity had pronounced hopeless.—140

Bonus for Bait Freezers

OTTAWA, January 15.—Three years ago, in order to encourage the bait freezing industry on the Atlantic coast, the government decided to grant each association a bonus of five dollars per ton for the bait they produced. This arrangement was made for a period of three years, as it was thought that at the end of that time, the industry would be sufficiently well established to maintain itself. A request has been made to the government for the continuation of the bonus, as it is claimed that they have not yet been long enough at the business to ascertain whether it is going to pay or not.

The Pastor's Pity.—A prominent pastor of a Dunham, Ont., church writes: "I suffered intensely from Inflammatory Rheumatism. Just one bottle of South American Rheumatism Cure healed me. I pity those who suffer so much when they know how near they are to cure. I feel like proclaiming it from the house-top."—138

Couldn't Estimate its Value!—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart never fails. It relieves in 30 minutes, it cures. It is a marvelous remedy. To lead you to believe this, W. H. Musselman, of G. A. R., Weisport, Pa., says: "Two bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart entirely cured me of palpitation and smothering spells. Its value cannot be estimated."—139

Smash-up on C. P. R.

ST. JOHN, Jan. 16.—Two freight trains on the C. P. R. met in a head-on collision on Thursday afternoon and blocked the line near Lowelltown, Me. There was no loss of life, and the only person seriously injured was Brakeman L. E. Clarke, who had one rib broken.

The road was cleared this afternoon and the delayed Montreal train reached here after 1 o'clock this morning and proceeded to Halifax.

Not Her Fault.

"Your daughter," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "has such nerve. She fairly bubbles over with high spirits."

"I know it. She gets it from Josiah's side of the house, though. My folks are all strong temperance people."

—When a woman gives way to anger she begs her own pardon with tears

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CHURCHES.

Holy Trinity Church.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Fridays, 7.30 p. m. Saints days Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m.; second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m.; fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. Rev. H. A. Harley, M. A. Rector.

Baptist Church—Hours of service: Sabbath, Preaching services 11 a m. and 7.00 p m Sabbath School 12.15 p m; Wednesday general prayer meeting at 8.00 p m; W. M. A Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 pm. Visitors always welcomed; Ushers in attendance. Rev. A. J. Archibald, Pastor.

Digby Presbyterian Church.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. Rev. Geo. Wood Pastor.

Grace Methodist Church.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. Rev. A. B. Higgins Pastor.

Sydney Street Christian Church, Disciples of Christ.—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 2.30 p. m. and 7.30 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday-school will be organized as soon as possible. Rev. H. A. Devoe, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. E. Jones, N. G.; Geo. H. Peters, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 54, meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. Dennison, W. M.; J M Viets Secty.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W W Hayden, C. R; J A C deBalinhard, F S.

C. O. F.—Court Sea-View, No. 773, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. Holdsworth, C. R; H. B. Burnham, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the first and third Monday's in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. John E. Bent, M. W., H. B. Churchill, Rcd.

Digby Cornet Band—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months, Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young hands and voluntary, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, young hands and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendances at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. Francis E. Corrison, Bandmaster.

THE MUNICIPAL COUNCIL

Annual Meeting Held at Digby, January, 1904.

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS, AUDITORS' REPORT, COMMITTEES APPOINTED, AND OTHER MATTERS OF INTEREST TO OUR COUNTY READERS.

On Tuesday, the 12th day of January, 1904, the Council met at the Court House in Digby. Present: the Wardens, Councillors Purdy, Jones, Cook, Nicholl, Grierson, Daley, Denton, Eldridge, Outhouse, Hains and Peters.

Ordered that Councillors Nicholl, Denton and Jones be a committee to nominate standing committees, who retire, and return the following nominations: Finance and Public accounts: Councillors Denton, Jones, Grierson, Hains, Purdy. Tenders and Public property: Jones, Nicholl, Denton. Licenses: Hains, Daley, Peters. Roads and Bridges: The whole. Assessments: The whole. Insane: Purdy, Cook, Outhouse. Law Amendments: Peters, Cook, Jones. Jury lists: Denton, Daley. Poor: Eldridge, Nicholl, Outhouse. Arbitration: Daley, Denton, Eldridge, Grierson, which upon motion are received and adopted, and accordingly ordered that the same be, and they are hereby appointed committees as named for the current year.

Ordered that all papers on file to be dealt with by the different committees be placed in the hands of the chairman, thereof forthwith.

Upon reading report of Holland Payson, Inspector under Canada Temperance Act, moved that the same be received and adopted, and that this Council hereby tenders a vote of thanks to Mr. Payson for the very careful manner in which he has conducted the duties of the said office.

Upon reading report of the Auditors ordered to be received and to lie upon the table.

Upon reading report of Ingram Saunders, Inspector, under Canada Temperance act, ordered to be received and adopted.

Upon reading report of F. E. Rice, M. D., Health officer, ordered to be received and to lie upon the table.

Upon reading the following list of officers, ordered that the same be received and adopted, and that the persons named therein be, and they are hereby appointed to fill the offices set over or against their respective names, in accordance with the statutes or any municipal regulation made, or to be made in that behalf. Polling districts No. 1, Hillsborough; 2, Brighton; 4, Sandy Cove; 5, Freeport; 6, Westport; 7, Plympton; 8, Weymouth; 13, Tiverton; 15, Rossway; 16, Smith's Cove; 17, Culloden; 22, Weymouth Bridge. (See last week's COURIER.)

Ordered that A. M. Gidney, Esq., M. P. P., be, and he is hereby respectfully requested by this Council of the Municipality, District of Digby, to take steps to have the Weymouth Bridge and approaches from the residence of Henry E. Oakes south to William Moore's blacksmith shop, put in a proper state of repairs, at the earliest possible opportunity.

Ordered that F. E. Rice, M. D., be, and he is hereby appointed Health Officer for the Municipality for the current year.

Ordered that the vote for appointment of Inspector under Canada Temperance act be taken by ballot. The following persons are nominated to fill the office: George T. Cook, of Weymouth; John Journeay, of Weymouth Bridge; Ingram Saunders, of Sandy Cove; Collins Titus, of Weymouth Bridge; and upon the ballot being taken there appeared for Cook 2, Journeay 5, Saunders 5, and upon a second ballot between Journeay and Saunders: for Journeay 7, Saunders 5, and accordingly ordered that John Journeay of Weymouth Bridge be and he is hereby appointed Inspector under Canada Temperance act for the current year, at a salary of one hundred dollars.

Ordered that Councillors Denton and Jones be a Committee to gather full information as to the right of the Town of Digby to participate in the Municipal Road Grant and to report to the May meeting of the Council.

Upon reading petition from George R. McNeill and others for a grant of $25.00 in aid of the Digby County Farmers' Association, ordered to be referred to the Committee on Finance and Public accounts.

Ordered, that F. A. Braman, be, and he is hereby appointed Constable to attend upon the Supreme and County Courts, at a salary of $15.00.

Ordered, that John S. McNeill and H. B. Churchill, be, and they are hereby appointed Auditors of Municipal accounts.

That John A. Russel and John A. Clinton, Justices of the Peace, be, and they are hereby appointed to draw Juries for the Supreme and County Courts.

Ordered, that the report of Auditors, having been considered, is hereby adopted.

To the Wardens and Councillors for the Municipality of Digby:

Gentlemen,—We the Auditors appointed to examine and report on accounts of the Municipal Treasurer for the year ending December 31st, 1903, beg to submit to you our report on the same. We find proper vouchers for all sums charged in said Accounts.

The Accounts with the Insane Asylum are audited to the 30th day of September, 1903, no accounts having been received since then.

The said Assylum accounts stand as follows:

1902, Sept. 30—Balance as per acct.	$ 265.50
Expenditure charged from Sept. 30th to Dec. 31st, 1902	306.37
Expenditure charged from Dec. 31st, 1902 to March 31st, 1903	282.28
Expenditure charged from March 31st to June 30th, 1903	320.40
Expenditure charged from June 30th to Sept. 30th, 1903	327.26
	$1503.81
Sept. 30, 1903, Cash paid as per receipt	1176.55
Balance as per Acct	327.26

There is still in dispute the matter of Mary Gouthrie, amount $229.66, (no change since last report.)

There is also a new matter, a charge for William A. Bacon for which there is no proper authority, Amount $7.56.

We find due the Municipality on general and Railway accounts a balance of $4,915.78 as per attached statement.

The usual Accounts for harmless Insane at Bridgetown has ceased.

John S. McNeill,
H. B. Churchill, } Auditors.

Digby, Jan. 8th, 1904.

The following is a list of balances due the Municipality by the several collectors for the years, 1892 to 1903.

1892	
Jobert Journeay	$ 42.24
1894	
Alden W. Goodwin	210.41
1895	
William Hogan	14.26
1896	
Harvey Weir	38.22
Jacob E. Morehouse	21.79
1897	
Harvey Weir	102.11
John Journeay	8.47
Jacob E. Morehouse	36.66
1898	
Harvey Weir	38.28
William Hogan	14.38
1899	
Joseph H. Sabean	19.77
John Journeay	116.42
1900	
Herbert Woodman	27.91
Joseph H. Sabean	87.17
Brenton Jones	71.01
1901	
Herbert Woodman	3.28
Jesse Dahlgreen	57.79
1902	
Herbert Woodman	155.04
William DeLong	42.73
C. B. Dunham	41.00
Charles E. Turnbull	14.59
Jacob W. Gilliland	6.18
T. Harding Denton	51.61
1903	
Charles H. Dunn	913.44
Herbert Woodman	193.47
William DeLong	408.67
Ethel Ring	49.54
William C. Hankinson	50.28
Holland Payson	2609.32
Charles E. Turnbull	300.99
Jacob W. Gilliland	12.17
T. Harding Denton	525.64
George DeLaney	3.24
Albert Israel	9.19
Thomas C. Titus	18.14
Town of Digby	60.00

Statement to Balance to December 31st, 1903.

	Balance 1902	Allowed 1903	Overdrawn 1902	Received 1903	Paid 1903	Balance Dec. 31st, 1903	Balance Overdrawn 1903	Net Balance Dec. 31st, 1903
Municipality General Account	$31,347.00			16,585.14	15,380.00	32,582.23		$4915.78
Railway Account			24,542.45		3,124.00		27,666.45	
Contingent Account	11.00	350.00		504.85	878.02	78.53		
Court House Account			263.11		17.85		280.96	
Municipal Councillors' Account		285.00	38.10		206.00		19.10	
Jury Fund Account		175.00	27.05		81.60	66.35		
Alms House Account		1750.00	262.88		1105.33	290.00		
Poor Farm Account		1000.00	880.40		2487.54		1474.03	
Jailor's Account	30.53	265.85			245.85	58.53		

Digby, January 8th, 1904.

John S. McNeill,
H. B. Churchill, } Auditors.

Councillor Purdy from the Committee on assessments read report of same which upon motion is received and adopted.

"We your Committee on Assessments respectfully recommend that the following uncollectable rates be cancelled from the different collectors' rolls mentioned below, and we hereby report upon the various matters submitted to us as follows:

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on district No. 1, Hillsburgh, for 1903, $4.20; re cancelled and re-assessed on Municipality, $29.45.

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on Municipality, Culloden district, for 1903, $19.50.

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on district No. 6, Westport, for 1903, $14.64.

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on district No. 4, Sandy Cove, for 1902, $20.20.

"To be cancelled and re assessed on district No. 5, Freeport, for 1903, $5.38; on Municipality $3.20.

"To be cancelled and re assessed on district No. 7, Plympton, for 1902 and 1903, $26.50; on Municipality, $8.94.

"To be cancelled and re assessed on district No. 15, Rossway, for 1903, $7.26.

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on district No. 2, Brighton, for 1901, $6.00.

"To be cancelled and re-assessed on district No. 16, Smith's Cove, for 1900, $9.72; for 1901, $9.26; for 1902, $3.90; for 1903, $1.80; on Municipality for 1902, $1.35.

"That the application for relief of Jacob Denton's taxes be not received, as we are of opinion that the Council is powerless in the matter."

Councillor Purdy from the Committee on Roads and Bridges read report of same, which, upon motion, is received and adopted.

"We, your Committee on Roads and Bridges hereby recommend the following:

"That the Highway districts at Tiverton be changed and re-numbered as follows: No. 1, commencing at the south line of lands belonging to the estate of late Simondson Outhouse and running south to Mack's Point, being formerly district No. 9. No. 2, commencing at the fishing beach near Chesley O'Singer's fish house, running south-westerly to the north line of lands owned by John A. Pyne, with all the by roads that have been added to former district No. 7. No. 3, commencing at the north line of lands owned by John A. Pyne, running south westerly to the north line of lands owned by Alfred Cann, being formerly No. 6. Number 4, commencing at the north line of the said Alfred Cann's land, running south-westerly to the south line of lands now owned by Ralph Tibert, as part of districts No.'s 5 and 6.

"That the following persons be allowed to perform their Statute labor as follows, under the Supervision of Overseers of Highways for districts in which they reside. Crawford Vantassel, Mount Pleasant, the whole on the George Vantassel road. Freeman Handspiker, Mt. Pleasant, the whole on the David Handspiker road. Jeremiah Wagoner, Plympton, one half on the road from his residence to the main road. Maurice Robichau and Joseph Robichau, of Doucetteville, the whole on the road leading from their residences to Doucetteville Corner. Justin Amereau and Sons, district No. 15, Plympton, the whole, on that part of the Highway adjourning their residences.

"That the report of W. A. Purdy, upon the new road, across lands of Christopher Harris, from River Road to old Cross Road, Hillsburgh, be received and adopted, and that Councillor Jones have a deed of same prepared and filed. That Obed Miller, C. H. Purdy, John Morgan, C. Chisholm, Edward Benson, Albert Morgan, William Cosby, C. McDormand of Bear River, perform their Statute labor on the River Road, under supervision of Overseer Highways district No. 14, Hillsburgh.

"That W. A. Hall, of Rossway, perform one half of his Statute labor on the road leading from main road to his residence. Caswell H. Denton and C. DeBlois Denton their Statute labor on the John Gilliland road (so called) at Rossway. Daniel Lewis, Reuben Lewis and Roland Lewis their Statute labor on the road leading from the shore to their residence at Freeport. Wayland Raymond, Charles Raymond, Harry O'Neal, Randolph Thereau, Walter Thereau, Fred Raymond, Wallace Raymond, Frank Blackford, Omer Gidney, Albert Gidney, Charles O'Neal, Preston O'Neal, Theodore Raymond, one half of their Statute labor on the road leading to Little Mink Cove, Bay of Fundy side, under the Overseer of Highways for district No. 6, Sandy Cove. Capt. George Denton, Westport, six days of his Statute labor on the Gullrock road, between the Gate and front road, under Overseer for district No. 6.

"That the prayer of the petition of James A. Robbins and others to make a pent road of the Highway, from the Neck road to the north creek, head of St. Mary's Bay, be granted, until such time as the Bridge shall be built across said Creek.

"That the prayer of the petition of Joseph Israel of Freeport, in the matter of Statute labor be not granted.

"That the sum of $30.24 expended by Councillor Grierson from his Road and Bridge grant, the present year, for repair of Road Grader be repaid as follows, districts Number 7, Plympton, 8, Weymouth, and 22, Weymouth Bridge, be charged with $10.08 respectively and district No. 22 be credited with $20.16.

"That a competent person be appointed in each polling district of the Municipality, to be named in list of officers, to superintend and operate the different Road Graders, owned by the Municipality, said Graders to be under control, when in use, of such persons solely. That a fee of seventy five cents per day be charged for the use of such Grader, to be paid to the Councillor for the district where Grader is in use. Said fund to be used for keeping such Grader in repair. The person appointed to operate Grader, when actually employed doing so to be paid $1 50 per day.

"That the prayer of the petition of John K Cossaboom and others, of Smith's Cove, for a new road running from the old to the new road in that polling district, be granted, and that a precept do issue to H. S. Hall, to examine, and report to May meeting of Council.

"That the returns of Statute labor for Hillsburgh Township, 1903, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 15, be received as correct, and that Numbers 11 and 13 be returned for completion, and that Numbers 4, 6, and 10 for 1902 be received as correct.

"That the consideration from H. T. Warne in the matter of Statute labor be postponed until the May meeting of Council.

"That Statute labor returns for Culloden district, Numbers 1, 2, 5, 8, 9, 10, 13 and 14, pass as correct, and that Numbers 3, 4, 7, 11 and 12 not received, be called for forthwith.

"Statute labor returns for district of Weymouth Bridge, Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 9, 10, 11 and 13 pass as correct, and that Numbers 4, 8 and 12 be sent back for correction.

"That the returns of Statute labor for the following polling districts do pass as correct, Plympton, Tiverton, Westport, Weymouth (No. 8.)

"That Statute labor returns Numbers 2, 3, 4, 5, 10 and 11, Freeport, do pass as correct, and that Numbers 1 and 8 not received, be called for.

"Statute labor returns, Numbers 2, 9, 15, 23, 7, 14, 20, 12, 16, 18, 3, 19 and 17 do pass as correct, and that Numbers 5 and 10 be returned for collection. Numbers 1, 4, 6, 8, 11, 13, 21, 26, 24, 25 not received to be called for.

"Statute labor returns Numbers 4, 12, 13 and 14, Sandy Cove, do pass as correct. Numbers 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11, not received, to be called for forthwith."

Ordered, that the Committee on Tenders and Public Property, be, and the said Committee is hereby authorized to take whatever steps they may think advisable or necessary to sell the old Poor House and Land on the south of the old road at Marshalltown, and to enter into agreement with parties who may wish to purchase, and that in case of a sale being effected, the Warden and Clerk shall have Authority with the consent of the Governor-in-Council, to execute a proper conveyance of said property to the purchaser thereof.

Ordered, that Councillors Jones and Denton be a Committee to enquire as to advisability of building a new Court House, to report to May meeting of Council.

Ordered, that in future Grand and Petit Jurors receive the sum of one dollar and fifty cents per days attendance at the Supreme and County Courts, instead of one dollar as at present, and that the Committee on By Laws do frame a section accordingly.

Councillor Grierson, from the Committee on Finance and Public accounts, read report of same, which, upon motion, is received and adopted. (Published last week.)

Ordered, that Augustus Harris be paid the sum of Sixteen dollars in full settlement of his claim against the Municipality.

That the sum of Five dollars be allowed the Assessor for district No. 22, Weymouth, in addition to the $20.00 in the Finance Committees report, the $5.00 to be assessed upon said district No. 22.

Upon reading report of Committee on Poor matters, ordered to be received and adopted.

"We your committees on matters connected with the Poor, hereby submit the following:

"That we have examined the same and find them correct. A few bills are not on file but Councillor Jones' explanation respecting them is satisfactory to your committee and they are to be produced before the May meeting of Council. Expenditure about $2,379.77. We recommend that the sum of $3000 be placed in estimates for maintenance of Poor and Harmless Insane for the year 1904."

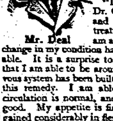
Upon reading report of Committee on Tenders and Public property, ordered to be received and adopted. (Mr. Jones to furnish a type-written copy for the printer.)

Ordered, that the Treasurer obtain from the different Bank Agencies in the Municipality, information as to best rate of interest and exchange on any business in Municipal matters that may be transacted through them, and report to May meeting of Council.

Ordered, that the Councillors named herein be paid the sum set against their respective names for attendance and travel at present meeting of Council. The Warden, $8.80; Councillors Purdy, $9.20; Jones, $9.20; Cook, $9.30; Nicholl, $10.20; Grierson, $10.20; Daley, $8.40; Denton, $8.90; Eldridge, $10.10; Outhouse, $13.60; Hains, $14.50; Peters, $15.20. Total $127.60.

Minutes read and approved.

Then adjourned *sine die*.



Mr. Deal

Pleased the Monkeys.

An amusing story is told of Lady Barker's first dinner party at Simla, India. Desirous of having a pretty table, Lady Barker had herself expended much care in decorating it. She had just received from Europe certain dainty china figures and ornamental dishes, and had arranged a tempting show of sweet-meats, flowers, and fruit. When dressing time came Lady Barker charged her servants to be on the watch and take care of everything; but something of interest occurred outside and every servant left the room, quite forgetting to close an open window.

Before this window was a big tree on which sat several monkeys, which had watched the preparations for dinner with much interest.

A half hour later the hostess appeared, ready to receive her guests. Just to be sure that everything was right, she gave a glance into the dining room. There she beheld a busy company of monkeys hard at work, grinning and jabbering, their cheeks and arms crammed with expensive sweetmeats, while the table presented a scene of frightful devastation—broken glass and china, fair linen soiled, everything tossed about in hopeless confusion. From this wreck she had to turn aside and welcome her guests with as much ease of manner as possible. Dinner, of course, had to be deferred until order could be restored.—*London Chronicle.*

Fruits from South Africa.

Among the fine and costly fruits now in the market are English hot-house grapes, which come from the Isle of Guernsey. They were selling recently at $2.50 a pound. A little earlier in the season they cost $5.00 a pound; a little later they will go down to $2.

South African peaches sold in London at 75 cents each, though this is not the highest price paid for peaches, hot-house peaches, when they are obtainable in the market, running up to $1.25 apiece.

Japanese plums from South Africa sold for 20 cents apiece, and good fancy South African nectarines for $2.00 a dozen. All the South African fruits sold there are grown in the open air.

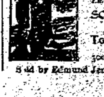
It is a rather far country, South Africa, to bring fruits from, but it doesn't take so long to get them from there as might be imagined. As a matter of fact, in these days of fast steamers and close connections only about four weeks is required.

There is no great quantity of these South African fruits brought to London, but it is greater than it was. Fruits from this source of supply are a novelty, for one thing, and they help, by chinking in, to make the supply of those sorts of fresh fruits continuous the year around.

A fruit by no means new, which may yet be novel to many when seen in a fruit store window, is the fig banana, which is brought from Jamaica. It has a yellow skin, it is the same proportions as the ordinary banana, and grows in bunches in the same manner, but is only about half as big. It is sweeter than the banana of ordinary size and of a more delicate flavor. It is not a costly fruit, nor is it cheap; it sells for the same price as the more familiar fruit of full size.—*London Express.*

Good Enough to Drink.

At a certain wayside inn in the north of Yorks a farmer drew rein and hailing the waiter, said:—"Hey, lad, fowk tell me ye hev some vary good ale here. Just bung us a quart." The request was quickly complied with, and the ale soon disappeared, and the farmer, apparently relishing it, said:—"H'm! Just bung us another quart." This quickly followed the first. Then the farmer, dismounting, remarked:—"It's very decent stuff, lad. I think I'll get dare and hev some."



Bear River.

[Telephone]

Mrs. (Dr.) Maxwell is visiting friends here.

Dr. James Hattie, of the firm of Hattie & Mylius, Halifax, was in town Wednesday night.

L. S. Morse, Inspector of Schools, has been visiting the rural schools in this vicinity this week.

A very pleasant church social was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Clarke Tuesday evening.

Dr. J. A. Turnbull returned from New York last Saturday where he has been taking a post graduate course.

A deputation of Masons from Keith Lodge drove to Digby to take part in the burial services of the late G. A. Viets.

Lovett Winchester, who has been station agent at Waterville, Kings county, is visiting his parents at Victoria Bridge for a few weeks

Harry, son of Mr and Mrs. Reuben Alcorn, who some time ago had his leg hurt by an ox stepping on it, and at one time was thought to be about well, was, on the advice of the attending physician, taken to the Victoria General Hospital, Halifax, on Friday last to have the diseased bone removed. He was accompanied by his mother and his sister, Mrs. George I. Brooks.

Solomon Parker died very suddenly on Monday night, of heart disease. He was sixty-two years of age. He had been at work a short time before his death, attending to the usual evening chores around the house and barn. When taken with an ill turn he started to walk to the lounge, but fell to the floor before reaching it, and immediately passed away. He leaves a wife and family.

A serious and painful accident occurred here on Wednesday. The twelve year old daughter of Robert Isles was coasting on the Chisholm Hill on the old Cross Road. Her sled ran off the end of the bridge at the foot of the hill, throwing her on the rocks and ice in the stream. She received a terrible gash in the face besides numerous body bruises. Dr. Archibald was called and took five stitches in the cut and made the patient as comfortable as possible. She will recover.

A Life for a Life.

In the upper part of the famous Sequatchie valley, in east Tennessee, a man and his wife settled when the country was new and wild. One of the first crops that they raised was a considerable field of cotton. When it was ready to be picked they went out together, prepared to make a holiday out of this pleasant labor. Their one baby was left in a cradle at the edge of the field and the faithful old dog was instructed to watch the tiny sleeper.

After a considerable time they looked toward the cradle to see if all was well there. They were startled by the discovery that the little couch had been turned completely over. The dog was making queer dives underneath and yelping as if in anger. As they hastened to the place they were horrified to find the animal's jaws covered with blood, and instantly came to the conclusion that he had been rending the child with his teeth.

The angry father hit the animal a death blow with a cudgel and then hastily turned the cradle right side up. There was the baby all unharmed, and there in the bedding was an enormous rattlesnake, killed by the poor, faithful dog, after a fierce fight, in which both combatants had received many wounds. The man was half crazed with grief, and grasped the dying animal in a warm embrace, just as the final convulsive struggle came, and the look which the poor brute gave its master as its life went out haunted him for months, and caused him the loss of many a night's sleep.

No Influence.

During a municipal election in a town in the west of Scotland a young lady who was canvassing on behalf of one of the candidates called at a house, the door of which was opened by the good wife.

"I have called to solicit your vote on behalf of Mr.—," said the young lady.

"But it's not me that's got the vote. It's ma man," replied the woman.

"Yes," said the young lady, "but I thought you might perhaps use your influence with him."

"Me infloocence him!" said the good wife. "I hiv nae infloocence wi' him. Only this morning I askit him to wash the floor afore he went out, and he wadna dae it."

Hard Luck.

The Friend—Don't be so downhearted, old man. Every one has his house robbed while he's away in the summer.

The Victim—Oh, I don't mind the things they took, but the burglars left a gas jet burning, and I've got a bill from the gas company of $1,114.27.

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—In another column we reprint an article from the January number of *Industrial Canada*, "The Winter Port of Digby, N. S.," a perusal of which will show some of the natural advantages we possess, but of which we have not, perhaps, availed ourselves in the past as fully as we might have done.

In a previous issue of *Industrial Canada* a list of open-all-the-year-around ports, in Eastern Canada, was given, but, through an over-sight, Digby was omitted from those so mentioned.

The Secretary of the Board of Trade took the subject up by correspondence with Mr. Griffin, the editor of *Industrial Canada*, with the result that the error has been very completely and satisfactorily corrected.

It is very true that, as Mr. Griffin remarks in his article, "As the resources of Western Nova Scotia are developed the importance of Digby as an outport, in both winter and summer, will increase."

These resources are already being developed: the Annapolis Valley is year by year increasing its supply of apples for shipment to the British markets; lumbering operations were never so active as during the present time. By both of these we might profit if our shipping facilities—both by rail and water—were increased and improved.

But there must be united action to bring this about; the experience of other towns and cities has clearly demonstrated that fact. It is no less the case with the community than with the individual that a "house divided against itself cannot but fall." Apathy, indifference and open hostility towards projects looking towards the advancement of the town's interests cannot but prove prejudicial.

When the people of Digby join hands in a movement that has as its object the bringing to this port, for shipment, of those exports which are available, and the providing of the necessary facilities for the transportation of the same, *they will succeed*. Until they do this, other less favored places will continue to reap the benefit of our inaction and internal strife.

The Board of Trade, which, since its organization in 1902, has done much in a quiet way to promote the well-fare of Digby and vicinity, affords an opportunity to those who desire to see this town advance and to assist towards that end. Most of the business men of the town are members of the Board, but many fail to attend meetings with the regularity necessary to insure the full benefit of their support. The annual meeting will shortly be held and it is to be hoped that all who belong to the organization will make a point of attending.

—GAMBLING by wire has been given a knock down blow by the telegraph and telephone companies largely increasing the rates of transmission of stock market quotations to the pool rooms of New York and it is said, the increased charges may be applied to points outside that city. Several hundred pool-rooms, which were gambling hells under the guise of business places, have had to close up in consequence. The demoralizing effects of stock gambling have been so marked of late that attempts have been made in several state legislatures to suppress the evil, but they came to nothing on account of the difficulty of discriminating between legitimate and speculative business over the wires. But what legislation could not accomplish has been done at one stroke by the companies, who understand the business thoroughly, and upon whose cheap and rapid service facilities the pool-rooms absolutely depend. It may be assumed that business reasons alone dictated the policy of increasing rates, though it may be that the great monetary institutions and merchants generally have come to the conclusion that gambling by wire has reached a point, where it necessary to interpose a check to an evil that has grown to proportions worse than those of a state lottery. It has in fact been a sort of financial maelstrom, which drew people of all conditions into its vortex where nearly all were losers and many were ruined. Boards of trade and chambers of commerce all over the continent have made special efforts on many occasions to suppress the poolroom nuisance, for it was recognized that, in addition to the gambling thereby encouraged, it had a bad and disturbing influence on prices. If the big concerns have moved in the matter, the fact proves that corporate action in these days is sometimes as potent or even more potent than legislation in business affairs.

—We have received a copy of "*Matin Illustrated Bridport*," containing many pages of descriptive matter and a large number of illustrations which show to advantage the attractive features of that English town. As the greater portion of the twines, lines and nets used by our fishermen are imported from Bridport, England, the following paragraph, reprinted from the book, will be of interest to many of our readers:

"The manufacture of cordage, twine, and nets—seems to have flourished in very early times, the hemp and flax being then grown on the rich soil in the neighbourhood. Flax has, in fact, been grown by local farmers till within a few years of the present time. In one period it was enacted by Parliament that "Ropes for the Navie of England should be twisted and made no where else." The fact that when a man was hanged he was said to be "stabbed with a Bridport dagger" gave rise to the saying of the historian Camden, who stated that good daggers were made at Bridport. The town and its trade were noted in verse by Drayton, the Poet Laureate (1563-1631) in the following lines:"

"To Bert-port which hath gain'd
That praise from every place, and worthilie obtained
Our cordage from her store, and cables should be made,
Of any in that kind most fit for marine trade."

"Although Bridport has lost her monopoly of this class of trade,—owing principally to the introduction of machinery in the manufacture—it is interesting to know that, for fame for making nets, fishing-lines, and twines, is to-day world wide. "Bridport laid twines" for fishing purposes still forms the standard for excellence amongst buyers! and in the neighbourhood of Riga, in Russia, the "Bridport Selection" of hemp signifies the best that can be exported, since the local manufacturers! have no interest in material. Bridport is! the headquarters of the manufacture of hand-made nets for tennis and other sports.

"When it is mentioned that King John ordered sails and cordage from Bridport for his navy, and that the manufacture of these goods still gives employment in the inhabitants, it will be seen that the trade is of no mushroom growth."

—An estimate, attributed to official sources in Washington, places the number of farmers who have emigrated from the United States to the wheat-producing sections of the Dominion during the first eight months of the past year at fifty-three thousand. It is pointed out that these emigrants are not feeble or impoverished persons, but able-bodied, well-to-do men who carry with them money, farming implements and house-hold goods. Altogether it is estimated that in money and property they have carried into Canada at least twenty million dollars. Estimating at the same ratio the movement previous to and since the period stated, the money value of this immigration to Canada, not counting the infinitely greater man value of the immigrants, would be much greater. As the coming tide shows no indications of decrease, but rather of increase, the coming year will probably augment this figure. At last the United States is paying us back with interest for the emigration we have been sending her for many years past.

Tried in Clare.

FIVE PRISONERS FOUND GUILTY, THREE OF WHOM WILL GO TO THE PENITENTIARY.

Five prisoners were tried before Judge Savary, under the "Speedy Trials Act" at the Court House, in Digby, on Wednesday, and were sentenced as follows: Henry Smith and Eliza Smith for theft, pleaded guilty and were sentenced to three years each in the penitentiary in Dorchester, for taking goods from the railway station at Saulnierville.

Ambroise B. Comeau and Catherine Comeau, found guilty of receiving stolen goods. The former was sentenced to two years in the penitentiary and the latter released on suspended sentence.

Berchilde Tarrio was also found guilty of receiving a part of the stolen goods, but was released pending good behavior.

The age and sex of both of the above prisoners were considered.

Berchilde Tarrio and Catherine Comeau are the parents of Henry and Eliza Smith and are nearly 70 years of age.

A preliminary examination was held before Stipendiary James Taylor at Little Brook yesterday—the King vs. Narcisse Saulnier, arrested on the charge of stealing cattle. The case has been adjourned until next Thursday, awaiting further evidence.

Death of a Weymouth Lady.

A telephone message to the COURIER Saturday morning announced the death of Miss Charlotte Jones, which occurred in that town at 2 a. m. The deceased had reached the advanced age of 80 years and was highly respected by her large circle of relatives and friends. She is survived by three brothers, Wallace, Gilpin and Walter, and three sisters, Mrs. Hale, Mrs. Jasper Journeay and Miss Louisa Jones. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, the services being conducted by Rev. G. D. Harris, rector of Weymouth. Interment in the cemetery near St. Peter's church.

Light at Granville Centre.

A light has been established by the government of Canada on the outer end of the government wharf at Granville Centre, north side of Annapolis river, lat. N. 44.46.57, long. W. 65.31.30. The light is shown from a lantern hoisted on a mast with white shed at its base. The mast is 23 feet high. The light is a fixed red light, elevated 23 feet above high water mark, and should be visible two miles from the points of approach by water. The illuminating apparatus is diortic of the seventh order.

No Dance

The Digby Cornet Band, under the leadership of Prof. Corrison, decided to hold a public dance in the Oddfellows' hall last Tuesday evening. It was thought that advertising was not necessary, as the band engaged to furnish music ready for the dancers, but as the majority of those who enjoy an evening in the hall knew nothing about the affair until too late to be present, the genial professor was obliged to postpone the entertainment until a future date.

Death at Smith's Cove

Mrs. Venelia O'Dell, daughter of the late Chas. Wilson, of Weymouth Bridge, died at Smith's Cove yesterday morning, aged 68 years. She leaves two daughters, Mrs. Harvey and Mrs. Minard Weir, of Smith's Cove; one brother, Mr. Wm. Wilson, of Boston, and three sisters, Mrs. Isaac Jones, of Clementsport; Mrs. Charles Davison, of Springhill, and Miss Eliza Wilson, of Everett, Mass. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

The Story is Correct

Caledonia *Gold Hunter*: The Yarmouth *Herald* copied our paragraph in reference to the fate of Frank Crosby found frozen to death huddled together, standing erect on four small boulders, as a result of the recent blizzard and adds: "This is surely either a great sight, or a great story." The story is correct. The owner of the farm says that he never had pity for crows before, as they destroy his corn.

Burglars in Bridgetown.

The *Monitor* says:—The store of R. Allen Crowe, tinsmith, was burglarized Friday night, and a box containing papers, etc., ransacked. Finding no cash, and stores and tinware being unhandy goods to get away with, the intruder evidently left empty handed. Entrance was gained through a space in the window from which the glass had been removed.

Racing on the Ice

The Gentlemen's Driving Club are advertising their annual ice races, which will be held on Daley's Lake, Thursday, Feb. 11th. These races in the past have created considerable interest among Digby county horsemen. Should the weather prove favorable, a number will drive down from Digby and vicinity.

Purchased a Farm.

Mr. Harold Sabine has purchased the farm at Riverdale, formerly owned by Mr. A. Sabine of Weymouth Point. Mr. Sabine has recently finished and newly furnished his house. This farm, and the two owned by Messrs. Charles and Alfred Cosman comprise three of the most valuable farms in Riverdale.

Municipal Rates

The following amounts have been paid to the treasurer on account of Municipal rates from 31st December 1903 to date:

E. H. Dunn, collector Hillsburgh No. 1, $140.00; T. H. Denton, collector, Sandy Cove No. 4, $13.00; Wm. Troop, Weymouth No. 2, $113.35; T. C. Titus, Westport, No. 8, $5.

Cattle Lifting in Digby County

The Yarmouth *Times* states that the cattle-lifting which has been agitating Digby county and in which Officer Griffin last week made an arrest, did not take place at Salmon River as reported, but at Sigogne, about ten miles from Salmon River.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Mrs. J. A. VanTassel has opened a bakery and lunch-room, Water Street, Digby.

—A brick oven will be placed in the building as soon as the weather permits.

—Members of the orchestra are requested to meet Tuesday evening next for rehearsal. It is also proposed to make this orchestra a regular organization.

—A large number of the provincial towns will elect their mayors and town councillors by acclamation next Tuesday.

—The Digby Cornet Band will hold another public dance in the Oddfellows' hall next Monday evening and a fancy dress and masquerade ball, Monday evening, Feb. 15th. See ads. in another column.

—Digby has been favored with good sleighing this winter.

—Mr. A. D. Bonnell, of New York, has our thanks for a copy of the New York *Mail and Express*, describing the recent cold wave throughout that State.

—A despatch to the paper from Utica, reported the mercury 52 degrees below zero.

—Rev. Wm. Perry, of Granville Ferry, will occupy the pulpit of the Methodist church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

—The annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the town of Digby for the year ending Dec. 31st, 1903, has been placed in the hands of the newspapers during the week.

—The copy for this book was in the hands of the COURIER staff as early as usual, but the work was somewhat delayed owing to the illness of one of our compositors.

—As we predicted several weeks ago there will be no civic election in Digby Feb. 2nd.

—The following gentlemen, nominated last Tuesday, will go in by acclamation: For mayor, H. B. Short; for councillors, Capt. Howard Anderson, E. Turnbull and W. E. VanBlarcom.

—Barrels are in great demand in Digby at present.

—Mr. G. H. McCormack is advertising for them in this issue.

—There will be a hockey match on the North End rink to-morrow afternoon between the "Second St. Andrews," of Annapolis, and a Digby team, if the ice is in good condition.

—A successful donation party for Rev. R. O. Armstrong, pastor of the St. Mary's Bay Methodist churches, was held at the home of Capt. Herbert Warner, Plympton, Wednesday evening.

—There will be service in the Baptist church at Upper Rossway on Sunday afternoon and at Broad Cove on Thursday evening next.

The Battle Line

Steamer Pandosia, Capt. Humphrey, passed in at Lewes, Delaware, on Thursday afternoon, from Cuba for Philadelphia.

Steamer Himera, Capt. Lockhart, sailed from Singapore on Wednesday for Colombo.

Steamer Mantinea, Capt. Pye, left Cardiff on Wednesday for Kingston, Jamaica.

Steamer Eretria, Capt. Mulcahy, sailed from Port Said on Wednesday for Singapore.

Capt. J. L. Crossley, of Windsor, who brought the schr. Earl of Aberdeen to Halifax, leaves immediately for Galveston to take command of steamer Gunaxa.

Steamer Sellasia, Capt. Purdy, sailed from Sydney, N. S. W., at 4 p. m. Saturday, for Cape Verde, for orders, to discharge for the United Kingdom or the continent.

Steamer Pydna, Capt. Crossley, sailed Friday from Santiago de Cuba for New Orleans to load for Denmark.

A Testimonial

TO THE REV. JOHN CHIPMAN MORSE.

After nearly 63 years of service for the Baptist Church on Digby Neck, Dr. Morse has retired from active service, at the age of 84 years. A few of his many friends all over the country think that such service should receive some recognition. They have therefore set on foot a fund that all may contribute to, which shall be a Testimonial to the Doctor and wife of 60 years. Words of laudation are not necessary to one who began his ministry in Digby County before most of us were born, and whose name is a household word. His churches at Rossway, Waterford, Centreville, Sandy Cove, Little River and Tiddville have done nobly in contributing to this Testimonial. Now the Doctor's friends in the wider circles are given an opportunity to show their regard for the noble life spent in this county. All contributions may be sent to Mr. B. Havey Digby, who will acknowledge the same.

The Lurcher Lightship.

(Yarmouth Herald.)

This steamer came out of the dock at Halifax last week and will be ready to proceed for Yarmouth in a few days. She has a new crew, which is now composed of the following:

Deckhands—Peter LeBlanc, Joshua Amiro, William Doucette, Joseph G. Surrette, Isaac Muise, Alfred Doucette (now in Halifax.) Firemen—Sylvine Doucette, Louis Meuse, John Ross, Cooks—William Foster, 2nd Engineer—Wm. McNutt. Steward—Arthur Simms.

A number of these men left for Halifax yesterday morning. Including the officers and crew, all, with the exception of the chief engineer, belong to Yarmouth. Their combined wages amount to $7000 a year.

The Weekly Newspaper

A writer in the *Review of Reviews* sums up the qualities of the weekly paper as follows:

"Each copy is read not only by the five people usually credited to the ordinary paper, but twice or thrice that number in many instances, for many subscribers pass their paper on and on to the inmates of less fortunate homes. These publications are pre-eminently the home papers of newspaperdom. They are not superficially scanned while men travel to business and then left for brakeman to gather up. They go directly into homes and the reading of them is a duty as well as a pleasure. Hence their peculiar value to advertisers and their value as molders of public opinion."

Seldom Happens in Digby.

OUR LEADING BUSINESS MEN PATRONIZE THE LOCAL PRINTING OFFICE.

Many of our merchants complain of people sending away to Eaton's or other department stores instead of patronizing the home trade, and many of these same merchants order their Bill Heads, Letter Heads, etc, from a traveller for a house in St. John, Montreal or Toronto, instead of patronizing the Printing Office in their own town. Queer, isn't it?—*Liverpool Leader.*

New Ads. This Week

H. B. Short	Bargain Sale
Clarke Bros	Fresh Goods
Central Grocery	A Sudden Change
H. T. Warne	Notice
J. A. Clinton	Do you know
Hattie & Myles	Concerts Sense
Digby Cornet Band	Public Dance
H. G. Churchill	Notice
F. E. Conors	Card
G. H. Hiney	For Sale
G. H. McCormack	Barrels Wanted
Digby Cornet Band	Masquerade Dance
W. Fairweather	Central Meat Market
Howard Anderson	Vessel for Sale
R. Jones	Pg: 1 & 8 Cols.

The Winter Port of Digby, N. S.

[From Industrial Canada.]

In an article entitled "We Have Something Left" in the November number of *Industrial Canada*, a list of Canadian Atlantic ports that are always open in the winter was given. By a mistake, the port of Digby was omitted. Digby is one of the best harbors in the Maritime Provinces of Canada and is absolutely free from ice during the most severe winters.

Digby is not, like Halifax and St. John, so located that it could be used as a winter port for the Dominion at large, but it gives Nova Scotia convenient connection at all seasons of the year with the Bay of Fundy. As the resources of western Nova Scotia are developed the importance of Digby as an outport in both winter and summer will increase, and it should also develop as a manufacturing town if the Canadian tariff is so revised as to give adequate protection to all Canadian industries.

The Dominion Atlantic Railway runs from Digby to Yarmouth; fast steamships being run in connection with the railway to connect Digby with St. John and Yarmouth with Boston, thus furnishing a short route between the commercial metropolis of New Brunswick and the great New England city. The Dominion Atlantic Railway also gives Digby connection with the fruitful Annapolis Valley, which the pen of Longfellow has made famous as the "Land of Evangeline."

But although Digby is a good winter port it is as a summer port that it is likely to prove most interesting in the future to the manufacturers of Canada and their families. Digby is now a popular summer resort for Americans, and no doubt in the future as the Dominion increases in population and wealth, many Canadian families will visit this pretty seaside town every summer.

Two Trains Crashed Together

THREE KILLED, ONE MISSING AND MANY INJURED.

ST. LOUIS, January 28.—During a blinding snowstorm, a train on the main line of the Michigan, Burlington and Quincy railroad crashed into the rear end of the limited through train known as the Denver Express, bound for St. Louis, which stopped last night to take water from a tank at Garden Creek, 40 miles north of this city.

Two bodies were taken from the wreck, and, with four injured brought to St. Louis on a relief train, seven others being reported to have been injured in the accident. It is believed that more are yet to be found in the debris. The dead are: William Conover, Denver; Elmer English, Macon, Mo.; Benjamin Bennett, negro, St. Louis; Engineer John Nunns, of the accommodation train is missing.

The rear end of the express was standing on the bridge over Garden Creek when the crash came. The bridge and accommodation caught fire. The locomotives were demolished. It is said that most of those killed and seriously injured were in the rear car. The express train was running behind time because of the blizzard. It is said that because of so much extra steam being used it was necessary to stop at the tank for water. Snow was falling and the wind whirling in sheets, cutting off the signal lights from view of the local train engineers.

Fleets are About Equal.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 26.—A naval service paper today prints a detailed statement of the comparative fleets respective fleets in Asiatic waters and places Russia and Japan on about an even footing. Russia preponderating with heavy vessels and Japan with torpedo boats. An indication that public feeling is assumed in the Russian capital is shown by a despatch from Kostrom, 23 miles from Moscow, saying that when orders were received by the local battalions calling for 24 additional recruits for service in the Far East, several hundred men responded.

Personal Mention

Mr. Alphen Handspiker of Tiverton, spent Sunday in town.

Mr. F. M. Lettener returned Saturday from a trip to Tiverton.

Mrs. (Dr.) Morse was a passenger to Bear River Wednesday.

Mr. H. G. Churchill, proprietor of The Pines hotel, is in St. John.

Councillor J. A. Peters, of Westport, who has been visiting his sons in Digby, returned home last week.

Mrs. N. A. Turnbull has returned from her visit to the United States, and is the guest of Mrs. Thos. Hozman.

Rev. E. LeRoi Daniels has resigned the pastorate of the Annapolis Baptist church to accept a call to Victoria, B.C.

The Misses Sadie Sproul and Lena Dell Anderson are the guests of Miss May Dowley, at "The Hillside," Smith's Cove.

Mrs. Walter Lewis, of Freeport, who was a passenger to Digby Tuesday, will visit her sons in Digby and vicinity for a few weeks.

Mr. W. L. Morse, of Waverly, Mass., who has been visiting his former home in Centreville, Digby county, was a passenger to Digby Saturday.

Mrs. Howard Holdsworth left Wednesday on the str. Yarmouth for St. John. She goes to Hartford, Ct., on business and will return after a few weeks.

Judge Savary, Sheriff Smith, W. B. Stewart, R. G. Monroe and H. L. Dennison were passengers to Little Brook Tuesday. Judge Savary and Mr. Monroe returned yesterday.

F. G. J. Causan, General Freight Agent of the D. A. R., and Mrs. Causan, who have been spending a few weeks in the Grand Manan, returned to Halifax Monday.

Yarmouth Herald: We are pleased to state that although Lawrence Killam's case of appendicitis at Manchester is a serious one, he is doing well. His father, Mr. Frank Killam, is with him.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Daisy Linden, Capt. Matthews, was off Digby Wednesday.

The hull of the wrecked schr. S. P. Hitchcock has been burned at Colliden.

Schr. Avalon, Capt. Comeau, from Bear River to-morrow with lumber for the West Indies, shipped by Charles Bond.

Tug Marina will sail for Weymouth Tuesday to tow out the barks Lord Stanley and Albert for Buenos Ayres, shipped by G. D. Campbell & Co.

Bark: Greenda, Capt. Gaston, reported ashore on Sable Island, left Sunday for Boston, has arrived in St. Thomas, W. I., with loss of sails and other damage caused by the recent storm.

The abandoned schooner Lizzie Dyas was boarded last week 30 miles out Cape Sable by a number of men from a Gloucester fishing vessel who report finding a cat on board which they now have in their possession.

Schr. J. W. Cousins, Capt. Arthur Caser, arrived in port Saturday night after a successful trip. She discharged the following at Lynds & Cousins' wharf: 36,000 lbs. haddock, 6,000 lbs. pollock, 500 lbs. cusks and 300 lbs. halibut, and sailed again yesterday morning with a full crew, but was obliged to return to port having broken her main boom off Point Prim.

Freeport

Mrs. Amos. Thurber is seriously ill.

Mr. Stanton, of St. John, was in town a few days last week.

Mrs. Waistill Lewis has gone to Digby to spend a few weeks.

Mr. Peter Nicholls has lately returned home from Zion City.

Mr. Randall Curry has returned home from the United States.

T. S. Farnham, of Weymouth, was in town a few days last week.

Capt. William Wyman, of the schooner "Josie," has returned home for a few weeks.

Schr. "Ina B." Capt. T. Brooks, returned from Meteghan, Friday, Jan. 22, with a full cargo of wood, laths, etc.

Dr. John Miller and Loran Miller, of Canning, are visiting friends here. Dr. Miller formerly practised in this place.

Messrs. Willie P. Perry, Waitsill Perry and Bertie Brooks have purchased Mr. Loran Perry's sloop, the "Beatrice Cheney."

The "Marina", Capt. Chas. Lewis, arrived here from Weymouth, Sunday morning, Jan. 17th. He remained until Tuesday owing to the heavy gale which prevailed.

Mr. John Hersey, while chopping in the woods on Thursday last, cut his leg just above the knee so badly that he had to be hauled home. Mr. Hersey is doing nicely at present.

Mrs. Waistill Wyman, while returning to her home from a neighbor's house, slipped and fell on the ice, receiving serious injuries. Mrs. Wyman is now under Dr. Bishop's care.

Mr. Stephen Perry is about ready to build an annex on his house. Beautifully situated, it will probably be greatly improved. While the work is being done, Mr. Perry will live with his son-in-law, Mr. Frederick Powell.

Mrs. Almira Kempton, formerly of Bear River, but who had resided with her daughter, Mrs. Benjamin Campbell, jr. for the past eleven years, died on Tuesday, Jan. 12th, after a long and trying illness. She was sixty-nine years of age. (Bear River paper please copy.)

Westport

Mr. Leeland Elliott is registered at the Central.

Mr. Boyd Coggins has arrived home from Boston.

Miss Minnie Welsh has arrived home from Boston.

We were pleased to see Dr. Bishop in town Saturday.

Miss Nora Johnson is the guest of Mrs. Sinclair Brown.

Councillor J. A. Peters has returned home from Digby.

Mrs. Hilbert Garron spent a few days in Freeport last week.

Miss Annie B. Titus spent a few days in Freeport last week.

Miss Blanche Gower has returned home from Yarmouth.

Mr. Albert Thompson was a passenger from Yarmouth Wednesday.

Mr. Shannon Graham was confined to his house last week with illness.

Miss Etta Bowers was a passenger to Yarmouth Wednesday, en route to Digby.

Mr. Arthur Hicks entertained a number of his young friends on Thursday evening.

Miss Bessie Stevens, who has been the guest of Miss Blanche Pugh, returned home Saturday.

Mr. C. F. Titus has been confined to his home for a number of weeks with acute rheumatism.

Mrs. Sinclair Brown and family have returned home after spending a few weeks at Sandy Cove.

Little River

Mr. Sabine, of Weymouth was here a few days last week on a business trip.

Mr. C. B. Anderson, of Newport, is a guest of Mr. J. W. Tidd, Whale Cove.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Augustus Pyne on the arrival of a son, Jan. 23.

Mr. Adams, of Halifax, who has been here for past week in raising Testimonial for Dr. Morse, left for his home Saturday last.

Mr. Howard Denton, who has been at Long Island, in the interest of the Union Lobster Co., Boston, returned home last week.

Tent Maccabees, held a basket social here on Tuesday evening last. A large number of Tiverton's popular young men, who are members of the order, were present; among the many we may mention, S. Outhouse, Burgell Outhouse, Elias Outhouse, Mr. Clifford, Newman Small, Arthur Powell, Foreman Outhouse, Bernard Outhouse. Sum of $50.00 was realized.

Lower Granville

Capt. Horace M. Johnson and bride arrived from Boston on Wednesday.

Capt. S. V. Mclanson entertained a large party at his residence Wednesday evening.

James Morrison, jr., has purchased the steam yacht Annie of F. M. Letteney, Digby, and will fit her up for general purposes next spring.

Samuel Morrison has moved into his new house, which has been fitted up in the most modern way and is a very pretty as well as a convenient dwelling.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nelson, of Lynn, Mass., are here, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Ezra McGregor. Mr. Nelson is the gentleman who has purchased the property of Mrs. Kemp and will move on the same in April.

Lakeside

The fish men are busy lobster fishing.

Mr. M. Cossaboom spent Sunday last with friends at Rossignol.

Mrs. Eliza Crowell was the guest of Miss Mary Walker, Tuesday.

Mrs. Allen Walker spent a few days with her sister Miss Jennie Ross last week.

Mr. Walter Morehouse arrived home Wednesday, after being away for the past six years.

Halifax Train Left The Rails

PASSENGERS SHAKEN UP, BUT NOT INJURED,—HAD TO WALK TO ST. JOHN.

St. John, Jan. 27.—The day express from Halifax due here about seven o'clock met with a mishap at a siding known as Gilbert's Crossing at the outskirts of the city. The train was two hours late, and as she was bowling along about 8.15 o'clock every car suddenly left the rails. The engine alone kept the track and was stopped as quickly as possible. The derailed cars kept upright and dragged along for a hundred yards or so before she stopped.

There were five cars on the train, baggage, mail, two passenger cars and smoker. The passenger were tossed about somewhat but no one was injured. They disembarked at Gilbert's Lane and made their way up to the city while the baggage and mails were transferred and taken to the depot. The rolling stock is not damaged much, neither is the roadbed, and it was expected that all the cars would be on the rails again before morning. The cause of the accident is not given officially. Conductor Rainnie was in charge of the train.

Dredging at St. John

St. John, January 24.—Colonel Tucker, M. P., who has been at Ottawa to see about government dredging, says that the government gave him favorable assurance. He declines to give further information until he has made a statement to the city council, but says that the new dredge "Fielding," now approaching completion at Sorel, will leave for St. John as soon as the ice is out of the St. Lawrence. Then dredging will go on with a swing.

Municipal Council

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON TENDERS AND PUBLIC PROPERTY.

To the Warden and Council of the Municipality of the District of Digby:

GENTLEMEN:—Your Committee on Tenders and Public Property beg to report as follows for the year 1903:

During the first part of the year arrangements were completed for the removal of the harmless insane from Bridgetown to Marshallstown and early in June the removal was accomplished. These cases included four men and four women. Two insane women have since been admitted, one of whom had afterwards to be removed to Dartmouth. Mr Frank H. Sabean, son of Mr. Joseph C. Sabean, keeper of the Alms House, was engaged as assistant keeper of the insane at a salary of $18.00 per month and no further help has so far been required. As, however, a good deal of additional work and responsibility have been thrown upon Mr. and Mrs. Sabean, your Committee would recommend an increase of $25.00 a year in Mr. Sabean's salary. By the removal of the insane the expenditure for the year 1903, as will be noticed from the General Account submitted herewith, has been considerably increased. A good many things such as clothing, dishes, bedding, &c., had to be provided and this expense, which might properly have been placed in construction account, has been included in the current account, and no provision was made for the purpose in the estimates for 1903 the Poor account has been considerably overdrawn. After deducting about $400 for outside assistance rendered to the poor, during the year, and $200.00 for extra furniture and fittings rendered necessary by the removal of the insane, the total expenditure for the maintenance of the inmates of the Alms House and Asylum during the year would not exceed $1900.00, which, taking the average number of inmates at 26, would make the weekly cost per head about $1.40. Your Committee feel confident that this rate can be considerably reduced when the resources of the farm have been more fully developed.

The health of the inmates has been excellent during the year and no deaths have occurred. The absence of disease is no doubt largely owing to the constant attention given by the keeper and his wife to cleanliness and good ventilation.

During a violent gale in March, 1903, the top of the main chimney was blown off and, broke through the roof of a dormer window into the attic. The damage fortunately was not serious and was repaired at a cost of about $20.00. One of the cows on the Poor Farm died during the year and another one had to be purchased. With these exceptions no mishaps have occured during the year.

The produce of the Farm during 1903 was hardly up to the average owing to the time and attention of the keeper being so largely taken up with properties for the insane and other matters connected with the occupation of the new premises. A list of the farm products is given in a schedule annexed here to.

Your Committee think that the sum of $2000.00 should be placed in the estimates for the maintenance of poor and harmless insane during the year 1904, which amount would also cover the amount overdrawn during 1903.

The other property belonging to the Municipality, including the Court House, has not called for any special attention from your Committee during the year.

Digby, January 12th, 1904.

F. JONES,
N. R. WESTCOTT,
F. W. NICHOLL,
C. H. DENTON,
Committee on Tenders and Public Property.

Seamen Tie Up Coasters

FIVE MASTERS AND OTHER SCHOONERS LYING IN PORT LACKING CREWS.

Boston, Mass., January 27.—Unless some satisfactory agreement is reached within a few days between vessel owners and their sailors with regard to the foremers' decision to cut wages $5 per month the probable effect will be the tie up of coastwise shipping to an alarming extent. The five masters F. Carlton, Henry, M. O. Dessy and half a dozen other big schooners are lying at anchor in the harbor unable to proceed, it is said, from lack of crews, being so badly fettered as if they were shut in by the ice. The seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, owned by the same company, as the F. Carlton and Henry, sailed to-day with a full union crew, through the courtesy of the seaman's union. One conference which resulted unsatisfactory, has been held between the representatives of the owners and sailors. To-night the seamen's union met and decided to submit a scale of wages to the owners similar to that nominally in force at present, but with the added provision that it shall be signed by both parties at issue and thus be made binding upon each. For two years there has been a union wage scale for sailors on coasting vessels, all of whom are members of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union. It is not a signed agreement, but the scale has been paid by the owners. The scale is $25 per month for sailors on vessels of 300 tons or less; $30 per month on vessels between 300 and 1500 tons and $35 for sailors on craft above 1500 tonnage. The owners claim that the scale was made when freight rates were 40 or 50 per cent. higher than at present, and that with the lower freight rates now in force they must retrench. They consequently announced their intention of reducing wages $5 per month in each of the above classes, the movement being endorsed by the great majority of vessel owners, nearly all of whom are members of the Atlantic Coast Carriers' Association.

The officials of the Atlantic Coast Seamen's Union, the national headquarters of which are in Boston, call the movement of the vessel owners a lockout, as well as an attempt to reduce wages in a way it is a part of a plan of attack upon the union which is being waged on other coastwise ports.

Tariff Will be Revised

Montreal, January 26.—Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, speaking to-night in St. Cunegonde, stated that the Grand Trunk Pacific would be built in its entirety, and that if the Winnipeg-Quebec and Quebec-Moncton lines were not constructed, no portion of the line would be built. Mr. Prefontaine also stated that there would be a revision of the tariff at the coming session, in order to redress certain proven grievances, but that there would be no general revision.

Making Themselves Proficient

Ottawa, January 26.—Three officers, six petty officers, and eight seamen of the fisheries protection service have been granted permission to join the school of artillery in Quebec, for special quick firing course of instructions for four weeks, commencing February 1st.

Worst Fishery Year

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 25.—Figures showing the total export of codfish from St. Pierre and Miquelon for the year 1903 prove that the year's fishery was the worst in the history of the colony, being only 48,880 pounds against 66,000 pounds the previous year.

Killed by a Train

Stellarton Station, January 26.—Robert Robson was instantly killed by a train this afternoon at the coke ovens. He was working around a car and his foot slipped. He was the son of James Robson and was 19 years of age.

CREW OF EIGHT DROWN.

Four-master Went Ashore in Long Island Sound.

LIFE CREW HEARD THE CRIES OF THE DOOMED SAILORS BUT COULDN'T LAUNCH A BOAT FOR THE HEAVY SEAS—SHOTS WITH LIFE LINES WERE THROWN, BUT WERE OF SO AVAIL.

New York, Jan. 22.—Eight lives were lost in the total wreck off Quogue (L. I.), of the four-masted schooner Augustus Hunt, bound for Boston from Norfolk, (Va.) Of the crew of ten only two men were saved, Second Mate George Ebert, of Cleveland (Ohio) and a negro who was unconscious when washed on the beach.

The vessel was in command of First Mate Conray, who took charge of her in place of Captain Blair, when she last left Boston.

During a dense fog the schooner stranded soon after midnight, a few hundred feet from the beach and about a mile east of the Quogue Life Saving Station, a patrol from which heard the cries for help of those on board and summoned the station crew. For hours the life savers, commanded by Captain Charles Hermon, remained on the beach, listening to the cries from across the vessel, but unable to put off to the rescue by reason of the surf that tossed the life boat back on the beach as fast as it was launched. Random shots carrying life lines were fired into the fog from the beach gun, but they fell wide of the invisible mark. Soon after daylight masses of wreckage began to come ashore, indicating that the vessel was rapidly breaking apart.

TWO SAVED BY A NARROW MARGIN.

About noon a spar with a man clinging to it was seen tossing in the outer line of breakers. After a line had been shot across it and made fastby the man, he was pulled ashore and proved to be Second Mate Ebert. A few minutes later another sailor was seen on a mass of wreckage and half a dozen life savers, locking hands and forming a human chain, dashed into the surf and drew him ashore. He was unconscious and remained in that condition up to a late hour.

The cries of those remaining on the wreck continued to grow fainter and fainter during the afternoon, and finally ceased altogether. One body drifted ashore, but it was so disfigured as to be unrecognizable.

Mate Ebert, after being taken to the life saving station, said that the vessel stranded in the fog, having mistaken the Shinnecock light for the headlight of a steamer, and that they supposed that they were at least twenty-five miles off shore and in no danger, when the vessel suddenly struck and began to pound to pieces in the heavy sea that was running at the time. He also said that he and the other shipwrecked men knew that efforts were being made by the life savers to rescue them, and they prayed that the fog might lift. As the hull began to go to pieces the crew were driven toward the bow, where they clung desperately to what was left of the rigging. Ebert was unable to give the names of any of the crew, most of whom were shipped at Norfolk.

VESSEL WAS VALUED AT $30,000.

The Hunt carried a cargo of bituminous coal valued at $5,000, insured, consigned to A. Gove & Son, of East Boston. The vessel was valued at $30,000, and is said to have been partly insured.

The body of the man washed ashore was tonight identified as that of Chas. Hudson, of Malden, (Mass). The rescued sailor revived sufficiently to be able to say that he was John Schanen a native of Finland, who was one of the survivors of the wreck of the schooner Joseph J. Pharo, near Cape Charles, on Jan. 2, and who shipped on the Hunt at Norfolk. Another unidentified body came ashore tonight.

Taunton, Mass., Jan. 23—Captain William M. Conray, who was substituting on the vessel for Captain Blair, was considered one of the most experienced skippers in the coasting fleet. Born in Maine sixty-four years ago, he began his seafaring life at Cuttyhunk, (Mass.), and after many years in the coasting fleet rose to the rank of master, and commanded successively the schooners Wild Pigeon, S. M. Thomas, Elliott B. Church, Brad Rule, Capt. Nickerson, William Bradford C. French, William D. Marvel and Sarah C. Lawrence. Throughout his career he never lost a vessel. Of late years he has had charge of yachts, but spent his time in taking the place of regular captains during their leaves of absence on shore. A widow survives him.

New York, Jan. 24.—The body of a man which came ashore today from the wreck of the schooner Augustus Hunt, off Quogue (L. I.), was identified as that of first mate William Conarey, who was in command of the vessel. The stranded hull was broken up into many pieces, the wreckage strewing the beach for two miles.

(Charles Hudson, of Malden, Mass., whose body has been identified, was a native of Parker's Cove, Annapolis county, where a large number of his relatives and friends still reside who will regret to hear of his sad death.—Editor.)

Fifteen Miners Fall 1500 Feet

Victor, Colo., Jan. 26.—By the falling of a cage today in the Stratton Independence mine, located near the centre of the city, fifteen men are dead and one other severely injured.

In the main shaft sixteen men were hoisted in a cage from the sixth, seventh and eighth levels. When the cage reached the surface the engineer, for some unexplained reason, was unable to stop the engine and the cage with its load of human freight was drawn up into the gallows frame where it became lodged temporarily. The strain on the cable finally caused it to part and the cage, released, shot down the shaft with terrific speed. Two of the occupants, T. P. Jackson and James Bubbel, had become entangled in the timbers and were dragged to the top of the gallows frame. Jackson was crushed to death by the sheave wheel falling upon him; while Bubbel had a marvellous escape from death, but received painful injuries. The other fourteen men were hurled to death down the 1,500 foot shaft.

As soon as possible the shift boss and a number of miners went down into the mine through another compartment of the shaft.

Lobster Fishermen Drowned

Liverpool, N. S., January 26.—The terrific snow squall on Monday morning brought disaster and death to the lobster fishermen on the eastern shore. While out tending their lobster pots Charles and Fred Wharton, sons of Alexander Wharton, aged respectively 24 and 21, were caught in the storm and their dory upset and both drowned. They were last seen with sail up making for the land and were swamped close to shore. One of the bodies has been recovered. Both were excellent young men. Great sympathy is felt and expressed for the bereaved parents. Many others of the fishermen had narrow escapes and were compelled to land anywhere possible on the shore. The squall was accompanied by blinding snow. Both young men had recently insured their lives, the amounts carried being $2,000 and $1,000 respectively.

Show Building Collapses

NEW $25,000 BUILDING IN OTTAWA, A TOTAL WRECK.

Ottawa, January 25.—Ottawa's big fat stock show building, which was rapidly approaching completion, is today a total wreck. The structure was 245 feet long by 135 feet wide. In order to afford space for a horse and cattle ring, a clear span of 70 feet had to be allowed, and consequently a truss roof was being put in. Timbers for the roof consisted of British Columbia tooth picks, one foot square and seventy feet long; this being supported and held in place by stay rods. When the workmen arrived this morning they found one of the rods snapped off near the hut, and as they were endeavoring to repair the damage, one rod after another broke, and then the Columbia timber, not having anything to support them, broke like matchwork, almost the entire structure falling in. The building was to have cost $25,000. Contractor Lackey and two of his men were injured by the falling timbers, but fortunately not seriously. The city's loss will be about $6,000.

The idea of holding a fat stock show here has not been abandoned. The suggestion is to utilize the drill hall. The show of heavy horses in March will be dropped, but the proposed exhibition of fancy horses will not be interfered with.

Whitaker Wright Dead

DRAMATIC ENDING TO THE CAREER OF A REMARKABLE FINANCIER.

London, Jan. 26—At three o'clock this afternoon Whitaker Wright was sentenced to seven years penal servitude. At four o'clock he lay dead on the floor of a small room in the Law Court. Whether he took his own life by poison or whether death in its natural course robbed the law of its fulfilment will not be known until a postmortem is held. Suspicions point strongly to poisoning however.

The career of this man, who was known on three continents for his tremendous financial operations, closed in a starting tragedy. Even in his life, which with his rise from poverty to enormous wealth was full of dramatic incidents, there was nothing that could compare with the manner of his death. All London tonight is thrilling with the news of it. No such human tragedy has been enacted in England for many a year.

Until nearly 8 o'clock tonight the body of the man who formerly had controlled money of the world's markets and who had been courted by Royalty, remained upon the floor of the room where he fell, for as a convicted felon, Wright's person had become the property of the Crown. Later the Home Office gave permission for its removal and the body was given over to the jurisdiction of the Coroner. It now lies in Westminister Mortuary, where almost all the bodies taken from the Thames are laid out. The inquest will be held on Thursday.

Mrs. Wright is an American. She now lies ill at the magnificent country house which Wright made famous. The feeling that Justice Bingham's conduct of the case was not very judicial, appears to grow in legal circles of London and the sentence imposed upon Wright would in itself have furnished England with a sensation.

Helpless Wreck

YARMOUTH SCHOONER PASSED WITH MASTS GONE AND BOATS CARRIED AWAY.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 27.—The schooner Trusty, Captain Olsen, arrived here tonight from Oporto, Portugal, and reports that on Saturday last, when 150 miles off Cape Race, she sighted the schooner Crosby, of Yarmouth, N. S., homeward bound with a cargo of herring from White Bar, Nfld. lying a helpless wreck in the trough of the sea. The Crosby's masts had gone by the board, her boats had been carried away and she was leaking.

Her crew, however, had been rescued by the fishing schooner Margaret, of Machias, Me. The Margaret was standing by the wreck awaiting the creation of the storm, hoping to get out at least a portion of the Crosby's herring and bring it aboard the Margaret in her dories. The Margaret declined the help of the Trusty whose captain offered to land the shipwrecked crew, and said she was determined to secure as much as possible of the Crosby's cargo. The crew of the Trusty think these efforts will be successful, but express their amazement at the daring of the men of the Margaret.

Lived On Cocoanuts

IN SIGHT OF SANDY HOOK NOVA SCOTIA SAILORS NEARLY STARVED.

New York, Jan. 23.—The three-masted Nova Scotia schooner Golden Rule, Capt. Nickerson, which has arrived here from Baracoa, Cuba, with 200,000 cocoanuts, reported that on the 12th of this month the vessel ran into a very heavy northwesterly gale, lost foresail and jib, and had the mainsail and spanker torn to shreds. For nearly a week they were tossed about by this gale, unable to make any headway. All this occurred off the north coast of Bermuda.

Three of the negro sailors were frostbitten during the tempest. Capt. Nickerson said: "We got here off Sandy Hook five days ago, and thge times we nearly made the harbor, only to be driven off on each attempt by a fierce gale."

"Provisions began to run low, and for the last week we were all on half rations. Yesterday the provisions gave out entirely and we were forced to resort to cocoanuts. We got jammed in the floating ice and had to hail a tugboat to tow us in."

Mayor Held For Grand Jury

CARTER HARRISON AMONG THOSE WHO MUST ANSWER FOR IROQUOIS DISASTER.

Chicago, Jan. 25.—The Coroner's Jury which for three weeks has been listening to evidence relating to the fire in the Iroquois Theatre tonight returned a verdict by which the following persons are held to await the action of a Grand Jury.:

Carter H. Harrison, Mayor of Chicago.

Will J. Davis, Proprietor in part and Manager of the theatre.

Geo. Williams, Building Commissioner of Chicago.

Edward Laughlin, Building Inspector under Williams.

William Salters, fireman in the theatre.

Jas. E. Cummings, Stage Carpenter.

William Mullen, who had charge of the light that caused the fire.

Canadian Challenger

EDWARD WALLACE, FORMERLY OF HALIFAX, WILL SPEND $500.00.

Vancouver, B. C., Jan. 25.—Edward Wallace, who originally hailed from Halifax, N. S., has announced his intention of challenging for the America cup.

He wants to have the classic emblem held by Canada for a while, and will spend a heap of the dollars he made during his stay in Nome in New South Wales in an attempt to better Sir Thomas Lipton's efforts to lift the trophy.

On a visit to Halifax, about eight months ago, Mr. Wallace obtained designs on the framework of the proposed vessel. At that time he merely wished to have the yacht as a pleasure cruiser, but of late he has become infatuated with the idea of putting his craft into racing.

The new challenger will be 130 feet long, with a water-line of 90 feet, beam 25 feet and draught 16 feet. The total cost will be not less than $50,000.

Cold-Wave Warnings

Washington, January 26.—The weather bureau today issued a special forecast, saying: "Cold wave warnings have been issued for the Lower and South Atlantic, and East Gulf States, Eastern Tennessee, Eastern Kentucky, Western Pennsylvania and Western New York. Storm warnings are displayed from Jacksonville to New York."

BIRTHS

KEHOAN—At Mill Pleasant, on the 25th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kehoan, a son.

MARRIAGES

COLLINS-PARKER—At Digby, on the 24th inst., Charles L. Collins, of Digby, to Hattie May Parker, of Grand Manan.

The Manner That Wins.

An Ottawa boy, who less than three years ago was carrying messages for a business office in Ottawa, is to-day filling an important position of trust in the First National Bank of one of the largest cities in the United States. He is an orphan, without relatives and without influence. When in Ottawa he was sought for by other business houses. He was but a boy. What was the reason for his rapid advancement? Not influence, because, as stated, he had no influential relatives or friends. He had, and has, a disposition and manner that are the nucleus of a fortune. To meet him once was to remember him. A bright, smiling face, an accommodating manner, an apparent desire to do things pleasantly and to do them well, made him a favorite. He carried his message to Garcia, and carried it with a smile.

There are in Ottawa to-day, as in other cities, hundreds of young men who wonder why they do not get on, and blame everyone but themselves. They are filling positions in banks and in offices. They are gruff in answering the telephone, gruff in greeting or in failing to greet their employer's customers, alert in leaving their offices sharp on time, but not so alert in reaching them on time. They are not making themselves agreeable and indispensable, and the man who is not indispensable to his employer is not sought after by the other man.—*Ottawa Free Press.*

Boston's Elevated

During 1903 the total revenue from passengers carried on the elevated street cars in Boston was $2,383,365,528. The average cost per passenger over the whole street car service was 1.065 cents. The total earnings were $11,959,514.54. The number carried through the subways was 32,018,983, of which the Park street station took 11,691,021. The average number of subway passengers each day was 87,722. The total revenue over the whole system $11,959,514.54, an increase over 1902 of about 5 per cent. The operating expenses amounted to $8,220,809.19.

Is Your Breath Bad?

Bad breath is one of the early symptoms of catarrh which should be checked at once and not allowed to run into consumption. The surest cure is fragrant healing Catarrhozone which cures catarrh by curing its cause. No case is too chronic.—Even the most stubborn yield in a short time to the balmic vapor of Catarrhozone. It makes cures that last, for once cured by Catarrhozone you stay cured. Catarrhozone is pleasant, convenient and safe to use, relieves almost instantly and is guaranteed to cure every type of catarrh, bronchitis and asthma. Use only Catarrhozone, complete outfit $1.00, sample size 25c.

Lunenburg Schooner A Total Loss.

NEW YORK, Jan. 23.—The small two-masted schooner Alexa, of Lunenburg (N. S.), Captain Corkum, bound with a cargo of sugar from Manzanillo for New York, went ashore early this morning of the point of Rockaway Beach and became a total wreck. She lies high and dry at low water. It is believed that the vessel was abandoned by her crew.

One More Brute

Mrs. Nubbins—My husband is a perfect brute.

Friend—You amaze me.

Mrs. Nubbins—Since the baby began teething nothing would quiet the little angel but pulling his papa's beard and yesterday he went and had his beard shaved off.

Easily Sold.

"I can't quite make out," said the man who had been asked to read the poem, "whether it's sentiment or humor."

"Then it's all right," exclaimed the poet gleefully. "If it's a puzzle I can get a good price for it from any magazine."

Four Negroes Killed in Storm.

BIRMINGHAM, Ala., Jan. 23.—News reached here today that the recent storm struck a settlement near Sumter Mines in the southern part of this county, killing four negroes, injuring several others and damaging much mining property.

Simply Gets it Charged

Mrs. Benham—I suppose you think I have a good deal of curiosity.

Benham—Well, when you want a new hat you never seem to have any curiosity to know whether I can afford it or not.

Sea Fowls' Eggs.

It is a strange fact that sea fowls' eggs are almost conical in form, so that they will only roll in a circle. As many of them are laid on the bare edges of high rocks this provision of nature prevents them from rolling off.

Heaven's Monotony.

"But don't you want to go to heaven?" asked the Sunday school teacher, shocked and grieved.

"Nope," said the bad boy of the class. "There won't be nobody there but women and preachers."

Willing to Demonstrate.

"Tommy," said his distressed mother, "I don't see how you can get so dirty."

"Come on out and I'll show you," was the prompt reply.

No Regrets.

"Now," said his mother severely, "you've got a stomach ache just because you stole into the pantry and ate all that mince pie."

"Yes," groaned the boy, "but it was worth it."

$200,000 Houston Fire.

HOUSTON, Tex., Jan. 24.—Fire today destroyed six blocks of frame business houses at Sour Lake, and got into the Cannon track in the oil fields, doing considerable damage. The loss is placed at $200,000.

Age of the World.

In an article on "The Age of the World" Sir Edward Fay, the famous English geologist, declares that 450,000,000 years must have elapsed since the existence of life on the globe.

Sentry Dogs.

The military posts at the German naval port of Wilhelmshaven are fitted out with watchdogs. Each sentry has one dog by the leash and lets it loose when suspicious people refuse to stop.

Fire Wipes Out Norwegian Town.

EVERY BUILDING IS DESTOYED WITH EXCEPTION OF THE HOSPITAL.

ALESUND, Norway, Jan. 24.—The fire which swept over this town yesterday morning destroyed every building except the hospital. The 11,000 inhabitants of Alesund were compelled to camp in the open, as only a few damaged and uninhabitable houses were left standing. The children of the town had to be housed temporarily in the church at Borgund. The panic among the people was so great after the outbreak of the flames that all attempts at leadership or discipline became out of the question; no excesses, however, were committed.

The destruction of the town was complete within a couple of hours from the time the fire started. Over twenty steam fishing boats and many sailing smacks were sunk in the harbor in order to save them from the flames, but three steamers and many smacks were burned.

It is believed now that only three persons lost their lives. Succor has arrived from Molde, Berlin and other places and provisions are being distributed. Relief committees have been formed and invited public subscription. The King and Queen of Sweden and Norway have contributed $1,500 to a relief fund and all the other members of the royal family have also subscribed.

The damage is estimated at $4,000,000.

Blinded With Headache.

People often get blinding headaches that suffer from constipation. Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. They are mild, certain and safe. For headache and biliousness use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

No Women Lawyers in England

The House of Lords has finally decided that women are debarred by their sex from becoming qualified lawyers in England. This question arose on the appeal of a Londoner, Miss Bertha Cave, against the decision of the Benchers of Gray's Inn not to admit her as a student for the purpose of being called to the bar. The court decided that there was no precedent for a woman's admission to the inns of court, and no reason to create a precedent.

Man and Wife in Distress.—Rev. Dr. Bocher, of Buffalo, says: "My wife and I were both troubled with distressing Catarrh, but we have now freedom from this aggravating malady since the day we first tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. Its action was instantaneous, giving the most grateful relief within ten minutes after first application." 50 cents.—4 53

'An Unexpected Objection.

An incident occurred at one of Ontario's county schools the other day that shows the average youth knows no such word as impossible. The teacher was explaining that the thing substracted from. She said: "You cannot take five peaches from five apples, five lemons from five oranges." Said Johnny: "Please, can't you take five quarts of milk from five cows."

Not Afraid to Endorse It

People have learned to have such confidence in Dr. Chase's Ointment as a cure for every form of piles that they do not hesitate to endorse it at every opportunity. As a result Dr. Chase's Ointment is probably recommended by more persons than any preparations on the market to-day. There is no guesswork about its effects—relief is prompt and cure certain.

Fasting For Health.

Thousands of years before it was practiced as a religious rite fasting was practiced as a health measure in Egypt India and China. Contemporary to Cicero was Asclepiades, a Greek physician, who strongly advocated this idea, and 1,000 years after his day Ibn Sina, philosopher and medical sage, argued the virtues of temporary abstinence on the ground that it came easier than constant moderation.

Miserable Folks could trace both state of mind and body to some one or other form of stomach disorder. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablet is a "vest pocket" remedy that nature provides, and that medical science has proved a wonder in preventing and curing stomach ailments. If you've a symptom of distress in your stomach test the Pineapple cure. 35 cents.—1/2

One View of It.

Hicks—He's always praising himself to the skies. It makes me mad.

Wicks—Why, it makes me feel good.

Hicks—It does?

Wicks—Yes, I know I'm a better man than he, and so the more he praises himself the more he praises me.

A Way She Has

Morton—Is Mrs. Styles much of a talker?

Norton—Much of a talker? I should say so! It is impossible for her to play solitaire intelligently, she has so much to say to herself, you know.

Humanity

Sergeant—What did you arrest this man for?

Officer Keegan—For his own safety, sergeant. He was too drunk to protect himself and insisted on going home.

Infant Marriages in India.

Child marriages are still all too common in India. According to a recent census report, 143 boys and 187 girls under one year of age were married in India during a single year. The record during the same year for marriages of children under five years was 2,292 for boys, and 3,534 for girls. As a consequence of this state of affairs there were, at the time the census was taken, twenty-two widowers and twenty-seven widows less than a year old, and some 300 less than five years old. The evil results of this system have been so extreme and alarming among certain of the Hindu castes that a bill has lately been drafted in the province of Baroda, which limits the marriageable age at eighteen years for boys and fourteen for girls.

Stories of Hunters

One bold hunter is said to have been almost run over by a deer, whose horns tore his shirt, and although he had a repeater in his hands loaded with sixteen shells, he was so surprised at the appearance of the animal that he forgot to shoot. Another hunter became so excited that he fired off every shot in the magazine into the ground at his feet before he woke up to the fact that his deer was a mile away from him unhurt. Two other nimrods chased a deer two miles, one trying to hold it by the tail so that the other could shoot it.

Pill-Fame.—10 cents a vial for Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills would not make them the famous they enjoy to-day if the curative powers of them were in them. Worth will get to the top and that accounts for the wonderful demand for these little gems. They positively cure Constipation, Biliousness, Sick Headache.—4

He Wants to Write

This is from a correspondent over in Alabama:

The other day I tried my hand at writin', and I was surprised to find I was Borned to it. The only wonder is I never knowed it Before this, So, bein' Borned, though not raised to it, I will ask you, if you know where I can spake a dollar or two a day at it, and please let me know What kind of Writin' they'd put me on first—whether Noveltry, Historie or Poams, with rhymes to the end, I mean Business and will Write Hard. Let me Know at Once."

"My Woman is it Kidneys?"—Investigation in half the disorders peculiar to woman would prove faulty kidneys the seat of the trouble. If you're troubled with that tired dragging feeling, have an almost constant heaviness, may be sharp pains in the head, put South American Kidney Cure to the test. You'll find it the long sought friend, and it never fails.—1/50

A Real War Vessel.

The new addition to the Canadian Atlantic fisheries fleet will be constructed in England. It will be a war vessel pure and simple. Although not intended to be very large, it will be swift, and will be equipped with modern rapid-fire guns. It is not improbable that naval instructors may be asked for from England. The Polson firm of Toronto will build the new battery cruiser intended for the great lakes.

The Eloping Philosopher.

"We're going to miss getting a roomful of presents, George," said the bear girl as she eloped with the youth of her choice.

"Yes," he cheerfully replied, "and we're going to bear the loss with a good deal of philosophy, when we remember that we don't have to give a roomful of presents in return."

Both Sides of It.

She—It's lots of fun to flirt with a man till you get him to propose, and then say "No."

He—Yes. And it's lots of fun for the man, too, but he runs an awful risk.

She—How's that?

He—She might fool him and say "Yes."

Thanks.

"Did you tell Mrs. Waylay I was out, Mary?"

"Yes, ma'am."

"What did she say?"

"She told me to thank you for saying so, ma'am."

—Life is not so short but there is always time for courtesy.—*Emerson.*

By Way of Chicago

A pupil of one of the public schools in Chicago sends this communication:

DEAR SIR—In our school this morning an amusing dialogue took place.

A primary teacher of Chicago, wishing to impress upon her pupils the necessity of great quiet, said, "I am a great deal larger than any of you yet I don't make any noise when I walk round the room."

"Perhaps," remarked little seven-year-old Kenneth, "you don't wear shoes."

"Oh, yes, I do," quickly replied the teacher. "Just look. Did you ever see any larger than mine?"

Kenneth surveyed them carefully. "Yes," he replied slowly, "once—in a show."

I know MINARD'S LINIMENT will cure Diphtheria. JOHN D. BOUTILIER.

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Cape Island.

I know MINARD'S LINIMENT is the best remedy on earth. JOSEPH A. SNOW.

Norway, Me.

Many Dangers

Drink water and get typhoid. Drink milk and get tuberculosis. Drink whisky and get the jimjams. Eat soup and get Bright's disease. Eat meat and encourage apoplexy. Eat oysters and acquire taxemia. Eat vegetables and weaken the system. Eat dessert and take to paresis. Smoke cigarettes and die early. Drink coffee and obtain nervous prostration. Drink wine and get the gout. In order to be entirely healthy one must eat nothing, drink nothing, and even before breathing one should see that the air is properly sterilized.

Apoplexy.—Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is effective in apoplectic symptoms. If you have unpleasant dizziness, lightness or sudden rush of blood to the head take precautions against a recurrence. This great remedy will remove the cause. "The press of the land has daily a list of sudden deaths which would not be chronicled if Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart were used."—147

Extravagant Wives

Mrs. Robert J. Burdette thinks that the devotion of women to clubs is responsible for many divorces. Upon the subject of extravagance she spoke as follows: "In this day and age men are money mad. Why! Do you know that last year hundreds of millions of dollars were spent for jewelry! Do men wear it? During the year 621 men were put behind the bars for embezzling large sums. Did they want the money just for itself? They wanted it to help their wives and daughters shine. We are responsible for these things. We want too much."

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heat and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

A Mistake.

"If you only knew it," said the patron to the cigar man, "that wooden Indian is a mistake."

"How so?"

"Why, it indicates that you cater to the Indian trade, and any old plug tobacco will satisfy an Indian. Why don't you put out a sign that will catch the discriminating smoker?"

"Two thoughts of that," replied the cigar man. "I thought of putting the figure of a real swell out there, but the darned fashions change so fast that he would not be a swell more than two weeks. That's where the Indian has an advantage as a sign."

For "Run-down" People there's nothing known to the medical treatment to-day so effective and certain of a cure and so special in its holding up power as South American Nervine, because it strikes at the root of all nervous ailments, the digestive organs, makes new rich red blood, drives away energetic, puts on flesh and makes over physical wrecks generally.—48

Fish Need Air.

Fish, like all other animals, need air. If they could not get it they would be suffocated just as you would if you were locked in an air tight trunk. When the water is frozen for miles, as in the Arctic Ocean, the fish find it very hard to come to the top, and must then "breathe" the air which is dissolved in the water. You have often seen the tiny bubbles which collect on the inside of a glass which has been standing full of water overnight. Well, that is the air which has been dissolved in the water, and after the glass has been tapped, so that all these bubbles come to the top, fish could not live in that water. In other words they would drown.

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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Fridays, 7.30 p.m. Saints days Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m.; second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m., fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. REV. E. P. HEMLEY, M. A. Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath, Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p. m. Wednesday evening prayer meeting at 8.00 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 p.m. Visitors always welcomed. Ushers in attendance. REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

HOLY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Evening service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. GEO. WOOD, Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening, at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. A. B. HIGGINS, PASTOR.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Discipline of Christ.—Sunday Services: Sabbath preaching service 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Thursday, evening prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DEVOE, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.35, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. F. JONES, N. G.; GEO. H. PETERS, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 81 meets in Masonic hall on the first Tuesday after every month at 3 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. DAKIN, W. M.; J M VIETS Secty.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W M HAYDEN, C. R.; J A C DEBLOIS REC. F S.

C. O. F.—Court Sea View, No. 775, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the first Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. E. BURNHAM, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the first and third Monday in every month at 8 o'clock. H. D. JONES, Recr. M. W. H. B. CHURCHILL, Rec.

DIGBY CONCERT RANCHERS Rehearsals, etc., for winter months. Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young Ladies and Juveniles, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, young ladies and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests a prompt and punctual attendance at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. FRANCIS E. CORRISON, Bandmaster.

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Do We Forget?

Do we forget, when winter snows lie deep
Above the bed where our beloved sleep?
And we no longer wildly weep—
Do we forget?

Because, when comes the holy Christmas tide,
And love and joy are scattered far and wide,
We check our sighs, and strive our tears to hide—
Do we forget?

Do we forget, because with mute lips pressed,
No fading flowers, on our graves we strewed,
Lies locked secure within our patient breast—
Do we forget?

Because, across the widening gulf of years,
There comes no loving word to quell our fears
No watchful care to shield from away our tears—
Do we forget?

Do we forget? Nay, in each heart there lies
A secret place, where, hid from mortal eyes,
Dwells, strong and true, a love that never dies.
Do we forget?

O. H., in "Presbyterian Banner."

TWO PICTURES.

NO. 1.

Little Agnes Martin had a broom and a dustpan among her Christmas gifts. She was very anxious to use them, but had only succeeded in worrying her mother with them. When she saw her mother preparing for sweeping day, she was overjoyed.

'Oh, I can help sweep, can't I, mamma? and she ran away to bring her broom. She returned with eyes shining with anticipation, and began flourishing her broom over the carpet here and there in a very irregular way.

'Stop that,' called out Mrs. Martin. 'You can't sweep. You are raising a dust and making me more work. You are a regular little nuisance. I wish you hadn't been given a broom. There'll be no peace with you now.'

'But I want to help you sweep,' persisted the child.

'Well, you can't help, so run away and stop your crying. I'll warrant that when you are old enough to help you won't be so anxious. Clear out, now. Come, get out from under my feet.'

The child obeyed, but the brightness had gone from her face, the light from her eyes.

Three hours later, Mrs. Martin began setting the table for dinner, and again little Agnes pleaded to be allowed to help.

'You can't help,' said her mother, though the poor child asked, 'I wish you'd keep out of my way. I'm in a hurry. Go to your play and don't bother me.'

Three years later. Baking day, Agnes, now seven years old, wants to help, but, as usual, Mrs. Martin refuses her aid. 'You can't help,' she repeats, as before. 'You are only in the way. I'd rather you'd clear out entirely.'

'Susie Morrow's mamma lets her cut out cookies, and help get the dinner, and do lots of things,' pleads Agnes.

'Well, I can't help that. I can't be bothered.'

'It isn't bother, it's help,' persists little Agnes.

'Yes; you call it help, but I'd rather do it alone than *have* you how. Clear out now. When you are older you can help; only you won't want to then. Children never want to do the things they can do, but they are always teasing to do what they can't do.'

Seven years later. Saturday morning. Mrs. Martin has an excruciating headache, and comes into the sitting-room to rest for a few moments. Here she finds Agnes, a large girl of fourteen, busy reading a book.

'Oh, here you are,' exclaimed Mrs. Martin, irritatedly. 'Reading as usual. I warrant you haven't done a single stroke of work this morning. Have you taken care of your room?'

Agnes gives an inarticulate reply and continues reading.

'Go and sweep your room and put it in order, command Mrs. Martin. 'Then I want you to help get dinner. There's to be company, you know.'

'I don't know how to get dinner,' Agnes says, sullenly, as she leaves the room.

'That's always the way,' sighs Mrs. Martin. 'I've slaved to save her, thinking she'd be grateful, but she isn't one bit. She doesn't care that I'm sick and tired out. She'd never offer to do a thing for me. Solomon was right, it is sharper than a serpent's tooth, to have a thankless child.'

Agnes paid no attention to the suggestion that she was to get dinner, so Mrs. Martin got it herself, but at its close, told her daughter to wash the dishes. 'I hate dish-washing,' pouted Agnes. 'I hate housework. I never mean to do one bit of it when I'm grown up.'

'It's very little of it you've done yet,' said Mrs. Martin. 'I though if I saved you when you were young, you'd repay me by saving me as you grew up. But I was mistaken.'

'I'll tell you where you made your mistake,' said the girl. 'You wouldn't let me work when I wanted to, and now I don't know how, and don't love work, and I'm not to blame.'

'Oh, of course you'll blame me. I might have known that would be the thanks I'd get,' and Mrs. Martin sobbed in self-pity, while her daughter sullenly washed the dishes, feeling sorry only for herself.

NO. II.

Among her Christmas gifts Lois Barrows had received a broom and dust-pan. She saw with great delight her mother's preparations for the new sweeping day, and ran to find her tiny implements.

'I can help sweep, mamma,' she exclaimed, joyfully, as she began flirting her broom vigorously over the carpet.

'Yes, dear,' replied Mrs. Barrows, who believed her child to be of more importance than things. 'You can help if you will do just what mamma wants you to. First, you can take these books and put them on the sofa as mamma dusts them.'

With shining eyes and a feeling of great importance at being mamma's helper, little Lois carried the books. 'What next, mamma?' she asked.

'Now you can help me put the sheets over the furniture.'

'Why do you do that?' queried the child, as she straightened out the sheet over the sofa.

'To keep the dust off,' answered Mrs. Barrows. 'Now, We'll open the windows, and then you can go and sweep the porch while I sweep here. Let us see which can sweep her room the best.'

By this ruse she got the child out of the dust of her sweeping, but did not deprive her of the privilege of helping. Occasionally she would go to the door to oversee the sweeping of the porch and to make encouraging suggestions.

'Can I help dust, mamma?' asked Lois.

'Yes, dear; here is a cloth, and this is the way to dust a chair. You see, it will help mamma a great deal if you do it will, for then she won't have to stoop so much.'

The child was really anxious to do her work right, and soon learned to see the dust and remove it, to shake her dust-cloth out of doors, as mamma did, and surveyed her finished work with great pride. Her eyes glowed under her mother's just commendation. 'I'm your little helper, ain't I mamma?'

'Indeed you are and always will be.'

Three hours later. 'Can I set the table?' asked little Lois.

'You can help. Go to the other end of the table and pull the cloth straight as I throw it to you. Now you can put on the knives, forks, spoons and napkins.'

'And dishes, too, mamma?'

'Not quite yet, dearie. We'll have to save some work for you to learn when you are older. It will not be long until you can set the table all by yourself.'

'Goody!' said the child.

Three years later. Baking day.

'Can I help?' asked little Lois.

'Oh, yes, dear, of course you can. I'd hardly know how to do without you. You know how to do so many things now. You may beat these eggs. Then you can bring up some apples, and crop them after I have peeled them.'

'What next? Can I cut out the cookies?'

'Certainly.'

'And ornament the pies?'

'To be sure. We wouldn't know our pies if you did not ornament them: Then you can wash the potatoes for dinner, fill the kettle with water, wash the rice, fill the salt cellars and set the table.'

While Lois was busy with these tasks, her tongue was clattering merrily, and Mrs. Barrows learned much of the school life of her daughter, much about her companionship, much concerning her thoughts and feelings, and felt that the most important results of the morning were not the bread, pie and cake, or the well cooked dinner, but the sympathy, confidence and companionship that grew out of the hours spent with her child.

Seven years later. Saturday morning. Mrs. Barrows and Lois have been busy working together, and now sit down for a moment's rest. 'You look tired, mother, says Lois, lovingly.

'I've had a headache all the morning,' replies Mrs. Barrows.

'Then you're not going to do another bit of work. You just lie here till dinner is ready.'

'But you know, dear, papa is going to bring home company to dinner.'

'Well, what of that?' laughs the girl. 'I think it's a pity if I can't get dinner, such an experienced housekeeper as I am.'

'Oh, I know you are competent,' says Mrs. Barrows, smiling

'Then let me prove it. Surely I ought to be a good cook. You have been such a faithful, patient teacher. I must have been an awful nuisance when I was little, always wanting to help. Didn't you often want to drive me away?'

Mrs. Barrows gently smoothed the girl's hair from her forehead, as she lovingly replied:

'Your help was not always the most efficient, but I never wanted to drive you away. I was too anxious to keep you close to me, and now I am having my reward.'

Lois kissed her mother tenderly. 'I'm so glad you were patient with me, for now I know how to work and I love it. Agnes Martin is to be married next month, and she says she hates work and means never to do a stroke. I wonder what kind of a house she'll have. She thinks her mother will live with her, and work for her, as she always has done. But, mother, I'd be ashamed to do that. It seems to me the least a girl can do is to take the burden of her own life when she is married. I'd like to have you always with me, but I mean to work for you, to pay for what you have done for me.'—*American Mother.*

Baby's Danger

The fact that so-called soothing medicines put children to sleep is no sign that they are helpful. On the contrary they are dangerous and distinctly harmful—the little one has been merely dragged into temporary insensibility, the seat of the trouble has not been reached. Never give a child an opiate except under the watchful eye of a competent physician, and remember that all "soothing" medicines contain opiates. When your little one is not well, when it has any little stomach or bowel trouble, or any of the minor ailments of little ones give it Baby's Own Tablets, and it will be safe. This medicine is sold under a guarantee that it contains no opiate or harmful drug. Ask any mother who has used this medicine and she will tell you how her little one has thrived and grown well and strong after taking the Tablets. Mrs. T. B. Mitchell, the well known druggist, Oshawa, Ont., says:—"I can safely recommend Baby's Own Tablets from the splendid results they have given my customers and from having used them in our own home." You can get the Tablets from any druggist or by mail from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 25 cents a box.

A Caustic Judge

On one occasion a barrister who was a terribly verbose practitioner discovered that one of the jury trying the case was fast asleep. He forthwith roundly rated those who were still awake for taking so little interest in the case. Interposed the commissioner, in a very jocular at the expense of others, the commissioner could appreciate and enjoy a good repartee even at his own expense. Thus on one occasion an advocate with a beard and mustache, which he then wore, appeared before him. "How can I hear you, sir, if you cover up your muzzle like a terrier dog?" he asked. "Well, I had rather be an English terrier than a Scotch cur," was the reply. The commissioner chuckled and merely remarked, "Get on."

The commissioner's pet theory against giving credit once furnished occasion for a moats amusing incident. One day a plaintiff was seeking to recover £13 odd for milk supplied. The commissioner said to a miliman, "I suppose one pays paid for his penny-worth of milk each day as it was delivered." The plaintiff replied: "Oh no, they don't, your honor. I serve your honor's house with milk, and they have not paid me for three months." The commissioner said: "Ah, well, you'll not supply me any more. You will be watering my milk to make up for this £13 you are going to lose."

The Glow of Health

When the blood is rich and pure there is a healthful glow to the complexion which speaks of the vigor and vitality of the system. There is no more certain way for pale, weak people to attain the glow of health than by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, the great food cure which forms new, rich, red blood and creates new nerve force.

Fire-Stricken Aalesund

BERLIN, January 28.—Official information has been given out that the needs of the 13,000 inhabitants of Aalesund, Norway, which was destroyed by fire this morning of January 24, have been provided for adequately. Seven thousand people of Aalesund have gone to neighboring towns and villages and the Hamburg-American line steamer Phoenicia, which was sent to Aalesund, with relief at the instigation of Emperor William, is caring for 4,000 more. She has twenty day's supplies. The relief work is well organized and provision is made for the return of the refugees. Invaluable assistance in the maintenance of order at Aalesund is afforded by the German cruiser Prinz Henrich, which among other things lighted the town with the search light. The property losses are estimated at $4,250,000.

The Kinks and Twists in Rheumatics Rugged Road.—For 4 years the wife of a well-known Toronto physician was on crutches from Rheumatism Sciatica, and not until she began using South American Rheumatic Cure could she get a minute's permanent relief from pain. She now has cured her. Write for confirmation if you're sceptical. 154

Big Difference

"What is the difference between a violinist and a fiddler?"

"The difference," answered the concert manager, "is enormous; anywhere from $500 to $5,000 a week."

TOWN COUNCIL.

Minutes of Meeting Held Thursday Evening of Last Week.

ADDITIONAL STREET LIGHTS WANTED ON WARWICK STREET—WATER AND STREET SUPERINTENDENT VYE TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION TO TAKE EFFECT IN APRIL—BILLS ORDERED PAID.

Council met January 28th, at 8 o'clock, the mayor and all councillors being in attendance. Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Report of special committee to interview municipal council re road grant was read, received and ordered to be filed; on motion of Couns. Syda and Titus.

A letter from Mrs. Moore asked that an additional street light be placed at the foot of hill, on Warwick street. On motion of Couns. Letteney and Syda the same was laid on the table.

Letter from D. J. McLeod, M. P. P., enclosing draft of an Act to Amend the Municipal Act was read. On motion of Couns. Peters and Hayden, resolved, that this council respectfully requests the members for the county to support in the Legislature with their votes, bill No. 60, entitled "An Act to Amend the Municipal Act," and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. McLeod.

Report of Supt. Vye, being read, was received.

A letter from Mr. Vye stated that he desired to resign his position of Supt. of streets and water works, to take effect in April 1st. next, and that he would be glad to give any instruction and assistance to the appointee of the council meantime.

The Mayor stated that Mr. Vye was undertaking some business which would take him from town a good deal, which was the reason for his resignation. The mayor and several of the councillors expressed regret Mr. Vye should be obliged to tender his resignation, as he was a good and painstaking official, and the position was one which it was difficult to fill, and the man who performed his duty was bound to have the ill will of some who would feel themselves aggrieved.

Coun. Hayden moved that the resignation be accepted; seconded by Coun. Van Blarcom; carried.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Pay sheet, snow shovelling	$20.00
N. S. Telephone	1.05
N. A. Comminos	.50
W. S. Winchester	2.00
N. S. Hospital, Marshall	44.75
Health Officer, supplies	1.00
Street lighting	65.00
Montreal Pipe Foundry Co.	2.50
James Bowes, books	9.00

The clerk was instructed to advertise by hand bills posted in twelve conspicuous places in town for applications for a working foreman to take charge of the water works and streets, at the salary now being paid. Applications to be in by the 10th of February; seconded by Coun. Titus; carried.

The clerk was instructed to obtain a suitable picture of the King for the walls of the council chamber.

The Mayor, Couns. Hayden and Peters and the clerk were appointed a committee to interview Mr. Viets re title to road to be dedicated.

The council adjourned to meet Tuesday, 2nd February, at 10 a. m.

In Heart Disease it works like magic.—"For years my greatest enemy was organic Heart Disease. From uneasiness, and palpitation it developed into abnormal action, thumping, fluttering and choking sensations. Dr. Agew's Cure for the Heart gave instant relief, and the last symptoms quickly disappeared. It is a wonderful worker."—Rev. L. S. Dana, Pittsburg, Pa.—155

Arrested After Two Years

NASHUA, N. H., Jan. 31.—City Marshal A. S. Eaton will start for St. Louis to-morrow to bring back Albert A. Hall, formerly city clerk of this city, who was arrested for local officers yesterday. The specific charge against Hall is the embezzlement of $1,984, the funds being abstracted, it is alleged, from the dog taxes and the rentals of the city hall which were in the hands of the city clerk. The alleged embezzlement was discovered by Mayor N. A. Taylor on Oct. 18, 1901. The following day the mayor interviewed Hall, who later in the day left the city. He had not been seen since in this vicinity and the news of his arrest at St. Louis, where he is living under the assumed name of Harry A. Bailey, was the first intelligence received of his whereabouts for the past two years. Hall was decidedly popular and held office more as the result of personal friendship than political activity. He left here a wife and ten year old son. Mrs. Hall later secured a position as teacher in one of the public schools. The police were officially notified today of Hall's arrest and were also informed that he has confessed his identity and expressed a willingness to return to this city.

Found Dead On Doorstep

SIOUX, Ma, Jan. 30.—The body of his wife lying on the doorstep outside their home was the ghastly discovery made by John Nisbet, a weaver, of Mill street, to-night.

Mrs. Nisbet went shopping late today. When she did not return her husband, becoming alarmed, started out to look for her. Upon opening the door he found the woman's body, surrounded by bundles, where she had fallen while attempting to reach the door.

City Marshal Bradbury said that death was probably due to heart failure. Mrs. Nisbet was forty years old and leaves four children.

Big Boston Tug Wrecked

CUTTYHUNK, Mass., Jan. 29.—The mistaking of a vessel's light for that of Vineyard Sound lightship was the cause of the wreck today of the tug G. M. Winslow, of Boston, on the outer ledge of the Sow and Pigs reef. The crew was transferred to the coal barge which the tug was towing, this afternoon, by the life-savers from this island, and later in the day the men were taken back to Vineyard Haven by the tug Storm King, which had gone to the assistance of the Winslow.

The tug filled within two hours after she struck and as she is rolling constantly, it is believed that when the wreckers reach her again tomorrow her bottom will be so badly smashed that her fate will be sealed.

The G. M. Winslow made a successful offer early in the week in taking off the crew of two disabled schooners off Cape Cod and landing them in Boston.

The Winslow struck about 200 yards from the scene of the wreck of the schooner Fairfax five years ago. The tug is one of the best known of the tugboat fleet between New York and Boston and has a fine record. She is 120 feet in length, 23 feet in breadth and 12 feet in depth and registered 90 tons net. She was built in Boston in 1892 and is not insured.

Stumbling Wrecks!—Undoubtedly one of the most common causes of dyspepsia is Disorganized and Sluggish Kidneys. Nature's chief filters, when clogged or out of joint, they allow the poisonous matter to remain in the blood, to be absorbed into the system, causing headaches, biliousness, constipation, sleeplessness, nervous prostration, and a host of other ailments. Dodd's Kidney Pills are Nature's chief assistant, gentle, but firm and unfailing. Never fail.—156

War Will Shut Down Mills.

ONE COTTON FACTORY GOES ON SHORT TIME BECAUSE OF LOSS OF TRADE IN JAPAN.

BRIDGEPORT, Mo., Jan. 30.—The threatened "war between Japan and Russia is the cause, it is stated, of a curtailment in production which will be begun at the mills of the Pepperell Manufacturing Company, employing 2,800 operatives, on Monday, when 2,500 looms will be shut down for one week.

A week from Monday the looms will be started again and a similar set of looms will be discontinued for a week. This policy will be continued until an increased demand for export goods warrants running the looms on full time.

Officials of the company say that since the trouble began between the two countries, its large export trade in Japan has shown a heavy falling off and that the curtailment is in no way caused by the present high price of cotton.

In the event of actual war, it is said that a complete shutdown of several months would be imminent.

Woman, Why?—You have sallow skin, pimples, eruptions, discolorations. Why resort to cosmetics and powders to hide the effects? Dr. Agew's Liver Pills regulate the complaint at its source, thereby restoring to the cheeks the healthful rosy bloom and peach blush of youth. From 1 to 6 pills a dose. Sold easily, and purely the complaint at short order. 10 cents for 40 doses.—157

Murderer's Last Words.

SALEM, Oregon, Jan. 29.—Harry D. Egbert, who murdered John G. Saxton and John West last October, was hanged here today. Egbert made a brief speech on the scaffold.

"My friends," he said, "take me as a mark; keep your children off the street, and above all out of the saloons. Bad raising and bad company is the cause of my downfall. I have repented my sins."

Educational

Highland—Schoolmaster—Norman, did you ever see an elephant?

Norman—Noh, sir.

H. S.—Half you seen one, Donald?

Donald—Noh, sir.

H. S.—Hamish, half you ever seen an elephant?

Hamish (eagerly)—Yes, sir.

H. S.—You are a good boy, Hamish. Go up top.

Her Mournful Jest.

"So you decided to try light housekeeping?"

"Yes," said young Mrs. Torkins; "but after we had two or three gas bills we wished we could try dark housekeeping."

BEAR RIVER NEWS

Local and Personal Items From Our Sister Town.

SONS OF TEMPERANCE ENTERTAINMENT—MARINE NEWS—WEDDING AT CLEMENTSVALE—PERSONALS AND OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST.

(Telephone.)

B. N. Chesly went to Boston, Mass., last Saturday.

Schr. Citizen arrived from St. John last Saturday.

Mrs. N. H. Raymond returned to New York on Wednesday.

Miss Jennie Piggott, of Granville Ferry, is visiting her relatives here this week.

Mr. Isaac J. Jefferson, of Islington, Mass., spent a few days with his sister, Mrs. E. W. Benson, last week.

J. Wilkie Rice came up from Tusket, Yarmouth Co., last Saturday to spend Sunday with his family here.

Miss Constance Porter, who has been visiting friends at Lansdowne the past two weeks, returned home Monday.

Among the pretty calenders received since the New Year is one from V. T. Hardwick, oilcloth and pretty design.

Mr. J. L. Strothard, of the Union Bank, who has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lank, spent Sunday in Wolfville.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Kiley returned to Boston Wednesday, having enjoyed a visit to friends in Bridgetown during their stay here.

Wm. P. Brenton moved into P. H. Reed's house this week. Schr. Neva, Capt. Chute, is ready for sea, being loaded with lumber for the West Indies.

Barkt. Edna M. Smith, Capt. J. M. Rice, of Hillsboro, N. B., is reported badly damaged at Liverpool, Eng., having been in collision with an unknown steamer.

Mrs. Reuben Alcorn returned from Halifax yesterday. Her son Harry, undergoing treatment at the Victoria General Hospital, is doing well and will be sent home in a few weeks.

On Monday evening the members of Royal Division, No. 37, were entertained by Mr. Chas. Wilson with his phonograph. There was also music and readings, and light refreshments served by the ladies.

FLOYD—RILEY.

One of the interesting events of the season occurred at the residence of Mrs. A. L. Danielson, Clementsvale, last Wednesday, Jan. 27th, when Miss Jennie M. Riley was united in marriage to Mr. Burtis H. Floyd. Rev. J. H. Balcom performed the ceremony, in the presence of a few friends. Precisely at 7.30 o'clock the couple entered the parlor, preceded by Florence Danielson as ring-bearer, and stood beneath an elegant arch. The room was also decorated for the occasion. The bride was dressed in a blue suit with white trimmings and hat to match, while little Florence looked sweet in white dress and white picture hat. At 8 o'clock the happy couple drove to their future home at Princedale, amid showers of rice and the best wishes of their friends. The bride received a number of useful and pretty gifts.

Catarrh Cannot be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing Catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Fifteenth Century Guns

In 1427, when the English in Normandy made their last assault on Mont St. Michel under Lord Scales, they attacked it with "several powerful engines and certain machines of war." Says an old writer, "They trained a battery so furiously against the walls that they made a breach." Among these formidable weapons were two enormous wrought iron guns, which they were compelled to leave behind on being obliged to raise the siege. They are still on exhibition with some of their projectiles in a railed inclosure just inside the main entrance to the town. The guns are of the kind formerly called "bombards" and are of different sizes. The larger one has a caliber of nineteen inches, thirty and a quarter inches being the greatest external diameter and twelve feet the total length, of which about three feet four inches belong to the smaller powder chamber in the rear. It weighs very nearly six tons. The other gun weighs about a couple of tons less, is of fifteen inches caliber and eleven feet nine inches long. These weapons are not cast, but "built up" guns, being formed of longitudinal bars about three inches wide, arranged like the staves of a cask and bound round closely with wrought iron hoops. The "Michelets," as they are called, are most likely of Flemish workmanship. Their projectiles are made of hewn granite, and those for the larger gun have been estimated to weigh 300 pounds apiece. The powder chamber is capable of holding about forty pounds of explosive.

How Could it be a Mistake?

What a woman doesn't know about newspapers isn't worth knowing. The other morning Mrs. B. was talking to her husband.

"I notice in the *Daily Hoodoo* that Mr. Bifkins died on Sunday."

"It's a mistake, my dear," replied the husband. "He died on Monday."

"But the paper said Sunday."

"I know it, but it was an error in print."

"I thought so, too, at first, but I got a half dozen copies of the paper, and it was the same in all of them. They certainly couldn't have made the mistake over and over again."

The husband tried to convince her, but it was no use, and he gave it up.

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, February 5, 1904.

The vigorous crusade which is being carried on in New York against pneumonia calls for some novel things in house-keeping. For example, house wives are requested to discard feather dusters and to substitute moist cloths, and to change their houses for sweeping from morning to evening. Last week there were two hundred and twenty five deaths from the disease and in the preceding week the number was some what larger. The advisory medical board has made the following statements to the commissioner of health.

"It has been fully established that a certain proportion of cases of pneumonia are communicable, and that by proper care their spread may be prevented. The virulent forms of acute pneumonia which are now prevalent both in adults and children are incited by bacteria. Exposure to cold, intoxication, lack of physical vigor, abuse of alcohol, etc., predispose the individual to pneumonia, but are not its direct cause. The bacteria, which are immediate excitants of pneumonia, are usually conveyed in the dust of air contaminated, but not always, in the case of adults, which spot dying, is widely disseminated.

"The regulation against spitting upon floors, prevention of other insanitary places, should be rigorously enforced. It is furthermore important that in the cleaning of private houses and all public conveyances, schools and other places of assembly, the methods adopted should be such as will remove and not simply stir up dust. For dust when contaminated may incite in susceptible persons some form of acute pneumonia as well as tuberculosis and the more chronic colds and catarrh.

"It should be remembered that dust settles on floors as well as on furniture, so that most people should be passed over floors when those are unoccupied."

—SATURDAY'S St. John *Globe* contains the following editorial:—Prominent Americans and prominent English men dined together last night, some of them in New York, some in London. They were joined in spirit by the sentiment of the unity of the race to which they belong, and mechanical contrivances of the electric wire enabled them to talk to each other quite freely over the mere than two thousand miles of space which prevented them hearing each other's voices, and looking upon each other's faces. The ambassadors of the two nations were present, the American in Britain, the Briton in America. The representative men pledged each other in friendship and in peace, and the keynote of the whole proceeding was in the British ambassador's observation that time was falsifying the prophecies of the pass which declared that Englishmen and Americans would never be in sympathy. The whole affair was a strong proof of the growth of sentiment which is speedily obliterating all the unpleasant memories of former differences and which is strengthening Great Britain by firmer alliances than ever with the great English speaking nation of eighty millions of people who dominate America.

Town Council

The new council was sworn in office by Mayor Short on Tuesday morning. After the new councillors had taken their seats, the mayor stated that the election to serve at the board was not to be considered in the light of an honor, but a duty. There would be differences of opinion, doubtless, among the members of the council over public questions, but he would ask that no personalities be allowed to enter into their discussions. The old council, he thought, to be congratulated on the financial condition of the town, as shown by the year book, and he hoped that the new council would unite and work for the benefit of the town.

The minutes of last meeting being read, were approved. The mayor submitted his list of standing committees for the year, and on motion of Coun. Hayden and VanBlarcom, the same were approved.

STANDING COMMITTEES, 1904.

Accounts, Finance and Tenders: Couns. Letney, VanBlarcom and Turnbull.

Public Works, Streets and Roads: Couns. Hayden VanBlarcom and Turnbull.

Water Works and Fire Department: Couns. Anderson Peters and Hayden.

Pound and Impounding: Couns. Peters, Turnbull and Letney.

Police Licenses and Lighting: Couns. VanBlarcom, Turnbull and Anderson.

School Buildings: Couns. VanBlarcom and Anderson.

Assessors Appeals: Couns. Turnbull, Letney and Peters.

Hedges and Fences: Couns. Peters, Hayden and VanBlarcom.

The Council then adjourned.

Battle Line.

Steamer Pharsalia, bound to Australia, has been fixed to load ore at New Caledonia for the United States at 20c.

Steamer Homera, Capt. Lockhart, sailed on Wednesday from Colon for New York with cargo taken in at Shanghai and Hong Kong. Port Said will probably be the next port of call.

Steamer Pydna, Capt. Crosley, arrived at New Orleans on Wednesday from Santiago to load for Denmark.

Steamer Cumana, Capt. Journeay, is fixed to carry cotton from Savannah to United Kingdom or continent about 1st February. She expects to sail from Savannah on the 15th February for Bremen and Hamburg.

Capt. Starratt, of the steamer Pandosia, discharging at Philadelphia, is ill with a cold, and Capt. J. L. Crossley will take command.

Steamer Trebia, Capt. McDougall, sailed from New York on Wednesday for Australia.

Steamer Nenton, sailed from Charleston on Friday for Norfolk. She loads there for a West Indies and a Mexican port, after which voyage she returns to New York.

Accident on Barkentine Malwa.

Mr. Archie Rogers, of Yarmouth, son of Capt. William Rogers, has received a letter from Buenos Ayres, under date of December 21st, which announced the arrival of the bark, Malwa at that port on that date. It also stated that Myles Rogers, his brother a sailor on the vessel, was thrown from aloft when the Malwa was four days off Weymouth, breaking his arm, legs and nose and cutting his face. On that day the Malwa met with heavy squalls, and it was during one of these that the accident happened. The broken limbs were reset, and the injured man is doing well.

Death of Albert E Newton

Albert E. Newton, a veteran of the rebellion, died at his home, 40 Bridge St., Beverly, Jan. 26th. He was 65 years of age, and for many years was a resident of Salem, working at his calling, for the late John Preston, and then later carrying on business for himself on Broad St. He enlisted as a private in Co. A, 50th Massachusetts regiment, the old Salem Light Infantry, and served nine months. He was a member of post 34 G. A. R. and of Fraternity lodge, I. O. O. F. He leaves a widow, who was formerly Miss Maria A. Barr, sister of Mr. Jesse Barr, of Weymouth, Nova Scotia.

The Coming Horse Race.

The following entries have been received by Mr. H. B. Churchill, secy. of The Gentlemen's Driving Club, for the race which will be held on Daley's Lake next Thursday:

Millicent Maid—Capt. L. D. Morton.

Prizey—Dr. F. E. Rice.

Happy Girl—W. H. Eldridge.

Gipsey Wilkes—R. E. Feltus.

Trinity Sunday School House.

A HANDSOME AND WELL-CONSTRUCTED BUILDING.

Accompanied by Mr. R. L. Oliver, of the Digby Wood-Working Co., a COURIER representative visited the new Trinity School House Friday afternoon.

This handsome and well-constructed building is 28x50 feet with wings on each side, 11x20 feet.

There is a basement under the whole building with 11 feet ceiling. This contains a large furnace manufactured by the Ambrosé Company, Ltd., but supplied and put in place by Messrs. Dakin Bros., Digby's well-known tinsmiths and plumbers. This heats the entire building through live registers.

The auditorium room is 28x38 with 17 feet ceiling. The stage is 18x28.

The north wing is used as a class room. The south wing contains the library which is fitted with sliding glass doors, etc. This room also contains a cooking stove which is used for tea meetings and other entertainments which are sometimes held in the hall.

The interior finish of the entire building is white hemlock with oak stained trimmings and presents an attractive appearance, especially when lighted with electricity. The windows are Cathedral glass with patent ventilators, imported by the Maritime Glass Works of St. John, and give a pretty effect to the interior.

The outside of the building is similar to Holy Trinity Church. The structure rests on a brick and stone foundation. Plans were drawn by Mr. Geo. Pratt and the entire work of construction was by the Digby Wood-Working Co., who, perhaps, did not make a large amount of money from their contract, but have the satisfaction of knowing they gave a good job and one which was not slighted in the least. Mr. H. H. Erhan was the foreman, who, as well as the company he represented, deserves credit for the good material and good workmanship which is noticed in all parts of the building. The painting was in charge of Mr. C. E. Woodman, manager of The Digby Paint and Wallpaper Co.

We understand that the building cost in the vicinity of $3,000

Lectures

Rev. A. B. Higgins will lecture in the Methodist hall to-night. The lecture will include an account of the Great Epworth League Convention at San Francisco. It will no doubt prove an interesting as well as an instructive entertainment.

Rev. A. C. Borden, who for a number of years has been engaged in Missionary and Educational work in Japan, will give an address on Japan—its people, custom and religions in the Methodist church next Tuesday evening, Feb. 9th, at 7.15. Mr. Borden, who has had an excellent opportunity of becoming acquainted with Japan and the Japanese, was one of the speakers at the Epworth League Summer school at Berwick last autumn. He has with him a large and interesting collection of Japanese curios. This will probably be the only opportunity the people of Digby will have to hear Mr. Borden before next summer. He is an interesting and instructive speaker.

H. E. K. Whitney, Supt. Boys' Missions, St. John, N. B., accompanied by Walter Nixon, one of the most wonderful boy whistlers of the age, and Harry Upton, baritone soloist, will lecture in the Methodist church Sunday at 3.30, and Baptist church at 8.15 Monday evening. Subjects:—"Importance of Work Among Boys." (Pathetic) "History of My Mission; or, How to Reach and Discipline Boys." (Humorous.)

Revival Services

There will be special meetings held in Sydney St. Christian Church every evening during the next four weeks commencing Sunday evening, Feb. 7th.

The program will be done by the pastor, Rev. H. A. DeVoe.

The following will be the subjects for the first week:

Sunday evening—The New Man.

Monday evening—Judas: Besetting Sin, turning a field to bare Sheepers in.

Tuesday evening—Faith, Hope and Love—Perfection.

Wednesday evening—Good Hearted and Hard Hearted.

Thursday evening—Love without Jealousy.

Friday evening—Is your Heart at your right hand or left?

Mr. DeVoe will be assisted by Miss Hilda D. Murray, a talented singer from Milton, Queens Co.

A Pleasant Evening.

Quite a large number of the friends of Capt. and Mrs. William Watt met at their home on Monday evening, Jan. 25th, to wish them good cheer and joy their society for a few hours. Years come and go but our aged friends abide, and as in the case of wine so with them, age but improves. After a very enjoyable social hour, the guests indulged in a period of song, singing old time songs, the favorite of the hosts. When all were gone our friends found an old china bowl half filled with coin, and the kitchen table well laden with groceries.

New Tailoring Establishment

Mr. Angus McPhee will open Monday a new tailoring establishment in the rooms recently occupied by the Union Bank of Halifax, next door to C. F. Dunham's block. Mr. McPhee is well known in Digby, having had charge of Letteney & Co's. tailoring department for several years. Letteney & Co. have closed their tailoring branch, and no doubt "Mac" will retain the majority of his old customers along with many new ones in his line of business. We wish him success.

Death at Deep Brook.

A telephone message to the COURIER yesterday afternoon announced the death of John Lent who died at his home in Deep Brook yesterday morning, aged 38 years. The deceased was a son of the late Capt. Isaac Lent. He leaves a widowed mother with whom he resided, and one brother, Mr. Chas. Lent, of Newton, Mass. The funeral arrangements have not been completed.

Tenders and Public Property

In the proceedings of Municipal Council published last week, the adoption of report of Committee on Tenders and Public Property should read:

"Upon reading report of Committee on Tenders and Public Property, ordered to be received and adopted with the exception of item for increase of salary of keeper of Alms House, which is to remain as at present."

Left for Dorchester

Sheriff Smith conveyed the three prisoners to Dorchester Wednesday who were sentenced at Little Brook a week ago. Ambrose C. was the prisoner sentenced to two years. He and his wife Catherine are the parents of Elias Smith, not of Henry Smith, as before reported. The latter is a brother of Eliza's husband.

A Good Thing.

In the House of Representatives at Washington on Wednesday representative Kelley, of Boston, introduced a bill to limit the price of kerosene in Massachusetts to nine cents a gallon, and providing a penalty of from $500 to $1000 upon dealers who ask more than this price.

A Handsome Animal

The large white steer which was brought in town this week by Mr. Wm. Pickney, of Deep Brook, and attracted considerable attention, was purchased by Mr. W. Fairweather, proprietor of the Central Market. It was 21 years old and weighed, when dressed, 914 lbs.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND REWRITTEN IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC

—Rev. James S. Spears will preach in the Gulliver's Cove meeting house next Sunday, Feb. 7th, at 2.30 and 7 p. m.

—Those who attended the D. C. B. dance in the Oddfellows' hall last Monday evening report a good time.

—There were two other entertainments around town Monday evening which prevented a large attendance at the dance, but it was fairly well patronized.

—A donation party will be held in the Methodist hall Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

—Owing to returns not being all in, the drawing for the oil painting of the week of the sch. S. P. Hitchcock will not take place till the last of next week. The name of the winner will appear in the COURIER.

—The Sons of Temperance Division, of Acadiaville, will hold an entertainment in Marshallstown, Wednesday evening, February 10th. See adv. in another column.

—The St. John Business College is 30 years old and has always been well patronized by Maritime Province people, including many from Digby county.

—A supper held by the Sons of Temperance at Harbor View House, Smith's Cove, Wednesday night, was well attended, quite a number being present from Digby.

—As will be noticed by referring to our advertising columns the Union Bank of Halifax has moved into its new quarters in H. T. Warne's new block.

—Notwithstanding the cold weather a number of robins have been noticed around our streets all winter.

—Tuesday's west bound D. A. R. express was about five hours late at Digby.

—Owing to heavy snow drifts near Kentville, the train was at one time off the track.

—This has certainly been a hard winter for railroad and steamboat men.

—St. George Lodge has an orchestra of six pieces.

—Several candidates will be initiated in the Oddfellows' lodge to-night.

Hockey On the North End Rink.

A match game of hockey took place at the North End Rink last Saturday between the "St. Andrews 2nd" and a local junior team. The game was well contested throughout, the final ending without a score. The second half saw the Digby boys forcing the play and one minute after the face-off, G. Merkel secured the puck from a clever wing pass and shot the only goal scored during the match, which gave the game to Digby by a score of 1 to 0.

Young and H. Davison played star games for St. Andrews which team, however, suffered from its inability to keep after the rubber.

After the match the visiting team was entertained to afternoon tea by Mrs. Merkel, and returned to Annapolis well pleased with the afternoon's outing. The line up was as follows:

DIGBY.		ST. ANDREWS.
J. Mowatt,	goal.	Richards.
J. Allen,	point.	B. Davison.
R. Dakin,	C point.	A. Young.
A. Hughes,	forwards.	H. Locke.
R. Crosby,	"	E. Davison.
J. Loggie,	"	D. Campbell.
G. Merkel,	"	Hardy.

A return match will take place in Annapolis to-morrow afternoon.

A Four Masted Bark.

The San Francisco shipping authorities have decided to call a five masted vessel, which is square rigged on all but her jigger mast, a four-masted bark, although if she had one mast square rigged on every mast, *Marine Engineering* recently printed an illustration of the Astral, one of the Standard Oil Company's fine big sailing vessels which is commanded by Capt. J. W. Dunham, formerly of Barton, Digby county, and called it a "shipentine." The *Marine Journal* of New York claims to have coined the name shipentine as an appropriate name for that "rig" in an article published July 15th, 1883, over ten years ago.

Sleighing Party.

The sleighing party from Bay View to Victoria Bridge, which had been planned for some time, took place on Wednesday night. Although the night was cold, we arrived safely at the home of Capt. and Mrs. Charles Winchester where we met with a very warm reception, and found everything so warm and cosy, that we soon forgot our cold drive. We spent a very pleasant evening, and enjoyed our drive home, as it was moonlight, and not very cold. We all wish to express our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Winchester, for their kind hospitality and hope that at some future time we may be able to go again. ONE PRESENT.

Death of Mrs. Morehouse.

Mrs. Pethia Morehouse died at her home in Centreville Friday morning aged 65 years, after being ill but a short time with pneumonia. She is survived by two sons, Bamford, of Stoneham, Mass., and Fitchers, of Centreville; also three daughters, Mrs. Fred Thompson and Miss Annie Morehouse, of Hampton, N. H., and Mrs. Dobson, wife of Rev. Wm. Dobson, of Windsor, N. S. The funeral was held from her late home on Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. R. B. Mack, pastor of the Digby Neck Methodist churches. Interment at Lakeside.

Passed a Wreck.

SCHR. HELEN SCHAFFNER MAKING QUICK TRIPS.

Schr. Helen Schaffner, Capt. Herbert Saunders, arrived at Fernandina, Fla., Jan. 21st, from Barbadoes. Capt. Saunders reports passing on Sunday, W. lat. 28.10 N., a vessel about 300 tons with her decks to the water's edge, and abandoned. The Helen Schaffner has made two quick trips. She was twelve days from Mahone Bay, N. S., to Barbadoes and seven days from that port to Fernandina.

The Lurcher.

The Yarmouth *Herald* says:—This lightship is undergoing repairs by the New Burrell-Johnson Iron Co., which will probably be completed in a few days. She will then be placed in position two miles west magnetic from the shoalest portion of the Lurcher shoal in 36 fathoms. Schooner-rigged hull, smoke stack painted red. Circuit in electric white light each masthead sixty feet above water; lighted 8 seconds, eclipsed 4 seconds. Fog alarm diaphone, sounding 4 seconds, silent 56 seconds.

Awarded Diplomas

Among the students at the Normal School who were awarded diplomas for D. Science, are the following: Jeanne L. Amirault, Upper West Pubnico; Marie R. Comeauville; Louise Deveau, Salmon River; Helena Hassett, Digby Co.; Rowena J. Kenney, Port Gilbert; Miss Mary E. Dugas, Grosses Coques. It was recommended for Provincial License, good for one year, for year ending July 5, 1905.

Sudden Death.

Mrs. MacSweeney, aged 81 years, dropped dead at the home of her daughter, Mrs. James Collins, West End, last Saturday at 12 o'clock, noon.

To Cure a Cold in One Day.

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Where is Private W. A. Ward?

HIS FATHER IS ANXIOUS TO LEARN OF HIS WHEREABOUTS.

Mr. Alfred Ward, of Centreville, Digby county, father of Archie Ward, has been endeavoring to obtain news from his son who was for some time a private in the U. S. Army. Mr. Ward has received the following letter from John G. Foster, Esq., American Consul General at Ottawa.

Alfred Ward, Esq.,

Sir,—In further response to your enquiry concerning Archie Ward I have the honor to say that a communication from General Wilcox, Chief of Ordnance United States Army, states that one private Ward, Battery "L" 3rd. Artillery, was detailed on special duty in the Ordnance Department at Manila on Oct. 31, 1898, and discharged on August 14th, 1899.

I enclose a copy of record of private Wallace A. Ward, Battery "L", 3rd. Artillery, as shown on the muster rolls of that Battery, on file in the War Department.

I am unable to ascertain anything further concerning Archie Ward.

I am,
Very truly yours,
JOHN G. FOSTER,
Consul General.

Ottawa, Jan. 6th, 1904.

RECORD OF PRIVATE WALLACE A. WARD.

Wallace A. Ward was enlisted June 2nd, 1898, at Los Angeles, California, assigned to Battery L, 3rd Artillery, and sent to Manila, P. I., from November 5th, 1898, until discharged on August 14th, 1899, per S. O. 215, Dept. Pacific and 8th Army Corps 1899. A Private. Character "Excellent." He was again enlisted January 4th, 1900, at Boston, Mass., for Hospital Corps, U. S. A., and was discharged December 31st, 1903, at Manilla, P. I., by expiration of service, a private of Hospital Corps. "Excellent."

There is no record of his return to the United States or subsequent enlistment.

He gave the following emergency address at time of last enlistment: Alfred Ward, Nova Scotia.

Compelled to Pay Full Fare.

On the 1st February the Canadian Pacific Railway put in effect, under a section of the new Railway Bill, an order compelling certificates under which clergymen have been granted reduced fares on the railway. This rule applies officially on all railroads in Canada except the I. C. R.

—Dr. Annis, dentist, will be at Centreville the second week in Feb, third week at Westport, fourth week at Freeport. First week in March at Tiverton, second week at Little River. 1 ip.

Personal Mention

Mr. Loomer, of Tiverton was a passenger to Halifax Tuesday.

Mrs. Alfred E. Weymouth, was a passenger to Halifax Tuesday.

Miss Angie James, of Bridgetown, is visiting Mrs. McCormick, Queen St.

Mr. E. A. Gidney, of Musk Cove, was a passenger to St. John Wednesday.

Miss Frances Smith was a passenger to Bridgetown Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. Arthur Outhouse, of Tiverton, was a passenger to Halifax, Tuesday, via Weymouth.

Mr. C. Jameson, town clerk, is spending a few days in Halifax. He is registered at the Queen.

Capt. Oscar Outhouse was a passenger from Tiverton Monday, and left Wednesday for Halifax.

Mr. Leonard Lydiard, of Halifax, who has been the guest of his sister, Mrs. E. Bent, was a passenger to St. John, Wednesday. He returned Friday.

The many friends of Mrs. A. M. Hill, wife of Dep. Sheriff Hill, Fairville, N. B., will be pleased to hear that she is now out of danger, and is gradually recovering.

Mr. and Mrs. D. A. Comer are the guests of Mrs. Arthur's brother, I. R. Nelson of Woodville. They have been on Grand Manan, winter with Mrs. Arthur's parents in New Brunswick.

Mrs. Roberson left on Monday for New York, where she had been summoned, owing to the sudden and serious illness of her husband. Mrs. Herbert Crosskill accompanied her.

Saturday's *Telegraph*: Mrs. James Harding was a tea on Wednesday afternoon to introduce her niece, Miss Florence Harding, a debutante, into society. All the friends of Miss Harding join in wishing her a very brilliant social career.

Yarmouth *Times*: Mrs. (Major) Edwards who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Bingay, left for England on Saturday, via Boston per steamer Boston. Mr. Edwards arrived from Montreal on Saturday, having left his son Lawrence, convalescent.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Quickstep is in Weymouth waiting a chance to go on the marine ways.

Schrs. Thelma and Wanita were off Digby yesterday from the schr. St. John.

Tug Marina will probably leave to-morrow for Yarmouth to receive her second overhauling.

Schr. Neva towed from Bear River Monday with lumber for the West Indies shipped by Clarke Bros.

Bark Stranger has left New York for Weymouth to load lumber for Buenos Ayres, shipped by G. D. Campbell & Co.

Tug Marina, Capt. C. F. Lewis, arrived here from Weymouth Wednesday night. She experienced rough weather in the Bay of Fundy.

S. S. Westport III., Capt. Powell, landed freight and passengers at the lower wharf, Weymouth, Tuesday. Ice in the river prevented her from coming up to the wharf.

Bark J. H. Bowers, went ashore on the west side of Weymouth River while swinging to her anchor before the arrival of tug Marina, last Monday. She was floated Wednesday and docked. Yesterday she was towed up by tug Wanda. The Bowers is loaded with lumber for Buenos Ayres, shipped by G. D. Campbell & Co.

New Ads. This Week

B. Havey & Co. ..... Who Can Stop?
Union Bank of Halifax ..... Removed
H. A. P. Smith ..... Sheriff's Sale
Black & Morton ..... Have You Consumption?
S. of T. ..... Announcement
The Mutual Life ..... Of Canada
St. John Business College ..... 36 Years Old
John Harris ..... Public Notice
Angus McPhee New Tailoring Establishment
J. Wentworth ..... Special Notice
J. S. Hines ..... For Sale
..... Lost

New Tailoring Establishment.

I HAVE OPENED A TAILORING BUSINESS IN THE

TURNBULL BUILDING,

LATELY OCCUPIED BY THE UNION BANK OF HALIFAX.

I HAVE ON HAND A LARGE AND WELL SELECTED STOCK OF NEW

English, Scotch and Worsted SUITINGS

ALSO A FINE LINE OF WORSTED PANTINGS AND FANCY VESTINGS.

First-class work Guaranteed

ANGUS McPHEE
DIGBY, N. S.

SPECIAL NOTICE.

10 per cent Discount.

The subscriber wishes to inform his customers generally, that a discount of ten per cent. from the regular price for repairing Footwear, will go into effect after the 10th February, 1904 Price list date forward all shoe work will be strictly CASH.

All Book debts due prior to the 1st Jan. 1904, must be settled within thirty days from date.

G. H. HOLDSWORTH.

Digby Feb. 4th, 1904. 22 tip

FOR SALE

TWO YOKES of Beef Oxen. Apply to
J. E. BINNS,
Digby, N. S.
23 ii

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

A SUDDEN CHANCE.

Yesterday it was 50
To-day it is 10 below

WE ARE OFFERING OUR BEST 50 CENT CHOCOLATES TO-DAY AND FOR A LIMITED TIME FOR

40c. per lb.

IT WILL PAY YOU TO BITE.

Oranges Jamaicas and Valencias per dozen only..... **25c**

Other Fruits and Confections at prices to suit the purse.

Central Grocery.

UNION BANK OF HALIFAX, REMOVED

From the N. A. Turnbull Building to its new quarters in

H. T. Warne's New Block.

J. A. Irving, Manager.

1904. A. No. 410

Sheriffs's Sale.

IN THE SUPREME COURT.

Between—THOMAS H. MILLER, Plaintiff,
—AND—
WILLIAM H. ILES, Absent or absconding, Defendant.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby or his Deputy, at the Blacksmith shop formerly occupied by Wm. Iles, in Bear River, in the County of Digby, on Saturday, February 13th, A. D. 1904, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon.

ALL the following personal property: Blacksmith Shop Fittings, 1-2 ton Blacksmith Coal, 1 box Dies and Taps, a lot of New Horseshoes, a lot of Blacksmith Tools, 1 Drilling Machine, 1 Horse-shoe Vise, 1 Tire Setter, 1 Bender, 1 Coal Stove, 1 lot of Belts, Washers, Nuts, etc., 25 Bars of Steel, 10 tons of Iron, 1 lot Iron and Steel Bars, 1 lot of Scrap Iron, 1 Sleigh, 1 Wagon Jack, 1 Hay Cutter.

TERMS CASH.

M. D. SMITH,
High Sheriff of the County of Digby.

FRANK JONES,
Solicitor of Plaintiff. 23 ii

Have You Consumption?

Perhaps you are trying to make yourself believe you are all right. Very good, but use PARK'S PERFECT EMULSION and you will be all right.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

The Members of Hope Division, No. 154, S. of T., will give a

Musical and Dramatic Entertainment

at the Marshallstown School House on WEDNESDAY EVENING, FEB. 10th, 1904, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. Proceeds for benefit of the Acadiaville Temperance Hall.

If stormy will be held the next fine night. Come one and all and have a good time.

ADMISSION 15 cents. Children 10 cents.

23 ii BY ORDER COMMITTEE.

A MORTGAGE ON UNWILLING RELATIVES

No danger of a man becoming that if in his gainy days he has made some providence enough to provide for his old age by buying endowment insurance in

The MUTUAL LIFE OF CANADA.

E. E. BORDEN, Manager for Nova Scotia, Halifax, N.S.

36 Years Old

The Business College

And not done growing yet. Last year was our banner year, the best of the 35.

1904, so far, is still better than 1903, and we are trying hard to merit continued growth.

Students can enter at any time.

S. KERR & SON
ODDFELLOWS' HALL

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL persons are hereby forbidden trusting my wife Mary Harris, on my account, I will not be responsible for any bills contracted by her. She has left my bed and board for no cause.

JOHN HARRIS.

Jordantown, Feb. 1st, 1904. 23 ii

LOST

ON SUNDAY afternoon, near the Methodist Church, a gold brooch. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at COURIER Office, or any information will be thankfully received.

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Minard's Liniment Cures Colds, etc

SPECIAL REDUCTIONS.

For the next 30 days we will give Sweeping Reductions for Cash on all Heavy Winter Goods to make room for our early spring goods which are already beginning to arrive.

LADIES' WINTER COATS—ONLY A FEW LEFT.

1 Short Coat, Grey, 36 in. bust ..... regular price $7.50 for 5.50
1 Short Coat, Black, 38 in. bust ..... regular price 7.50 for 5.50
2 ¾ Coats, Black, 34 and 36 in. bust ..... regular price 7.50 for 5.00
1 ¾ Coat, Mixed, 34 in. bust ..... regular price 8.75 for 5.75
1 each ¾ Coats, Grey, 32, 36 and 38 in. bust ..... regular price 7.25 for 4.75
1 Astrachan Coat ..... regular price 28.50 for 21.50
1 Fur Lined Cape ..... regular price 20.00 for 15.00
1 Black Fur Cape ..... regular price 10.25 for 7.75

A Few Fur Collars, Ruffs and Muffs

At discounts ranging from one-quarter to one-third off regular prices. Balance Ladies' Flannel and Flannelette Blouses, one-third off.

Special Prices on Ladies' Heavy Suitings.

Men's Winter Reefers, Overcoats and Ulsters

One-quarter off regular prices for cash, and the same discounts on Boys' Overcoats and Ulsters. Besides these goods we have many other lines which will be sold very low. Balance of Remnants very low.

OUR NEW SPRING PRINTS ARE HERE.

J. L. PETERS, TELEPHONE 24 DIGBY, N. S.

MID-WINTER

BARGAIN SALE OF BOOTS & SHOES.

During the NEXT FEW WEEKS, we will offer the balance of our Winter Stock of Footwear, at a tremendous discount for cash. Just note some of the BARGAINS.

WOMEN'S BUCKLE OVERSHOES, former price	$2.25, reduced to	**$1.70**
WOMEN'S BUTTON OVERSHOES,	2.00, "	**1.60**
MISSES' BUTTON OVERSHOES,	1.70, "	**1.25**
MEN'S 3 BUCKLE OVERSHOES,	2.75, "	**2.25**
MEN'S 1 BUCKLE OVERSHOES,	1.75, "	**1.40**
MEN'S 1 BUCKLE OVERSHOES,	1.60, "	**1.20**
WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS,	1.00, "	**.75**
WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS,	.85, "	**.55**
WOMEN'S FELT SLIPPERS,	.75, "	**.50**

MISSES' SLIPPERS, at 20, 30, 40 and 50c. per pair. WOMEN'S LEGGINS and GAITERS all reduced 20 per cent. Lot of Women's Fine Kid Button Boots, sizes 3, 3½ and 7, former price $2.00 and 2.25, reduced to $1.50. Men's Larrigans, best quality, but small sizes 6, 7 and 8, reduced to $1.00 pair.

These are only a few of the many bargains we have to offer our customers during the next few weeks. It will pay you to give them a look. No goods charged at these prices.

The Digby Boot & Shoe Store,

H. B. SHORT, - PROPRIETOR.

At DIGBY'S FURNITURE STORE

COUCHES,
LOUNGES,
Student Chairs,
Morris Chairs.

Woven Wire and Stuffed Mattresses and Pillows,
Including the celebrated OSTERMOOR Elastic Felt Mattress.

If you wish to have your Furniture thoroughly renovated and repaired, we have a first-class Upholsterer who can do it for you. A large variety of coverings to select from.

F. M. STEADMAN, TELEPHONE 85, DUNHAM BUILDING.

How about those Outside Windows

STORM DOORS AND PORCHES

That you need for the Fall and Winter Months? We can furnish you at short notice if we have the order at once.

DIGBY WOODWORKING CO., 'Phone 78.

HARD TIMES AND MONEY SCARCE.

Makes you stop and think where you can get the most for a dollar. I have cut up and sold over seven tons of pork this season, and can show offer you Choice Mild Sugar-cured Hams, Bacon and Sausage. Salt Pork by the bbl. or pound, cheaper than any other market in the county. No middlemen's profit for you to pay. Roast Beef, Corned Beef, Lamb, Poultry, Butter, Eggs, Canned Goods, Fresh Vegetables.

Tea and Tea.

Central Meat Market

FANCY DRESS AND Masquerade Dance.

A Fancy Dress and Masquerade Dance will be given under the auspices of the Band in

ODDFELLOWS' HALL,

DIGBY MEAT MARKET, O. Fairweather, Proprietor. Telephone No. 16.

Old Season Tickets will be accepted at Night. St. Valentines' February 15th

Further particulars will be given later.

It happened just three years ago that my business was wedded to Digby. I am going to celebrate the consummation of my third year by an Anniversary Sale on Saturday, January 30th only. During the past three years the growth and expansion of the Central Meat Market has been wonderful, and my constant aim and endeavor has been to make my meat as perfect as human skill could make it, and to sell to the people of Digby the very best class of meat and provisions, and to give my customers such prices as would show that Digby will find it a pleasant and profitable place to deal.

TEL. 66 W. FAIRWEATHER, PROP.

Westport

J. A. Peters is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Ervan Gower has lately come home.

Miss Nellie Denton spent last week in Freeport.

Mr. Ling, our popular cobbler, is in St. John.

Mr. Leeland Elliott has gone to St. Stephen, N. B.

Mrs Colllins Titus has arrived home from Weymouth.

Messrs. J. W. Hammond and C. Blackie are registered at the Central House.

Mrs. Ruth McDonald and daughter Margaret spent last week in Freeport.

Mr. Herbert Ruggles, of Sheffield Mills, Kings Co., is visiting at his old home.

The ice has been in excellant condition for the past week, and the young people have enjoyed themselves very much.

Very interesting meetings are now being held in the Baptist and Christian churches conducted by Rev's. Ford and Kempt.

It may not be uninteresting to the many readers of the COURIER to learn that the great religious revival is extending in our town of Westport. Special services have been held since the 11th of January and we hope our good pastor, Rev. Richard Kempt will continue them for some time yet. Quite a number have lately professed Christ and still the good work goes on. Many are yet anxiously inquiring the way to Salvation. God's saving power is graciously revealed to those seeking ones. Earnest prayers are being offered for the salvation of this community, and I believe those prayers are being heard and answered. Special class room services for young men are held at 6.15 every evening by brother W. A. Pugh. Although they are not very well attended yet we pray God for an increase in the near future. Special services are also held by Rev. E. C. Ford in the Christian Church each evening and are largely attendud.

Freeport.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch L. Thurber have returned from a visit to Clark's Harbor and Weymouth.

Miss Beatrice Israel has been confined to the house for the past week, due from injuries received from a heavy fall on the ice.

Arrivals at the Freeport House: B. D. Lingly, Canada Drug Co.; D. W. Buddington, Tiger Tea; John Lonergan, Cook & Stoneman; A. J. Nesbitt, Vassie & Co.; St. John.

On Monday evening, Jan. 25th, Court "Widow's Friend" presented Capt. A. J. Thurber with a ring in token of their appreciation of his services as Treasurer for the term of twelve years.

Mr. Whitman has resigned his position as principal of our public school and left for his home Monday, Feb. 1st, via Meteghan. Mr. Morse, of Lawrencetown, will take his place for the remainder of the year.

The leading social event of the season was a grand party held in the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening, given by the young men of this place and too much cannot be said in praise of the manner in which it was conducted. Over one hundred young ladies and gentlemen were present. The evening was spent in playing games and social intercourse. Chocolate, cake and oranges were served. Before retiring, Miss Minnie Bent, in behalf of the young ladies, presented the boys with a vote of thanks and all wended their way home-ward well pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Sandy Cove.

Mr. B. E. Dakin returned home Saturday.

Mr. Hatfield, photographer, is doing a good business in this place.

The fishermen report good catches of lobsters, when the weather permits.

Mr. Ward Cossaboom, of Tiverton, spent a few days at the Village House last week.

Miss Maggie Leary, returned home on Friday, after visitings friends in Digby and Weymouth.

Capt. J. H. Morehouse returned from Halifax Saturday where he went for the purpose of purchasing a larger steamboat.

Since the foundation of the new breakwater was laid, some of our young men find it convenient to haddock fish. We wish them success.

On Friday last a sleighing party of 20 drove to Long Beach and visited the home of Mr. Augustus Harris. Although it stormed very hard on their return, all report an excellent time.

Parties seem to be the order of the day. Mrs. Wm. Burns gave one Tuesday evening. A pleasant time was spent by all. Miss Abbie Eldridge entertained a number of her friends on Monday, who reported a good time. Miss Jessie Saunders entertained a number of her friends on Thursday. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

Centreville

Mr. Shandler of Halifax made a business trip to this place Wednesday.

We regret to mention Mr. Tuttle Graham, who has been ill for some time, not much improved.

Steamer Centreville lies at the wharf loaded, ready for St. John. This will be her last trip for this season.

While chopping in the woods Oscar Hubley cut a bad gash in his foot. Five stitches were taken in the wound.

The continued rough weather has compelled the fishermen to haul up their boats and give their attention to other work for a few months.

On January 29th Mrs. Pethia Morehouse, peacefully closed her earthly life for the higher service with Christ, and fellowship with the glorified in Heaven. Two sons and three daughters mourn the loss of a loving mother, her husband having died a number of years ago. The community, as well as the Methodist Church of which she has been an exemplary member from her youth, has sustained a loss. She was the friend of all, and of her it can be truly said "she had no enemies." Her eldest daughter, the wife of the Rev. Mr. Wm. Dobson, arrived home in time for the funeral.

Barton.

Mr. Adolph Speichts has gone to Boston.

Mr. Benj. Robichau has returned from Gloucester.

Mr. Sutherland's shingle mill is running full time at present.

Mr. Loran Morrell has returned from his trip to the West Indies.

Mr. Uriah Worthylake fell last week and is quite badly injured.

We are pleased to see Miss Lena Speichts after being laid up for some time.

Della, the oldest daughter of Mr. Isaac O'Neill died Friday and was buried Monday afternoon.

Mrs. A. J. Rice has closed her house for the winter months and is boarding with her mother, Mrs. Eleanor Lambertson.

Nora Lambertson and Lyda Perry left Monday for Truro to attend Normal School. Miss Pearl Messenger takes charge of Miss Perry's school at South Range during the former's absence.

Acaciaville

We are sorry to learn that Mr. George Roop, of Acacia Valley, is on the sick list.

Mr. Joe Franklyn, who has been home on a short vacation, left for Boston on Wednesday of last week.

Miss Bessie Sulis, teacher of the Hill Grove school, spent Sunday last at Digby the guest of Mrs. Robert Reed.

Miss Julia Kinney, of Port Gilbert, is enjoying a short vacation here, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Warne.

Sleighing parties seem to be the order of the day, or night rather, and the young folks are making good use of the excellent going and moonlight nights.

Mr. E. H. Nichols, sr., is recovering from his recent illness and is able to be out again. His son, Mr. Edward Nichols, who came home in consequence, has returned to Halifax to resume his studies at Dalhousie College.

Little River

Mr. Wilbert Denton has gone to Westport for a few days.

Miss Mary Outhouse and brother Lee Outhouse of Tiverton, spent Sunday with friends here.

What might have proved a serious accident occurred here on Friday evening when Mr. Allen Gidney's horse took fright and ran away, smashing up the sleigh. Mr. Gidney escaped without being injured. Master Hugh Denton, who was out coasting, was struck a severe blow on the head by a piece of the broken sleigh. Dr. F. E. Rice was at once summoned. The little fellow is doing nicely at present.

Councillor Hayden's Surprise

A LARGE NUMBER OF HIS FRIENDS REMEMBER HIS BIRTHDAY.

When Councillor W. W. Hayden put aside his daily paper to answer a ring of the door bell Monday evening, he was certainly surprised to meet more than a score of his gentlemen friends from around town who had arrived to remind him of the forty-second anniversary of his birthday. This number was soon augmented by as many more who "took possession" and spent several hours in games and conversation. When Mr. Hayden had somewhat recovered from his first surprise he encountered another when Mr. A. J. S. Copp, M. P., on behalf of those present, presented him with a handsome easy chair. Mr. Hayden made a suitable reply.

Mrs. Hayden and a number of her lady friends had been informed of the affair and about eleven o'clock, all were invited to the dining room where, perhaps, the best game of the evening, was enjoyed by everybody. This was followed by "a smoke," after-dinner speeches, music, etc. The following, which was read during the evening, was received with great applause:

Here's a word to "Captain Wallace",
Who is eke a Councillor
In the modest little town beside the sea;
He is full of enterprise
From his ankles to his eyes,
And there's none who know it better than do we.

He's a leader in his party.
He's a hand behind the throne,
And he sometimes is the man behind the gun;
Tho' he does not talk and bluster
When he sees us Tories muster,
Yet he generally keeps us on the run.

He was born a politician,
And he was not born in vain,
For he's scored, and he will likely score again;
So in "turning his position"
Take with you a good physician
For the chance is you'll be numbered with the slain.

If one sent a little message
To the chap who corresponds
For the paper which is published in the town
It would be to just remind him
That he cannot see behind him
And a man who thinks he's up, may soon be down.

Tho' he didn't mean it kindly,
Yet it's just the thing which tells—
When a fellow's pressing forward to an end.
For it's doubtful if a letter
Which is "puffy" is much better
As the readers think it's written by a friend.

If you're in the Cabinet
Half the papers sing your praise
Like the letter which was spoken of before;
Yet they say a Minister
Can be found for every chair—
And the Members often wish that there were more.

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But we're met to do him honor
And we're here to wish him luck,
Let us hope for him the best the years may hold,
In the way of happy living—
Every day its own joy giving,
And an ample share of silver and of gold.

It was after midnight when the friends said good-bye to Mr. and Mrs Hayden and wished them many happy returns of the day.

The Late G. A. Viets.

THE HIGH ESTEEM IN WHICH HE WAS HELD BY HIS OTTAWA FRIENDS.

(From the Ottawa Evening Journal.)

The affection and esteem in which the late Geo. A. Viets was held by his many friends in Ottawa was attested by the large number present at the service held at 128 Bank street, Saturday afternoon. Rev. T. W. Gladstone, rector of Emmanuel Reformed Episcopal church; Rev. Norman MacLeod, of McKay street Presbyterian church, and Rev. A. A. Cameron, of the First Baptist church, conducted the service, which was of a most impressive character. Reference was made by the officiating clergymen to the kindly disposition, sterling integrity and Christian character which had endeared the deceased to all who knew him. The Rev. Mr. MacLeod said, in part: "I have no desire to use extravagant language upon this occasion, but I have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Viets was one of the most perfect types of a thorough gentleman that it has been my good fortune to meet. The moral force of the world has been lessened because of his death. I have known him intimately for two years, and have been impressed and inspired by the beauty of his character, his thoughtfulness for others and his kindly and lovable disposition. While we mourn his death we have the satisfaction of knowing not only that he has gone to a better land beyond, but that the memory of what he was in this life remains, and will continue to remain, as a distinct influence for good." In closing Mr. MacLeod asked for the prayers of those present for the aged mother of the deceased, now in her 91st year, that she might be sustained and comforted.

At the conclusion of the service the body was taken to the Central depot, from whence it was sent to Digby, N. S., where the funeral will take place, with full Masonic honors, on Wednesday. The following friends of the deceased were at the service: Messrs. R. W. Stephen, G. S. Hutchinson, F. L. Jones, E. S. McPhail, J. W. Borden, H. W. Brown, Alex. Murray, Neil McIntosh, T. S. Howe, A. M. Ross, H. W. Messenger, E. P. Hartney, A. V. Wade, W. H. Snelling, G. P. Fotheringham, J. Desisle, C. E. Clarke, C. H. E. Askwith, H. Washington, E. B. Holt, Howard, Haggerty, Fraser, Cohoon, Smithson, Rochester, McDonald, Dr. Bower, Dr. Robertson, Dr. Brown, and others.

Railroad Acident

KANSAS CITY, February 1.—The Colorado Flyer, on the Missouri Pacific, that left Denver Saturday afternoon for Kansas City, was derailed near Miller, Kansas, yesterday while running 40 miles an hour. The engine and rear car, a Pullman, alone remained upright on the track. The baggage car, smoker and a chair car, were thrown into the ditch and were badly shattered. One person was killed and thirteen injured, one seriously.

One Theatre Opened

CHICAGO, Feb. 1.—McVicker's theatre complete with safeguards against fire and loss of life, re-opened tonight, being the first of the popular playhouses to open since all of them closed following the Iroquois Theatre fire on December 30th.

ACCIDENT ON I. C. R.

Train Plunged Down a Fifty Foot Embankment.

THERE WERE FORTY PEOPLE ON BOARD WHEN THE BOSTON AND MONTREAL EXPRESS LEFT THE RAILS NEAR MILFORD.

Express train No. 25, of the Intercolonial railway, was wrecked Wednesday one and a quarter miles north of Milford Station. She had about forty people on board. One of these was Mrs. John Glassey, of Halifax, who was going to Truro to visit a sister.

Strange to say her's and Conductor Duncan's, so far, are the only deaths on a train, every car of which rolled down an embankment of 28 feet.

Of thirty passengers, 25 are known to be injured and some of these may die. Conductor R. G. Duncan, was a veteran of 47 years' service, and there will be deep regret at the news of the heroic man's death.

E. J. Hudd, C. P. R. car inspector, is one of the most seriously injured. He was pinned for three hours within the Pullman by the trucks of the first-class car that crushed it through.

It is pretty well established that the accident was not caused by a defective rail, but by something that went wrong with the undergear of the forward car.

The second class car was broken into splinters and all the others were demolished, turned over again till they came to a standstill on the ice at the bottom of the incline.

The train was running at the rate of at least 35 miles an hour when the accident happened, without sign of warning. The engine parted from the combined postal and baggage car and sped on as if nothing were wrong, but the horrified passengers found themselves in cars that were turning over and over in their descent to the bottom of the embankment covered by ice from the upper waters of the Shubenacadie river, beyond the point where the tides rise.

THE DEAD.

Duncan, Robert G., at his home, Dutch Village.

Glasssey, Mrs. John, Halifax.

THE INJURED.

Uttley, H., in Halifax, severe scalp wound.

Rutherford, Douglas, in Milford—Back slightly injured.

Bentley, Miss Ethel, at her father's home in Halifax—Ankle sprained and other injuries.

Vance, Mrs. A. B., wife of Conductor Vance, at Milford—Badly injured in the back.

Vance, Mrs. mother of Conductor Vance, at Milford—Head cut and internal injuries.

Biswanger, C. W., in Truro—Leg and back injured.

DeMille, F. W., at his home in Halifax—Head and face cut.

Marsh, G. W., in Truro—Bad shaking up and bruises.

Wickwire, W. R., at his father's home, Halifax—Cut on head and shoulders, and wrist sprained.

Appleby, Theodore—Back of head and forehead and face cut; legs and arms bruised.

Blair, J. E., in Truro—Head severely cut and suffering from loss of blood.

Kelley, Peter, brakeman, in Halifax—Head cut.

Macdonald, J. S., at his home on Victoria road—Cut behind the ear and shoulder bruised.

Rideout, S., at hospital—Back injured.

Hitchey, Wm., at hospital—Not seriously hurt.

Bustin, Frank, at hospital—Leg broken in two places; resting as easy as could be expected.

Monseoise, Lapoli, at hospital—Scalp wound.

Castalano, Joseph, in hospital—Ribs broken.

Savatori, Marcus, in hospital—Scalp wound.

Papaluku, Guseppi, in hospital—Scalp wound.

Cisto, Guseppi, in hospital—Scalp wound.

May Cost Chicago $10.000,000.

CHICAGO, Jan. 31.—Chicago is made liable for $10,000,000 damages by the verdict of the coroner's jury, which holds Mayor Harrison, Fire Chief Musham, Building Commissioner Williams and Inspector Loughlin responsible and declares them guilty of neglect in connection with the Iroquois Theatre horror. The damages for which the city may be liable are as follows:

For 572 killed, $6,000,000.
For 210 seriously injured, $2,500,000.
For 200 minor injuries, $1,500,000.

The lawyers are certain that the verdict of the coroner's jury will be followed by a deluge of suits. The question as to the responsibility of the city in the deaths and injuries they hold to be practically settled by the verdict.

That the finding of negligence against city officials, failure to perform their duties, etc., by the coroner's jury gives the theatrical people grounds for action against the city is asserted by many lawyers. They declare that theatrical managers who have been forced to cancel engagements and keep their companies idle during the time the theatres have been closed have a good case at law against the city of Chicago, especially those seventeen houses which possess certificates of safety signed by Chief Musham.

Mayors of Nova Scotia

Amherst	N. A. Rhodes
Annapolis Royal	A. M. King
Antigonish	John S. O'Brien
Bridgetown	Burton D. Neily
Bridgewater	Thomas A. Wilson
Canso	E. C. Whitman
Dartmouth	E. F. Scarfe
Digby	H. B. Short
Glace Bay	D. M. Burchell
Kentville	W. E. Roscoe
Liverpool	D. C. Mulhall
Louisburg	W. W. Lewis
Lunenburg	A. R. Morash
New Glasgow	C. M. Crockett
North Sydney	D. D. MacKenzie
Parrsboro	James W. Day
Pictou	A. C. MacDonald
Port Hawkesbury	E. C. Embree
Port Hood	A. D. McIsaac
Stellarton	Robert Keith
Sydney Mines	John McCormick
Truro	H. T. Laurence
Westville	J. D. Murray
Windsor	Arthur F. Armstrong
Wolfville	Dr. G. E. DeWitt

N. S. Temperance Alliance.

At the Prohibition Covention, held in Halifax last winter, it was agreed to organize the Temperance forces of the Province in order to secure unity and harmony in Temperance work. The Executive Committee was instructed to draft a Constitution and call the first Annual Meeting.

The Executive now calls the first Annual Meeting, to be held on Tuesday, the 16th day of February, 1904, at 2.30 o'clock p. m., in St. Mary's Hall, Barrington Street, Halifax.

It is hoped there will be a large and representative gathering. The purpose is to secure the united action of all Temperance Societies, and of all persons interested in the great work to be done.

A programe for the guidance of the meeting will be prepared, and everything possible will be done to make the Convention a success.

Entertained by President Diaz.

President Diaz, of Mexico City, gave a dinner on Sunday, at the National Palace, to Postmaster General Sir William Mulock, of Canada. The British Club gave him a banquet Saturday night, and social courtesies have been lavished upon the Canadian statesman.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

A Work of Fiction.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—I have before me a novel entitled "Statement Reports and Expenditures for Town of Digby."

I use the word novel advised as one of its meanings is "a fictitious prose narrative or tale involving some plot of more or less intricacy." In a work of this kind there are generally some errors or omissions. A few of which I would like to point out.

In the Mayor's report concerning streets he says, "A good deal of work was done towards the betterment of the streets." *Ruining*, not betterment is the right word. Further on the word mercifully is omitted after "frost," for we should be thankful the frost did put an end to further operations. In the next paragraph we learn the duties of the C. T. A. inspector are still performed by the chief of police, and by careful study of this interesting work the gentle taxpayer will also learn that the said inspector receives 45 per cent of the fines, the legal fraternity and witnesses 37 per cent, and the Town—well, the Town gets 18 per cent. The question is would the Town or the "Chief" be the gainer if all the liquor sellers were prosecuted? (Persecuted is the better word, as one is.) Perhaps if the inspector had a few more assistants, a few more fines might be collected. By the way, talking of assistants, I see our "Chief" has two rather unnecessary ones—janitor of town hall $70.00, night watchman $50.00. That work is generally done by the "Chief" in towns the size of ours.

In the valedictory, what looks like a printers error occurs. The Mayor is made to say "I am glad to be able to say..........that the town's affairs are in a sound and prosperous condition." Now anyone having the pleasure of our ex-Mayor's acquaintance knows that he is a business man of sound common sense and good judgment.

Coming to the Auditors' report, this is chiefly valuable for what it does not reveal. The accounts are so jumbled, I hope not designedly, that its hard to find out what is what. Take Police, for instance, $50 for Chief, with suit $25; under C. T. A., $450, also $93.15 Query, where does $93.15 go? Salaries again, clerk and treasurer $500; turn to School Expenditure, secretary $100. Why not be honest and above board, and put the salary as it really is, $600. While on the subject of salaries, the Council is advertising for a newstreet and water commissioner and in my humble opinion are not doing it in the right way. Why not ask for tenders as any business concern would. Perhaps because somebody interested has a friend ready and willing to take the billet at $480, $100 more than is necessary.

Turning another page we find our receipts for 1903 are $17,689.32; subtracting balance in bank, $3,385.68, gives us $14,303 64 as our gross receipts, about 15 per cent. of which goes to salaries—at least one third more than any other town the size of Digby spends.

In Abstract "K" you will see our assessors receive $80, $70 of which goes to one man. In 1902 Annapolis had this work done for $15.00 and this year Wolfville, a town the same size and same assessment as Digby, pays $30.00. Also in above abstract you will find $50 towards advertising town, also $150 for band. It seems to me if the town can afford to give the band $150, and its not too much, it certainly could afford more than $50 towards advertising a business that pays 25 per cent of all taxes. Now, Mr. Editor, I hope you and our fellow tax payers will "read, mark, learn and inwardly digest" this costly work of fiction, in the end that we may next year publish a new or revised edition.

Yours truly,
A. B.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR.—I have received your paper of January 22, 1904, containing the death and burial of Capt. George Augustus Viets; and I cannot allow the facts to pass without paying my humble tribute to his memory. It was my fortune and pleasure to know Capt. Viets, in the closest of fraternalties, to know him in such relations as permitted the justest estimates to be formed of his character. There are duties performed by those who serve their country whatever the character of the station or trust, which are performed by some with the merest perfunctory attention; and there are those who regard an imposed trust from the high plane of a personal honor done them, and who comfort themselves in accord with their sense of that trust. This was an eminent trait in Captain Viets. He was profoundly impressed with loyalty. This dominated his character and impressed upon his features the stamp of the patriot. It was revealed in glance, in tone, in gesture.

There are those who have proceeded him "to the land shadowing with wings"; who have abundant evidence of his untiring devotion to duty; of his watchful loving care, and of the broad humanity controlling his life. There are those whom he has left behind who gaze outward from the shores of time,

"To that dark sea with shores extending;
"For barques launched, there's no returning;
"There Angels greet with Rest Eternal:"

and who wait, with fond memories of his manhood, to join their brother in that Rest Eternal.

This is but a feeble tribute; and yet with the traits he possessed were united the gentler, sweeter graces which beautify the life, and add the crown of Amaranth to his memory.

EDWARD SYDNEY FOWLER.

New York City, February 1, 1904.

Accident on the S. S. Senlac.

One of the men in the steward's department on the Senlac had his arm badly scalded last week through the bursting of a valve of a steam pipe.

Everyday Ailments

ALMOST INVARIABLY THE RESULT OF POOR BLOOD OR WEAK NERVES.

If your health is impaired in any way, however slight, this article should interest you. Ask any doctor and he will tell you that most of the ailments from which men and women of the present day suffer, are due to weak, watery blood, or disorders of the nerve forces. In your case the trouble may only be making a start—showing itself in a tired feeling, a derangement of the digestion, perhaps an occasional headache or a feeling of nervousness. These symptoms are too often followed by a complete breakdown of the health. In such cases there is no medicine when will bring back health and strength as quickly as Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Thousands of weak and weary men and women owe their present good health and increased vitality to this medicine. These pills make new, rich red blood, and restore shattered nerves. This is the whole secret of the wonderful success of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Here is a bit of strong proof. Mrs. W. J. Clarke, sr., Boston, Ont., says: "I suffered a great deal from complication of troubles; rheumatism, liver trouble and pains about the heart all adding to my misery. A thorough use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cured me and now at the age of fifty-two all aches and pains have of late left me and I am enjoying the best of health." This is the verdict of all who give Dr. Williams' Pink Pills a trial. But you must get the genuine with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pill for Pale People," on the wrapper around the box. If in doubt send direct to the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., and the pills will be mailed post paid at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.

Birds and Insects.

There is hardly a single group of insects which does not suffer from the appetite of one or more species of bird. The eggs and larvæ are dug and pried out of their burrows in the wood by woodpeckers and creepers; those underground are scratched and clawed up to view by quail, partridges and many sparrows; warblers and vireos scan every leaf and twig. Flycatchers, like the cat family of mammals, lie in wait and surprise the insects on the wing, more particularly those flying near the ground, while swifts, swallows and martins glean a harvest from the host of high flying insects. When we think humming birds are taking dainty sips of honey from the flowers they are in reality more often snatching minute spiders and flies from the deep cups of the calyxes. When night falls, the insects, which have chosen that time as the safer to carry on the business of active life, are pounced on by crepuscular feathered beings; the cavernous mouths of whippoorwills engulf them as they rise from their hiding places, and the bristle of night-hawks brushes them into no less rapacious maws if, perchance, they have succeeded in reaching the upper air.—*New York Post.*

The Evils of Constipation Are

Well known and the best thing is to know a reliable cure. Mrs. W. Eddies of Stonewall, Man., says: "Dr. Hamilton's Pills are just the thing. They go right to work at once. I use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills." Price 25c. per box.

Polishing Furniture.

If you have never acquired the polishing habit you cannot thoroughly understand the joy of a "shining home." If every piece of furniture in your possession were touched up once a month with a reliable polish shabbiness would be banished forever. Dingy wall paper and faded, worn rugs are not such eyesores as battered tables and chairs, for the former can be covered somewhat with pictures and the latter often gain beauty with age. Fabulous prices are paid for ragged floor coverings with histories which must be known to be appreciated. But dirty, scratched furniture will spoil the effect of any room. Furniture polish is cheap and easy to apply, and by taking one room a day the work of renovating may be made easy.

Possibly Your Wife

Doesn't look so young and pretty as she used to. If her cheeks are hollow and pale, if she is tired and nervous she needs Ferrozone, which is noted for restoring the bloom of health to sickly girls and women. Complexion quickly becomes rosy, spirits rise, and strength increases daily. Health and vigor will soon return to your wife or daughter if Ferrozone is taken. It is the best tonic made, and costs 50c. at druggists.

Charmed a Lizard.

When Mr. P. H. Gosse, the naturalist, was in the West Indies he found by accident that the lizard called iguana was fond of sweet sounds. Wishing to obtain a specimen, he made a noose of string and fastened it to the end of a switch. Then he stole quietly up to the lizard, whistling a lively air all the time. The iguana paid no attention to him and allowed him to slip the noose over its neck. When the tune was ended it grew very fierce and angry, changing its color repeatedly and snapping at everything. It kept hold of a bit of linen for hours and when lodged in a cage ran about wildly. At nightfalge favorite music seemed to be green. After being detained in custody for four weeks it began to coast its skin and died during the process.

Cooking Eggs.

There is only one right way to cook an egg, and that is not the one usually pursued. Generally the eggs are dropped into boiling water and boiled for from three to four minutes. The white is hard and practically indigestible in consequence. Egg albumen coagulates at a temperature considerably below the boiling point. The proper way is to put the eggs in cold water and gradually heat it. By the time the boiling point is reached the eggs will be done. Or drop the eggs in boiling water and set them where the water will keep hot, but will not boil. In eight or ten minutes they will be done, and the white will be a soft jelly instead of hard as a piece of rubber.

Tea Submarine Bells.

OTTAWA, Jan. 27.—Hon. Mr. Prefontaine has purchased two submarine bells which will cost $3,000 each. It will take about $500 annually to keep each of these bells in order. They will be located on the Atlantic seacoast and the Gulf. They are not fitted for the St. Lawrence River.

Reading Matter on the Farm

This is the season of the year when the selection of a supply of reading matter for the farm home comes up for consideration, and there is no one thing to which it will pay as well to give a little careful attention. There may now be obtained such a profusion of good reading matter for a trifle of money that every home in the country should be well supplied. Let us suppose that there are the father, mother and four children in the farm house. What would be a good selection? If conveniently located there should be a daily paper, the best good agricultural papers; then lots of the local or home papers, one of the good dollar magazines, a paper for the children and a woman's magazine or paper for the wife and daughters. The cost of such a selection of matter would be about $8.25. Where one has neighbors who will do likewise a system of exchange will add to the list. No money which will be spent on the farm will bring in such large and such good returns as the money so spent. We always feel sorry to find a farm home where the reading matter is confined to an almanac, a catalogue and one or two of these trash agricultural or story papers, and there are all too many such country homes.

Debts of the Nations.

The nations of the world owe varying and vast sums. They are by no means poorest in credit who owe the larger sums. A statement recently compiled may be of interest. The public debts of the chief countries of the world to day are in aggregate $34,180,000,000. "Of this amount," says the writer, "France, the United Kingdom, Germany, Italy and Spain owe $17,000,000,000. France owes $5,856,000,000, or $150 per capita; the United Kingdom, $3,885,000,000, or $92 per capita; Russia, $2,333,000,000, or $24 per capita; Italy, $2,560,000,000, or $81 per capita; Spain, $2,061,000,000, or $110 per capita; the German Empire and German states, $3,385,000,000, or $60 per capita; the United States, $925,000,000, or $11 per capita. Japan has a debt of $206,000,000, representing $4.73 per capita. The United States is the only country in the world able to borrow money at 2 per cent. The highest interest charge per capital is the $101.14 of Australia. That of the United States is only thirty-five cents per capita."

Catarrh for twenty years and cured in a few days.—Hon. George James, of Scranton, Pa., says: "I have been a martyr to Catarrh for twenty years, constant hawking, dropping in the throat and pain in the head, very offensive breath. I tried Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. The first application gave instantly relief. After using a few bottles I was cured. 50 cents.—

Outlook Still Favore Peace

BUT DISORDER IN KOREA IS THE PRINCIPAL SOURCE OF DANGER.

ST. PETERSBURG, Jan. 25.—The exchange of communication between the Foreign Office, the members of the committee of the Far East, Viceroy Alexieff and Emperor Nicholas is going on. A diplomat who is close to such negotiations expressed the opinion that the Russian reply will possibly be ready this week. The Korean Minister has received advices that his Government will soon open the port of Wiju at the request of the United States to the commerce of the world.

LONDON, Jan. 25.—A despatch to Reuter's Telegram Company from St. Petersburg says that while the Bourse there has been nervous owing to the uncertainty of the situation, the progress of the negotiations inspires increased confidence and in some quarters there is a confident belief in a favorable issue.

The principal danger now, according to this despatch, is said to be confined to the disorderly elements in Korea. The latest news received here represents a great majority of the Koreans sympathizing with Russia and hostile to Japan.

Other despatches say that the Japanese are embarking ten thousand labourers at Tien Tsin, in order to hasten the completion of the Seoul-Fusan Railway.

A Bloated Stomach

Distension and pains from indigestion are cured quickly by Nerviline. When you get a attack of stomach trouble take a stiff dose of Nerviline, which is perfectly harmless but marvellously quick in effecting a lasting cure. "I was quite taken ill with stomach trouble" writes Edward Rowell of Rochester. "I was in great pain and distress but half a teaspoonful of Nerviline fixed me up in a few minutes. I can recommend Nerviline for sick headache and cramps and consider it an invaluable household remedy." Try it yourself. Price 25c.

Bad Railway Accident

SYDNEY, January 24.—The news reached here to-day by the steamer Bruce, of a bad accident on the Reid-Newfoundland Railway Saturday afternoon. When the express from St. John's was near the Topsails, the snow plough, which was running ahead, suddenly left the track, and turning round crushed into the mail car, which it demolished, and then collided with the rear end of the first-class passenger coach, which, it badly damaged. The mail clerk had a narrow call but escaped with a few bruises. The snow was packed hard on the track and the plough was going at a high rate of speed when it left the track. The train was delayed about ten hours because of the accident.

A Hint to the Brethren.

A country paper tells of two little boys who asked their mother if they might play store in the dining room. Yes, she replied, if you don't make much noise. Well he quite about it, soon, said one. We'll be storekeepers that don't advertise.

Shelburne's Small People.

(Liverpool Advance.)

Two years ago, when I was at Rockland, Shelburne Co., I wrote a few notes to the *Advance* about the little people found there. A few more particulars may prove interesting.

Frank Huskins is twenty-four years old and is 38 inches high. He has travelled with his father all over the United States during the past ten years, and has been on exhibition in all the leading museums, earning a lot of money. He has generally spent the winters at home

The Hughmans—brother and sister—are still smaller.... Ed," 30 years old, is 30 inches high, while his tiny sister, Maggie—just sweet sixteen—a living wonder—can walk under his outstretched arm. There's a fortune waiting for the man who can place those little folk before the public. Their father has had many tempting offers, but thinks it wrong to put his children on exhibition. "Ed" is anxious to go, but his parents will not consent. He is smart and witty, can dance and sing and beat most anyone at a game of checkers. Little Maggie knits and does lots of fancy work, and it is most interesting to see her tiny fingers deftly handling the needles.

The three little people live about four miles from Lockport and receive many visits and lots of presents from admiring friends and strangers, too.

C. D. M.

"My Stomach gave out entirely and I suffered untold agonies." This was the expe sience of Mr. D. C. Weldden, Postmaster, East Wentworth, N. S., after three attacks of La Grippe. Doctors and doses gave him no permanent relief, but Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets had the permanent virtue that won him back to perfect health—pleasant and harmless but powerful and quick. 35 cents.—160

Bullock Skin Boats.

There are few more primitive methods of transportation than those in use today by natives of northern India who make their homes in the vicinity of the swift flowing Sutlej. The boats of these aborigines are nothing more or less than bullock skins inflated by the breath of the natives themselves. Two natives may be seen hard at work filling the skins with air. Having inflated them to their satisfaction, they will leap aboard and paddle themselves across the river, great skill and strength being necessary to sustain their equilibrium during the passage. But even should the boats overturn they are easily righted, and the natives are without exception expert swimmers.

HIS OWN FREE WILL.

Dear Sirs,—I cannot speak too strongly of the excellence of MINARD'S LINIMENT. It is THE remedy in my household for burns, sprains, and we would not be without it.

It is truly a wonderful medicine.

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London's Big Clock.

Do you sometimes wind up the clock at home? About how many turns of the key does it require? Not more than fifteen or twenty probably. But, in the tower of the house of parliament in London there is a big clock. You have probably seen the picture of it.

Well, how long do you suppose it takes to wind that clock up—just the striking part? I don't think you can guess, so I will tell you. It takes exactly half a day.

You wouldn't care for the job of winding the clock in that tower, would you?—*Exchange.*

The Great Serpent of all Diseases.

Kidney disease may well be called the "boa constrictor" disease, unsuspecting and unrelenting, it gets the victim in its coils and gradually tightens till life is crushed out, Nine tenths of cases with American Kidney Cure treatment has proved its power over the monster, and so made how firmly entrenched, it will release, heal and cure.—158

Both Correct.

A schoolmaster one day asked the dunce of the school some very simple questions in arithmetic. He was surprised to find that he got the right answers, and when he had finished he said to the boy, correct; sit down.

Now, said the schoolmaster, see if you have sense enough to ask me some questions.

The boy pondered for a moment and then said, please, sir, what would three yards of calico cost if cotton was tuppence a reel?

I think you take me for a fool, said the schoolmaster.

Correct; sit down! returned the boy.

The Alaskan Islands Again.

OTTAWA, January 29.—Relative to the report of Colonel Denny's confidential memorandum to the minister of militia about the islands which were given to the United States under the Alaska boundary award, the minister referred to declares that the statement attributed to him is incorrect in substance and in detail.

—Poverty is very good in maxims and in sermons, but it is very bad in practical life.

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I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.53, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. J. JONES, N. G.; GEO. H. PARKER, P. G., R. S.

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The Quiet Hour.

Let me to day do something that shall take
A little sadness from the world's vast store,
And may I be so favored as to make
Of joy's too scanty sum a little more.

Let me not hurt by any selfish deed
Or thoughtless word the heart of foe or friend.
Nor would I pass unseeing a worthy need,
Or sin by silence when I should defend.

However meager be my worldly wealth
Let me give something that shall aid my kind,
A word of courage, or a thought of health,
Dropped as I pass for troubled hearts to find.

Let me to night look back across the span
Of east dawn and dark, and to my conscience say—
Because of some good act to beast or man—
"The world is better that I lived to-day."

The Pretty Little Swede

The Story of a Labeling Contest in a Western Cannery.

"A ease of salmon—pooh! Who'd care for a thing like that?" Madge Burrows gave a contemptuous sniff as she dexterously fastened a key on a can which she had just labeled. "Now, if it were a gold medal or a trip to Europe or—or anything worth having, I'd work like a beaver. But *pooh!*" Madge finished with another sniff and put her can on the pile before her.

"I would'nt mind getting it just for the name of the thing," said Grace Holden, the short, stout girl on Madge's left. "But I haven't a ghost of a chance, with you and Hattie in the race. I'm so hopelessly slow." She laid down her paste-brush, rested her chin in her hands, and gazed lazily at Hattie Whitley. "You're not the swiftest at it yourself, Hattie," she remarked as though the fact gave her some consolation.

"Oh, I know I'm slow," Hattie admitted good-naturedly, without taking time to glance up. She was a trifle taller than Grace and not nearly so stout. She wore her thick, light hair parted in the middle and done in two braids down her back. Her pink shirt-waist fitted her neatly, her skirt hung well, and there was a certain air about her that impressed one with the fact that Hattie Whitley was a girl to be relied upon.

"But you've the knack of keeping pegging away at things," Grace went on, while I—oh, I play and work by turns. And Madge is just as bad, only she's swift as lightning. She'll get the prize easy enough, and get her name in the paper, and maybe her picture, and—"

"Thanks!" interrupted Madge. "I refuse to mount the summit of fame on a ladder—no, I mean a ease of salmon."

There was a ripple of laughter among the surrounding women and girls, most of whom were novices at the work and had evinced little interest in the announcement that a case of salmon would be awarded to the one who labeled the greatest number of cans during the season. They had heard that Madge and her two companions had previously worked in the cannery and were considered experts at labeling cans, and they felt quite certain that one of the trio would receive the prize. But which one?

Madge was rapid, but spasmodic; Hattie was slow, but steady; Grace was slow, and uncertain. According to the old adage, "Slow but sure," Hattie would undoubtedly come out victor. Still, it was scarcely safe to hazard a guess just yet, for it Madge should succeed in applying herself constantly she would outrank Hattie by several thousand, while if the race should eventually develop into a mere test of physical endurance, Grace stood by far the best show.

"What's your average?" demanded one of the women, looking toward Hattie.

Hattie pasted on steadily, unconscious of the fact that she was being addressed. There was always more or less chatter and laughter going on around her, but she rarely took any part in it.

"Harriet Whitley! can't you speak when you're spoken to?" demanded Madge, reaching over and giving one of Hattie's long, light braids a little jerk. "How many cans can you label in a day? Mrs. Mason wants to know."

"I—oh, excuse me!" stammered Hattie, turning with a little start. "About four thousand as a rule, Mrs. Mason."

The woman stared, have incredulous. "I don't see how you manage it. I can't do more than three thousand, six hundred, and work over time at that."

"That's about my size," said Grace with a little drawl. "Madge does four thousand and works like hades than I. If I had her speed and Hattie's stick-to-itiveness, I'd—"

"No, you wouldn't," broke in Madge. "Take your brush and go to work. Here comes Miss Jennison." The last was said in a whisper. Miss Jennison was the forewoman in the packing room. Quiet and industry usually reigned when she drew near. Interest in the labeling contest grew as the days went by. Though Madge had scoffed at the idea of trying for the prize, she took care that Hattie did not get in the lead. This required no little effort on her part, for Hattie worked with tantalizing constancy. Near the end of the first month Madge's count was slightly in advance of Hattie's, while Grace was in the rear several thousand. The other workers watched the count closely and discussed the affair among themselves. The majority felt that Madge was sure to win, while the outsiod for Hattie, claiming that the strain was beginning to tell on Madge and that she could not keep it up as she was doing. Grace they scarcely considered in the race.

As Miss Jennison passed in and out among the workers and overhead their remarks, she smiled to herself and her eyes rested often on a pair of busy, plump hands. Other eyes sometimes rested on Crissy Nelson's hands, but their owners didn't know what Miss Jennison knew—that Crissy's count was rapidly nearing Hattie's. But Crissy knew, and her heart beat high with triumphant joy.

Crissy was a pretty little Swede. She had round porcelain blue eyes and a great buff of light hair. Time said that she reminded her of an old fashioned bisque doll. However, there was nothing doll-like in Crissy's nature. She was a thoroughly practical, wide-awake little soul. She had entered the cannery to earn money to help support five little Neilsons, all blue-eyed and white-headed like her self. When she heard about the case of salmon she instantly began to figure out how far forty eight cans of fish would go toward feeding these same hungry little Neilsons. Then she rolled up the sleeves of her blue print waist and went to work fully determined to win the prize. She said nothing about her resolve, and no one in the packing room, save the forewoman, thought of her as a possible contestant in the race.

As had been predicted, Madge began to give out the last month. Hattie kept on at her usual pace and slowly but surely gained the lead. Grace was gaining day by day, but was still a couple of thousand behind. The majority now went said for Hattie. Madge tried to hide her disappointment beneath a mask of exaggerated indifference. She talked and laughed more, worked less, and at the end of a week awoke to the realization that her count and Grace's were about even. How had it happened? As she stared at Grace's busy hands it slowly dawned upon her that Grace had scarcely wasted a moment of late. What if she should win the prize, after all? But no—how could she win? Hattie over a thousand in the lead?

Miss Jennison managed to keep Crissy at work some distance from Madge and her two companions. She admired the little Swedish girl's pluck and perseverance, and watched her rapid progress with silent pleasure. "Whepever her count equals Hattie's, I'll announce the fact," she said to herself, smiling at the thought of the surprise her announcement would cause.

The unexpected happened one morning. Hattie failed to appear on the scene of action. Her non-appearance created a little stir among the workers as it was the first time that she was not at her post of duty when the seven o'clock whistle blew. Madge and Grace had been late several times, but Hattie never. What had happened? Madge looked at Grace, and Grace looked at Madge. Through their minds flashed the thought: "*Hattie Whitley has lost the prize.*" Then they caught their breath hard and began to work as they had never worked before. And Crissy, half hidden behind her pile of cans, worked equally as hard.

Hattie came at noon. She looked pale and flustered, and in answer to the shower of eager questions explained that her little brother had fallen from the fence that morning and broken his arm. "The prize now lays between Madge and Grace," she said. "I can't possibly make up the count I lost this forenoon. But I did my best, and I'm not going to complain, but just be thankful Ted didn't break his neck instead of his arm."

Miss Jennison was standing near and heard Hattie's remarks. She had always thought well of the girl, but never quite so well as she did at that point. Needless to say, her words fell like a bombshell. Every eye centered on Crissy, who blushed painfully and hung her head. Madge fairly gasped in her astonishment. Grace stared stupidly like one suddenly aroused from slumber. Hattie flushed and pressed her hand to her head, which ached dully from the morning's worry.

Madge was the first to speak. It had taken her a second or so to comprehend the fact that the little Swedish girl's count outranked hers by eleven hundred. Then her heart began to surge fiercely and her dark eyes flashed. What she said slowly was: "*The—little—sneak!*"

"Oh, Madge, don't!" Hattie pleaded, reaching over and patting her hand on her scoolmate's shoulder. It was not the first time that she had tried to quiet Madge during an angry outburst.

"I will, too!" retorted Madge. "I call it a sneaking trick to—"

"Madge, Madge," Hattie interrupted in a low tone, "she hears and understands just as well as—as though she didn't talk broken. It isn't her fault that we thought ourselves the only pebbles on the shore."

"And who cares for the fishy prize, anyhow?" put in Grace, having come to her speech by this time. "But we may as well keep on in the race. There's no telling what may happen in the remaining five days. And you know, Madge, you're sure to come out second best if you don't win."

"Which would be a great honor, I must say." Madge spoke with fine irony. She had reached for her brush and labels and went to work. She scarcely spoke the remainder of the afternoon. Her face wore a thoughtful frown, and her eyes turned often toward Crissy.

That evening she held a little interview with the rival. The other girls were not present, and she did not tell them what was said to Crissy.

The following three days Crissy's daily count fell considerably below her average. Miss Jennison was puzzled. On the fourth day she said abruptly:

"Crissy, what's the matter?"

Crissy raised her blue eyes full of startled wonder. She thought the woman was going to scold her.

"You're not labeling so fast as usual." Miss Jennison went on to explain, seeing that Crissy did not understand. "Madge Burrows has caught up with you."

Crissy flushed and her eyes fell. "I not matter," she said quietly.

It was Miss Jennison's turn to look bewildered. "Then you don't care?" she said; "you don't want the highest count?"

"It not matter," Crissy reiterated evasively.

Miss Jennison merely said "Humph" and walked off more puzzled than ever.

Excitement ran high in the packing room the next day, which was the last of the labeling contest. At nine o'clock Madge was a couple of hundred cans ahead of Crissy, but she was nervous. Would she be able to maintain the lead? The other workers looked at her and shook their heads, murmuring, "She'll not keep it up." But two hours went by, and still she led the race.

Shortly after noon the announcement was made that Hattie was ahead of Crissy. Crissy's blue eyes opened wide. Suddenly she began to work with surprising energy. But Hattie held her position, advancing steadily to the front; and Crissy could but follow, a strange, frightened look on her face which no one but Madge understood.

As soon as Madge realized that it was Hattie instead of Crissy whom she had to fight, she had little hope, still she kept on with nervous haste. Grace was several hundred in the rear, and laughingly declared she was working for health instead of fame.

It was four o'clock when Miss Jennison said in her abrupt way: "Everybody quit work. To-morrow the Chinamen will finish up the few remaining cans."

Madge's brush fell from her fingers. Hattie replaced a colored label on the box before her. Crissy's fingers unconsciously tightened around the can which she held. There was a general movement among the other workers, accompanied by a hum of voices, then followed an instant of breathless silence. Everybody stared inquiringly at the forewoman, who alone knew the result of the last hour's labor. Had Madge won? At three o'clock she had still led the race, with Hattie a close second, and Crissy not far behind.

"The case of salmon," went on Miss Jennison, "goes to Hattie Whitley. Her count outranks Madge's by sixty-three cans."

There was a loud, "Hurrah for Hattie!" from Grace, and instantly the other girls and some of the women took up the cry.

Madge arose. "Hurrah!" she cried, then turned and rushed from the room.

"She was so sure of victory," murmured someone. "She doesn't relish being beaten."

It was then that Miss Jennison thought of Crissy. She found her still seated, the can of salmon clasped in her plump hands, her wide blue eyes glistening with unshed tears.

"Why, Crissy," she said, "I thought you said it didn't matter."

Crissy's eyelids quivered and two tears rolled down her cheeks. "It be different now," she answered sadly. "I will now get one salmon."

"I don't understand," the forewoman said a little sharply. "What do you mean?"

Crissy blinked fast to keep back the blinding tears. "Miss Madge she come to me and say she will give me the prize and one other case of salmon if I vill give her the big count. I say no at first; then I think a little while and I say yes. Now Miss Hattie get the big count, and I get nothing. Oh, me! I was a fool."

"I think you were," Miss Jennison agreed, turning away with a heavy frown. She was highly indignant with Madge and greatly disappointed in Crissy. "You can blame yourself for losing the prize," she added over her shoulder. "Had you done your best you would have won it."

The noise and confusion in the room prevented most of the occupants from hearing Crissy's confession. Grace was one of the few who did hear it, and she could hardly believe her own ears. Surely Madge would never stoop to do such a dishonorable act. Why, only the other day she had heard her expressing her opinion of a man who would deliberately seek to advance his political interests by buying votes. And now she had bought Crissy off. Which was really as unprincipled. But of course she hadn't looked at the affair in the same light. Grace assured herself of this many times on her way homeward that evening. And the next day seated in her own cozy room with Madge and Hattie, she gave utterance to this thought.

"Oh, but I did look at it as just as bad," Madge insisted. "There isn't any excuse for me on that score. It went against my principles to do it. But I was wild to win, and I knew that Crissy didn't care a cent for the glory of the thing. I didn't know how utterly wretched it would make me. Nobody knows what mental torture I endured those last days." She paused a few seconds, then went on: "I'm going to give Crissy the two cases of salmon just the same. It will make a big hole in my earnings, but I don't care."

Hattie's arm slipped around Madge's waist. "You can give her that case of mine," she said in her quiet way.

Madge shook her head. "Give it to her yourself if you wish. I shall give her two at my own expense."

Mrs. Neilson was washing the next morning when the expressman stepped up to the kitchen door, with a box on either shoulder. She rested her hands on the edge of the tub and stared at him in surprise. "I tank it be mees-take," she said. "I not order no tings to-day."

The man assured her there was no mistake, put the boxes inside the door, and went back to his wagon for a third. By the time Crissy and several of the younger Neilsons had arrived on the scene. As soon as Crissy recognized the brand on the boxes she began to understand. Then she saw the little card which was tacked on the top of one of them. She leaned forward and eagerly read: "With the compliments of Madge Burrows and Hattie Whitley."

"I tank ye have plenty fish all vinter," the mother remarked happily when Crissy had explained as best she could that the three cases of salmon were a gift. "Vhat you tank, Crissy?"

Crissy turned her face to the open door. Her blue eyes rested for an instant on a time-worn wharf on which were rows of net-racks, then wandered across the waters of the Columbia until they reached the misty, purple, evergreen-clad hills on the opposite shore. Her heart was full of gratitude, but it was a gratitude void of joy, for she felt that she had neither earned nor merited what she had received. "I tank maybe I get the big count next time," she said presently.

Evidently she had learned her lesson. Better the fruit of one's own labor than larger returns gained by deceit and cunning.—*Miriam Leonard in Young People's Weekly.*

Archbishop of Canterbury's Wit.

Many anecdotes are going the rounds about the new Archbishop of Canterbury, Dr. Davidson. Once as a party of clergy were streaming in to dinner, one of the company piously exclaimed, "Now, put a bride upon our appetites." Dr. Davidson replied with swift retort, "Now, to put a bit between my teeth."

WRIGHT'S FATE.

An American Tribute to the Quality of British Justice.

THE JUDGE'S CHARGE WAS A STRONG ARGUMENT FOR THE PROSECUTION—WRIGHT WAS NO WORSE THAN MANY OTHERS WHO ESCAPED PUNISHMENT—BUT HE WAS AGAINST HIM.

(FEL. New York American, Sun.)

Whitaker Wright's suicide immediately after sentence to seven years imprisonment for playing the game of the company promoter in the usual way has made a deep impression on both sides of the Atlantic in and out of financial circles.

London is said to feel that Wright was not fairly treated—that he alone was made to bear the consequences of the swindling operations in which he engaged, while his associates, some of them nobles of high degree, escaped without even a reprimand. London is also said to feel that Justice Bigham, who presided at the trial, was not as impartial as he might have been.

Americans will agree with that. The judge's charge was about as strong an argument for the prosecution as could have been made and in the face of it, the jury could not fairly convict. But while his honor was playing Wright he was careful, like a true born Englishman, to show proper reverence for the nobility. "The suggestion," observed the indignant jurist, "that a verdict of guilty would blacken the memory of Lord Rothschild or Lord Loch, who were connected with the company, must not deter the jurors from reaching their own conclusion. A verdict of guilty would have no such effect. These men honestly made mistakes."

But the nobleman thus exonerated from the bench were adults, they were Wright's partners, and had his speculations turned out well instead of ill they would have claimed their full share of the profits. When Wright felt they participated to defray their share of the responsibility.

It is entirely natural that there should be a revulsion of sentiment in the dead gambler's favor. The contrast between what he was not long ago—a multi-millionaire living in luxury, socially conspicuous, an centre of royalty—and his going out in ignominy as a convicted felon makes its appeal to human nature. And he was not a coward on a breaking. When convicted he seemed to tell when he knew and sing others down into the mud with himself. Besides—and this is what is at the bottom of most of the sympathy his fate evokes—he was no worse than many others who have not been brought to punishment. He did only what he stood every day. And he sacrificed his fortune in a hopeless effort to uphold the credit of his companies. The difference between him and not a few financiers is only this luck went against him.

But when all is said, Whitaker Wright richly deserved to go to jail. The fact that others, who also deserve to go to jail are no danger of going does not yet against the justice of that judgment.

When the last statement of Wright's Globe company was made, there appeared among the assets $1,000,000 that he had borrowed from another of his companies to make a showing. It was paid back the next day to the lending company, having served its purpose. The Englishmen call this dishonest juggling "window dressing." Is the art unknown in the United States? Has anybody passed from Wall street to Sing Sing for practicing it?

For this shifting about of the money of his companies in order to give the public a misleading impression of their condition, Judge Bigham was particularly severe upon Wright. But was his "window dressing" of a different moral complexion from the false prospectus of the Shipbuilding Trust, for example?

A prominent New York lawyer, commenting upon the case of the departed king of finance," says that if the rules of law that were applied to Wright were enforced here, there would be far greater safety for investors, but some men prominent in this community would feel very uncomfortable.

Why should we not have such laws for the protection of investors? Why should it not be made a criminal offence to capitalize properties at many times their value and then to sell for honest money dishonest stocks that represents nothing but water? Why should our laws not inflict striped suits upon men who put their names to lying statements which deceive investors as to the quality of the goods they are buying?

The death of Wright has drawn wide attention to his life. That life will not have been wasted if it shall enforce upon the people of this country the need for legislation such as that which brought this unscrupulous speculator to justice in England. We have plenty of Wrights here. They are powerful financially and politically. They pile up millions as Wright piled them up, until he encountered misfortune, but they are in no peril, as he did, in the prisoners dock. Their immunity is at once an ever-present danger to the public and a disgrace to our law making bodies.

The full measure of our inferiority to England is in the matter of dealing with gamblers on the grand scale, with promoters of speculative trusts, is brought home to everybody by the statement of this plain truth:

Had Wright done in New York what he did in London the law never would have touched him.

Clementsvale

(Telephone)

Mr. Enoch Rawding, of Annapolis spent Sunday at Mr. Chas. Long's.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor, of Torbrook are visiting among their relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Brown spent Sunday with their friends at Victoria Bridge.

Mr. and Z. Hubley, with their neice, Miss Jennie, of Milford, are visiting at Mr. O. Floyd's.

Miss Lottie Gehue, of Springhill, Annapolis Co., spent Sunday with Mr. Burpee.

Miss Eva Rawding, of Clementsport, spent a few days recently at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Cameron.

Mr. Sparr and daughter, who have been visiting at Mrs. W. L. Ramsay's returned to their home at Perotte on Friday.

Mr. Mortimer Sproule, of Nictaux, and Miss Hattie Sproule, of Springfield, are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Sproule.

Mr. Albert Sproule is in Truro, attending the Nova Scotia Farmers' Association in session there. Before returning home he expects to visit Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Baird at Brookfield, Queens Co.

Morganville

(Telephone)

Mrs. Clarence Thomas gave an "old-fashioned candy party" Monday evening.

Miss Jenny McKay and Violet Morgan were the guests of Mrs. J. V. Thomas Saturday last.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Harris spent Sunday with their daughter Mrs. Heber McNeil, North Range.

Mrs. H. R. McKay, of Lequille, is visiting her daughter, Jennie, at the home of Mrs. Cyrus Morgan.

Mr. Howard Weller gave a number of young people an enjoyable treat Thursday evening, Jan. 28th, in the shape of a "straw ride" to Tom Wallace's while the ladies of the party provided the treat. The evening passed quickly as we indulged in games, which were enjoyed by the majority, but some few still think we are "too slow." But "we do not."

A New Notion.

I have covered my "silence cloth" with white table oilcloth, binding the two together around the edges with white tape, says a Good Housekeeping correspondent. This saves the constant washing of the cloth, keeping it in its original thick state, and saves the finely polished dining table, which would otherwise be ruined by the frequent spilling of hot beverages, etc. A beautiful part of this arrangement is the way in which a tablecloth can be slipped on without having it stick to the padding underneath.

Expert is Summoned.

BERLIN, Feb. 6.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Lokal Anzeiger telegraphs that Admiral Skrydloy, Commander of the Russian squadron in the Black Sea, has been summoned to St. Petersburg for consultation on account of his knowledge of the Far East. The Dowager Empress received the Admiral when he was leaving and said to him:—"There will be no war."

Not Her Weapon

"Is your wife a club woman, Mike?"

"Nary the likes o' thot, sor. She uses a flatiron, sor."—*Detroit Free Press.*

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, February 12, 1904.

—FRANCE is the only nation in the world that has made any serious effort to reduce its war budget, a policy that has been made imperative by excessive public burdens and the decline of military spirit in the masses of the people. Yet France has not lost her prestige, but rather gained through supplementing her non-aggressive attitude by treaties of arbitration with Great Britain and Italy. The other powers which maintain large armies and navies show how tremendous is the strain upon their resources in the effort to keep even with each other in preparation for war. The British army costs one hundred and seventy million dollars a year, the Russian one hundred and seventy-five million, and the German one hundred and sixty million. It might be thought that the United States, having no invading enemy to fear, would have no reason to impose a like burden on her people. Yet her war budget is greater than that of any of the European military powers. It amounts in the current year, including war pensions, to two hundred and seventeen million dollars, and it is proposed to increase this sum next year by sixty million to provide pensions for every survivor of the civil war. This is a Republican campaign measure, and has been urged in defiance of the warning of the Secretary of the Treasury that Congress may have to face a deficit when, it next assembles. Evidently the party in power wants to have a Prætorian Guard to defend the trenches dug by the trusts. If the measure should be adopted it will mean a yearly expenditure of over twenty-one dollars for every family in the Republic, with the navy still to be provided for. It remains to be seen whether the people will submit to it.

—The following editorial is reprinted from Friday's Montreal *Herald*: It is sickening to read day after day of a steady succession of railway disasters. Disasters, horrors they are, but accidents they often are not, if accident is used to mean something which could not be foreseen and prevented. Very often they are the result of wrong orders, imperfect signaling, an attempt to make up time, lack of proper care and supervision, economies pushed to the danger point, forcing engineers and others to work too long hours, and half a dozen other more or less avoidable causes. It is admitted, for instance, that if the British systems were adopted half or three-quarters of the railway disasters on this continent would never happen, and yet they do happen and nobody is punished. In the latest railway wreck near Milford, on the Intercolonial, it appears that all the train left the rails except the engine, but the cause is not given. Only two were killed outright, and one of these a conductor. There were about twenty injured, of whom a few may die, including an Italian and an Armenian or two. Last year, the United States railways killed more, if we remember rightly, than all who were killed in the South African war. Many of the wrecks we never hear of, and when they are reported, we hardly read the headlines unless it is something extremely horrible, nor does it seem to interfere with the appetites and pleasures of those concerned in railway management. And, yet, what pen can tell all that it means for the mothers, sweethearts, wives, and children, whose hearts may bleed; the ramifications of physical distress and altered fortunes? Still we permit it.

Chief Ranger for Each County.

Attorney General Longley introduced in the House of Assembly Monday a Bill for the protection of forests from fire. The Bill makes more stringent the provisions of the existing law on this subject, but its main features is a provision for the appointment of a Chief Forest Ranger for each County of the Province. The Chief Ranger will be appointed by the Governor-in-Council at a fixed salary, but in addition he will receive special sums when patrolling, these sums to be assessed by the Municipality on the owner of each lot of uncultivated forest land of 100 acres or upward. The Chief Ranger will also have power to appoint deputy rangers.

William Urquhart's Will.

The will of William Urquhart, of Halifax, who died some days ago, was made in 1901. He bequeaths $8,000 to Mrs. P. H. Lenior, in whose house he resided for a quarter of a century, and $3,000 to M. U. Lenior. He also leaves $3,000 to his sister, Mrs. Peabody, who is in the United States; $3,000 to Mrs. Cutler, daughter of Sheriff Cutler, of Annapolis, in whose office deceased was a clerk in his younger days. He leaves $2,500 to Kings College; $1,000 to the Halifax Dispensary; and the residue, about $1,000, perhaps, to the School for the Blind.

The Lurcher's Hard Luck

Tuesday's Yarmouth *Herald* says: The lightship Lurcher, accompanied by the Lady Laurier, proceeded to the harbor early yesterday morning, for the purpose of placing the former in position. Not being able to "let go" the mushroom anchor, and the sea being too rough for the Lady Laurier to assist, both steamers returned to port.

LATER—A telephone message from Westport last night states that the Lurcher had been placed in position yesterday afternoon.

Death of Thomas Hall.

Prof. Thomas Hall died in Yarmouth Wednesday, aged 80 years. He leaves a widow and two children. The deceased had been for years a singing master and was well known in the western counties. He was for some time a member of the firm of Chase, Hall & Co. organ dealers. The remains will arrive in Weymouth today, where interment will take place in the Baptist cemetery.

New Water and Street Supt.

The following applications for Water and Street Superintendent to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. S. A. Fye was considered by the council last night: Charles Riley, Capt. James H. Wright, J. K. Tobin, Fred H. Dakin, W. T. Bacon, J. Outram Dakin and Thomas Bateman. Mr. J. Outram Dakin received the appointment.

Sir Edward Nicholas Dead.

Rt. Hon. Sir Edward Nicholas Coventry Bradden, former premier and leader of the House of Assembly of Tasmania, is dead. He was born June 11, 1828. His death was sudden, as on Friday last he addressed the House, stating that the revenue of the colony showed an increase of £189,000 for ten months ending Jan. 31st.

Married at St. Bernards.

Mr. Ambrose Belliveau, of Grosse Coque, and Miss Mary Rose Comeau, of Belliveau's Cove, were married at St. Bernards Tuesday.

Lectures.

DIGBY PEOPLE HAVE BEEN WELL ENTERTAINED DURING WEEK.

Rev. A. B. Higgins' lecture in the Methodist hall last Friday evening was well attended and greatly appreciated by the audience.

Mr. H. E. K. Whitney, Supt. of Boys' Mission of St. John, assisted by Walter Nixon, as whistler, and Harry Upton, as baritone soloist, gave an entertainment in the Methodist church Sunday afternoon, and in the Baptist church Sunday and Monday evenings. Mr. Whitney's trip is in the interest of the Boys' Mission, which is a work for and done among the rough class of boys in St. John. In his different addresses he spoke of the great need of such a work being done and some of the satisfactory results from the work already accomplished. Harry Upton, who has a deep baritone voice, pleased the audiences with his selections. Walter Nixon greatly delighted those who heard him in his clever whistling. In the Sunday services, after the whistling of each hymn there seemed to be a wave of suppressed appreciation. In the Monday evening service his whistling was also highly appreciated, especially after giving the Mocking Bird. Coming through the Rye, and the clever imitation of birds and animals. Mr. Whitney's description of some of his experiences in the early part of his work, was interesting and amusing.

Tuesday evening the Methodist hall was well filled, the attraction being Rev. A. C. Borden's lecture on Missionary and Educational work in Japan. He gave the audience some useful information about the customs and religions in that country. He is a good speaker and held the close attention of the audience throughout his entire discourse.

Death of George Roop.

THE DECEASED TRAVELLED ACROSS THE CONTINENT IN A STAGE COACH.

George Roop died at his home in Acacia ville Friday, aged 71 years. The funeral was held Sunday, the services being conducted by Rev. J. W. Brecroft. Interment in the Hill Grove cemetery. The deceased is survived by a widow and an adopted daughter. Mr. Roop's life had been an interesting one. He was born within a mile of his farm on which he died. In the year 1849, when only sixteen years of age he was attracted to California by the gold excitement. He crossed the continent before the days of railroading and travelled the entire distance in a stage coach. In the West he made and lost several fortunes while mining, ranching and speculating. He returned home twenty years later, broken down, caused by exposure, travelling, etc. He had enough means, however, to support himself comfortably the remainder of his days, and owned at the time of his death one of the best farms in Acacia ville. He leaves many friends who will regret to hear of his death.

Valley Telephone Co.

The annual meeting of the Valley Telephone Co. Ltd., was held in Middleton on the 3d inst., and the directors' meeting on the 4th. The entire board of directors were re-elected. There were some changes made, however, in the officers and owing to the increase of business along the line, it was found necessary to make some additional appointments. The following is a complete list:

President, Judge Savary, Annapolis.
Vice-President, W. H. Weatherspoon, Granville Ferry.
Secy. A. B. Foster, Middleton.
Accountant, H. A. Beldon, Middleton.
Manager and Treasurer, A. J. Morrison, Middleton.
Superintendent, Geo. F. Freeman, Middleton.
Local Manager, Western Division, S. H. Morrison, Middleton.
Local Manager, Eastern Division, C. E. Langille, Kentville.

Hockey in Annapolis

The return match of hockey played in the Annapolis Rink between junior teams from St. Andrew's school and Digby resulted in a victory for the former team by a score of 5 to 1. The Digby team, after a drive of 20 miles with the thermometer hovering around zero, deserve great credit for the game they played, especially as the St. Andrew's seven were materially strengthened by the addition of 1st team men, on account of the inclemency of the weather, the visiting team was not able to drive back that night. through the kindness of Mr. Bradford, however, they were put up at the school and returned home the next morning. The return game played another game Saturday evening this time with the Academy 2nd. Score 8 to 3 in favor of Annapolis. A return match will be played in the near future at Digby.

Accidents in Weymouth.

A telephone message to the COURIER Friday announced the death by accident of Dexter Langford, of Weymouth, which occurred at McDonald's Camp, Fourth Lake, Thursday night. Langford was killed by a falling tree. He was 45 years of age and leaves a widow and six children. He is also survived by three brothers. Another colored man, Thomas Langford, died in Weymouth Monday.

Fulton Oakes, son of Henry Oakes, Esq., was severely injured in a coasting accident on Weymouth Hill on Thursday night of last week. He was struck by a sleigh attached to a runaway horse. Dr. Elderkin was immediately summoned and obliged to take six stitches in one of the wounds.

A Handsome Leap Year Quilt

There has just been finished at Mrs. Botsford Dakin's, Lighthouse Road, a handsome silk quilt, containing 2,730 pieces. Mrs. Dakin made the quilt for her grand-daughter, Miss Helen D. Anderson, of Dorchester, Mass., and it will be presented to her on the 12th anniversary of her birthday which will be celebrated in Bloomfield Hall, Dorchester, Feb. 29th. Miss Anderson being born in South Boston, Feb. 29, 1832. The quilt is called "State-house Steps," is lined with a dark maroon lining and bound with a satin ribbon to match.

Salvation Army Notes.

A grand musical festival has been arranged to take place on Monday and Tuesday evening, Feb. 15th and 16th, in the S. A. Barracks, Water Street.

Staff Capt. McLean and Mrs. McLean will be in command and with Capt. Urquart, "the musical wonder," an excellent programme will be rendered.

The following are some of the officers who will take part: Capt. Urquart, Capt. Ritchie, Lieut. Dahl and Candidate Harris. This will be the treat of the season. You cannot afford to miss it.

Fire in Granville.

Fire destroyed the workshop of Mr. Watson Anthony, West Ferry, Annapolis county, Friday evening. The building contained Mr. Anthony's winter fuel and a large quantity of salt beef, pork, etc. The loss is estimated at $300 with no insurance. The fire is supposed to have caught from an ash barrel.

A Long Walk.

A correspondent writes the Halifax *Chronicle* as follows: "One of Digby's barristers who generally enjoys a walk, covered the distance from Weymouth to Digby Saturday—20 miles—in five hours. The weather was cold, head wind and the roads badly drifted."

Death at Belliveau's Cove.

Mrs. Antoinette Doucett died at her home in Belliveau's Cove Wednesday, aged 50 years. She is survived by a husband and two children.

OF LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Several Digby people drove to Weymouth Monday to attend the Yarmouth minstrel show under the auspices of the Yarmouth and Weymouth cricket clubs.

—The entertainment was a big success.

—We understand that arrangements are being made to have the Yarmouth minstrels visit Digby. We believe they would be greeted with a full house.

—Another cold snap set in Sunday and continued until Wednesday night. —The thermometer was from zero to 8 below.

—At Truro it reached 23 below, and at Grand Junction 10 below.

—A donation party for Rev. A. B. Higgins will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Morgan, Shafner Cove, next Friday evening, Feb. 19th.

—Don't forget the donation party at the Methodist hall, Digby, next Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

—Mr. Isaac Doucette, of New London, Conn., formerly of Plympton, Digby county, has our thanks for a copy of *The Day* containing a full account of the launching of the big steamship Dakota, sister ship of the Minnesota. The latter vessel was launched last April.

—Arrangements have been completed for the Masquerade Dance which will be held in the Oddfellows' hall Monday night under the auspices of the Digby Cornet Band.

—Considerable expense is necessary to give an entertainment of this nature and we trust it will be well patronized.

—We would like to impress upon the band members the necessity of attending practice.

This organization is under a heavy expense for instructor and the members should avail themselves of the opportunity afforded them during the winter months.

—The pleasant weather and good sleighing yesterday was the cause of many teams being in town.

—A large number of Digby people were also out driving during the day.

—The horse race on Daley's Lake, under the auspices of the Gentlemen's Driving Club, which was postponed yesterday, will take place to-day if the ice is in good condition.

—Mrs. Joseph Sabean has a lemon raised in the slime from Martinique, which measures 12 inches in circumference.

—Mr. Orville Jones, local station agent of the D. A. R., has purchased a portion of Dr. Morse's land extending from First Avenue to Queen Street and will probably build a house in the early spring.

Union Bank's New Offices

The new offices in H. T. Warne's block, occupied by the Union Bank, which were especially fitted for the Bank's rapidly increasing business in Digby, are well planned and very convenient. The general banking office is in the front part of the building and is lighted by large plate glass windows. It contains a handsome counter manufactured by the Digby Wood-Working Co., who also put up the grill work, etc.

The grill now in use is a temporary one. The other will arrive in a few days. It is being manufactured by The Office Specialty Co., of Toronto. The teller's box is fitted with patent swinging cash drawers, designed by the local manager, Mr. J. A. Irving.

The vault contains novel fittings for fyling away checks, papers, etc., which is far more convenient than those usually found in banking establishments.

The manager's office is well furnished with up-to-date fittings, such as the telephone, electric bell, etc. It is handsomely carpeted and presents an attractive appearance.

The interior of the building is finished in hard wood. The inside decorating was in charge of Mr. Randolph Dakin and son Sidney, who, as usual, gave their employers a good job.

Mr. Irving and his staff have the facilities for taking care of a large amount of business in a few minutes which will be greatly appreciated by the Bank's patrons either residing in town or those who arrive from a distance.

County Court.

A regular session of the County Court opened at the Court House in Digby Tuesday, Judge Savary presiding. The following is the docket:

Probate case, estate of Elizabeth Armstrong; Miller for claimant, Dennison for estate.

Doucette vs. Purgeson: Dennison for plaintiff; Nichols for defendant.

Sproul vs. Hines: Dennison for plaintiff, Jones for defendant; settled.

Fairweather vs. Jordan: Dennison for plaintiff, Monroe for defendant.

Payson vs. Wah: Grierson for plaintiff, Nichols for defendant.

Melancon vs. Campbell: Nichols for plaintiff, Grierson for defendant.

Warne vs. Tarrio, an absent or absconding debtor: Nichols for plaintiff; debt assessed.

SUMMARY AND APPEALS.

Campbell vs. Melanson: Grierson for plaintiff, Monroe for defendant; tried, judgment for plaintiff.

Municipality of Digby vs. Executors of T. C. Shreve: Jones for plaintiff; tried, judgment for respondent.

Miss Chocon, of Bridgetown, performed the duties of stenographer and displayed great ability.

Deaths in Weymouth

MRS. EATON.

Mrs. Eaton, wife of Rev. J. T. Eaton, died at her home in Weymouth Friday morning, aged 63 years. She was formerly a Miss DeWolfe, of Kentville, and had spent many years in the Far East as a missionary. She leaves a husband, but no family. The remains were sent to Kentville for interment.

MISS MABEL JOHN.

Miss Mabel, daughter, of Mr. James John, died in Weymouth Friday, aged 21 years. She had been ill for some time with consumption. The deceased was very popular in her native place and leaves many relatives and friends who will regret to learn of her early death. She is survived by one brother, Mr. Fred John. The funeral, which was largely attended, was held from her late home Sunday noon, the services being conducted by Rev. T. O. Armstong, pastor of the Weymouth Methodist church.

An Aged Postmaster Ill.

John G. Nowlan, Esq., postmaster at Havelock, Digby county, had a stroke of paralysis Sunday which has left him quite helpless. On account of his advanced age it is feared he will not recover. He is highly respected by all who know him, and is one of the oldest postmasters in Digby county. Mr. Nowlan has been an agent for the COURIER since 1871 and has no doubt been the means of adding many names to our large list of subscribers.

Married at Acacia ville.

A quiet wedding took place at the home of Rev. J. W. Brecroft, Acacia ville, Thursday evening, the 4th inst., when he united in marriage Mr. George Clarke, formerly of Truro, but who for a number of years has been employed in tailoring establishments in this town, to Miss Beatrice, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred H. Dakin of Digby. The COURIER extends best wishes.

Fishermen's Poor Luck.

ROUGH WEATHER AND ICE INTERFERED WITH LOBSTER FISHING IN JANUARY.

(Halifax Herald.)

During the month of January the lobster catch in the southern and western counties fell considerably below that of the same month last year, owing entirely to the rough weather and ice. The latter is a feature which the fishermen have not had to contend with before for ten years. In Shelburne county, about the middle of the month, there was a period of a week or ten days, during which all the boats were frozen in and none were in grave danger of being carried out to sea when the wind changed. At the Basket Islands, Seal Islands and some points in Yarmouth county, which, owing to their positions were comparatively free from ice during the same time, the boats were able to carry on fishing operations, but with some interruptions from the high winds. All the reports, both from fishermen and captains of the coasting steamers engaged in transporting the lobsters, together with considering the poor chance for fishing, lobsters appeared to be more plentiful, all along the coast from Sable Island to Cape Negro than at the same season of any year since the fishing began. One very noticeable feature was the increase in small lobsters, between nine inches and nine and a half inches. The prices of the live article opened about 25 per cent. less than last year, and that weakness of the market was owing to the immense stock in the ponds in the state of Maine. There was hardly any advance in the Boston prices until about a month ago, when the continued short supply from Nova Scotia, caused quite a rise in the market, so that at the latest advices, sales were pretty nearly up to the best of last year. In New York and Newport, which take medium lobsters, prices have ruled quite low, which enabled the local packers to buy largely from the fishermen, who did not find it profitable to export the medium. There will be no more fishing operations now until the first of March, and most of the boats have been taken ashore, and as a general thing the gear has been brought to land to save it from being destroyed by the storms.

There is one remarkable thing, and that is in spite of the unusually heavy weather, less gear has been lost this season, than at any previous year, which partly recompenses the men for the losses they sustained in other ways.

War on the Dogfish

ST. JOHN COMPANY TO BUILD FACTORY FOR REDUCTION OF THESE PESTS INTO FERTILIZER, ETC.

(St. John Telegraph)

If the paragraph quoted below from the *Engineering News* is correct, a practical step is to be taken to exterminate the dogfish, that terrible pest of the Bay of Fundy fishermen, and indeed of along the coast of the provinces and Maine.

In Maine an agitation was started last year with a view to persuading the federal government to offer a bounty for the capture of dogfish, and there has also been some such talk among provincial fishermen.

It has also been suggested that the dogfish might be utilized as a food fish, or, as a last resort, to produce fertilizer. It is of the last suggestive, the figures from the *Engineering News* bears directly. It says:—

"The United States Drying Engineering Company, 66-70 Beaver street, New York, has closed a contract with the Provincial Chemical Fertilizer Company, of St. John, (N. B.), for the installation of a complete plant for the reduction of fifty tons of dogfish and fish offal per day, plant to be located in the Bay of Fundy on an island near Digby (N. S.), construction to be commenced March 1.

Bank of Nova Scotia

We have received a copy of the seventy-second annual statement of this bank. The statement is as unusually strong one from the depositor's standpoint as well as from that of the merchant or trader. The rapid progress of the Bank during the past ten years is shown by the following figures:

Dec. 31, 1903.	
Capital	$2,000,000.00
Reserve Fund	2,100,000.00
Total Deposits	21,482,842.34
Dec. 31, 1893.	
Capital	$1,500,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,712,000.00
Total Deposits	16,961,641.29
Dec. 31, 1883.	
Capital	$1,500,000.00
Reserve Fund	1,200,000.00
Total Deposits	8,326,216.06

During the period covered by the foregoing figures the number of Branches has increased from 27 to 52 and the rate of dividend has been raised from 8 per cent. to 10 per cent. since 1898.

Died in Beverly, Mass.

At Beverly, Mass., Jan. 29th, Mr. George A. Raymond, formerly of Brookville, Digby County, aged 55 years, leaves a widow and one son. He was a son of Benjamin R. Raymond, Mrs. S. Trefry, of Bridgewater, N. S., and Mrs. R. W. Beveridge, of Woodvale, are sisters of the deceased. He was a most patient sufferer for many years of consumption and heart trouble, and was of a most cheerful and bright disposition.

Personal Mention

Mr. Fred Barr has returned from the U. S.

Mr. E. D. Westcott is ill at his home in Waterford.

Miss Ruby Chisholm is visiting friends in Boston.

Capt. Ansel Snow returned yesterday from a trip to Yarmouth.

Dr. Hallett, of Weymouth, returned home from Halifax Wednesday.

Judge Savary, of Annapolis, was a passenger to Digby Tuesday morning.

Mr. G. A. Fye was a passenger to St. John Saturday, en route to Moncton.

Mr. J. A. Grierson, of Weymouth is in town this week attending County Court.

Sheriff Smith was a passenger to Weymouth Tuesday, returning via the noon express.

Miss Jessie Godard is visiting at the home of Mr. J. Godard, Douglas Avenue, St. John.

Capt. C. E. Lewis was a passenger to Weymouth Tuesday morning, returning at noon.

Mr. O. Miller, Senior, of Bear River, was in town this week attending County Court.

Mr. Leonard Lydiard, of Halifax, returned home yesterday after spending several days in town.

Mrs. Helen Morgan, of Barton, is the guest of her brother, Mr. O. S. Dunham, at the Racquette.

Messrs. Orbin Sproule and G. A. Fye returned last week from a trip to Caledonia Corner, Queens county.

Miss Winifred Dunham was a passenger to St. John on Wednesday, where she will spend several weeks with relatives.

Mr. A. H. Holdsworth was a passenger to St. John Saturday, returning yesterday afternoon. He left for Yarmouth yesterday morning.

Mrs. George Fairweather left Friday morning for Annapolis Tuesday, where she is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Lombard.

Judge Savary left for Plympton this morning to visit his sister, Miss Savary. He returns to Annapolis via to-night's accommodation train.

Mr. Fred Peacock was a passenger from Yarmouth Tuesday, and proceeded to Culloden on business in connection with the wrecked schr. Ella Rickard.

Mr. H. B. Hogg (Acadia '02), who for several years was principal of Digby Academy, was in Wolfville this week. He has about finished his law course and after being admitted to the Bar expects to go to the Canadian North West, where he will practice his profession.

Marine and Shipping

Bark Stranger is due at Weymouth from New York to load lumber for Buenos Ayres, shipped by G. D. Campbell & Co.

Bark J. H. Bower did not sail from Weymouth as previously reported, but is detained waiting for high tides to enable her to cross the bar.

S. S. Westport III., Capt. Powell, was in the ice in Yarmouth harbor yesterday with rudder stock broken. She will probably sail for Westport today.

Schr. W. Parnell (Harris, Capt. Wm. Snow, was in Yarmouth last week. Capt. Snow sold 1,000 barrels of haddock to Digby via Friday night's freight.

Schr. Ella Rickard, Friday: The steamer Senlac was taken to Rodney Slip early yesterday afternoon, and is now undergoing repairs, necessitated by the damage received in her last trip to Halifax. The old propeller is being removed and a new one will be put in its place. She will also be newly sheathed with iron to water mark for passing through ice.

New Ads. This Week

S. A. Keen.....Eye Strain Removed
Scott's Emulsion.....Faulty Digestion
Clarke Bros.....Shirt Needs

FIRE IN BALTIMORE

The City Staggering Under an Appalling Loss.

FOR NEARLY THIRTY HOURS THE FIRE SWEPT ACROSS CITY, UTTERLY BEYOND CONTROL, AND THEN THE CONFLAGRATION CEASED ONLY WHEN IT REACHED THE WATER'S EDGE.

BALTIMORE, Md., Feb. 8—Baltimore is staggering tonight under a fire loss which one has the temerity to put in figures. The important commercial district is blackened ruins laid bare by a conflagration which raged without even a momentary check from 10.45 a. m. yesterday until late in the afternoon today.

At three o'clock this evening it was agreed the flames were under control. They had raged nearly twenty eight hours, in spite of the almost superhuman efforts put forth by the best fighting forces that more than half a dozen cities were able to muster.

The city is overcast with gloom. The only lights in the burned district are those from the smouldering ruins. Apparently there is but one cause for gladness and that is that there are no homeless. The residental section of the city escaped.

This phase of the situation relieved the officials from any thought other than the saving of property. At 2 p. m. today, the Associated Press sent out a bulletin saying the flames would be held in check at the Union Docks and prevented from leaping Jones' Falls and placing the entire east of the city in jeopardy. At 3 o'clock that bulletin was confirmed.

A score of times insidious flames were found lapping the sides of lumber piles in the east bank of the Falls. Through the contest, firemen were handicapped by a gale, which carried burning brands far over the heads of the workers. But for the work of the volunteers in extinguishing these embers, it is almost certain the burned area would have been twice as great.

TOO SOON TO ESTIMATE.

Nearly seventy-five blocks or 140 acres are gone, extending from Lexington Street on the north to Pratt Street on the south, from Liberty Street on west to Jones on the east. Insurance companies have opened temporary offices in the Lexington Hotel but their representatives decline to estimate the loss, the answer of one is typical of all :—"It's too big." We have not figures to describe it. Make it above one hundred million. That's the best we can do."

The city was early placed under martial law and thus all danger of looting the doomed district was eliminated. No one dares to guess what would have happened if the flames had jumped Jones' Falls. The struggle today has been to confine the fire to the west side of the muddy little stream. That this effort has succeeded is merely the result of the fire burning itself out, and coming in contact in front with the concentrated labors of nearly a hundred fire companies aided by the powerful fire tug, the Cataract.

Had the fire gained a foothold in the east side lumber it is conceded nothing could have stopped the on-slaught and the departments would have been powerless to prevent damage as great if not greater than that of the Chicago fire.

BUILDINGS WERE DYNAMITED.

Dynamite explosions have been constant today. The programme adopted last night of blowing up buildings in an attempt to stay the progress of the flames was continued until the fire was under control. Then the dynamiters turned their attention to razing tottering walls, which threatened to collapse. The result was that almost constant rumbling was heard in all parts of the city.

With the fire under control the blackend waste, which lies in the wake of the sea of flames presents a terrible view. It can be likened best to rows of great coke ovens, each shooting out its thousands of tongues of flame from pyramids of brick, stone and cement. Where the fire had burned out nothing remains but waste, from which rise hundreds of towering insecure shafts. These are all that is left of what were once handsome office buildings, storage, wholesale and business houses of all kinds. The loss will not be accurately estimated for weeks, for business men prosperous yesterday morning are poor today.

MANY POORLY INSURED.

Expressions heard from these men as they peer into their collapsed properties reveal an astounding number who were only protected with insurance. At 1.23 o'clock this afternoon, limits of the fire had travelled from Fayette Street to Eastern Avenue. At this point half a dozen fire companies were fighting from the rear, while other companies were working on both Jones Falls and the Liberty Street borders. Every bridge over Jones' Falls had a score of firemen and not infrequently they were compelled to turn their attention from the towering pyres to put out flames on the floor between them and the deep water.

Both banks of Jones' Falls were lined with piers and the piles on one side were blazing constantly and on the other throwing off clouds of steam caused by the water turned on wood heated almost to the point of igniting. The advance of the flames had been checked and the fire companies started over the course to subdue the flames and prevent another outbreak.

50,000 OUT OF EMPLOYMENT.

Col. J. Frank Supples, a competent authority on factory statistics, estimated that the number of persons thrown out of employment will reach 50,000. Others have estimated the enforced idleness at greatly more.

Inspector of Buildings, Preston, after making a careful survey of the burned district, placed the building loss alone at $150,000,000.

NOT A LIFE LOST.

Not a single life has been lost and not a human being has been even dangerously injured. The hospital lists consist of minor burns with the exception of Jacob Ingleftitz, a fireman from York, Pa. He has a fractured leg and is badly burned. It is doubtful if history holds a catastrophe in which so tremendous a money loss was accompanied with so slight a human sacrifice. There is not a dangerously injured person on the hospital lists.

Westport

Mr. E. C. Bowers went to Meteghan Monday.

Miss Maggie Earle, of Yarmouth, is visiting Miss Allie Bessar.

Mrs. Geo. Welsh has returned home from Bay View and Digby.

Mr. Herbert Ruggles has returned to his home at Sheffield Mills.

Miss Ira Denton intends returning to her home in Yarmouth Wednesday.

Miss Bertha Thurber, of Freeport, is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. Garron.

Mr. Alfred Gilliland, of Rossway, is visiting his uncle, Mr. Frank Titus.

Mrs. Finegan, of Freeport, was a guest at Mrs. Sinclair Brown's Monday.

Three candidates were baptized and received in the Baptist Church Sunday, Feb. 7th.

The S. S. Westport left here Saturday for St. John and returned Sunday at noon with a full freight.

Schr. Myrtle Leaf, from St. Andrews, bound to Jordan River to load lumber, is in for a harbor this week.

Miss Nora Johnson, who has been spending a few weeks with her aunt, Mrs. Brown, returns home today.

Instead of "our popular cobbler, Mr. Ling," it should read "our popular barber, Mr. Chester Ling, has returned home from St. John."

The ice crop is all harvested. Between two and three hundred tons are being put up this winter for the fishermen, and about 100 tons put in the cold storage for bait.

Mr. G. B., challenged Mr. H. C. F., one day last week for a wrestle, both men being in their 60th year. However, Mr. H. C. F., took him up, and took a back hold and Mr. H. C. F., came down on top. It created quite a laugh in the crowd.

Freeport

Social and sleighing parties seem to be the order of the day.

Miss Vera Brooks spent a few days last week with friends in Tiverton.

Mr. George Morehouse, of Sandy Cove, was in town a few days last week on business.

Messrs. Joseph Stephens, Jeremiah Brooks, Calvin Perry, Joseph Hains, Jesse McNeil and Wade Thurber, returned home from sea by S. S. Westport on Sunday, Feb. 7th.

Mrs. Amos Thurber died at her home on Saturday evening, Feb. 6th, of lung disease. She leaves a husband and two daughters, Mrs. Ossinger of Tiverton, and Miss Bessie to mourn their loss.

Another shooting accident took place here Monday afternoon. Mr. Mendal Morrell receiving nine shots in the ankle. Mr. Fenwick Morrell cut his knee quite badly while chopping in the woods. Both will be confined to their homes for some days.

Lilla Lewis, daughter of Mr. Pitman Lewis, died at the home of Mr. Nathaniel Bates on Friday morning, Feb. 5th, of consumption, aged eight years. The two funerals will be conducted by Rev. Richard Kempt, of Westport, on Wednesday, weather permitting.

Plympton

Mrs. W. K. Smith is suffering with rheumatism in her arm.

We notice C. T. Warner has purchased a new sleigh. He is a dandy.

Mrs. H. E. Warner entertained Mrs. Don Urquhart, of Barton, last week.

Rev. G. A. Harris was entertained at Capt. Herbert Warner's last Tuesday.

Our school is in a flourishing condition. Thanks to Mr. Morse, who is an excellent teacher.

Capt. W. C. Warner is in Bridgewater, the guest of his daughter-in-law, Mrs. J. Warner.

Mrs. Alex McDonald has been quite ill, also Mr. Geo. McDonald. Dr. Eager in attendance.

Mrs. Hardy, of Granville Ferry, has been spending a week here among relatives and friends. She is a sister of Mrs. H. E. Warner.

New Telephone Plan.

NEW BRUNSWICK COMPANY ADOPTS LIMITED SERVICE FOR CUSTOMERS.

(St. John Telegraph.)

As will be seen in the advertising columns this morning, the New Brunswick Telephone Company, by special notice, announces the inauguration of a limited telephone service.

Besides, Manager MacMackin told a *Telegraph* reporter, Saturday, is to meet the case of the small business man or householder who has need of a telephone in his business or house and yet would use the instrument on an average of only a couple of times a day or so.

The company therefore has arranged a reduced schedule of rates for telephones on this limited service system. An instrument can now be placed in a business house on single line for $35 a year and eighty calls a month are allowed. For any over that a charge per call will be made. A two party line with eighty calls is $30 a year. Single or double line, limited to sixty calls, can also be arranged for at further reduced rates. Residence telephones are also scheduled at lower rates under the new plan.

The company also has arranged for the placing of automatic pay telephones where required.

Fielding in Railway Accident

A telegram from Plattsburg, N. Y., of Saturday last says that a head-on collision occurred on the Delaware and Hudson, a short distance from the depot in that city at 8 20 that morning. The Montreal sleeper and a south-bound passenger train came together, wrecking both engines and baggage and mail cars of the sleeper. A fireman of the southbound train was cut about the face. Attached to the Montreal sleeper was the private car of the Canadian government containing Hon. W. S. Fielding, minister of finance, his wife and daughter. Captain Borrit, of the finance department, and Miss Lindsay, of Ottawa. None of them were injured, although they were considerably shaken up by the collision.

36 Years' Faithful Service.

The St. John Business Colleges is reaping the reward of its thirty-six years of faithful service. Last year was the most successful in its history, but this year, so far, is way ahead of 1903.

Great care in selecting the course of study, combined with commendable enterprise in providing up to date systems are factors in the success of the college. The college holds the right for exclusive use in New Brunswick of the two best of the actual business systems, and holds itself ready to introduce every new feature of genuine merit.—*St. John Telegraph.*

Death of Thomas S. Whitman.

Mr. Thomas S. Whitman, one of the most prominent and enterprising citizens of Annapolis, died suddenly early Friday morning. He was around the house as usual during the day, but at night complained of a distressed feeling from indigestion. His son was using efforts to relieve him, and he seemed much better, and fell asleep. His son left him at 4 o'clock, and on returning found him dead. He was 75 years of age, was a strong Liberal in politics, and held the greatest respect in his community. He leaves a widow, six sons, and one sister, Mrs. Twining.

A Stove Explosion.

Dr. McLean, of North Sydney, made a fire in his kitchen range on Saturday morning, and shortly afterwards the stove exploded with a terrific crash. The water pipes in the front had frozen and had burst with the heat. The doctor's knee was seriously injured by a piece of the iron striking it, and the house was set on fire. Before the flames were put out the kitchen portion of the building was completely gutted and the house made untenantable. The thermometer registered 17 below 0 during the night.

International Closed Down.

GLACE BAY, February 9.—The Dominion Coal company have issued instructions to close down the International colliery at Bridgeport for the present. The banking of coal has been completed there and the company are unable, owing to the depression of trade, to dispose of a further output. How long the mine will remain idle is not known. The daily output of this mine was about 800 tons, and between 250 and 300 men are temporarily out of employment.

Deer in St. John Streets.

ST. JOHN, Feb. 8.—A remarkable sight was witnessed last evening in the north end of the city. Three deer walked into town, rambled down Main Street to the water's edge jumped into the river and after a swim landed at another part of the city and were seen later, on Douglas Avenue. The city deer experienced a disagreeable snowstorm at the time and the animals had their little trip unnoticed, for not many people were about.

Panic in Boston Hotel.

BOSTON, Feb. 9.—Fire in the Franklin Square House at one o'clock this morning caused a panic among the 450 women boarders in which several were injured. The fire was soon under control.

WAR COMMENCED.

Japs' First Blow Was a Hard One for Russia.

JAPS STEAL INTO PORT ARTHUR AND TORPEDO TWO OF THE CZAR'S BEST BATTLESHIPS—BRITISH PASSENGER SHIP GETS MIXED UP BETWEEN THE COMBATANTS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 10—1 a. m.—The following official bulletin has just been issued in the form of a telegram from Viceroy Alexieff, chief of staff, dated Feb. 9: "By order of the Viceroy, I beg to report that this day at about 11 o'clock in the morning, a Japanese squadron consisting of about 15 battleships and cruisers approached Port Arther and opened fire. The enemy was received with a cannonade from the shore batteries and the guns of our squadron, which also participated in the engagement. At about midday the Japanese squadron ceased its fire and left, proceeding seaward. In this affair the fleet were two officers wounded, nine men killed and 41 men wounded. On the shore battery one man was killed and three wounded. The battleship Poleata and the cruiser Novik each had a hole knocked in her side below the waterline. The forts were slightly damaged.

(Signed) "MAJOR GENERAL FUGU"

CHE FOO, Feb. 9—The British steamer Columbia, which arrived here today with 1,000 Russian refugees, has left the attack by the Japanese fleet upon the Russian fleet, reports that the Columbia had a narrow escape from injury. Her passengers and crew were very much excited. While going out of the roads at Port Arthur, the Russian cruiser Novik got between the Columbia and the Japanese fleet. Shells which passed over the Novik struck around the Columbia. Her flag was cut into shreds and one shell fell on her deck. The lives of those aboard were on deck were blackened with powder smoke. A naval officer who was recently at Port Arthur says the Russians were not prepared for the attack on their ships and had an insufficient amount of steam up. A boat patrolled the Straits of Pechih continuously, but apparently the Japanese torpedo boats were not noticed until the first torpedo was fired. The Russians fired, but the Japanese did not return the fire and backed off. An hour later the discharge of torpedoes was repeated, after which the torpedo boats withdrew completely. At 10 o'clock Tuesday morning the Japanese fast cruisers circled within view of the whole Russian fleet, but they were not engaged. The Russians returned towards the harbor after an hour. The Japanese continuing, came within three miles. A battle then began the Russian forts and fourteen ships and sixteen Japanese vessels. A few of the Japanese shells were effective, but as far as seen the Russian shots fell short. The Japanese fleet was steaming toward Daley when last seen last. The steamer Columbia left just as Tuesday morning's contest began, and was unable to learn the result. It is probable that the Japanese fleet was conveying twenty-six troops ships from Sasebojo some port of Korea. Nothing has reported to be in possession of the southern portion of the peninsula.

The Russian war vessels at Vladivostock are the armored cruisers Rurik, Rossia, Gromoboy and the Bogatyr, a new cruiser, built in 1900. The Rurik has 1,000 tons of coal at Port Arthur, but the coal must be taken out to the battleships in lighters until the battleships disabled by the Japanese are floated.

LATEST NEWS.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—A formal declaration of war is expected to-night. The proclamation has been prepared and approved by the Cabinet.

Foreign Minister Kormura has gone to the Palace to secure the Emperor's approval.

Japan seized Masampho, on Sunday and despatched a heavy force. Japan will fortify the port and establish a naval and military base there.

Masampho is an exceedingly important point, as it controls the Korea Channel, and is an excellent base for future operations.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—Cabling from Shanghai, a correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says an important bridge on the Manchurian railroad has been blown up and thirty men have been killed.

TOKIO, Feb. 10.—The Empire is taking an energetic part in direction of the campaign. He is in constant communication with the Ministers. He is at his desk from sunrise for into the night. All Cabinet Governors have been summoned here to receive instructions. It is stated unofficially that a large Japanese force has reached Seoul, but there is no news of happening there nor of any operations ashore. There is further news of the movement of the fleet.

It is rumored that the Japanese captured several Russian ships at Port Arthur in addition to the three that were damaged. This report cannot be confirmed and it is not credited. The rumored capture of three Russian transports with 20,000 troops on board is equally incapable of confirmation.

BRITAIN'S REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, Feb. 10.—General Sir William Nicholson, Director General of Military Intelligence of the War office, and Col. J. A. L. Haldane of the Gordon Highlanders have been appointed to accompany the Japanese army.

GAMBLING ON WAR.

LONDON, February 9.—A despatch to the Reuter's *Telegram* company from Ten Tsin says: A French transport with a battalion of troops from Tonquin is hourly expected at Shanghai Kwang, on the Gulf of Lino Tang, to reinforce the forts which are being evacuated by the Russians. It is reported that the French will not allow sea hoisted there this morning, and that the British officer in charge at Shanghai Kwang protested against the French occupation. At present there is only a single sentry guarding the flag. The British commander here, Brig. Gen. Ventris and his chief of staff, proceeded to Shanghai Kwang this morning.

CONFLICTING CHINESE CAPTURES.

It is difficult to obtain accurate news of Japanese captures. It is stated that they include the volunteer steamer Ekaterineslav with thirty officers on board, which lately landed at Port Arthur a full complement of recruits from Odessa and also the merchantmen, Argunshika, Manchuria, Sleipner, Mukden, and Sentis. Some if not all of the merchantmen have been released with apologies for their mistaken detention. The Sleipner and the Sentis are Norwegian vessels. A Chinese warship is expected at Chemulpe with a guard for the Chinese Legation at Seoul.

CONFLICTING REPORTS.

Accounts of the fate of the Russian warships Varing and Korietz differ. According to one story many of the crew of the Korietz were drowned and the survivors were picked up by boats from the French cruiser Pascal.

Naval authorities here claim that Japan's successes have already ensured to her the command of the sea between Port Arthur and the mouth of the Yalu River.

The Government is sending Baron Seumatsu to the United States on a special mission to explain Japan's case. Baron Kaneko will go on a similar mission to England. Newspapers are unanimous in expressing personal gratitude to Baron Ito for his appointment as minister who they assert completely relates Russia's attitude. It is reported that he depreciated his own Government's diplomatic methods and warned St. Petersburg some time ago that they were goading the Japs into war. He urged that the characteristic contempt of Russians for Asiatics was entirely misplaced in the case of the Japs.

Vessels Seized

JAPAN HAS CAPTURED FOUR RUSSIAN MERCHANT SHIPS.

LONDON, Feb. 9.—In a despatch from Nagasaki dated Monday, February 8, a correspondent of the Daily *Telegraph* says:—

"It is assured that the Russian fleet will fight. The Russian long ago decided upon war, and their delay was due to lack of preparation and uncertainty whether other powers would intervene or not."

In a despatch dated Nagasaki, Saturday, February 6, and which was delayed by the Censors, a correspondent of the Daily *Telegraph* asserts that Russia deliberately precipated the crisis by secretly despatching a few days ago from Port Arthur, transports loaded with a full division of troops and escorted by a fleet and landing them near the Yalu River thus occupying Northern Korea.

"Japanese patience became exhausted and today Japan moved her ships and took unresisted possession of certain merchant vessels, including the Shika and Manchurian."

The correspondent continues: "Two other Russian vessels were seized and escorted to Sazbo, Japan."

The Daily *Telegraph* says the foregoing seizure occurred at Masampho but the censor suppressed the location.

Germany Brought to Time.

OTTAWA, Feb. 8th.—It is understood that the Dominion Government has received a cable from London in regard to the desire of Germany to reopen the question of trade relations with Canada. This is owing to the surtax on German imports into Canada. As already shown, the surtax has had a serious effect upon Germany's trade with Canada, and the Government of that country is now willing to negotiate with the Dominion for relief.

For years Canada indeavored to get Germany to withdraw its discriminating rates against Canada, but the Government of Emperor William would not listen with any reason to the Dominion's request. The surtax has evidently brought Germany to time.

A Town in Java Disappears.

Advices received at Amsterdam on Friday last state that an entire town in the island of Java has been swallowed up by a volcanic eruption, and hundreds of persons were killed.

The colonial office, later, received a despatch from the governor of the Dutch East Indies, reporting the eruption of the volcano of Merapi, in the island of Java, and saying twelve persons were burned to death, and that twenty were severely injured. The eruption was accompanied by showers of red hot coals.

Another Fatal Railway Wreck

ANNPRIOR, Ont., Feb. 9—The east and west bound "Soo" trains on the C. P. R. came into collision at Sand Point, near here, early this morning. Fourteen were killed and about thirty injured. Conductor J. T. Nidd, of the west-bound train, No. 2, said: "It was the fault of my-elf and my engineer, John Dudley, that the wreck took place. I did not forget our orders but the train slipped by Sand Point without my knowing it. My orders were in my pocket. We got our orders at Ottawa, which we left at 2.50 a. m."

The Battle Line

Steamer Tanagra, Capt. Grady, from Licata, arrived at Portland, Me., on Thursday.

Steamer Nemea, now at Norfolk, after going to Tampico, will return to New York to load for Australia.

Steamer Cheronea, Capt. Swatridge, arrived at Cardiff on Thursday, bound from Havre for the River Plate.

Steamship Plates, Capt. Leary, sailed from Cardiff yesterday for Montevideo.

Hold on to Queens.

TORONTO, Feb. 8.—A Kingston despatch says that nineteen of the twenty Presbyteries which have answered the queeries of the General Assembly Commission have given action on Queens University as a church institution.

DEATHS.

TAYLOR—Entered into rest at her home in Little Brook, Digby Co., Feb. 10th, 1904, Alice Taylor, beloved wife of Jacob Taylor, in the 32nd year of her age, leaving a husband and seven children to mourn their sad loss.

PUBLIC NOTICE

ALL persons are hereby forbidden trusting any wife Mary Harris, on my account, I will not be responsible for her debts contracted by her. She has left my bed and board on her own account and without reasonable or just cause. JOHN HARRIS.
Jordanstown, Feb. 1st, 1904. 22 if

Barrels Wanted

I WILL PAY CASH for empty flour and meal barrels delivered in Digby.
G. H. MCCORMICK, McMullin Block.
22 if

Vessel For Sale

WILL SELL at a bargain, the fishing schr. Ethel Pearl, 43 tons register, with or now fishing. Sails and rigging good. Apply to HOWARD A. WILSON, Digby, N. S.
22 if lip

LOST

ON SUNDAY afternoon, near the Methodist Church, a gold brooch. The finder will be rewarded by leaving at Courier office, or any information will thankfully received. 22 if

Too Little Blood.

IS THE CAUSE OF MOST OF THE MISERY IN EVERYDAY LIFE—IMPROVE THE BLOOD AND DISEASE WILL NOT EXIST.

Among the many thousands who testify to the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills as a blood and nerve tonic is Miss Mary Jackson, Normandale, Ont., who says:—"I have used Dr. Williams Pink Pills, and have derived such great benefit from them that I consider it my duty to let others know their worth. For upwards of three years I have suffered from anaemia, and grew so weak that I could scarcely walk about the house. I had no color in my face, my lips and gums were bloodless, I lost all ambition, suffered from headaches and dizziness, and fell away in weight until I weighed only ninety four pounds. I doctored a great deal, but it did not seem to do me any good. I was then advised to try Dr. Williams Pink Pills and before I had taken them ten days I felt better and my people could see a change in me. I continued using the pills for some weeks and am now in the very best health. Every depressing symptom has passed away and I have gained fourteen pounds in weight. I think there is no medicine can equal Dr. Williams Pink Pills and I strongly recommend them to all weak and ailing girls."

Miss Jackson's experience should bring hope to all the weak, ailing girls and women. What those pills have done for her they will do for others. Every dose adds tone and vigor to the blood and nerves, brings a glow of health to sallow cheeks, a sparkle to the eyes and a ruby redness to pallid lips. No other medicine has done so much to bring comfort and health to weak girls and women. If you are ailing give the pills a fair trial and new health and strength will be yours. Do not accept any pink colored substitute; the genuine pills always have the full name "Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People" printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by medicine dealers everywhere, or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

—All that the negro race has accomplished in the fields of literature, from the earliest recorded times down to the preesent day, has been collected and classified by Mr. Daniel Murray, an employee of the Congressional Library in Washington. Mr. Murray has been engaged four years in this work. He was designated to prepare an exhibit of works by negro authors for the World's exhibition at Paris, and succeeding in collecting about nine hundred publications, he continued the work and increased his collection for Pan-American Exhibition at Buffalo. Since then he has made further additions, till now he has a list of twenty-three hundred titles of works by negro authors and a highly interesting, if somewhat heterogeneous, gathering of books. The record begins with the writings of Hiempsal, who was King of Numidia about the year 120 B. C., and in the publication of recent years shows some ambitious and some meritorious efforts in the higher walks of literature. As might be expected, the collection does not show any traces of a distinctive racial literature. Throughout it is imitative, and does not contain even one book which could be classed among the classics of any country or period. The later additions testify, however, to the advance the educated of the race in America are making in both the form and matter of their writings.

The Solar Plexus

Is the largest nerve centre in the sympathetic nervous system, is situated just back of the stomach, and supplies nervous energy, the vital force of the human bodies, to the stomach, heart, lungs, kidneys, liver, etc. By creating nerve force Dr. Chase's Nerve Food directly aids the solar plexus in supplying the power which runs the machinery of digestion and so cures nervous dyspepsia, headache, dizzy spells and bodily weakness.

Unsuspected Talent.

Burns was living in the town of Ayr and, though still young, had attained more than a local reputation as a poet. One day he was passing through the main street of the town and saw two strangers sitting at one end of the inn window. With idle curiosity he stopped to look at them.

Seeing him and thinking the rustic might afford them some amusement while they were waiting, the strangers called him in and asked him to dine with them. Burns readily accepted the invitation and proved a merry, entertaining guest.

When dinner was nearly finished, the strangers suggested that each should try his hand at versemaking and that the one who failed to write a rhyme should pay for the dinner. They felt secure in the challenge, believing that their rustic guest would pay for the meal. The rhymes were written, and Burns read the following:

I, Johnny Peep, saw two sheep;
Two sheep saw me.
Half a crown apiece will pay for their fleece.
And I, Johnny Peep, go free.

The strangers' astonishment was great, and they both exclaimed: "Who are you? You must be Robbie Burns!" And Robbie Burns did not pay for the dinner.

Two Years Abed.—For eight years I suffered as no one ever did with rheumatism; for two years I lay in bed; could not so much as feed myself. A friend recommended South American Rheumatic Cure. After three doses I could sit up. To-day I am as strong as ever I was."—Mrs. John Cook, 287 Clinton street, Toronto.—2

Eddy Sues For $50.000 Damages.

Ottawa, Feb. 7.—C. S. O. Boudreault, alderman and labor leader; Patrick M. Draper, president of the Ottawa Allied Trades and Labor Association, and secretary of the Dominion Trades Congress; James Scouly, president of the Hull Paper Makers Union, and Harry Smith, secretary of the Hull Paper Makers Union, have been made defendants in a writ issued by E. B. Eddy asking $50,000 damages for alleged defamation in a circular issued last week calling on labor to support the striking paper makers in Hull in their efforts to secure shorter hours.

Eat what you like.—Give the digestive organs some work to do. These functions need exercise as much as any part of the human anatomy, but if they're delicate, give them the aid that Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets afford and you can eat anything that's wholesome and palatable—60 in a box, 35 cents.—8.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper

Bear River.

(Telephone.)

Clarence Rice arrived home from Chester last Saturday.

Born on Thursday, Jan. 28th, to the wife of O. O. Rice, a daughter.

Mrs. (Capt.) Elisha Mullen, of Weymouth, is visiting friends and relatives here.

The Methodist Aid Society held an enjoyable session at W. W. Wade's Wednesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Rice entertained a large party of their friends at whist Tuesday evening

Miss Frances Riordan, of Annapolis Royal, has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. Arthur Rice this week.

Mrs. J. F. McClelland and children, of Deep Brook, have spent the past two weeks with her parents here.

Mrs. George McClelland, of Greywood, returned home yesterday, after a week's visit to her husband's relatives at Deep Brook.

Miss Blanche Purdy entertained a number of her friends at her home last Friday evening. A very pleasant evening was enjoyed.

A party of Masons from Keith Lodge attended the opening of the new Masonic Hall of King Solomon Lodge, at Digby Tuesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Parker, who has been the guest of her brother, Mr. Alpheus Marshall for the past six weeks, returned to New York Wednesday.

Lieut. Carl B. Miller went yesterday to attend the annual meeting and dinner of the 69th Annapolis Batt., held at Bridgetown on that date. He was accompanied as far as Annapolis by Mrs. Miller.

A party consisting of the families of Mr. Chipman Harris, W. F. Dunn, Maj. Wallace Harris and Frank Jones, Esq., enjoyed a drive to the lumber camp of W. E. Dunn on Saturday last. They report a most enjoyable time, being delightfully entertained by the cook, Chas. Sanford, who presides over the camp.

Attacked by Eagles.

Charles Read, a sheepman, of Redwood valley, California, is now under a doctor's care in Ukiah, a Medocino country, as the result of a single-handed fight with two large bald eagles. For some time Read had been missing sheep and lambs from his pasture, and concluded that a stealtry coyote was making inroads on his flock, set a number of traps baited with mutton. The next day he discovered a large bald eagle in one of them.

The eagle appeared to have worn itself out by its struggles and was lying down. Read released the spring but no sooner had he done so than the eagle attacked him. Its mate, which which had been watching near soon joined in the fight. With their heavy wings they beat him to the ground, all the while tearing his flesh and clothes with their talons and beaks.

Read was so taken by surprise by the attack that it was several minutes before he thought to reach for his pistol which had fallen from his pocket as he was thrown to the ground. While protecting his face with his arms he managed to get the barrel of the pistol against one of the birds and fired. The other was frightened away by the report.

The wounded eagle set its talons in his right tight and held on with a tight grip. When he recovered from his exhaustion he found himself unable to remove them, as the muscle of the eagle's claws had grown rigid. He dragged himself to his cabin and was thence taken to Ukiah where the talons were cut out. The dead eagle measured nine feet from tip to tip.

A Pleasant Duty.—"When I know anything worthy of recommendation, I consider it my duty to 'tell it,'" says Rev. Jas. Murdock, of Hamburg, Pa. "Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder has cured me of Catarrh of five years standing. It is certainly magical in its effect. The first application benefited me in five minutes 50 cts."—9

Freezes-Up Down East

NOT SINCE 1875 HAS SO MUCH ICE BEEN ON THE PENOBSCOT.

Bucksport, Me., Feb. 2.—Not since the famous freeze-up of the Penobscot in 1875, has there been so much ice in the lower river and bay as at present. The up-river is solid down to a point opposite Winterport from 2 to 3 miles below the usual point. Marsh bay and river and the Granite docks are frozen solidly, the ice coming well out to the main river.

Here the docks are full of ice, which extends far out into the river, making it difficult for steamers to get to the docks. Several sailing vessels bound out are frozen in. The back channel around Verona Island is entirely closed being jammed in places with drift ice from 6 to 10 ft. deep.

The river through the narrows and below is full of floating ice. Eggemoggin Beach is closed completely. Sargentville, Sedgwick, Brooklin and many other coast towns are practically cut off from water transportation for the present, the harbors being blockaded.

"Thought it meant death sure.—Mrs. James McKim, of Dunnville, Ont., says of her almost miraculous cure from heart disease by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart; "Until I began taking this remedy I despaired of my life. I had heart failure and extreme prostration. One dose gave me quick relief and one bottle cured me. The sufferings of years were dispelled like magic."—3

Drivers' Strike Settled.

Glace Bay, Feb. 1.—The drivers' strike at Dominion No. 2 Colliery has been settled along the lines indicated in my last despatch. The boys continue at the old rate $1.38 per day and the older ones who earned higher on score will be alloted shift work that will enable them to make as much wages as formerly.

A twelve year old boy named Johnson started to run across the track at Caledonia this afternoon and was struck by the engine. He had one arm broken, a head cut deeply, its entire length, his scalp torn and suffered other minor injuries.

A Sad End.

Saginaw, Mich., Feb. 2.—The wedding here last week of Corporal Charles A. Valois, of Company H. 28th U. S. Infantry, home on furlough, and Miss Mable Steiner, had a tragic climax last night when the young couple took poison in a room at a rooming house on Franklin street. Mrs. Valois is dead and her husband is in a critical condition. The match met with the disapproval of the parents of each of them.

Miserly Old Woman Dead.

St. Petersburg. Febuary 1—An old woman, who for 20 years past has lived in a small room in this city, has been found dead of privation. The officials found $8,000 in a cupboard and a further seearch revealed securities valued at $1,000,000. The woman leaves no heirs.

German Canaries as Singers

German canaries excel all other canaries as singers. One has been known to continue a single trill for a minute and a quarter, with twenty changes of note in it.

Laundry Lines

A pinch of borax in cooked starch will make the clothes stiffer and whiter.

When a big ironing is to be done relieve the feet by standing on a soft old piece of quilt.

Stains of fruit, etc., may be taken out of wash goods by first saturating the spot with coal oil, then washing as usual.

An iodine stain, one of the most stubborn to encounter, can, it is said, be removed by soaking the fabric in sweet milk and occasionally rubbing the spot. When washing flannels shake and brush them thoroughly before putting them into the water, as this removes the dirt in a more satisfactory manner and keeps the flannels white.

Silk hankerchiefs should have a little methylated spirit added to the rinsing water. They should not be hung up to dry, but instead be rolled in a cloth and ironed while damp.

Every Women in Poor Health

Has an awful struggle. Lots to do, all kinds of worry, must content with loss of sleep, poor appetite and tired nerves. Her only desire is for more strength and better health. This is exactly what comes from using Ferrozone, the greatest tonic sickly women can possibly use. Ferrozone makes the blood tingle and grow red; the cheeks grow rosy, the eyes bright. Ferrozone invigorates the body, develops new strength and makes life worth living. Ferrozone is the sort of tonic that builds up, it gives one a reserve of nerve force and establishes such healthy conditions that sickness is unknown. Let every woman use Ferrozone. Price 50c.

Putting Away Summer Clothes

The housekeeper who holds to the old fashioned way of putting away the summer clothes each fall without starching and ironing is preparing for herself days of constant labor of the most wearing kind when the first warm days of spring arrive and she is already worn out with spring sewing or house cleaning or enervated with the languor which attacks every one with the coming of spring. The objection that starch is apt to yellow and certain to weaken the fabric has no weight when one remembers that the clothes made up and kept on sale in the stores, as well as the prints and the muslins bought by the yard, are starched before they leave the factory. Handkerchiefs, too, are invariably starched when in the store, and surely they do not grow yellow.—*Exchange.*

La Grippe Coming Again

The doctors believed another epidemic of Grippe is here, and already many are suffering. The medical men are not afraid of Grippe since Catarrhozone was introduced, and claim that no one will ever catch this disease who inhales the fragrant healing vapor of Catarrhozone a few times daily. Catarrhozone kills the Grippe germs and prevents it spreading through the system. "Last winter I had an attack of Grippe" writes C. P. Mackinnon of St. John's. "I bought Catarrhozone and got relief in short time. I found Catarrhozone better than anything else and was cured by using it." Catarrhozone prevents and cures Grippe, colds and catarrh. Two months treatment $100; trial size 25c.

Milford Wreck Victims Buried.

Halifax, N. S., Feb. 7—The funeral of Mrs. John Glassey, who was killed in Wednesday's railroad wreck near Milford took place from her late residence Saturday afternoon, and not withstanding zero weather and snow storm, it was one of the largest and most representative funerals seen here for a long time. The floral tributes were beautiful and filled two carriages. Rev. Allan Simpson, who was pastor of the church deceased attended thirty years ago, came from New Glasgow and conducted an impressive service at the house.

The body of Conductor Robert Duncan, who also met death in the Milford train wreck was laid to rest here this afternoon and was largely attended.

Itching, Burning, Creeping, Crawling Skin Diseases relieved in a few minutes by Agnew's Ointment. Dr. Agnew's Ointment relieves instantly, and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Ulcers, Blotches, and all Eruptions of the Skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in all Baby Humors, Irritation of the Scalp or Rashes during teething time. 35 cents a box.—7

To Lazy too Take Money

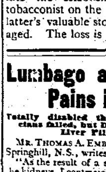
One hot summer's day a gentleman who was waiting for his train at one of our country stations asked a porter who was lying on one of the seats, where the station master lived, and the porter, not moving, lazilly pointed to the house with his foot. The gentlemen, very much struck at the man's laziness, said: "If you can show me a lazier action than that, my good man, I'll give you two and sixpence.' The porter, not moving an inch, replied: 'Put it in my pocket, governor.'—*The People of London.*

Every Child's Health Demands

The use of a laxative occasionally. For a safe and certain relief use Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. Specially suited to children. Let your children use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Blaze In Montreal.

Montreal, Feb. 5.—The *Journal of Commerce* Building on St. James Street was destroyed by fire tonight. The fire started in the *Journal of Commerce* printing department at the top of the building shortly before midnight, ate its way down through the building into the establishment of Hyman, tobacconist on the ground floor. The latter's valuable stock was badly damaged. The loss is about $50.000.



The Job Printer's Strike.

250 MEN AND WOMEN ARE OUT IN BOSTON.

Boston, February 1.—With the close of the first day of the strike of the book and job compositors in this city and vicinity, 250 men and women are out and indications point to as many more leaving their work tomorrow, while others are expected to quit Wednesday. In most instances the demand of the committee was promptly refused to-day, although some of the smaller firms belonging to the typothetae, accepted the new schedule, as did some of the larger firms not connected with the typothetae.

Wright and Potter, the state printers, with the permission of the typothetae, effected a compromise with the printers, agreeing to the new rate pending a settlement of the strike. By direction of Mayor Collins the new schedule has been temporarily accepted at the municipal printing plant. To night both parties were confident of victory.

At a meeting of the strikers this afternoon it was announced that thirteen offices employing 250 journeymen printers had signed the new scale, and 150 non-union men who struck with the union compositors were received into membership.

Fired On An American Launch.

San Domingo, Feb. 5.—The insurgents this morning deliberately fired on the launch of the auxiliary cruiser Yankee, killing J. C. Johnston, the engineer. The bullet entered his head above the eye. U. S. Minister Powell has directed the Captain of the Yankee to take drastic measures to avenge Johnston's death and the insult to the American flag. Johnston will be buried on shore this afternoon.

It's When You Have Toothache

That the power of Nerviline quickly makes itself felt. Any aching tooth can be relieves, by Nerviline in a few moments by filling the cavity with batting soaked in Nerviline. A good plan is to rub the gums with Nerviline also. There is not a single remedy that has one fourth the pain-relieving power of Nerviline which acts like magic. Nerviline kills the pain outright and prevents it from returning. You can't beat Nerviline for toothache or neuralgia; it's the best pain cure made. Price 25c.

Our Aged Senator.

If Senator Wark lives until Feb. 19th next he will have attained the age of 100 years. The venerable Legislator is still hale and hearty, and is expected to make his appearance in the Capital when parliament opens, or shortly afterwards. Despite his advanced age Senator Wark is very independent. Last year he was offered a government car to take him to Ottawa, but refused it. There is talk of arranging a special reception for Senator Wark when he arrives in Ottawa.

On the Duties of Parents

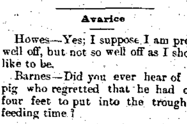
"Tommy," asked his grandmother, "why would you rather be a little boy than a little girl?"

"Because, grandma," replied Tommy, "I'd rather be a papa than a mamma. The mamma has to take care of the children, but the papa just goes to the office."

Avarice

Howes—Yes; I suppose I am pretty well off, but not so well off as I should like to be.

Barnes—Did you ever hear of the pig who regretted that he had only four feet to put into the trough at feeding time?



Shoes

Considerable differences will be found in the wearing qualities of two pairs of shoes of the same quality and make, worn by different persons. Shoes worn continuously in the house and outdoors will never give as much wear as if worn one day and left to rest a day. It saves money to wear cheap house shoes within doors and let the shoes worn outdoors rest and get into shape. Keep an old pair of shoes to wear under rubbers. The perspiration of the feet which india rubber excites ruins good leather. Select strong calfskin and keep it well oiled in winter for outdoor wear. Low shoes are better for housewear, because they permit of ventilation. The hand is free from many of the ills of the foot partly because of its continuous exposure to the air.

A modern weapon in the battle for health.—If disease has taken your citadel of health, the stomach, and is torturing you with indigestion, dyspepsia and nervous prostration, South American Nervline is the weapon to drive the enemy from his stronghold "at the point of the bayonet," trench by trench, but swift and sure, it always wins.—4

Lord Lansdowne's Estates.

The Lansdowne family is immensely rich. The land owned by the Marquis is as follows: Wilts, 11,145 acres; Hants, 4 acres; County Kerry, 94,983 acres; County Meath, 12,995 acres; Queen's County, 8,980 acres; Dublin, 2,132 acres; Limerick, 1,642 acres; King's County, 617 acres, Perth, 9,070 acres; and Kinross, 1,348 acres. The gross annual value thus given is: Wilts, £20,824; Hants, £48; County Kerry, £9,553; County Meath, £10,790; Queen's County, £5,310; Dublin, £3,182; Limerick, £2,965; King's County, £542; Perth, £8,025, and Kinross, £786—making in all a rent roll of £62,025 per annum.

Faulty Kidney.—Have you backache? Do you feel drowsy? Do your limbs feel heavy? Have you frequent headaches? Have you fainting vision? Have you dizzy feeling? Are you depressed? Is your skin dry? Have you a tired feeling? Any of these signs prove kidney disease. Experience has proved that South American Kidney Cure never fails.—6

School For the Blind.

The School for the Blind, Halifax, has received towards its new building, through six hundred and fifty Brick Buyers, the sum of seventeen hundred and thirty-nine dollars and forty-nine cents ($1739 49). As the new building is approaching completion, and funds are required, those who still hold Brick Buyers will confer a great favour by forwarding them with contents to the Superintendent of the School.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen! To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

$100,000 New York Fire.

New York, Feb. 6.—Fire tonight in the factory building at Forty Sixth street and Second avenue, south Brooklyn, occupied by William Lane & Son, shoe manufacturers, and Michael Cooper, ladies' wear, caused damage estimated at $100,000.

Pill Sense.—It stands to reason that Dr. Agnew's Little Liver Pills will crowd out of the market many of the nauseous old-timers. A better medicine at less than half the price is all the argument needed to keep the demand what it has been—phenomenal—40 doses to cents. They cure Sick Headache, Biliousness and allay all stomach irritations.—5

Not an Authority.

"You don't pronounce that word right," said the stranger, who was doing his first fishing in a northern Wisconsin lake. "Webster calls it 'muscellunge.'"

"I never heerd of Webster," fiercely retorted the old guide, "but I'm willin' to bet he never ketched a musky in his life."

Dear Sirs,—I was for seven years a sufferer from Bronchial trouble, and would be so hoarse at times that I could scarcely speak above a whisper. I got no relief from anything till I tried your MINARD'S HONEY BALSAM. Two bottles gave relief and six bottles made a complete cure. I would heartily recommend it to anyone suffering from throat or lung trouble.

J. F. VANBUSKIRK.

Fredericton.

Hash and Three Graces

"This hash," said the star boarder, "reminds me of the three graces."

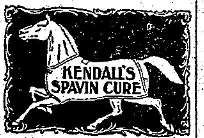
"Oh," replied the delighted landlady, "in what way?"

"One is foolish to tackle it without faith, hope and charity."—*Chicago Record-Herald.*

Close

"Is he parsimonious?"

"Well," was the guarded reply, "you might say that he carries his money in a purse that shuts a good deal easier than it opens."



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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH—Sunday H. C. 8 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Matins 11 a. m. Saints days and Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m., second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m. Sixth Sunday, children's service, 3 p. m. All seats free. REV. H. J. HARLEY M. A. Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p.m. Wednesday genera prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Tuesday in each month at 3 p.m. Visitors always welcome. Ushers in attendance REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. GEO. WOOD Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Bear River every Sabbath evening alternate Sabbaths at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. A. B. HOBBS Pastor.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching service 2.30 p. m. and 7.00 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DYKOE, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hallevery Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. F. JONES, N. G. W. E. GATE, Recording Secy. H. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 84 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month. Royal Arch Masons, brothers always welcome. H. L. DENNISON, W. M. J. M. TAYLOR Secty.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. W. HAYDEN, C. R.; J. A. C. DELLAHARD, F. S.

C. O. F.—Court Sun Rise, No. 175, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the 2nd Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. B. BURNHAM, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 12 meets in Masonic Hall the First and third Monday's in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. JOHN HORE, M. W.; H. E. CHESCHUIR, Rec.

Dunn Council, Royal Arcanum, meets, etc. for winter months, Monday, Full Hand, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young hand-and volunteer, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, young hands and volunteer, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Hand, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendance at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band will be welcome to favor apply. FRANCIS E. COMMISON, Bandmaster.

Miss Rose Peterson, Secretary Parkdale Tennis Club, Chicago, from experience advises all young girls who have pains and sickness peculiar to their sex, to use Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

How many beautiful young girls develop into worn, listless and hopeless women, simply because sufficient attention has not been paid to their physical development. No woman is exempt from physical weakness and periodic pain, and young girls just budding into womanhood should be carefully guided physically as well as morally. Another woman,

Miss Hannah E. Mershon, Collingswood, N. J., says:

"I thought I would write and tell you that, by following your kind advice, I feel like a new person. I was always thin and delicate, and so weak that I could hardly do anything. Menstruation was irregular.

"I tried a bottle of your Vegetable Compound and began to feel better right away. I continued its use, and am now well and strong, and menstruate regularly. I cannot say enough for what your medicine did for me."—$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuineness cannot be produced.

Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound will cure any woman in the land who suffers from womb troubles, inflammation of the ovaries, and kidney troubles.

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Whose?

A little mound of earth alone,
With matted, stunted grass overgrown,
A lonely haunt in a graveyard plot,
By every former friend forgot,
Yet stranger stare I could but choose
Stay by that grave, not knowing whose!

What need of sculptured stone to tell
Who slept beneath was sleeping well?
What need to know the sleeper's name?
To us the best I was all the same?
Life's story still I could pursue,
Beside his grave, not knowing whose!

"Dust to dust!" the end of earth,
The end of dreams our life gives birth;
The crumbling up of all our fame
Was here, a mound without a name!
A matted sod, a lonely spot,
By grieving friends at last forgot!

Not knowing whose, what worth to me,
His name, his age or history?
But earth resound once with his crime,
Or may hap with his deeds sublime;
What boots, since o'er him hangs a pall
Oblivion weaves and spreads for all!

One of the millions gone before,
Whose steps are washed from off time's shore;
A matted sod the only trace
That's left as landmark to his race.
Where's like me, one comes to muse
Beside his grave, not knowing whose!

A CLOSED BARGAIN.

The name I. John Lynde (as the gentleman always writes it) has a regal look; it suggests the old proclamation signed "I, the king." And, indeed, history is littered with kings who have not half his power or sphere of influence. He is the head of gigantic enterprises.

Edward Shoreham was not a beggar, but he felt himself to be a failure. He was nearing the age of forty. He had made money, though not very much, and had lost it. At the date of this narrative he held a minor executive position in a corporation so conservative that promotion therein was very slow. This corporation was closely allied with some of the big Lynde companies, but Shoreham felt that his own work was of microscopic size in the broad field of the great man's vision. Therefore when he entered one morning to find a personal communication from I. John Lynde waiting for him he was inclined to believe that he had not waked at all; that the incident belonged with the visions of the night.

The note was brief: "Please call at my office tomorrow (Wednesday) morning at 9 o'clock."

At 9 o'clock Shoreham presented himself at the potentate's office with an uplifted heart, but at fifteen minutes past 9 he was the most disappointed, perplexed and tormented man between the two oceans.

The ways of I. John were sudden as a hawk's. Everybody knows that. He selects men to serve him or dismisses the unworthy with a Napoleonic flash of decision. Therefore Shoreham was amazed beyond measure to discover that I. John had not made up his mind.

"I have an unknown friend as well as an unknown enemy," Shoreham said to himself as he left the office. "Somebody has spoken well of me, some one has spoken ill of me. I must thank the first and defeat the other."

Upon the matter of thanks he was not greatly in doubt. Though Shoreham had never met Lynde before, he had the great good fortune to be acquainted with the mighty potentate's niece, Miss Alice Lynde. This young lady dwelt with her widowed mother in a style of great simplicity. Shoreham entertained for her a gloomy, secret, desperate affection, and it was sweet to him to fancy that she had brought this good fortune within his reach. He called in the evening to express his gratitude.

In the parlor of Mrs. Lynde's house he was distressed to find a gaunt, weak kneed, silly looking and not altogether reputable young man named Lucius Trevor, a distant cousin of the Lyndes.

Shoreham had met Trevor several times and had paid no particular attention to him. Upon this occasion, however, it seemed that the fellow looked at him in a peculiar manner. Trevor soon took his leave.

As soon as Shoreham was alone with Alice he offered her his thanks for the event of the day, but she would not receive them.

"I have never spoken of you to my uncle except once, and then he asked me a few questions about you. Why, it was last evening!" exclaimed the girl. "I had forgotten."

"Did he mention Wilmot, Shoreham & Co.?" inquired Shoreham.

This was the firm whose brief but eventful career in Galveston, Tex., had cost the junior partner all his money.

"He did," replied Alice. "And I was very glad that you had told me all about it. The name was mentioned quite casually. But I took the opportunity to tell him that I understood the matter fully and that you were simply the victim of misfortune; that the failure of the firm came by no fault of yours, but through sheer ill luck."

"There can be no possibly doubt that some one is working against me," suddenly observed Shoreham.

"But who would wish to injure you?" she exclaimed. "And who knows anything about it?"

"Nobody in this city," he replied, "except Dudley Drew."

"Dudley Drew!" exclaimed Alice, rising. "Why he was at my uncle's house last evening."

"What in the wide world was he doing there?" cried Shoreham. "He let's be calm. Dudley Drew is the best friend I have on earth.

"Look here, my friend," said Alice raising her dimpled chin, as she always did when especially earnest. "I will believe no such thing of Dudley Drew. I take your word for him. It was through you that I came to know him and to admire him for an honest and loyal fellow."

"You—you really like him very much?" he stammered.

"I—I am glad."

"You express yourself enthusiastically," said she, with a laugh.

Shoreham arose and walked half way across the room and then returned.

"I was falling into a very old and common error," he said. "Really, Drew is not at all the man to take such an advantage of me."

"An advantage?"

"Miss Lynde, I am getting upon dangerous ground where I have no right to be. If this were a melodrama and I were one of the leading characters instead of being the meanest supernumerary on the stage there might be a plot here. But there isn't."

"I understand you perfectly," said she. "I am the leading lady of your play and Mr. Drew is the villain. You are very silly."

"I love you," said he. And it was the very last combination of words that he would have supposed himself able to utter.

"You are the mechanism of the speech the complete surprise of it to himself half stunned him. He stood there rigid, pale, desperate, yet incapable of action or even of thought.

In fact, he could not have done better. There was never a plainer picture of sincerity than he presented at that moment.

"I am glad," whispered the girl, her eyes suddenly brimming with tears; "I am glad," startlingly close to Shoreham's ear that he nearly jumped over the back of the chair upon which his trembling hands were resting.

When Mr. Drew was ushered in there was nothing to indicate to him that he had interrupted a conversation of more than ordinary importance.

"Good evening, Miss Lynde," said he. "Good evening, Edward. I hoped to find you here."

"Yes!" said Shoreham, whose emotional balance was not yet fully restored.

"There's something in the wind for you, Edward," continued Drew. "You may know all about it, but I don't believe you do. I think it's in the bud yet. Anyhow, I'll tell my story if Miss Lynde will excuse me. It has to do with a member of her family."

"What did you tell him?" demanded Alice, coming straight to the point, in the way of her sex.

"Why," said Drew, somewhat taken aback, "I gave Shoreham a great send off. Mr. Lynde is looking you up, Edward, and it means something big. He asked me if you hadn't made some rather serious mistakes in the matter of Wilmot, Shoreham & Co. I told him it was a plain case of hard luck and that you were all right."

When the men had left the house Drew said:

"I know your Nemesis, Trevor. He met me on the street and asked me to walk along with him to his uncle's house I trailed along. We played some billiards, and the sprung old I. John on me. Trevor must have found out that I knew about the Wilmot Shoreham case, and he hoped that I. John could get something damaging out of me. Well, he didn't.

About 5 o'clock on the following afternoon, Shoreham was walking to his lodgings when his eyes beheld a spectacle that rooted him to the spot. Upon the opposite side of the street in earnest conversation stood Lucius Trevor and James Wilmot.

Shoreham had no idea that his former partner was within 10,000 miles of that place. The last he had heard of him was that the man had gone to New Zealand.

The two men talked for a matter of ten minutes, while Shoreham, unobserved, watched them from the other side of the street. When they separated he followed Wilmot and presently called him by name. They had not parted in a cordial fashion five years before, but they greeted each other like old friends, as is the way of the world.

This is what Shoreham learned in the ensuing conversation: That Trevor had in some unknown way discovered Wilmot's presence in the city and also the fact that the man was penniless; that he had offered Wilmot various inducements if he would tell the story of the failure to I. John Lynde "in the right way," meaning thereby the way that would hurt Shoreham the most; that Wilmot had resisted this temptation and had not seen I. John, but instead had written him a letter, praising Shoreham's honest and business ability and asserting that only the hardest kind of hard luck had been the cause of the disaster.

"This is mighty good of you, Wilmot," said Shoreham. "Call on me tomorrow, and I'll see what I can do to square it."

In the evening of this day he received a call from Dudley Drew, who came in a state of great excitement with an important piece of news. He had discovered what work it was that I. John had designed to put into Shoreham's hands, and both men spoke of it in tones of reverence.

Shoreham groaned.

"I'll never get it," he said. "Wilmot has turned up. Trevor has him in tow, and everything is going to blazes. And to think that this should have happened to a man in sight of heaven!"

"See Lynde again to-morrow. Go in and win!" exclaimed Drew. "Good heavens Lynde knows the way of the world He knows what hard luck is. Make him see what you were up against in the Wilmot-Shoreham affair."

"I will if I can," replied Shoreham, "but the chance looks mighty black to me."

On the following day Shoreham called upon I. John. He knew when he walked into the office that he had reached the crisis of his life, and he appeared to meet it with desperation appropriate to its aspect of finality.

"Good morning," said I. John. Shoreham advanced to the side of the desk, where there was a chair conveniently placed.

I. John was smoking a very short end of a cigar which he supported upon the point of a penknife.

"I want to ask you some more questions," said I. John. And then suddenly, "This isn't my usual way of doing business."

"I know it," said Shoreham, "and I am forced to conclude that you take a personal interest."

"Not a bad guess," responded Lynde. "It's a fact that I would like to give you this chance if I could, but I have the usual prejudice in favor of successful men. However, there may be circumstances which alter cases. Now, as to this affair of yours in Galveston. You had rather hard luck there, I'm told."

"My failure there," said Shoreham firmly, "depended upon a series of rather common errors, resulting largely from inexperience. I believe that I understand my mistakes perfectly now and that I shall never be caught in the same way again. There was no luck in it. If you have the time I will tell you precisely why Wilmot and I went to pieces and exactly where I myself was at fault."

"It won't be necessary," he said.

There was a long silence. Then I. John faced Shoreham again.

"You are all right," he said. "This is all that I want to know."

Shoreham sank back into his chair with a faint gasp.

"I had looked you up," continued I. John. "I'd made up my mind that you were strictly first-class But at the last moment you were misrepresented to me by your friends, by my niece, Mr. Drew and others. I had a letter from your former partner, Wilmot, just before you called upon me the other day. Very foolish letter; so foolish that I knew you couldn't have had anything to do with it, which was fortunate for you. It was all hard luck, hard luck. I guess the man was trying to tell the truth, but he told the same story that I'd heard from all sides. I said to myself: This fellow Shoreham hasn't learned his lesson. He thinks that he's all right and that circumstances are all wrong. I've got no use for that kind of man. Still I remembered what my nephew had said to me."

"Trevor?"

I. John nodded.

"He told me that you had been an idiot in the Wilmot-Shoreham business, and that you had admitted it to him."

"I never did," said Shoreham.

"Well; I rather hoped it was true," said I. John. Anyhow, it was a good word for you. I like a man who knows when he's made a mistake and admits it, at least to himself. But this a fellow who runs around telling everybody how unlucky he is! There's something wrong with him."

And now, said I. John, "We'll close this matter up in two winks. By the way, are you engaged to my niece?"

"Not—not quite," stammered Shoreham.

I. John wagged his head slowly.

"Better close that bargain if you can," he said, with a dry smile. "She's a fine girl."

He Was Warned.

"They say," said Mrs. Oldcastle, "that Mr. Faddlethwaite, who used to belong to our church, has become an agnostic."

"Is that so? Josiah used to take his lunch at the same place he did downtown, and he says he often warned him that he'd get it if he didn't give up eatin' so fast."

To Rescue Filipino Leader.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 13.—Friends of the Filipino insurgent leader, General Thomas Aquino, who was convicted of murdering American prisoners and who was given a life sentence, are bringing pressure to bear at the war department to obtain his release.

It is claimed that the prisoner was convicted on insufficient evidence.

BESTS WERE BEATEN.

Some of the Phenomenal Records of the Past Year.

WORLD'S RECORD OF CIVILIZED MAN REACHING LAND IN LATITUDE 80 DEGREES 17 MINUTES SOUTH WAS MADE IN 1903—CEDRIC BIGGEST EVER LAUNCHED—H. M. S. COMMONWEALTH LARGEST IN WORLD—ARAIADNE'S UNERRING GUNNER.

Commander Scott, of the Discovery, together with some of his officers, reached land in latitude 80 degrees 17 minutes south, last year, and thus establishes a world's record. The news was brought by the relief ship Morning, which reached Lyttleton, New Zealand, at the end of March last.

In February last the biggest vessel ever launched, either from the United Kingdom or any other shipyard, started on her first voyage. This was the Cedric, built by Harland & Wolff Belfast. The displacement of this leviathan is 37,870 tons. She is 700 feet long and 75 foot beam. She will carry 3,000 passengers and 18,400 tons of cargo. It costs more than $1,000 a day to feed and provide for the passengers and crew. But the Cedric by no means holds all the shipping records of the past year. The German Kaiser Wilhelm II, though of 11,300 tons less displacement than the Cedric, is six feet longer and much more powerful. Her engines are of 40,000 horse power and her speed nearly 24 knots. She has five decks for passengers, and no less than half a mile of cabin passenger accommodation.

DEPTHS HAVE NOT BEATEN.

So far, however, she has not beaten the speed record of the Deutschland, of the Hamburg-American line. In September last this vessel beat the world's records for a western passage by three minutes. Her average speed for the whole voyage was 23.15 knots an hour, and her best run for 24 hours was 283 miles.

May last was notable for the fact that a turbine steamer for the first time on record crossed the Atlantic. This was Mr. George Gossland's fastest yacht Emerald. In spite of bad weather, the engines worked to perfection.

It was in May also that the largest warship in the world was launched from the yard of the Fairfield Company at Glasgow. She is H. M. S. Commonwealth, a first-class battleship of the Edward VII. type. She is 425 feet long, 78 foot in beam, and displaces over 16,000 tons. She is not only the largest, but the most heavily armoured of England's or any other navy. She has four 12-inch guns, four 9.2, ten 6-inch, and a host of lighter weapons. She will carry a complement of 775 officers and men, and steam at 18½ knots, another record which this ship holds in rapidity of construction. She was brought to the launching stage withing ten months of the time that her keel was laid.

ARIADNE'S UNERRING GUNNER.

A naval record well worth mention is that which H. M. S. Ariadne achieved last spring. The Ariadne is flagship of the North American squadron. At target practice, one of her gunners—Rowe, captain of a 6-inch gun—fired ten rounds in one minute, hitting the target with all of them. Later in the year the American battleship Indiana claims to have beaten all records with the 8 inch gun. Seaman Treador made four bull's eyes at 1,600 yards in 2 minutes 16 seconds.

Railways have not produced the usual number of records. The one notable exception is the speed of 126 miles an hour on the new German military electric line near Berlin. This was, of course, purely experimental.

About the same time that this record was set up Captain Dessey, late of the 16th Lancers, achieved a much more interesting and useful motor record.

He left the Automobile Club in Piccadilly at ten minutes after midnight on Saturday, and drove straight to Glasgow, covering the 456 miles in 21 hours and twenty minutes, without a single stop of any kind.

This is the longest motor run without a stop to date in the United Kingdom.

Possibly because the weather, and consequently the ground, has been so bad, the athletic records of the year have not been numerous. At the London Athletic Club's meeting in September Alfred Shrubb set up a new amateur record for winning the mile and a half handicap in 6 minutes and 47 seconds.

This was the more meritorious as the track was in a very loose condition. Had it not been so, this wonderful distance runner might have rivalled Cummings' world record of 6 minutes 43 1-2 seconds, which has stood now for no fewer than twenty-three years. A little time previously, at Kennington Oval, he lowered Walter George's figures for the two miles.

HEATHER BLOOM'S JUMP.

Animals have had their share in the setting up of world's records. The most marvellous quadruped performance of 1903 stands to the credit of an American horse, Heather Bloom, property of Mr. How I. Willets, which cleared a bar at the height of 7 feet 9 inches at the Byrn Mawr horse show in September last.

One hundred and fifteen thousand four hundred letters of application for allotments in the Transvaal Loan, weighing in all over two tons, were received by the Bank of England in May last. Each letter had to be opened, applications for less than £2,000 eliminated, the sum to be allotted in each case to be calculated.

Then the forms had to be made out, and the letters prepared for the mail. Three hundred clerks did the whole work in just forty-eight hours. This is a record of its kind which will probably stand for a long time.

The Edinburgh corporation are responsible for a very big thing. They lately opened a new gas works at Granton, of which the retort house is the largest of its kind, and consumes one thousand tons of coal a day.

The cost of the works was £600,000 but so complete are the latest saving appliances that expenses will be reduced by £50,000 a year, as compared with the old methods.

Another Scottish city, Glasgow, has recently effected a record accident policy. This is to insure the city against all claims incurred at the working of the tramway system, and the annual premium amounts to the immense sum of £15,000.

THEIR PETS.

Many of the Best Known People in Britain Find Their Chief Relaxation in Their Society.

THE LATE QUEEN VICTORIA WAS DEVOTED TO ANIMALS—SHE HAD MORE THAN FIFTY DOGS AND EVERY DAY THEY WERE TAKEN OUT ON THE ROYAL KENNELS TO AIR EXERCISE.

The love of animals is so strongly pronounced in this country that it is only natural to find that many of our best known public characters derive much relaxation from the society of their pets, says *Light's Weekly*. The late Queen Victoria was devoted to animals. Her fondness for dogs was notorious. The Queen had more than fifty dogs, and every day they were taken out of the Royal kennels to be exercised. Three dogs were her special personal attendants—"Roy," a black and tan collie, "Spot," a fox terrier, and "Marco," a small brown Pomeranian. When the Queen was a little girl she owned a dog named "Pero." Walking one day at Malvern with the Duchess of Kent and her governess, Princess Victoria was on with her dog, and entered into conversation with a girl. The Princess thinking her dog was tired, asked the child to carry it, which she did for a while. The Duchess, on coming up, thanked the little girl for the trouble she had taken and presented her with half a crown. The coin was framed and hung up in the parlor of her father's house when they learned who had been the donor.

Queen Alexandria is particularly fond of animals. Her dogs, including some magnificent Borzois, have frequently been exhibited. Her Majesty has lately been showing Seabright, Japanese, and Game Bantams, which take many prizes. King Edward is a great lover of dogs. His bulldog "Peter," was a well known favorite, much lamented by his Majesty when the dog came to an untimely end.

LION CUB AS PET.

A few years ago Mr. Alfred de Rothchild had a young lion cub as a pet. It was growing well, and was as docile and affectionate as such a beast could be, when, from some inexplicable cause, it gradually drooped and died. The distinguished novelist, Mr. Rider Haggard, had a peculiar pet in his study in the shape of a large green snake, which would come as a call, drink milk from the hand, coil itself round her waist, and go to sleep. The Hon. Mrs. Arthur Cadogan is another snake lover, some recent portraits of that lady showing her fondling a big serpent.

Charles Dickens had great delight in animal pets. A little white cat, called Williamina, showed much devotion to her master. She selected a corner in his study in which to deposit her kittens, bringing them from the kitchen in her mouth, one by one, after the manner of her kind, they were removed, but again so persistently that they were allowed to remain. The kittens made themselves at home, playing round the writing-table, swarming up the curtains, and often being struck by the novelist.

BERNHARDT'S PETS.

The celebrated actress, Madame Bernhardt has many pets. Amongst others she has had numerous snakes, an opossum, and a number of dogs, including Collies, St. Bernards, and Fox Terriers. Madame Bernhardt is not fond of Bulldogs, her of very small dogs. Madame Patti always has a number of pets, especially of parrots and other birds.

Miss Ellaline Terriss has had many dogs. She commenced with a Scottish terrier named Bunny, then she had a St. Bernard, next an Irish Terrier, followed by an Airedale called Bogie, and a black and tan Terrier, Nellie. The latter went to America with her mistress, and made her appearance at the Broadway theatre, New York; A. Nellie made her stage debut wearing the Yale colors she naturally won a cordial reception. The duet and the ding dance in The Circus Girl, between Miss Terriss and Mr. Seymour Hicks, are said to have been suggested to them by their Fox Terriers. Miss Fanny Brough had a very clever dog named Tadger, and also a cat called "Jimmy," the latter escorting her mistress down the street and meeting her on her return.

The Mayor Wanted to Know.

In a provincial town a man who was injured in a serious case of assault was driven to the hospital on a brewer's dray, and the shaking he received in transit considerably retarded his recovery.

"Why wasn't the police station ambulance there to remove him?" demanded the mayor, who was chairman of the justices.

"It was in use at the time, sir," answered the chief constable, with a visible embarrassment.

"It generally is when most needed," sarcastically commented the mayor. "In what way were you using it on this particular occasion? Don't evade the question, sir. I demand an answer."

"Very well, sir, as you insist, I will tell you," replied the chief constable. "It was carrying back the gold and silver plate your wife borrowed for the mayoral banquet."

Then the mayor grew crimson and fiercely threatened to clear the court "if any more of that senseless tittering is heard."

Still Harder.

"It's hard to have a lot of debts that you simply can't pay."

"Oh, I don't know. It's worse to have a lot that you simply have to pay."

Another One.

"You say some very sharp things," he remarked.

"Yes, I have some splendid opportunities," she replied.

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

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Horse Racing on Daley's Lake.

CAPT. MORTON'S MILLINOCKET MAID WINS THE CUP.

The races on Daley's Lake were pulled off on Friday, Feb. 12th. The ice was in poor condition. In the first heat for the Digby county club cup, only two horses started, "Millinocket Maid," driven by her owner Capt. L. A. Morton and "Trixy", owned and driven by Dr. F. E. Rice. The heat was won by "Milinocket Maid." In the second heat six horses started, there being a purse made up for the winner outside the cup horses. Dr. Annis, with his fast racer, and Mr. Edward Crowell with his speedy trotter led the way on about even terms to the half, when "Milinocket Maid" came along and won the heat and cup, and Trixy the blue ribbon. The remaining four horses then fought out the other two heats for the money, which consisted of Capt. Manning Trask with his Yarmouth purchase, Wm. H. Eldridge with one of his stable horses, and the two above named. Mr. Crowell won the two heats with eyelash finishes with Dr. Annis' racer.

The sport was pronounced good, considering the poor condition of the ice. This race has brought the sport up to fever heat again, and consequently another race is in order. Mr. Wallace Raymond has challenged the county with his fast trotter "Lady R." for $25.00 a horse, as many horses as wish may come in by putting up their $25.00, the pot to be divided in the customary way of purse races. Mr. Crowell took Mr. Raymond up at once, and Mr. Raymond placed his cash in the hands of Dr. F. E. Rice on the spot. Conditions of race were drawn up then and there. Entries close with Dr. Rice Feb. 22nd, race to come off the first fine day and good ice after that date. It is hoped that all the speedy ones will come in, and if so there will be good racing. The course is to be ¾ of a mile, best two in three. Should Dr. Mouse's "J. D." and Mr. Felons' "Gipsy Wilks" take a hand in this race, probably all will know they have been in a horse race when it is over.

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Death of James Hay Robertson.

Wednesday St. John *Telegraph* says:

"A telegram from New York yesterday to H. Heber Arnold announced the death of his brother-in-law, James Hay Robertson, son of the late Duncan Robertson, who was a prominent barrister in this city. Mr. Robertson was fifty-eight years of age, and his death resulted from apoplexy. He made many friends here who will hear of his death with regret. His wife, who survives, is a sister of the late Mrs. F. W. Pickman. Mrs. Arnold, sister of deceased, is the last of the family. Mr. Robertson held a responsible position up to the time of his death with Lord & Taylor, New York dry goods men."

The deceased, accompanied by Mrs. Robertson, had visited Digby annually for nineteen years, guests of Mrs. Robertson's sister, Mrs. George Lynch, Hawthorn Villa, and had many friends here who will regret to hear of his death. He was an enthusiastic admirer of Digby and had been the midwinter bringing many New Yorkers means of delightful leisure to Digby and other COURIER extends its sympathy to the bereaved in this their sorrow.

Sincere relatives.

Death of Mrs. Lee.

Mrs. Mary Lee, widow of the late Nathaniel Lee, died at her home in Baltimore, Wednesday, the 27th ult. The funeral was held Friday, the 29th, from the residence of her son, Mr. John H. Lee, 821 East Fayette-street. Rev. Harry D. Mitchell, pastor of East Baltimore Station Methodist Episcopal Church, conducted the services and the interment was in the New Methodist Cemetery, on the Philadelphia road. Four of Mrs. Lee's grandsons acted as pallbearers, as follows: Messrs. J. Warren Brown, G. Dell Brown, Robert E. Lee and John W. Brown, Jr. William S. Fry had charge of the funeral arrangements.

Mrs. Lee was 85 years old. She is survived by four children, Mrs. G. W. Brown of Baltimore, Mrs. G. H. Holdsworth, of Digby, Mr. John H. Lee and Mr. Stephen A. R. Lee, of Baltimore. She is survived by 17 grand children and 17 great grand children.

Married in Halifax.

A quiet wedding was celebrated at the home of the bride, No. 12 Black street, Halifax, at 6.30 Tuesday morning when Miss Jessie McCandy was united in marriage to Mr. George A., son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Lydiard, of this city, the ceremony being performed by Rev. J. F. Dustan, pastor of the Presbyterian church. After a wedding breakfast had been served the happy couple left on the D. A. R. express for Digby where they are the guests of the groom's sister, Mrs. George Dunn. The bride, who was tastefully attired in a travelling suit, was unattended. The wedding gifts were numerous. Mr. and Mrs. Lydiard will return to Halifax to-day and will in future reside in that city. The COURIER extends best wishes.

A Handsome Sofa Cushion

Mrs. Eleanor Hood, aged 82 years, who is spending the winter with her daughter, Mrs. Frank Killam, Elm street, Yarmouth, has completed a handsome sofa cushion, manufactured of silk and velvet, the design of which is known as crazywork. It contains over sixty different kinds of stitches besides many pretty designs worked on a number of the pieces.

Mrs. Hood did the entire work by hand, and it is certainly a great credit to a lady who has lived more than four score years. The cushion was made especially for Mrs. Helen Morgan, of Barton, who was presented with it Christmas.

A Talented Singer.

Those who have attended the special meetings held in the Sydney Street Christian Church during the past week have been delighted by the singing of Miss Hilda D. Murray of Milton, Queens Co., who came to Digby on purpose to sing in these meetings which were becoming largely attended and more interesting each evening until closed out on Monday night. At present two converts await baptism, and we understand the meetings will be continued for some time to come.

Digby Board of Trade.

The annual meeting of the Digby Board of Trade was postponed Tuesday evening, owing to the inclemency of the weather. The meeting will be held next Tuesday evening, the 23rd inst., when a full attendance is requested. No doubt matters of considerable importance to the town will be considered at this meeting and all who are interested in the town's future should endeavor to be present.

Favor Tariff Revision.

The following appears in the St. John *Daily Telegraph* of the 13th inst.: "Dr. Daniel, Conservative candidate in St. John, and J. A. Grierson, Conservative candidate in Digby, have written in reply to the Toronto News query about tariff revision. Both of them favor tariff revision, to protect Canadian industries, but that matter is left until after the general elections, when they expect Mr. Borden to be in power."

County Court

Judge Savary has filed judgment in these of the cases tried before him in Digby last week as follows:

Doucette vs. Ferguson: judgment for plaintiff for $23.00, part of claim.

Payson vs. Wing Chung Wah: judgment for defendant.

Melanson vs. Campbell: judgment for plaintiff, $28.85, and counter claim dismissed.

Another New Block

THE DIGBY PAINT & WALLPAPER CO. HAVE NEW BUSINESS QUARTERS.

The Digby Paint & Wallpaper Co.'s new building on the west side of Water Street north of H. T. Warne's new block is almost finished with the exception of outside painting, and presents a good appearance. It is 22 x 44, consisting of basement, two stories and a half.

The building was erected by Mr. H. H. Sulis, of Smith's Cove, who had with him a staff of good workmen. The material was furnished by Mr. C. E. Woodman, manager of the Digby Paint & Wallpaper Co., who purchased it from Messrs. Pillsbury Hochster, of Meteghan, and at H. T. Warne's Hill Grove mill.

In the basement is a McClary furnace, suitable for wood or coal, which heats the entire building. This was supplied and put in place by Dakin Bros., who also supplied the fittings and put in the plumbing and hot water apparatus in the kitchen and bath room.

On the first or ground floor is a salesroom 19 x 30, filled with a large variety of wall papers, paints, glass, etc. This is lighted with a plate glass front and finished with metal ceiling and oak stained trimmings. The remainder of the wood work being painted, with the exception of the floor which is hard wood.

In the rear of the salesroom is a conveniently situated office, and back of this is the mixing room, 12 x 18.

The second floor is reached by a front entrance, hallway and stairs, or from a back stairway leading from a side entrance.

On this floor where Mr. and Mrs. Woodman will reside, are several pleasant rooms well finished, consisting of parlor, hall, two bedrooms, dining room, kitchen, pantry, bath room.

The third floor will be finished later and will contain several pleasant rooms.

The mason work was done by Mr. Israel Winchester and the painting and outside decorating is in charge of Mr. Woodman, manager of the company.

The building is lighted throughout with electricity and is up-to-date in every respect.

We wish the company success in their new quarters. Their advertisement appears in another column.

The Masquerade Dance

A PLEASANT EVENING IN THE ODDFELLOWS' HALL UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE D. C. B.

The masquerade dance advertised in our columns, to take place Monday evening was postponed until Tuesday night owing to the recent storm. Although the weather had only slightly improved Tuesday evening a fair number of people braved a large cluding many over were present, including spectators. The music under the leadership of Prof. F. E. Corey was excellent and dancers and spectators alike appeared to enjoy themselves. The dancing was from 9 p. m. to 2 a. m. with refreshments served about 11.30.

Many of the costumes were handsome and must have required considerable time and expense in their preparation. The following is the list obtained by our representative:

Guy Dakin, Policeman.
Harry L. Beaman, Uncle Sam.
F. C. R. Harris
Percy Turnbull } Tennis Party.
A. Logan
C. G. Jones
Miss Kate Coop
" Margaret Stewart
" Gwendolyn Dakin
" Alice Godsol
Miss Pearl Valentine.
Miss Gertrude Oliver, Summer Girl.
Charles F. Daly, East Indian.
H. B. Churchill } Clowns.
J. Irving
Harold Dakin, Captain Artillery Co.
Miss S. Ellis, Artillery Maid.
Miss Josephine Browne, Starlight.
" Helen Payne, Swiss Maid.
" Sadie Spencer, Jolly Varden.
" S. Margaret Holter, Little Red Riding Hood.
Mrs. J. H. B. Conlon, Chanterbrand.
Arthur E. Read, Rip Van Winkle.
Miss Frances Bond, Britannia.
G. A. Goodwin } Twins.
F. W. Holdsworth }
Mrs. Harry Davis, Wood Nymph.
Frank W. Nichols, Captain of Militia.
George H. Perry, Indian Sabob.
Mrs. H. Green } Twins.
Miss Florence Jamieson }
Mrs. H. B. Churchill, evening dress.

Death at Brighton.

Mr. Uriah Worthylake, of Brighton, died at his home Saturday night, aged 80 years. He is survived by a wife, four sons, William, of Brighton; Charles, of Mansfield, Mass; Edward and Alfred, of Somerville, Mass; and one daughter, Mrs. John Sutherland, of Barton. Digby county. The deceased is also survived by one brother, Mr. George Worthylake, of Brighton. Mr. Worthylake was well known in the community in which he resided, and leaves many friends to mourn his loss. He fell on the ice several weeks ago and never fully recovered from the accident. The funeral was held Wednesday afternoon, services conducted by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, pastor of the St. Mary's Baptist churches. Interment in the Barton cemetery.

Purchased Another Boat.

Capt. J. H. Morehouse, of Sandy Cove, has purchased the schr. Ida Lee from Mr. H. T. LeBlanc, Tusket Wedge, N. S. This neat and well constructed boat hails from Yarmouth. She was built in Shelburne in 1896, is 61 feet long, 13.6 beam, 6.7 deep, 45 tons gross and registers 33 tons. She will no doubt make a good boat for Capt. Morehouse's St. Mary's Bay route between Weymouth, Sandy Cove, Mink Cove and Little River. The genial captain purchased the stmr. Markland in 1902 and placed her on the above route as a business venture. The passenger and freight traffic increased at such a rapid rate he soon found the little boat too small and was therefore obliged to invest in another. We wish him continued success.

The Storm.

Another blizzard began Monday afternoon and continued all night, piling the snow in heaps. The wind abated Tuesday morning but snow flurries continued all day and Tuesday night we had one of the heaviest snow storms of the season. The D. A. R. track was blocked more or less from Halifax to Yarmouth. The east bound passenger trains on the western division of the road were nearly on time as far as Annapolis at least, but the west bound trains Tuesday and Wednesday were delayed east of Kentville and did not arrive here until evening. There was no shipping anchored off Digby and no local marine disasters have been reported.

Married in Roxbury.

Mr. J. Q. Condon, son of Mr. John Condon, of Bay View, was married in Roxbury on the 27th ult., to Miss Millie McDonald, of that city. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. McLelland. The happy couple will reside in Massachusetts. The COURIER extends best wishes.

Missionary Meetings.

Rev. A. C. Borden, missionary from Japan, will assist in the missionary meetings on the Weymouth circuit next Sunday, Digby, Brighton, 11 a. m., North Range, 2.45 p. m., and Weymouth Bridge, 7.30 p. m. He will be at Plympton, Friday, 7.30 p. m.

New Ads. This Week

Clarke Bros.....Reserved Space
Fred P. Timpany.....Bonnie View Farm
C. E. Warne.....Hill Grove Mill
Central Grocery.....You Need Vim
C. J. Jamieson.....Notice
Howard Anderson.....Notice of Dissolution
Turnbull & Co.....For the Lenten Season
D. & O. Sproule.....North End Grocery
F. M. Steadman.....To the Public
C. Gates, Son & Co.....Dyspepsia Cured
O. Fairweather.....For Sale
C. A. Jordan.....Wanted
C. E. Dolliver.....Paint & Wall Paper Co.
John Daley.....To Let
Digby P. & W. Co.....Spring Announcement

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—An alarm of fire was rung in Tuesday afternoon for a chimney on fire in Mr. H. B. Hogg's house, Montague street.

—The firemen responded promptly but fortunately the apparatus was not needed.

—At the annual meeting of the School Board held on Tuesday, J. L. Peters, Esq., was re-elected chairman for the ensuing year.

—Last Wednesday was the beginning of Lent.

—The oldest inhabitant is puzzled when asked the date of the winter when there was more snow in Digby than this year.

—Reports from the mouth of St. Mary's Bay state that there is more drift ice in that vicinity than has been known for many years.

—Don't forget the Board of Trade meeting next Tuesday evening.

—The firm of Anderson & Letteney, wholesale fish dealers, has been dissolved. We understand the business will be closed up for the present.

—Letteney Bros. Ltd., have sold their entire stock of furniture to Mr. F. M. Steadman, proprietor of the Digby Furniture Store.

—A portion of the side walk on Water street, near Mr. Jameson's residence, has evidently been overlooked by the snow shovelers during the present winter.

—It is rather unusual to find a house for sale in Digby, but there is one advertised in this issue.

—The Digby Neck mails were delayed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, the roads being blocked with snow.

—Social events have been numerous in Digby this winter, notwithstanding the stormy weather.

—The Methodist donation which was postponed Tuesday evening owing to the stormy weather, was held last night in the Methodist hall and well attended. The sum of $80.00 was realized.

—Those present report a pleasant evening.

—Charles Winchester is found another live caterpiller day, bring one of the coldest days this season.

—Winter.

Personal Mention

W. B. Stewart spent Sunday in Annapolis.

Mr. Arthur K. Bond is visiting friends in Boston.

Miss Frances Bond is visiting Mrs. Harley at the Rectory.

Mr. Fred L. Jones, customs, inspector was in Digby for a few days yesterday.

Capt. Edith Taylor (S. A.) is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Closby.

Mr. G. A. Vye returned Saturday from his trip to New Brunswick.

Miss Daisy Barnaby, of Waterford, was a passenger to Boston Saturday.

Mr. Edgar Dodson, of St. John, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. J. L. Peters, Montague street.

Mr. Clarence B. Ferguson, of St. John, a well-known barrister, was in Digby last week.

Miss Marion Spurr, of Deep Brook, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. L. S. Morse, First Avenue.

Rev. J. Harry King was in town yesterday, having returned from recent trip to Cape Breton.

Capt. C. F. Lewis, master of the tug Marina, was a passenger to Belliveau's Cove, yesterday morning.

Mr. Eli W. Bacon, of Lynn, arrived here Wednesday to attend Annapolis County Council, return home Saturday.

Mr. A. Ancombe arrived home from St. Andrew's School, Annapolis, Saturday. He intends to return next Monday.

Mr. W. R. Forsyl, of Boston, DeLong & Sears' representative, is a visitor at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. L. Dennison.

Mr. James Tilley, of the Annapolis *Spectator*, was in town the latter part of the week, the guest of Mrs. H. H. Burnham, Birch street.

Mr. W. Lyons, representing The Oddfellows' Relief Association of Kingston, Ont., is spending a few days in town and vicinity.

Mr. Charles Clinton arrived home Wednesday from Massachusetts. His father, Mr. J. A. Clinton, is ill at his home, Birch street.

Rev. T. W. Savary, son of Judge Savary, of Annapolis Royal, N. S., hopes to erect a $10,000 church edifice at Yarmouth, Rev. Dr. Lathern.

Mrs. C. Ryan, of Weymouth, who was unconscious for over a week at the House of her father, Mr. Fraser Dakin, returned home on Wednesday.

Miss Ella Burnham, who was a passenger from Annapolis Friday, left Saturday for Boston, en route to Merrimac, Mass., where she is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Frank Lockwood.

Mrs. Davison, and little son of Vancouver, B. C., who for past few months have been visiting the former's mother at Hantsport, N. S., are guests of Mrs. H. B. Short, en route home.

Miss Lilla Dakin, of Windsor, was a passenger to Digby Monday, she having been summoned here owing to the illness of her father, Mr. Fraser Dakin, who she is a guest of Mr. R. W. Thorne, Birch street.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Frances Rice is being rebuilt at Belliveau's Cove.

Tug Marina is at Belliveau's Cove from Digby for Yarmouth.

Two three-masted schooners are under construction in Belliveau's Cove.

Schr. Jodo, Capt. Wyman, sailed from Meteghan River Monday with lumber for the West Indies.

S. S. Westport III will proceed to Yarmouth from Westport, the cause where she will receive a new propeller.

Brigt. James Daley which discharged a cargo of salt at Meteghan, arrived at Belliveau's Cove Saturday, having been several days in the ice.

Schr. J. W. Cousins, Capt. Casey, is anchored in Yarmouth Sound with 30,000 lbs. haddock and a country of mixed fish, but is unable to land her fare owing to the ice in Yarmouth Harbor. The haddock have been purchased by Digby firms, and will be shipped here via D. A. R.

Dominion government tug Rhona at Yarmouth is now being put in commission, under command of Capt. J. C. Frank, of St. John. She will do the towing in connection with the dredging for the new wharf at Carleton, St. John. Capt. Ferris, mate and engineer passed through Digby Wednesday en route to Yarmouth.

Westport

Schr. Myrtle Leif is still lying in the harbor.

Mrs. Ruth McDonald is in Freeport this week.

Mr. John McDormand has returned home again.

Capt. Augustus Haycock made a flying trip to Yarmouth last week.

Capt. Edgar McDormand went to Yarmouth and returned last week.

Mr. George Bailey is home from Boston and is at the home of his parents.

Messrs. Leonard Benson and Fred Gower went to Yarmouth Wednesday and returned Friday.

Another big storm prevailed here Monday night. Tuesday morning the streets were badly blocked.

Mr. Boyd Coggins, after spending his vacation here, returned to Boston via Halifax on Wednesday.

The I. O. F. celebrate their annual anniversary on Thursday evening Feb. 16th in the Sons of Temperance Hall.

S. S. Westport III. is disabled and will probably make no connections this week. She broke her propeller in the ice in Yarmouth harbor last week. She will go over to Metegban first chance to get a new one.

While going to meeting on Thursday evening Mr. William Titus slipped on the icy walk and fell, breaking his leg at the ankle. Miss Elma Denton is suffering from injuries. Miss Ina Gower is also confined to her home through the effects of a fall.

Little River

Dr. Annis, of Bear River, is here engaged in dentist work.

Mr. Hatfield is doing rushing business here in the photographic line.

Mr. Geo. B. Frost and Mr. Burpee Frost spent Friday last in Digby.

Mr. Arch Morehouse, of North Head, and Manan, is visiting friends here.

Miss Myrtle Frost and Miss Graham, Centreville, spent Sunday at Miss Frost's home.

H. McGinn, Newport; Dr. J. V. Logie, Bangor, Maine; and Gordon Hatfield, Tusket, were at River View House last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Trask and daughter Sadie, attended the tea meeting at Tiverton last week, also a number of young men from this village.

We are glad to report the little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bowman Collins, who has been very ill with pneumonia, out of danger and specially recovering.

J. H. Tippet's many friends at Little River will be glad to hear of his convalescence. He has been very ill at his home in Toronto, during the winter months.

Mr. Harry Addington, who has been attending business college in St. John, returned home last week on account of ill health. The many friends wish him a speedy recovery.

Sandy Cove

Rev. Maynard Brown occupied the pulpit Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Sophronia Morton, Centreville, is the guest of Mrs. E. D. Morehouse.

Mr. Arthur Bond, of Barton, spent last week at the Sandy Cove home.

Mr. George King, of Annapolis was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Saunders, on Saturday.

Mrs. George Morehouse, of Little River, was the guest of Mrs. Harry Johnson on Friday.

Capt. J. H. Morehouse returned from Yarmouth Saturday where he has purchased a larger steamboat.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Rice entertained a number of their friends on Thursday evening. All report a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward McKay entertained a number of their friends on Friday, all report a pleasant evening.

Miss Nora Johnson returned from Freeport on Tuesday where she had been visiting her aunt, Mrs. St. Clair Brown.

Mrs. H. E. Jones, Digby, spent a few days with her parents Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Eldridge, returning Monday, accompanied by her mother.

Mr. A. B. Morehouse, Beaver Harbor, occupied the Baptist pulpit Sunday and Thursday evenings. He is the son of Capt. Daniel Morehouse, of this place.

Greenland

Mr. Charlie Johnson of Digby is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Israel Hawkins.

A preaching service was held in the meeting house on Sunday, Feb. 14th, by the pastor.

Mrs. Joseph Peck and little Willie Curtis, of Deep Brook, were here on Sunday, Feb. 14th.

Mat making is the order of the day. Some very pretty ones have been made by the ladies of Greenland.

Mr. Frank Second is home on a short visit to his family. He has been recently working in Halifax on the railroad.

Miss L. A. Hawkins has been confined to the house for two weeks with face trouble. But we are glad to see her out again.

Messrs. Israel Hawkins and J. W. Harris have been to Mink Brook for hay. They report grand success with the exception of the roads.

Mrs. John J. Nicholls, of Boston, Mass., has been on the sick list, but we hope that she is rapidly recovering. Mrs. Nichols is the daughter of Mr. Israel Hawkins of this place.

Messrs. Archie Hawkins and Emmit Irving, of Bear River were at the former's home on Thursday evening. Although arriving at a late hour they had a nice time and returned to Bear River the same night.

Bay View

Mr. Edward Hayden has been ill last week but is out again.

Mr. and Mrs. David Condon spent Sunday with Mrs. John Condon.

Mr. Frank Pine is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Harris Hayden. From here he goes to New York to resume his work.

Mr. William Ellis, of Point Prim, is busily engaged in cutting and storing his ice. Owing to the bad weather and scarcity of men the progress is very slow.

Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Ellis were surprised at their home on Thursday evening last by a number of their friends. A very enjoyable evening was spent with games, conversation, music, etc. Refreshments were served by some of the young ladies. Mr. and Mrs. Ellis were remembered in a very kindly way, he with a pair of slippers and Mrs. Ellis with an elegant gold brooch. The company dispersed at a late hour.

An Expensive Blockade.

MONTREAL, February 12.—The situation on the snow-blockaded railways in Western Ontario has materially improved in the last few days and the railways now announce that passenger service has been fairly well resumed. Freight service will now be taken up and supplies rushed through to towns which have experienced a shortage in some commodities. There is a great congestion of freight and the railways will be kept busy getting it out of the way. It is estimated that the blockade will cost the Grand Trunk alone between three and four hundred thousand dollars.

Invited to Dine at Ottawa.

The Yarmouth *Times* says: Rev. W. G. Lane is in receipt of an invitation from Governor-General to dine at Ottawa on February 27th Paardeburg Day. Similar invitations have been issued to all the officers of the Canadian contigents who fought in South Africa.

Russia Out of St. Louis Fair.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 16—Commissioner General Alexandrovsky today officially announced the abandonment of the proposed participation of Russia in the St. Louis exposition.

WAR NEWS.

Eleven Russian Warships Now Reported Disabled.

SUCH IS THE CONTENTION OF LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT — JAPAN SAID TO HAVE 120,000 TROOPS IN KOREA—FOUR TORPEDO TORPEDED, TWO THIRDS OF RUSSIA SUPPLY, BLOWN UP IN THE VARIAG.

LONDON, Feb. 17.—In a despatch dated Port Arthur, Feb. 13, a correspondent of the *Times* gives a description of seven Russian warships which he says are being disabled there. They include the battleships Sevastepol and Petropalovsk, which have not been named in previous report of the action. The correspondent says that altogether eleven Russian ships were put out of action at Port Arthur.

Continuing, he declares that the Japanese were driven from the neighborhood of Kin Chau, near Newchwang, after a skirmish in which 120 Japanese were taken prisoners and seventy Russians killed.

In an editorial article, the *Times* remarks as this correspondent does not mention the injuries sustained by the battleships and the Kinshu story has not been reported from any other source, it would be well to accept his reports with some reserve.

LONDON, Feb. 17.— According to special despatches published here this morning from Tokio, the Russian squadron has returned to Vladivostock.

The Tokio correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says in a despatch that two Russian warships appeared off Oki Island, in the Southern part of the Japanese sea on Sunday.

The correspondent at Chemulpo of the *Daily Express* makes the astonishing statement that Japan has already landed 120,000 troops in Korea, 80,000 of whom are along the fighting front south of the Yalu river.

No war news of importance appears in the London newspapers this morning but the press attaches the greatest significance to the departure of Viceroy Alexieff from Port Arthur and comments upon the sudden throwing of Russian troops into Newchwang as indicating Russian apprehensions that Port Arthur is in danger and that the Japanese attack may after all be made where it is expected on the Yalu. All the reports tend to confirm the impression that Russia has little or nothing to expect from sea operations.

According to a dispatch to the Paris edition of the *New York Herald*, 400 torpedoes, being two-thirds of Russia's entire available supplies of this article, were destroyed on board the Russian cruiser Variga at Chemulpo.

The Tokio correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* cables it is said officially that several thousand Russian troops have reached Antung and it is rumored that 20,000 Russians have at Ping Yang on the Tatong river, in central Korea.

The *Chronicle* however, regards this rumor as quite improbable, unless the invasion of Korea preceded the outbreak of hostilities.

TORPEDOED BY THE JAPS.

TOKIO, Feb. 14.—It is officially announced that three of the four ships comprising the Russian Vladivostok squadron, were blown up on Friday night, while attempting to pass through the Tsugaru Straits separating the Islands of Hondo and Yezo.

The Russians suffered heavily. The section was north of Aomori, a town in Northern Hondo. It is stated that all three vessels were blown up by torpedoes. They were all cruisers.

The only Russian cruisers, which were at Vladiaostok were the Rossia, Rogatyr, Rurik and Gromoboi. They left there last Monday cleared for action. In order to enable them to get out of the harbor it was necessary to cut channels in the ice.

LONDON, Feb. 14.—A telegram received in London this morning reports that the Russians bombarded the town of Fukuyama, at the south-western extremity of the Island of Yezo. The vessels which did the bombarding are supposed to have been the cruisers that have been sunk by Japanese torpedoes in Tsugara Straits.

VARIAG'S LOSS VERY IMPORTANT.

ST. PETERSBURG, February 15.—The loss of the Russian American cruiser Variag is a particularly severe one, from the fact that she had aboard no less than 400 Whitehead torpedoes—that is to say two-thirds of the entire store aboard, which may, in part, account for the terrible crash with which she blew up.

RUSSIA'S MEDITERRANEAN FLEET

PARIS, Feb. 16—A dispatch to the *Figaro* from St. Petersburg says: "It has been decided to hold the Russian squadron from the Mediterranean now in the Red Sea and bound for the Far East, at Jibuti, French Somaliland, until further orders. Admiral Rojdestwenski, chief of the staff, is going there to assume the command of the fleet at Port Arthur. The stopping of the Russian squadron at Jibuti may lead to international complications, Jibuti being a neutral French port. It is understood that France is not likely to ask the squadron to leave."

THIRD ATTACK ON PORT ARTHUR

TOKIO, Feb. 17.—Another attack was made by the Japanese fleet on Port Arthur on the night of Feb. 13 and the morning of the 14th. The result is not fully known, that the Government hopes that it will clinch Japan's command of the sea, enabling her to have free movement in connection with the land campaign.

On Sunday Admiral Togo despatched the torpedo flotilla under Commander Nagui from an undisclosed base. The movement, in accordance with the precedent Japanese have observed hitherto, was made at night. Several ships broke shortly afterwards, separating the flotilla, and only the torpedo boat destroyers Haytori and Asagiri, reached the goal.

Each vessel has nominal speed of eighteen knots, and this probably accounts for their distancing their companions. The Asagiri arrived off Port at Arthur 3 o'clock and almost immediately drew the fire of the nearest Russian ships, which was taken up by the remainder of the fleet and forts.

STORM SPOILT ATTACK

Owing to the darkness and the thick driving snow, the fire could be hardly more than haphazard, and the Asagiri, after discharging a torpedo retired. It is alleged that she was not hit.

According to one account, she was unable to see the result of her attack, but official versions says that she destroyed a Russian scoutship.

The Haytori, arriving later, again awakened the Russian guns, but trusting to darkness, she steamed in. Although she was unable to accurately locate the Russian ships, she launched a torpedo; some accounts say two. It is asserted positively that one was effective, and that the Hayaori escaped unscathed. Both boats returned to their base a few hours later. The Government does not confirm or deny the claim that two Russian ships were disabled.

MOVEMENT OF HOSTILE ARMES

CHE FOO, Feb. 16 (3 p. m., eastern time)—The British steamer Wenchow, detained at Port Arthur since the opening of hostilities, arrived here today full of Japanese refugees, and reports the Russian fleet moving in the direction of Korea.

A trifling engagement took place in the Gulf of Pechili between rival torpedo boats, but no damage was done, being merely an exchange of shots.

Russian reinforcements are going rapidly to the Yale, where a great fight is expected soon.

The Russian forces stationed near Niu Chwang are buying all available provisions for the garrison at Port Arthur. The government officials at Port Arthur are very anxious about the merchants raising food prices, and it is reported that they have entirely demolished a large bakery which was making an attempt to corner flour.

The Japanese are hasting their preparations on Elliot Island with transports and commissariat, from which they will make a big attack on Port Arthur. In Manchuria the railway guard have been considerably strengthened for the fear of interruption by the Chinese.

At Harbin the flour mills are now under government control.

Freight Trains Cancelled on I. C. R.

MONCTON, N. B. Feb. 16.—I. C. R. officers report the storm by far the worst experienced this season and among the worst for many years. What makes the storm particularly bad is because of so much snow being piled up along the road. It has kept the management busy keeping the road open and passenger trains moving.

All freight trains were cancelled last night and no freight was moved in any direction on the road today. Snow plow specials have been kept moving as rapidly as possible in all directions and all passenger trains have been run with double headers.

Across the marshes at Dorchester and Sackville the storm was very severely felt. A strong gale drifted the snow on to the track as fast as it could be plowed out.

Moncton yard is blocked with snow and has not been in such a state for many years. For the first time, probably, shunting was done with double headers and it was impossible to keep the tracks clear.

The storm is still raging but reports from some sections at midnight show signs of abating.

The Moncton and Buctouche, Elgin, Petitcodiac and Havelock and Salisbury and Harvey railways are completely blocked and traffic suspended for the time being.

Senator Hanna Dead

REPUBLICAN LEADER PASSED AWAY AFTER FORTNIGHT'S ILLNESS.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 15.—Senator Marcus A. Hanna, died at 6.40 o'clock this evening in his apartments at the Ralston Hotel, of typhoid fever, after an illness of two weeks. He passed away peacefully and without pain after being unconscious since 3 a. m., at which time the first of a series of sinking spells came on, from the last of which he never rallied. All the members of the family, with one or two exceptions were at the bedside when the end came. They were Mr. and Mrs. Daniel R. Hanna, Mr. and Mrs. Medill McCormick, and Mrs. Harry A. Parsons, Miss Phelps, H. H. Hanna and Elmer Dover. During the last hours life was kept in his body only by the use of the most powerful stimulants.

Mrs. Hanna was not at the bedside when the end came. She had been ill with a severe headache a short time before and had been given a narcotic and she then went to bed. Doctors Osler and Carter and two nurses were at the bedside when the end came.

Senator Hanna will be given a public funeral in the Senate Chamber at noon on Wednesday and the body will probably lie in state at the Capitol. The funeral will be held in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday.

A Panic Arrested

A SLIGHT BLAZE IN A NEW YORK THEATRE CAUSED A RUSH.

NEW YORK, February 15.—An impending panic among the audience at the annual entertainment of the Anawanda Club in Terrace Garden last night, resulting from the accidental ignition of some of the decorations, was averted by the presence of mind of Mayor McClellan and Thomas F. Murphy, the Tammany leader. While a vaudeville performance was in progress one of the barbers in a booth in front of Mr. Murphy's box caught fire from a defective electric wire. Mr. Murphy reached out and tore down some draperies that were on the point of catching fire, but the audience had already risen and a rush had begun for the doors. Mayor McClennan, who was in the opposite box, rose and implored the audience to remain seated, as all danger was over, and in a few minutes order was restored. During the excitement many women fainted, and the entertainment was soon resumed.

The Bye-Elections.

ST. JOHN, February 16.—This city contributed a chapter to political history to-day by changing Hon. A. G. Blair's liberal majority of 667, three years ago, to a conservative majority of 392. The total vote polled was:

Dr. J. W. Daniel (conservative)	3,637
H. A. McKeown (liberal)	3,245

Ten of the thirteen wards of the city give conservative majorities.

The day was unpleasant. Last night's storm had blocked the streets so that in suburban districts it was a serious inconvenience. The vote was about ten per cent. less than in the famous November election between Blair and Foster, but it was equal to the vote on other occasions.

The Ontario constituencies held to the opposition with increased majorities while the Quebec ridings remain with the government, but in many cases by largely reduced margins. Queens, P. E. I., went liberal by 200 less than before.

Take One of Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills after dinner. It will promote digestion and overcome any evil effects of too hearty eating. Safe, prompt, active, painless and positive. This effective little pill is supplanting all the old school nauseous purgatives. 40 doses, 10 cents.—13

Rev. Hibbert Binney's Estate

LONDON, Febry. 6.—The estate of the widow of the Rev. Hibbert Binney, fourth Bishop of Nova Scotia, valued at £21,000, bequeaths £250 to the Bishop of the Diocese of Nova Scotia, to apply to the income there or for the travelling expenses of Canadians accepting holy orders from England in Nova Scotia; £250 to the president of King's College, Windsor, N. S., the interest to be applied for the continuation of the Binney prize; £100 for the Church Institute at Halifax; £200 for the purchase of an altar pulpit to be placed in the future Cathedral of Halifax, provided it is erected within ten years of the testatrix's death; £200 to the Society for the propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts; £100 to be applied by the Bishop of Newfoundland for some poor mission; £50 for St. Stephen's Church, Halifax.

Nova Scotia Schooner Aground

NANTUCKET, Mass., February 15.—Two Nantucket fishermen yesterday succeeded in reaching the schooner which for several days has been imprisoned in the ice four miles off Eel Point. The vessel proved to be the British schooner Scotia Queen, from River Herbert, N. S., for New York with lumber. The schooner is aground on a shoal in seven feet of water. She is well stocked with provisions and all on board were reported well. The assistance of a lighter was desired by the schooner. The captain stated that the vessel was resting easily on the shoal and was not leaking.

Cape Breton Tobacco

NORTH SYDNEY, February 12.—North Sydney is likely soon to add a tobacco plant to the list of local industries. The firm of Harvey & company, of St. John's, N.fld., wheremerly sold out their plant in that city to an American concern, have decided to locate here, and have already secured a large warehouse. Mr. Harvey, the company's left yesterday for the United States to purchase a plant, and on his return the North Sydney town council will be asked to grant certain concessions. The new factory will employ 100 hands.

Foxton Hall Burned

LONDON, Feb. 16—In connection with the rumors of another bombardment at Port Arthur, the owners of the British steamer Foxton Hall (from Bary, December 11, via Port Said for Port Arthur, with coal,) which was detained by the Russians at Port Said, have received news that she has been destroyed by fire.

BIRTHS:

LEWIS—At Digby, on the 16th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Darrel Lewis, a son.

POTTER—At Clifton, on the 3rd inst., to Mr. and Mrs. John M. Potter, a daughter.

CUMMINGS—At Digby, on the 17th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cummings, a son.

DEATHS.

ROBERTSON—At New York, on the 15th February, after a short illness, James Hay Robertson, son of the late Duncan Robertson, barrister, of St. John N. B. Burial at St. John.

Notice of Dissolution.

TAKE Notice that the partnership formerly subsisting between the undersigned for the carrying on business as general fish merchants and traders under the firm name of Anderson & Anderson has been dissolved.

All book debts owing the said firm are to be paid to Jonathan Letteney who will pay the debts and liabilities owing by the said firm.

Dated at Digby N.S., this 1st day of February A.D. 1904.

HOWARD ANDERSON
JONATHAN LETTENEY.

Distress After Eating.

CAN ONLY BE CURED BY REMOVING THE CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

There is only one way to cure indigestion; the medicine must act upon the digestive organs—not upon their contents. Medicine should not do the stomach's work but should make the stomach do the work nature intended it should do. Dr. Williams Pink Pills do this as no other medicine can. They tone up the stomach, restore the weakened digestive organs and promote natural digestion. There is no doubt about this—it has been proved in thousands of cases that Dr. Williams Pink Pills cure indigestion when all other medicines fail. Mr. Elcear Robidoux, St. Jerome, Que., offers his testimony to substantiate this. He says:—"For some years I was a great sufferer from indigestion. My appetite became irregular, and everything I ate felt like a weight on my stomach. I suffered much from pains in the stomach and was frequently seized with dizziness and severe headaches. Nothing I tried did me a particle of good until I began the use of Dr. Williams Pink Pills, and these, after taking them for about two months, completely cured me. It is nearly two years since I discontinued the use of the pills, and I have not since had the slightest return of the trouble."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure not only indigestion, but every trouble due to poor blood and shattered nerves. They will not fail if the treatment is given a fair trial. Don't take any pink colored substitute—don't take anything but Dr. Williams Pink Pills for Pale People. You will find the full name printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by all medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writing The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Eyes and Nose ran Water.—

C. G. Archer, of Brewer, Maine, says: "I have had Catarrh for several years. Water would run from my eyes and nose for days at a time. About four months ago I was induced to try Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder and since using the wonderful remedy I have not had an attack. It relieves in ten minutes." 50 cents.—17

Bear River.

(Telephone.)

Isaac Delong came up from Tusket, Saturday, returning Monday.

Mrs. William Kent died on Sunday night and was buried to-day.

Miss Taylor, of Hectanooga, is attending the High School here.

Mr. Deal, representing the Corticelli Silk Co., was in town to-day.

Silas Parker, who has been working in New Brunswick, came home Saturday.

Miss Foster, of Granville, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. (Capt.) J. E. Woodworth.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Banks, of Weymouth, on Sunday.

Mr. Edward Winchester had the misfortune to lose a valuable colt on Saturday night.

Schooner Jessie Lena has been chartered to load at Bear River for Cuba this month.

Mr. Edmund Wade, who has been quite feeble for the past couple of years, is now seriously ill.

George Kennedy went to Kennetcook to survey a cargo of lumber to be shipped by schr. Onora to Cuba.

The carpenters completed their work in the interior of the drug store this week, and it is now in the hands of the painters.

Miss Fannie Riordan returned to her home in Annapolis on Monday, after spending a few days with Mrs. J. Arthur Rice.

A number of the young people received invitations to a leap year dance at Granville Ferry, but on account of the storm were unable to go.

A number of the members of the local Epworth League spent a very pleasant evening at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Alcorn on Friday.

Rev. I. W. Porter attended the quarterly session of the Digby county Baptist Conference which convened at Centreville on Monday and Tuesday.

W. W. Clarke, of Clarke Bros., made a flying trip to Halifax, going Friday and returning Saturday of last week. The firm was loading a vessel there with lumber from their mills at Kennetcook.

The continued severity of the weather has already made a record that surpasses anything within the memory of the oldest citizen, and has effectually exploded the theory that we are gradually growing into a milder climate. A steady cold winter is generally regarded as best for the country but the present season has passed the point of convenience.

At the Baptist parsonge, Bridgetown, on the morning of Feb. 10th, 1904, William S. Cress, of Clementsport was united in marriage to Mrs. Eliza M. Larrimore. After the ceremony the happy couple took the train for Clementsport, where they will remain for a few days as the guests of Mrs. Wilkins, the sister of Mr. Cress. On their return they will make their home at Beaconsfield.

That Cutting Acid that arises from the stomach and almost strangles, is caused by fermentation of the food in the stomach. It is a forerunner of indigestion and dyspepsia. Take one of Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets immediately after eating, and it will prevent this distress and aid digestion. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—16

Clementsvale.

(Telephone.)

Miss Margaret Pyne went to Bridgetown on Saturday to visit her sister, Mrs. L. C. Berry.

Mr. Charlton, of Willianiston, is the guest of his daughter, Mrs. J. H. Balcom. Miss Cora Charlton is also a guest at the parsonage.

Mr. and Mrs. Forbes Tupper returned home from Weymouth last Thursday, where they have been visiting Mrs. Tupper's sister, Mrs. I. D. Little.

Mr. A. Whitney, of the Boys' Mission, St. John, passed through here on Saturday, and made arrangements to speak in the Baptist church on Tuesday evening.

Kidney Duty.—It is the particular function of the kidneys to filter out poisons which pass through them into the blood. When the kidneys are diseased they cannot do their whole duty, and should have the help and strength that South American Kidney Cure will afford. In any and all forms of kidney disorder, it relieves in 6 hours.—14

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria.

Big Fire in Montreal.

MONTREAL, Feb. 14.—As the result of a fire Saturday afternoon in the five story stone building at the northwest corner of Notre Dame and St. Gabriel streets, three people are dead and seven others are in the hospital badly injured.

The dead are: Francis Clow, forty-eight years of age, 1816 St. Lawrence street; Louis Desjardins, forty years, 603 Cadieux street; unidentified woman, about twenty-four years of age.

The injured are: Mrs. Plante, Miss Plante, Miss Bussiere, Adolphe Pelletier, Mrs. Gagne, Arthur Valliquette.

The ground floor of the building was occupied by Bloomfield Brothers, jewelry establishment, while the top stories were occupied by offices and lodging rooms.

The escape of the occupants was cut off by the fire and smoke, and the people were forced to jump from the windows to save themselves. Had it been for the quick work of the firemen at least five of the injured would have been suffocated.

Two jumped from a fourth story window into a life net, while others were taken down a ladder by the firemen.

The bodies of Desjardins and the unknown young woman were found lying in the hallway at the top of the stairs. They were evidently trying to escape when they were overcome by the smoke. Clow managed to find his way out of the building, but fell dead on the sidewalk.

The damage caused by the fire amounted to about $15,000.

An ordinary Pill

is liable to cause griping pains, but Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut have no gripe or pain any pain whatsoever. The mildest and effective pills. Sure cure for headache and billiousness. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

An Impudent Beggar.

HOW SIR WALTER BESANT WAS CURED OF PROMISCUOUS ALMSGIVING.

It was one of the daily customs of Sir Walter Besant to take a walk through Hyde Park, London. At the entrance to the park sat an old beggar woman whose woebegone appearance caused Sir Walter to stop one day and drop a copper penny into her out stretched hand. After a time it became a regular habit to speak a word or two to her when giving her the coin.

One day, however, the old woman handed him back the penny, saying: "Guy me siller, or yer forfeits. The idea of a gent like you givin' a poor old woman like me a dirty penny! Guy me siller."

She came close to him and waved her arms threateningly. Sir Walter started to go, but she grabbed the lapel of his coat and screamed: "Guy me siller, you rascally rogue! Guy me what you owe me!"

This drew a crowd, and the novelist to save himself threw a handful of coins among them and during the scramble escaped

He forgot all about the old hag till one day, chancing to enter the same gate again, he was aroused from a reverie by her shrill cackle. Pointing jeeringly from a neighbouring doorway, she screamed, "That's 'im—the fine rogue in the long whiskers—the bloke in the ligh' at!"

This was too much for the author. He broke away with extraordinary haste and thereafter was pretty thoroughly cured of promiscuous almsgiving.

A Seremely Happy Man

is Mr. Thos. McGisham of North Pelham who was cured of muscular rheumatism by Nerviline, the most powerful rheumatic remedy in the world. "I suffered all manner of pain for years, he writes, "and Nerviline was the only thing that did me any good. I can heartily recommend Nerviline for all forms of rheumatism; it goes to every core of the pain and brings lasting relief. Let every sufferer from lame back, aching joints and swollen limbs use Nerviline. It's sure to cure and costs 25c. for a large bottle.

Origin of Common Phrases.

Expressions that we use, nowadays, metaphorically, were used in their real sense in bygone days. For instance, we speak about "beating a retreat," forgetting perhaps that the phrase comes from the fact that in war time, when a retreat was ordered, the drums were beaten in a particular manner, just as to day it is sounded on the bugle. Then, again, one speaks of going off "drag and baggage." How many know what the "baggage" was? The general idea is that it was part of the soldier's kit. In point of fact, the "bag" was originally the soldier's haversack; the "baggage" was his wife. The familiar phrase, "To give the cold shoulder," originated in France, where it was the custom to serve with cold shoulder of mutton instead of hot meat a guest who had outstayed his welcome. "A feather in his cap" comes from Hungary, it being formerly the custom for the Hungarians to put a feather in their caps for every Turk they killed. The word "Deadhead," is, according to some authorities, one of great antiquity. It is said that a "deadhead" was a person who had "inherited" or gained admission to an entertainment free of charge by means of a pass in the form of a small ivory death's head.

One in Every Four Persons

One person in every four suffers more or less from itching piles. Some do not know the nature of their ailments, and others have that based Dr. Chase's Ointment as the only absolute and guaranteed cure for this distressing disease. If you are a sufferer ask your neighbors about this great preparation, it has grown popular as a result of the merit of its merits being passed from friend to friend.

Edwin's Question.

Edwin, aged five, was one day being put to bed for asking foolish questions. As his mother was leaving the room Willie called:

"Mamma!"

"What is it, dear?"

"Just let me ask you one more question. When a feller wears a hole in his stocking, what becomes of that part of it?"

Great Britain and France.

REASONS THAT WILL KEEP THEM NEUTRAL DURING THE STRUGGLE.

PARIS, Feb. 11.—In accounting for the disposition of the continental powers to observe strict neutrality in the Far East must be considered the danger nearer home. The probabilities of approaching trouble in the Near East have not diminished. A rupture between Turkey and the Bulgarians is not improbable. The situation in the Balkan peninsula will be found to influence certain great powers in their attitude in the Far East. In this connection there is one fact of importance. No matter what the interests of England and France in the Far East may be, in the Near East their interests do not clash. Last year the two countries worked harmoniously and in some degree successfully together. No doubt similar harmonious action is contemplated by both governments in the event of war in the Far East for the protection of their individual and mutual interests, and this, no doubt, may be considered a fresh guarantee that they will not now be drawn into the Russian-Japanese war, save, perhaps, as a last extremity.

What is Dyspepsia?

Qualms, nausea, longing for food yet dreading to eat. You may have the real thing, but Ferrozone will cure you like it did S. D. Huntingdon of Hamilton, who says "I frequently was attacked with such acute dyspepsia that I thought it must be heart disease. I used Ferrozone and got relief. I kept on using Ferrozone and was cured. My digestion is in perfect order and I can eat anything to-day." Nothing is as good as Ferrozone for dyspepsia and those afflicted with weak stomachs. Price 50c. at druggists.

Salt and Ice.

Does salt melt ice? In this question there is but a half truth suggested, since salt no more melts ice than ice melts salt. Heat is the main agent whereby a body passes from a solid to a liquid state. It has been well known, however, for centuries that certain solid bodies when brought together (as here, salt and ice) have such a chemical affinity for one another—i. e., their tendency to combine and melt is so great—that heat is drawn from all surrounding sources as well as from the store latent in these substances themselves.

When this is the case they become chilled and make a freezing mixture, the temperature dropping till the heat drawn from the two sources—external and internal—is sufficient to keep pace with the rate of melting.

Fahrenheit in 1762 made use of this freezing mixture when he secured what he thought was absolute cold, thereby marking the freezing point on his thermometer at 32 degrees.

Catarrh of The Head

Is very common, but awfully dangerous because it causes deafness and leads to consumption. Cure is as certain to follow the use of Catarrhozone as day is to follow night. You simply breathe the fragrant healing Catarrhozone which spreads through the nasal passages, throat and lungs, driving out every vestige of catarrh. "I was cured of chronic catarrh of the nose and throat" writes Ernest M. Wilkinson of Lawrencetown "after many years of misery. Catarrhozone which is a splendid remedy to free the air passages from mucous. Catarrhozone relieves quickly and my cure has been permanent." Price $1.00 for two months' treatment; trial size 25c.

Playing Cards

The Chinese, who, according to their histories, invented everything before anybody else, claim the merit of having first designed playing cards and developed the games arising out of them. The Emperor Soun Ho had many wives, who naturally found time hanging heavily on their hands, so the emperor devised amusement for them by inventing cards—that is, if we are to put any belief in the words of the Chinese historians. There were thirty cards in each of his packs—three suits of nine each and three extra or superior cards. The Chinese cards were so long, as ours are, while those of the Hindoos were round.

Surprising though it may seem, it is nevertheless true that the queen in our suits is a comparatively modern innovation. The picture cards were at first entirely military—king, knight and knave. The Italians were the first, it is said, to give the lady a place in the pack.

Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart acts directly and quickly, stimulates the heart's tendency, stops mid acute pain, dispels all signs of weakness, fluttering, sinking, smothering, or palpitation. This wonderful cure is the safe guide and pilot to the heart-sick patient into the haven of radiant and perfect health. Gives relief in most acute forms of heart disease in 30 minutes.—13

A Crater Lake.

Deep in the summit of the Cascade range, in the state of Oregon, and sixty-five miles north of the California line, lies Crater lake. The United States government, recognizing its worth as an educational feature, wisely secured possession of it and made a national park of the locality. An area of 250 square miles is thus protected.

The surface of Crater lake is rather more than 6,200 feet above sea level. It is an oval basin between twenty and twenty-one square miles in area, surrounded by cliffs which range from more than 500 to nearly 2,000 feet in height, the ground falling more gradually from their rim to the present upland level. This great sheet of blue water, in places almost 2,000 feet deep, is interrupted near its western margin by a pyramidal rocky mass, called Wizard island, itself evidently a volcanic vent.

Sleighing Party Meets Mishap.

CLINTON, Mass., Feb. 13.—The horses drawing a large pung, in which twenty-five young persons, connected with the Presbyterian church in this town were enjoying a sleighing party, became frightened at the tooting of tin horns and ran away today, overturning the sleigh and more or less injuring all of the occupants.

Those most seriously hurt are Margaret Grant and her sister Georgia, both badly cut about head and face; Helen Hickson, head badly cut and left arm injured.

The Extra Day.

"Tommy," asked the teacher of a small pupil, "how many days are there in a year?"

"Three hundred and sixty-five and a fourth," answered Tommy.

"How can there be a fourth of a day?" asked the teacher.

"Oh," replied the little fellow, "that's the Fourth of July!"

Hay's Note Accepted.

PARIS, Feb. 13.—The semi-official Temps says the Cabinets of London, Paris and Berlin are in accord upon Secretary Hay's note. In the response which the three Powers will make to the United States it will be suggested that the text of the American document be clarified and simplified. The three Powers agree in giving the note a construction favorable to China's preservation of her neutrality and also that this neutrality be recognized and respected throughout the period of hostilities, but that there are special conditions prevailing in Manchuria, which is the present theatre of actual warfare, Manchuria will not be included under the declaration of Chinese neutrality, this exception of Manchuria not affecting China's stipulations in treaties. It is believed the United States will accept this limitation of the interpretation, which it is said, is acceptable to Russia and Japan.

Germany's Sympathy With Russia.

BERLIN, Feb. 13.—The position of the German Government respecting the Russo-Japanese war is well defined. It is exact neutrality in act but in sentiment it is sympathetic toward Russian rather than Japanese predominence in China. The common talk in Ministerial quarters is that this is not a single contest for territory in Korea or Manchuria, but rather a combat of civilizations and of race ideals and if one must choose between the white and the yellow, Germany stands by the white.

The "Yellow danger" is accepted in Germany as a substantial fact and it is believed that Japanese imitation has already resulted in injuring Germany's trade in the Far East.

Funny Old Signs.

One of the most notable of old London signs, "The Dog's Head In the Iron Pot," had its beginning in the early years of the reign of that same bluff King Hal, says St. Nicholas. It stands out, a lonely figure on Blackfriars road at the corner of Charlotte street, the sign of a wholesale ironmonger's establishment. The dog is in the act of eating out of a three legged iron pot which is his counterpart. There were also "The Black Dog" and "The Dog and Duck." "The White Greyhound" was the sign of John Harrison in St. Paul's churchyard, a bookseller who published some of Shakespeare's early works.

The Worship of Heavenly Bodies.

In central India both sun and moon are worshipped by many tribes, such as the Korkus, Khonds, Tungeses and Buraetes. The Khonds adore the powers of nature, as the gods of the bison, tigar, hill and cholera; but all these deities occupy a far inferior position to the heavenly bodies. In the Deccan some of the aboriginal tribes also acknowledge the sun and moon by an act of reverence.—*London Standard.*

Japan's Appeal to the U. S.

WASHINGTON, Feb. 14—Japan will appeal to the United States to prevail on the Russian government to release the 100 Japanese subjects reported detained at Port Arthur. Mr. Takahara the Japanese minister, it is expected, will present the appeal to Secretary Hay to-morrow.

Having agreed to look out for Japanese citizens in Russian territory during the war, this government will instruct Mr. McCormick, the American ambassador at St. Petersburg, to inquire of the Russian government on the subject as to the Japanese inquisition.

The best naval opinion here is to the effect that the detention of these Japanese at Port Arthur is a strategical necessity to prevent the Japanese gaining information as to the fortifications, troops, etc.

Those Worrying Piles!—One application of Dr. Agnew's Ointment will give you comfort. Applied every night for three to six nights and a cure is effected in the most stubborn cases of Blind, Bleeding, or Itching Piles. Dr. Agnew's Ointment and Eczema and all itching and burning skin diseases. It acts like magic. 35 cents.—15

Deep Brook.

(Telephone.)

Mr. Charles Lent, of Newtos Centre, arrived here on Wednesday.

Mr. Roop, of Acacia Valley, who is with his daughter, Mrs. J. R. Berry, is quite ill.

We are having a regular old-fashioned winter, and anyone who would wish for any colder weather ought to be transported to the North Pole.

Mr. John D. Purdy, our popular boat builder, has the keel of a sail boat laid which he intends finishing by spring. He also has about twenty-five dozen pairs of oars in course of construction.

When Rheumatism doubles a man up physician and sufferer alike lose heart and often despair of a cure but here's the exception. Wm. Pegg, of Norwood, Ont., says: "I was nearly doubled up with rheumatism. I got three bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure and they cured me. It's the quickest acting medicine I ever saw."—8

King Edward's Hard Worker.

I was told the other day that the King actually had set to work to read Mr. Charles Booth's seventeen volumes on the poor of London! Now if this is not work, I do not know what it is. I have glanced into several of the volumes, and it appears to me to be one of the giant efforts of the age. The *Encyclopedia Britannica* devotes pages and pages to this work. It is so enormous in its bulk that one is fairly staggered at the mere physical power which the writer must have required to complete it.

Nervousness, Dyspepsia Indigestion, and kindred ailments, take wings before the healing qualities of South American Nervine. Mr. Hiskins, of Dalhousie Junction, took his preacher's advice, followed directions, and was cured permanently of the worst form of Nervous Prostration and Dyspepsia. He has recommended it to others with gratifying results. It's a great nerve builder.—12

Losses by Great Fires.

As considerable interest centres in the extent of the fires in Baltimore, it may say that the great fire at Chicago took place on the 8th October, 1871. It covered an area of 2 miles square, destroyed 1745 buildings; rendered 98,500 persons homeless; killed 200 persons; causing a loss of $190,000,000. The insurance amounted to $44,000,000, and the city was valued at $620,000,000. The fire at St. John caused a loss of about $13,000,000.

The big fire in Boston was on the 9th November, 1872. It burned 65 acres, consuming 800 buildings. Total loss $80,000,000. Insurance $52,000,000. Fifteen lives were lost, and 1800 business firms burned out.

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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m and 7.30 p. m. Fridays, 7.30 p. m. Saints days Holy Communion, 11 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m., second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m., third Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. Rev. A. H. Hackett, D. D., Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath Preaching service 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting at 7.00 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Tuesday in each month at 3 p. m. Visitors always welcomed. Ushers in attendance Rev. A. J. Archibald, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Day Cove alternate Sabbaths at 11 o'clock. Preaching service every Sunday evening at 7 o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. Rev. Geo. Wood Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Service, Morning, 11 o'clock; Evening, 7 o'clock. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting every Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Brook Cove and Smith's Cove alternate Sabbaths at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League meeting Monday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. C. A. B. Higgins Pastor.

BAPTIST CHURCH, CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A hearty welcome to all. Pastor will be at home as soon as possible. Rev. H. A. Dryer, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.81, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. F. Quigley, N. G. Geo. E. Corbett, Sec'y. H. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 84 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month. Visiting brethren always welcome. H. A. Dennison, W. M.; M. Views, Sec'y.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. M. Hayes, C. R.; J. A. Gaskill, R. S.

O. O. F.—Court Sea-View, No. 773, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. Holdsworth, C. R.; H. B. Dunnack, R. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the first and third Tuesday in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. John E. Bent, M. W.; H. E. Churchill, Rec.

DIGBY CORNET BAND—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months: Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young bands and volunteers, 7.30 p.m.; Wednesday, young bands and volunteers, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendances at above. Any young fellow desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. Francis E. Corbitt, Band-master.

Another Cold woman, Mrs. Haule, of Edgerton, Wis., tells how she was cured of irregularities and uterine trouble, terrible pains and backache, by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—For a while ago my health began to fail because of female troubles. The doctor did not help me. I remembered that my mother had used Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound on many occasions for irregularities and uterine troubles, and I felt sure that it could not harm me at any rate to give it a trial.

"I was certainly glad to find that within a week I felt much better, the terrible pains in the back and side were beginning to cease, and at the time of menstruation I did not have nearly as serious a time as heretofore, so I continued its use for two months, and at the end of that time I was like a new woman. I really have never felt better in my life, have not had a sick headache since, and weigh 20 pounds more than I ever did, so I unhesitatingly recommend your medicine."—MRS. MAY HAULE, Edgerton, Wis. Pres. Household Economics Club.

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Creeping up the Stairs

(From an English Paper.)

In the softly fading twilight
Of a weary, weary day,
With a quick step I entered
Where the children were at play
I was brooding o'er some trouble
Which had met me unawares,
When a little voice came ringing
Mo's coming up the stairs.

Ah, it touched the tenderest heartstrings
With a breath and force divine,
And such melodies awakened
As no wooing could have stirred
And I turned to see our darling
All forgetful of my cares.
When I saw the little creature
Slowly creeping up the stairs.

Step by step she bravely clambered
On her little hands and knees,
Keeping up a constant chattering
Like a magpie in the trees
Till at last she reached the topmost,
When oh! all her world's affairs
She delighted stood a victor
After creeping up the stairs.

Fainting heart, behold an image
Of man's brief and struggling life.
Whose best prizes must be captured
With a noble, earnest strife,
Onward, upward reaching ever,
Bending to the weight of cares
Hoping, fearing, still assaying
We go creeping up the stairs.

On their steps may be no carpet,
By their side may be no rail;
Hands and knees may often pain us,
And the heart may almost fail;
Still above there is the glory,
Which no sinfulness impairs.
With its joy and rest forever,
After creeping up the stairs.

The Squire's Valentine.

'There!' exclaimed Frank Elden; 'there's a good one for Professor Reynolds—looks just like him, with his owl's eyes and spectacles.'

It was the afternoon of the thirteenth of February, nearly forty years ago. The speaker, a handsome youth, stood in the midst of a group of boys, before a store window, looking at the collection of grotesquely illustrated sheets which then, as now, were often displayed under the shield of good St. Valentine, whose clear old heart must often ache at the sins against art and human forbearance which are yearly perpetrated in his name.

'And oh! see,' continued Frank; 'there's "old Monny-Bags" clutching his gold. I'm going to get that to send to Squire Emmons. He a perfect old skinflint—tight as a drum, you know. And look at his nose! Isn't that a capital hit?'

Then, followed by the other boys, Frank dived into the store and purchased, for five cents, the gaudy, ill-natured caricature.

As the boys stood laughing and joking over the comic pictures, Gladys Elden entered the store. Gladys was Frank's sister, a little younger than he, having not quite attained her sixteenth birthday. As she came round the corner of the street, Gladys had heard the name of Squire Emmons and the words 'Old Skin flint,' and her quick eye caught the picture of the old miser, clutching his bags of gold. She was very sure, too, that this was the valentine which Frank was just tucking into his breast pocket.

'Now, Gladys, shut your eyes, because we were each just going to select a valentine for you,' said Frank.

'I wish you would send me the one you have in your pocket,' replied Gladys.

'Couldn't, possibly,' said Frank. 'That's for "maiden fair, with golden hair," and yours is brown.'

The other boys laughed and Gladys said:

'Please, Frank, don't send it to anybody.'

'I'll consider the matter,' said Frank. But the temptation was too strong. He went directly across the street to the post office and mailed the valentine to Squire Emmons. Gladys watched him. Then, with a sudden resolve, she turned to the valentine counter.

'Show me some of your very prettiest ones,' she said to the clerk, who laid before her 'a choice assortment.' Gladys selected one which had a cluster of forget-me-nots for a centrepiece. By lifting this, a spiral coil of paper was raised, disclosing a true lover's knot beneath; while written in gold letters upon the second page of the folded sheet were these lines:

'Though all the world go wrong,
And faithful hearts be few,
There's one that's true and strong
And beats with love for you.'

'The poetry is very poor,' said Gladys to herself, 'but the sentiment is all right; for I have loved old Squire Emmons ever since he saved my yellow kitten from drowning.'

The following morning, old Squire Emmons sat before his old fashioned secretary, in the front room of the big brick house which stood upon the hill, a mile or more out of town. He had been carefully looking over a package of notes and accounts, and now sat gazing moodily at the heap of papers before him. The Squire was known to be a wealthy and an eccentric man; he had also the reputation of being sharp, hard-hearted and penurious; yet there were those who remembered him as an impulsive, generous youth, before misfortune and disappointments had embittered his life. He now lived alone in his spacious home, with only his housekeeper and Jabez, his faithful hired man, for company. The Squire's sharp face assumed an anxious look, but it was not for himself that the old lawyer was troubled. Could his neighbors and townspeople have looked occasionally into his heart, they would have learned, perhaps, that the old Squire had more sympathy with his fellow-men than any of them suspected.

'It is too bad—too bad!' he was saying to himself, 'that Robert Elden should go under. He has always been an honorable, upright business man; always prompt to meet his liabilities, and nothing but this great financial pressure would have prevented him from paying his notes and interest now due at the bank. This has been a terrible winter. Fifty-seven and-eight will not soon be forgotten—so many large firms have been ruined. Nobody knows what this week may come next. It is hard on Elden, and hard for his family, too. It will take every cent they have in the world; but the bank directors say that the crash must come—can't be avoided unless Elden can raise ten thousand dollars this very month, and that's impossible I declare, I can't bear to see that man ruined, and his children reduced to poverty. I've a great mind to take up that paper myself. There's nothing for security, but'

Just at this point in the Squire's mental soliloquy, the door opened and Jabez entered with the morning's mail. There were numerous letters and newspapers, and one very unusual looking document which Jabez gravely laid upon his master's desk. The imperturbable Squire manifested no surprise as his eye rested upon a dainty white envelope of ornamental paper. Jabez was inwardly consumed with a desire to see the contents of this envelope, for he was not ignorant of the fact that this was St. Valentine's Day; but not for his life, or for his position, which was life to him, would Jabez have betrayed this curiosity.

'Is this all, Jabez?' inquired the Squire, as though he was in the habit of receiving daintily white missives addressed in a clear, round, giglish handwriting every day in the year.

'Very well; that will do, Jabez.'

The Squire set the airy, fragile look ing epistle up on his desk and looked at it. Then he said: 'Pshaw!' and picked up his other letters, tearing them open one after another, until suddenly he uttered a sudden imprecation. He had come to the coarse brown envelope containing the valentine, with its stinging thrust, which Frank Elden had mailed the previous afternoon

'H'm!' "Old Skin flint," am I?' muttered the Squire.

'It is true, alas!' he said, 'that I have only my money bags to love. Perhaps I am a miser,' he added, half aloud, 'but no man can say I have dealt with him unjustly. H'm; well, 'would be a pity to disappoint people. I may as well remain "Old Skin-flint," to the bitter end. Robert Elden can go under and his children beg for bread. It's no affair of mine!' and the Squire swept his mail, including the cruel picture and Gladys's unopened valentine into the waste basket.

Early in the afternoon of St. Valentine's day, Squire Emmons was obliged to look for one of the business letters which that morning had been so ruthlessly thrust into the waste basket; and there, serene and lovely, upon the heap of papers, lay the tempting missive which he had been struggling to forget. The Squire sat down and looked at it. Glancing uneasily about, as though fearful of observation, he carefully opened the envelope with his penknife. Slowly, he drew out the dainty sheet.

'Another silly effusion, I suppose,' he said, struggling so master the bitter feeling which he had previously experienced.

An angry flush overspread his face as he glared at the innocent message.

'Barbed arrows are better than sugar-coated sarcasm,' he said; but he read the lines:

'Though all the world go wrong,
And faithful hearts be few,
There's one that's true and strong
And beats with love for you.'

'Stuff and nonsense!' ejaculated the Squire.

All that afternoon those four lines kept singing themselves over in the Squire's brain. Wherever he turned, whatever he did, he was conscious of that tawdry verse.

A great longing for love, which he believed forever dead, struggled for recognition. 'I believe,' said he, deliberately, 'that if there were one heart in this world that truly loved me, even a little, I might yet be a happy man. I wish I knew who sent this thing.' With a sudden thought, the Squire took from his pocket a paper which he had received the day before, as chairman of the school board. It was a petition asking for a small appropriation from the directors of the school board to assist in founding a library which the pupils were endeavoring to establish. It was signed by every member of the school.

Slowly and carefully the Squire compared the handwriting on the valentine with each signature on this petition, uttering an involuntary exclamation when he came to the name, Gladys Elizabeth Elden.

'Ahs! There were the same round clear characters and the unmistakable capital E's! Yes, it was Gladys—bless her! She was always a sunshiny little thing! The Squire remembered that he had felt especially sorry for her when he was thinking over her father's business affairs, knowing that the family which had always lived in affluence would find poverty very hard to bear. 'But let me see,' he thought. 'Wasn't I going to do something about that matter? What was it I switched me off the track? Oh, yes!' 'Old Skin-flint.' I remember. But never mind, I'll go round and see Robert Elden.'

Then he called,

'Jabez!'

'Yes, sir,' said Jabez, putting his head in at the door

'Harness the horse,' said the Squire. 'I must go into town to-night.'

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A few weeks after this, Frank and Gladys Elden were talking in their father's presence of the new library fund which the school board had recently granted.

'Old Skin-flint really opened his heart,' said Frank, referring to a personal donation from Squire Emmons.

'My son,' said Mr. Elden, 'you misjudge Squire Emmons! We are all misjudged him. I wish you never to speak of him in this manner again. We owe him a debt of gratitude which can never be repaid. Then, moved by a sense of justice, Robert Elden told his children of the financial crisis through which he had recently passed, and in which he would have been utterly ruined had it not been for the voluntary and generous assistance of Squire Emmons.

'But, what induced him to do this splendid thing?' asked Frank, greatly moved by his father's story.

'I really do not know. He came to me on the fourteenth of February, and said that St. Valentine sent him.'

Frank's face turned scarlet. His heart gave a guilty throb.

'He said the old saint appeared to him in a white lace shirt front, with a bunch of forget-me-nots in his buttonhole But I think the Squire was a little embarrassed by the consciousness of his own kindness, and so tried to ascribe his good deed to St. Valentine.'

'St. Valentine!' ejaculated Frank. 'He'd better say Saint Gladys! I saw her buy that forget-me-not valentine.'—*Emma Huntington Nason.*

Putting Baby Asleep

If baby is restless or sleepless do not give it "soothing" medicines to make it sleep. These medicines always contain opiates, and you are merely drugging the little one into temporary insensibility—in fact you are placing its life in peril. Restlessness and sleeplessness is usually the result of some trouble of stomach or bowels, and if this is removed the child will sleep naturally, and awake bright and healthy. Baby's Own Tablets cure all stomach and bowel troubles, and the mother has a solemn assurance that the medicine contains no opiate or harmful drug. Mrs. Louis Reville, Gawas, Ont., says: "My baby suffered from colic, cried a great deal and was very sleepless. After giving him Baby's Own Tablets the trouble disappeared and through giving him the occasional Tablets since, he has always been healthy, and is now a strong rugged child. No mother should ever be without the Tablets in the house." You can get Baby's Own Tablets from any dealer in medicine or if you write to The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., the Tablets will be sent by mail at 25 cents a box.

"Only Grandpa."

Very many are the stories which are told about the little Prince Edward; but one which is quite true shows the simple manner in which the royal children are trained by their parents, the Prince and Princess of Wales.

A children's outfitter had called at York House with a suit of little Prince Edward's to be tried on, and she was waiting in the passage near the children's apartments, the door suddenly opened, and Prince Edward came running out, crying, 'Oh, do come in; come in at once, nobody is here.'

She replied, 'I think, Your Royal Highness, that I had better wait, as it will not be convenient for me to go into the nursery now.'

'Yes, you can,' said the child. 'There's nobody here that matters, only grandpapa!'

Look on the Bright Side

The sufferer from nervous exhaustion is generally blue and discouraged. He looks on life with side of things and fears paralysis, locomotor ataxia or insanity. All this is changed by the persistent use of Dr. Chase's Nerve Food, which gradually and naturally rekindles and revitalizes the wasted nerve cells and instills new vigor and energy into the whole system.

Rebuking a Duke.

An English duke of great wealth and large estates had occasion one day to dismiss one of his laborers. As the angry man was turning away he suddenly remembered that the duke's "lady" held a position at court with the queen. That was his chance and his cue, so he turned round on the duke. "Oh, yes, your grace," he said; "I'll go home. But, though I'm a poor man, thank God I never had to send my missis out to service, as you do yours."

A RUSSIAN DESERTER

Says Soldiers are all Ready to Revolt.

HE CAME TO ST. JOHN FOUR DAYS AGO AND HAS DECIDED TO LIVE WITH HIS BROTHER IN DIGBY, NOVA SCOTIA—RUSSIAN JEWS HERE HOPE FOR JAPAN'S VICTORY.

(St. John Star.)

Abraham Levingston, a deserter from the Russian army, landed in St. John from the last emigrant steamer Lake Superior. Levingston is now with friends in Nova Scotia. Levingston was a fine-looking, strong young man, a Russian Jew by birth, and came to this country not solely to avoid taking part in the present war, but because for several years he had been only looking for a chance to break away from the miseries of Russian military service.

His escape was ingeniously planned. He feigned sickness and was, upon application, granted a short leave of absence during which he went home to his home. Meanwhile his brother, L. Levingston, residing at Digby, N. S., had sent him a ticket to St. John, and Abraham was able, by bribing the guards at the line, to leave Russian territory. After that the rest was easy and he landed in St. John a happy man, though still in dread lest the spies of the Russian government should be on his track. In St. John he was looked after by some of the Jewish residents, and was sent on to Digby, where he is now living with his brother.

Levingston had been in the Russian army for four years and had still eight months to serve, but such were the hardships that he would not remain in the country an hour longer than was necessary.

He said that the whole army is ready to revolt, and this due altogether to the Russian military system. Every male person in the country must reach the age of twenty-one is called upon to serve for four years and eight months. Should he make default his father or other nearest relative is compelled to pay to the government a sum equal to three hundred dollars. If he escapes, his relatives must remain in the country for years and returns later he is liable to service and is compelled to pay taxes for the time he has been away, besides being liable to punishment for eluding service.

After entering the army the miseries begin. The soldiers are paid forty cents every three months, or the munificent sum of one dollar and twenty cents a year. They are drilled continually and are bound to do any service that may be required of them. The food consists of coarse black bread, such as no person who was not starving would think of eating, raw potatoes, and raw herring, no tea nor beef, nor any other varieties of food are furnished. The men are partly clothed by the government, but are not given boots. Instead they are supplied with rough leather and have to make the boots themselves.

The Russian army is sufficiently strong to overcome half a dozen nations like the Japanese—if the soldiers were willing to fight. But there is so much insubordination among the men due to cruel treatment, that the majority are ready to desert at any favorable opportunity. If a pitched battle takes place and there is a good chance offering it will not be a surprise to anyone who knows the army if whole regiments desert. The only thing that keeps the men in the ranks is a dread of the awful punishments that follow even a minor offence against authority. A large proportion of the soldiers are Nihilists, whose one aim is the overthrow of the present autocratic government.

Russian Jews living in St. John verify the descriptions given by Levingston of Russian life. They are simply delighted to know that Russia is in trouble and that she is likely to have a hard time of it. Some of them in talking with the *Star* yesterday could scarcely express their pleasure in the victories won by Japan. They hope the Japanese will march right on to Moscow—Moskwaw, they call it—but fear that this is impossible.

Several who have come from Russia within the past few years tell vividly the sufferings they endured. One of them said: "You ask us for news. If you did that in Russia and I said anything, a man would come to see what we were talking about. Then it would be Siberia and our friends might never know what became of us. Spose you are on the street anyone can ask you what your business is. If you don't tell them—trouble. In our town we had a Jewish school, but whenever the parochial police came the children ran home. The Russians don't allow schools and people are ignorant, just like animals. When the soldiers come we run away The soldiers steal everything out of every house. They are not bad men, no worse than we are, but they are hungry. Lots of things happen in Russia that nobody ever hears about. No man can print anything till an officer sees it, so people outside don't hear much about the fights in the army when men kill the officers. It's an awful country, the worst country in the world, and I would never go back; but we hope the Japanese will beat them."

Odd Facts About Cancer

Mr. H. C. Plimmer quotes the remarkable case of the town of Lucknau, a place with 5,000 inhabitants, 3,000 being housed in the central part of town proper, and 1,000 in each of the two suburbs which flank it east and west. From 1876 to 1898 the deaths from cancer numbered one out of 23.30 for the entire town, one out of nine for the eastern suburb, and in the western suburb there was not a single case. The houses were similar in size and arrangements. The soil of the main town and eastern suburb was moist and lay low. That of the western suburb was on the contrary, sandy, dry and elevated. There was a large ditch which cabricled the central town and the eastern suburb, not touching the western suburb, and the cancer followed closely the course of this ditch. The cases in the main town occurred chiefly on those houses whose gardens bordered on the ditch, and in the eastern suburb all the gardens were watered from the ditch. There were 127 houses in this quarter, and fifty-six of these were cancer houses, forty-three with one case each, ten with two cases, two with three cases and one with four cases. The ditch contained stagnant water, with which the people watered and washed their vegetables, many of which were eaten raw.—*London Notes.*

BEAR RIVER NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Sister Town.

A DRUG STORE WILL BE OPENED IN THE NEAR FUTURE—DEATH OF JAMES E. HARRIS—SLEIGHING PARTIES AND SOCIAL ENTERTAINMENTS.

W. C. Clarke went to Halifax on Tuesday of this week.

Miss Edith Clarke is visiting her friend, Miss Roscoe, at Kentville.

We saw robins on the Sissiboo road last Tuesday. Is that any sign of an early Spring!

Wm. Thomas, of Milford Corner, had the misfortune to lose a valuable cow on Sunday last.

Miss Mabel Harris went to Brighton last Saturday to visit her friend, Miss Jennie Nickerson.

Capt. Chas. Smith, who has been on a trip to the West Indies, arrived home on Wednesday.

Mr. W. E. Miller entertained a party of friends on a sleigh drive to Lake Jolly last Monday.

Dr. Willard Read, son of Rev. E. O. Read, of Waterville, Kings Co., has opened an office at Middleton.

The Misses Joe and Jan Clarke entertained a party of their young friends on Friday evening last.

The friends of Harry Alcorn, who is at the Victoria General Hospital, will be pleased to learn that he is doing nicely.

On Friday evening of last week, Miss Blanche Ruggles entertained a party of friends at her home, when a very enjoyable evening was spent.

The officers of the Salvation Army and a few others drove to Digby on Monday evening. On account of the storm they did not arrive home until Tuesday morning.

Last Saturday a number of ladies and gentlemen went to Lake Tom Walace on a sleigh drive. While there they enjoyed the hospitality and baked beans and fried cakes of Burton Frude, at the winter home of M. Zwicker's mill crew. They report a good time generally.

The death of James E. Harris, son of the late Geo. H. Harris, formerly of this place, occurred at his home in North Bradford, Maine, Jan. 31st, after a long and somewhat painful illness. He leaves a widow, one sister Mrs. Maria Dodge of Waltham, Mass., two brothers, Stewart and Rupert, of this place, also a half brother, G. M. Harris, of Boston, Mass., to mourn their loss.

A drug store in Bear River is somewhat of an innovation. We are today, however, in a position to state that one will be shortly opened here, under the supervision of Dr. L. J. Lovett. The store building purchased from C. C. Rice by Clarke Bros., and recently moved to the south side of the street, has been completely remodelled inside to adapt it to the requirements of the drug business. The changes effected by Messrs. I. J. Dunn and Harvey Marshall, have transformed it into an exceedingly neat and pretty store. The convenience of the plan on which it is built is evident, being after the most modern and up-to-date models. The work was carried out by skilled with native wood, but contrary to the prevailing custom the whole has been painted a pure white. This work was done by Jas. H. Purdy and son. We understand that the store will be in charge of Mr. L. Harris, a duly qualified and registered druggist.

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, February 26, 1904.

—THE Russian "Viedomosti" admits that consternation has seized on the Russian people. It admits that the forces at the front are unequal to their adversaries, and it will take three months to get an adequate force forward. Its apologies for the defeats already met evince trepidation on its own part. General Kuropatkin has informed the Czar that the artillery equipment in the East which had been reported complete is not at all so. The Czar has become depressed and fretful and the revolutionists hopeful and busy. When the war broke out Russia had in Britain large orders for coal for the Orient. As it is now hopeless to get the coal there it is being sent to Sebastopol against possible early emergencies in the Balkans. The Russians have lost a warship in Port Arthur harbor while laying mines, a very literal case of being hoist with one's own petard.

Accident on the D. A. R.

TWO CARS LEAVE THE RAILS NEAR KENTVILLE.

(Wolfville Orchardist.)

An accident occurred on the D. A. R. Sunday forenoon shortly before twelve o'clock about 1½ miles east of Kentville. About a quarter to twelve an engine, plow, flanger and combination car left Kentville for Windsor Junction to open up the road which was badly drifted in some places. The train was in charge of Conductor Herbert, with Bert. Ackman at the throttle and H. Copeland as fireman. When about 1½ miles out of Kentville the flanger and rear car left the rails and going over a slight embankment both cars went over on their side. The cause is supposed to be due to the spreading of the rails.

Wm. Yould, the mechanical superintendent, Edw. Gould, Fred Harvey and Wilbur Poor were those who were hurt.

Wm. Yould was cut about the face.

Fred Harvey received a cut over the eye.

Edward Gould was hurt about the legs.

Wilbur Poor received a few cuts and bruises.

The wrecking crew was sent down after word of the accident had been received and during the afternoon the cars were placed upon the track and brought to Kentville.

Fire in Port Maitland.

(Yarmouth Herald)

About 8 o'clock on Saturday morning the store of the Crosby-Landers Co., (Ltd.,) at Port Maitland, was discovered to be on fire in the attic, having caught from a defective chimney. There was a strong breeze from the westward at the time. Before discovery, the flames had gained such headway that all efforts to save the building proved ineffectual and it burnt to the ground.

The stock in the lower storey was hastily removed in a damaged condition, but everything upstairs was consumed.

The building was insured for $1500 and the stock for $1000 in the Sun, British America and Insurance Co. of North America.

The building was only a few feet distant from the Baptist church, and the firemen succeeded in saving it from destruction, although at one time it looked as if both it and the Oddfellows' hall across the street would also be consumed. We understand the company will erect another building as soon as possible.

Death of Mrs. Handford John.

Augusta, wife of Mr. Handford John, died at her home in Brighton, Wednesday afternoon, aged 30 years. She had been ailing for some time but had only been seriously ill for a few weeks. Mrs. John was an enthusiastic member of the Methodist church and will be greatly missed in the community in which she resided. She also had many friends in Digby who will regret to hear of her death. A husband, one son, one brother, Mr. John Bell, of Boston, one sister, Mrs. Howard Marshall of South Range, and a large number of relatives and friends are left to mourn their loss. The funeral will probably be held Sunday afternoon, with interment in the Barton cemetery. The funeral services will be conducted by Rev. R. O. Armstrong, pastor of the St. Mary's Bay Methodist churches.

Schr. Josie Abandoned

CREW RESCUED AT SEA BY BRITISH STMR. QUEENSMORE.

A despatch received from Baltimore Sunday states: "The British steamship Queenmore, from Liverpool, arrived at this port to-day, having on board Captain W. E. Wyman and crew of six men of the schooner Josie, of Weymouth (N. S.), bound from Meteghan River to Barbadoes. The Josie was found waterlogged in latitude 41.-23 north, longtitude 26.58 west. Capt. Wyman belongs to Freeport, Digby county."

Schr. Josie was built in Belliveau's Cove in 1892, was 98 feet long, 28 beam, 9 deep, registered 140 tons and was owned by St. Clair Jones, of Weymouth, N. S.

Robbing the Lurcher.

The Yarmouth *Herald* says: Between Thursday and Friday last the lightship Lurcher was robbed of a considerable quantity of provision. Suspicion rested upon the cook, Mr. Willian Foster, and he was arrested last night by Provincial Constable Griffin and Sergeant Palmer. Several of the hams and a porton of the bacon was found which had been disposed of by two of the crew to different parties. It is likely other arrests will follow.

The provisions stolen were: 12 hams and 4 sides of bacon, and a quantity of canned and other goods.

Foster was examined this morning and remanded till Thursday.

Death of Alex. D'Ambroise

Mr. Alex. D'Ambroise, another aged resident of Brighton, passed away Monday, aged 72 years. He was born in Quebec, but moved to this province many years ago and spent the greater portion of his life in Brighton, Digby county. He is survived by a widow, four sons and three daughters, one of whom is Mrs. David Hazelton, of the Racquette. Mr. D'Ambroise had been ill for many years. While in good health, he had been one of Brighton's most successful farmers. The funeral will be held tomorrow. Interment takes place at the St. Croix (R. C.) burying ground, Plympton.

Death of Mrs. Helen J. Moore.

Mrs. Helen J., wife of Nixon Moore, died yesterday at her home in Lynn, (Mass.) Deceased was married thirty five years ago and had resided in Lynn practically ever since. She was a daughter of the late George Fleming, of this city. Her husband survives. There is no family. A brother is Capt. Robert Fleming, of this city. The funeral will take place at 3 o'clock Friday afternoon, from the residence of Walter Fleming, 78 Dorchester street.—*Wednesday's St. John Telegraph.*

—Commencing Wednesday March 2nd, the S. S. Yarmouth of the Dominion Atlantic Railway will leave St. John, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday, returning will leave Digby same days. 26 li

Killed Near Plympton Station

JAMES P. COMEAU FELL FROM THE D. A. R. EXPRESS SATURDAY AFTERNOON.

A fatal accident occurred about 100 yards west of the Plympton station on the D. A. R. express Saturday afternoon. James P. Comeau, son of Peter Comeau, of Concession, Digby county, was returning home from the Maine logging woods and was a passenger on the express from Digby for Church Point, having arrived here Saturday morning via S. S. Yarmouth from St. John.

A few minutes after the train left Plympton station Comeau was picked up near the track with both legs cut off and otherwise badly injured. He was taken back to the station and medical aid summoned from Barton and Weymouth. He was unconscious and only lived about half an hour after he was picked up. An inquest was held before Coroner Elderkin. It was adjourned until Tuesday afternoon when conductor John Ritchie and brakeman Arthur Hayes were examined. The jury returned the following verdict:

"That the said James P. Comeau on the 20th day of February, 1904, while travelling on the train from Digby to Yarmouth, known as No. 1, on the Dominion Atlantic Railway, jumped or fell from the platform of the car, while the train was in motion, and by accident fell underneath said car, or train, and after being dragged for about 450 yards, the train passed over his body severing both legs, and causing mortal injury of which the injured, the said James P. Comeau, then died in about thirty minutes and so the jurors aforesaid upon their oath aforesaid, do say that the said James P. Comean in manner and by means aforesaid accidentally and by misfortune came to his death and not otherwise." [Signed.]

Frank Kinney, (foreman.) James Wright
W. H. Morse Samuel Millbery
Harry B. Warner Joseph Potter
John Doucette Walter Melancon
Jeremiah Thibideau Justine Thibideau
Frederick Amero Theophilus Melancon

The deceased was 21 years of age and unmarried. The remains were taken to his father's home Sunday afternoon via special train.

Death of Mr. Fraser Dakin.

Mr. Fraser Dakin died at the home of Mr. R. J. Thorne, Birch street, at 5.30 yesterday morning, aged 74 years. He had been suffering about a week from an attack of paralysis, and it was feared his illness would prove fatal. The deceased was a native of Digby but had spent the greater portion of his life in Windsor. He was an enthusiastic Mason, and was a member of the Royal Arch Chapter of Windsor. He leaves a widow, four sons, R. B. Dakin, druggist, Windsor; G. B. Dakin, foreman of the job printing department of the Truro *Daily News*; Percy, of Boston, and Welsford of Sackville, N. B.; and five daughters, Mrs. R. H. Trapnell, of St. John's, Nfld.; Mrs. C. A. Ryan, of Weymouth; Mrs. Grant Goudge, of Windsor; Mrs. J. Blackwood, of Winnipeg; and Miss Lillian, of Windsor. He is also survived by two brothers, Mr. Randolph Dakin, of this town, and Frederick, of Roxbury, Mass., and one sister, Miss Henrietta Dakin, of New York. The funeral will be held Sunday afternoon. Interment in Forest Hill cemetery. The services will be conducted by Rev. H. A. Harley, rector of Holy Trinity church. King Solomon Lodge, A. F. & A. M., and probably a large number of visiting brethren, will attend the funeral and hold a Masonic burial service at the grave.

Death of Mrs. Richard Marshall.

Mrs. Richard Marshall died at her home in Hill Grove, Sunday, aged 56 years. She is survived by a husband, three sons, Harry, Leigh and Vincent, and one daughter, Annie. She also leaves one brother, Mr. Vincent Hunt, of California, and one sister, Mrs. James Vincent, of St. John. The funeral was held Monday afternoon, when the remains were interred in the Hill Grove cemetery, the services at the house being conducted by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, pastor of the Hill Grove Baptist Church. Rev. H. A. Harley, rector of Holy Trinity church, Digby, being especially requested, held service at the grave. The deceased was a member of the Baptist church and was highly respected by all who knew her. The COURIER extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives and friends.

Died in Dorchester, Mass.

Mr. Emerson Purdy, of Round Hill, Annapolis Co., died in Dorchester, Mass., last Friday after a short illness of pneumonia, aged 41 years. The deceased was for many years engaged in the piano and organ business in this province and was well known in Digby county. He is survived by a widow and one daughter, Miss H. B. Purdy. The remains arrived in Round Hill Wednesday where the funeral was held. The services were conducted by Rev. LeRoy Dakin, pastor of the Annapolis Baptist church. The Annapolis lodge of Oddfellows of which the deceased was a member, attended the funeral and held services at the grave.

Digby County's Fishery Overseer.

Mr. Heber R. Bishop, of Digby, son of the late Geo. Bishop, has been appointed to fill the position of fishery overseer of this county to fill a vacancy caused by the death of his father. He has been attending to the duties of that office pro tem for several weeks but has just received his official appointment. Mr. Bishop will no doubt make a good officer. He returned last summer from the North-west, where he spent several years as member of the North-west Mounted Police, and his record shows that he has always been found faithful in carrying out any duties assigned to him. We wish him success in his new position.

Card of Thanks.

The officers and members of Hope Division, S. of T., No. 151, wish to extend to the people of Marshalltown, and vicinity their most hearty thanks for the liberal patronage accorded the entertainment held there by the Division on Feb. 10th. Also to the secretary and trustees of the school house for the free use of that building. Mr. and Mrs. Geo. Marshall are gratefully remembered for the loan of their organ, and Mr Isaiah Morgan for a cash donation.

D. Y. C.

The annual meeting of the Digby Yacht Club will be held in Mr. G. A. Vye's restaurant next Monday evening, when considerable business of importance to yachtsmen will be discussed. The by-laws concerning the local cup will no doubt be changed which will prove an advantage to the smaller boats belonging to the club. Officers will also be elected for 1904. All members should endeavor to be present.

Trains Delayed.

Allan's Creek bridge, the first bridge on the D. A. R., west of Annapolis, was damaged by drift ice last Friday. Monday it was decided unsafe for trains. Mails, passengers and baggage were transferred from one express to the other, and freight and suburban trains cancelled until Wednesday. The bridge has been thoroughly repaired and all trains are again running on time, unless prevented by the heavy snow storms.

Died in Halifax.

A telegram received here yesterday morning announced the death of Stanley S., son of the late S. S. Forrest who died at his home in Halifax, aged 14 years. He was a brother of Mrs. H. L. Dennison, of this town who was present when he died. Mr. Dennison left for the city via yesterday's express.

The Hillside's Cabin Entered.

Yarmouth *Herald*: During Sunday afternoon the cabin of Barkt. Hillside was broken into. Beyond breaking a pane of colored plate glass in a skylight and bending a brass rod and a few scratches on the table, no other damage was done.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—The springtime is coming.

—Business is going to be good.

—But to get the business you must advertise, for our largest advertisers always get the largest trade.

—The COURIER'S circulation is large and constantly increasing.

—It covers the entire English portion of the county and has many subscribers elsewhere.

—Mrs. Alfred Cossaboom, of Gulliver's Cove, sent us a live butterfly this week.

—Is this a sign of an early spring?

—We have had a great variety of weather in Digby this week, but did not loose our sleighing which has been continuous since Dec. 28th, 1903.

—Monday night the streets were flooded by the heavy rain and a number of cellars were more or less filled with water.

—Wednesday night's storm again blocked our streets with snow drifts.

—The S. S. Yarmouth and surburban train from Annapolis, commencing March 2nd, will make four trips per week, Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday.

—Monday's Boston *Globe* contains a half tone cut of Mr. Frank H. Burns, a former Digby boy, who is one of the leading rollers on the Carruth team in the "Gilt Edge" League.

—Items from Little River and Central Grove were received too late for this issue.

—A conundrum social under the auspices of the Epworth League will be held in the Methodist hall next Thursday night.

Digby Board of Trade.

OFFICERS ELECTED AT THE ADJOURNED ANNUAL MEETING.

The adjourned annual meeting of the Digby Board of Trade was held in the council rooms Tuesday evening.

The auditors' report was read and adopted.

Mr. H. B. Short, the retiring President of the Board, read an interesting annual report.

Letters were read from Mr. James Harding of St. John in reference to a direct boat from Digby to Boston. The president and all the members present greatly favored a direct boat.

It was moved, seconded and passed that Messrs. W. E. VanBlarcom, J. A. Irving and C. Jameson be a committee to draw up a resolution and forward to the Eastern Steamship Co. in reference to that company placing one of their boats on the route.

Mr. Jenner brought up the matter of unswept chimneys liable to cause serious fires. Mr. Jameson said that this matter was being taken up by the town council, and would receive prompt attention.

Messrs. J. A. Irving and W. Fairweather were elected members of the board.

Dr. DuVernet asked for information concerning a marine slip which if built here would greatly benefit this port. After considerable discussion, Messrs. David Sproul and E. Jenner were appointed a committee to interview the town council to learn what concessions that body would give a marine slip company.

Officers for 1904 were elected as follows:

Dr. DuVernet, President.
W. E. VanBlarcom, Vice President.
C. Jameson, Secty.-treasurer.
E. Jenner and Capt. Howard Anderson, Auditors.

Council: H. L. Dennison, David Sproule, O. S. Dunham, J. A. Irving, Geo. H. Peters, Capt. Howard Anderson, W. Fairweather, Orbin Sproule, E. F. L. Jenner, and H. B. Short.

Messrs. W. E. VanBlarcom and Geo. H. Peters were re-appointed a committee to collect dues from those in arrears, and also the dues for 1904 from those who did not pay Tuesday evening.

The Board adjourned to meet at the call of the President.

A Merry Sleighing Party

A correspondent writes: The Ladies' Social and Literary Club of Tiverton, enjoyed a sleigh ride to Freeport on Monday, Feb. 15. The ladies were accommodated in Messrs. Joseph Sullivan's and Lyman Outhouse's fine and comfortable sleighs with any abundance of buffaloes, shawls, etc. The drive through the straight and narrow road leading to Freeport was greatly enjoyed by all. Arriving at their destination in plenty of time to disperse to the homes of their friends for lunch, the prospects looked very pleasing.

In the early afternoon, calls were made on old acquaintances and the ladies were cordially invited to remain until the morrow but declined saying that "Duty called them home." But, alas! a terrible snow storm came on, and at three, Messrs. Sullivan and Outhouse, their two obliging drivers, appeared on the scene in readiness for return but the club had changed its mind and by an unanimous vote it was decided that they remain in Freeport and enjoy the hospitality of their friends until the storm abated, regardless of home ties.

Tuesday the snow continued to fall thick and fast and the roads were so badly drifted that even our popular mail driver did not arrive until afternoon.

The ladies, meantime, were ploughing through banks of snow to meet their numerous engagements. Invitations came pouring in from all directions, even before breakfast was finished. The following morning the snow stopped falling and in the afternoon the merry party left for home hoping soon again to enjoy a similar outing.

Lost Overboard.

Joseph Titus, cook of the Grand Manan schr. Ella and Jennie, was lost overboard on the 9th Feb., about 40 miles east of Cape Ann on the homeward voyage from Boston. The weather was rough and thick vapor obscured the sea. The cook was standing amidships when he lost his footing on the icy deck and went overboard. The accident occurred so quick that the crew did not know of it till Capt. Ingalls saw the unfortunate man far astern. All efforts were made to rescue him, but in the rough sea and violent wind it was impossible. The lost man was a native of St. Mary's Bay, Nova Scotia, but had resided on Grand Manan, where he had a family of seven. He was in comfortable circumstances. He was a conscientious member of the Church of England and also a member of Southern Cross Lodge, Knights of Pythias.

Rev. Dr. Hunter, rector of the island, held a memorial service for the deceased, and a large congregation assembled in St. Paul's church at Grand Harbor on Sunday, the 14th inst., when the members of Southern Cross Lodge, K. of P., and Alexandra Assembly Pythian sisterhood, attended in a body.

Battle Line.

Steamer Pharsalia, Capt. Foote, arrived at Port Adelaida on Friday from Freemantle.

Steamer Tanagra sailed from New York on Saturday for Norfolk.

Steamer Nemea, from Tampico, arrived at New York on Saturday.

Easily Captured.

The Yarmouth *Herald* says: On Sunday afternoon last Mr. Arthur Mulison had the unique experience of catching a wild duck on the Milton pond in this town, with no other weapon than his hands. The bird was evidently tired out and being unable to rise was thus easily captured.

Court of Assessment Appeals.

TWENTY-THREE APPEALS WERE DISPOSED OF AND THE COURT MADE SEVERAL CHANGES.

The Court of Assessment appeals met Tuesday afternoon at the council chamber. Few persons besides those directly interested were present, and in some instances even those who appealed were not in attendance. Twenty three appeals were disposed of, and the Court of its own motion made some changes, full list of all being as follows, giving Appellant, nature of appeal and Decision of the Court:

W. E. Browne, to transfer assessment of personal property to wife: Granted.

Digby Paint Co. to transfer building to B. Havey & Co., and personal property to M. C. Woodman: Granted.

L. D. Morton, over assessment on real estate on St. Mary's Street: Reduced from $450 to $400.

J. S. Harding, over assessed on real estate; Assessment confirmed at $8150.

Imperial Oil Co., over assessed personal property: Reduced from $600 to $400.

George Lynch, over assessed on real property and income: Homestead property reduced from $3000 to $2700, income unchanged.

W. T. Bacon, over assessed on real property: Reduced from $500 to $400.

H. W. Bowles, water lot should be assessed to Evangeline Booth: Granted.

Mrs. E. L. Turnbull, over assessed on real and personal property: Real reduced from $2000 to $1900, personal from $350 to $300.

George R. Weir, over assessed on real property: Reduced from $1300 to $1000.

E. Hart Nichols, over assessed on real; wrongly assessed on real and income: $40 real transferred to Amero; remainder of real confirmed; income struck off (as non-resident.)

E. P. Hartney, wrongly assessed on Crown land, of which he is only lessee: Assessment confirmed, land not held by appellant in an official capacity.

Hardy Bent, over assessed on real and personal: Real reduced from $250 to $200; personal from $30 to $20.

Joseph E. Snow, over-assessed on real and personal property: Real confirmed at $3925, stock reduced from $2000 to $1700, (leaving personal $2930).

G. M. Wilson, over assessed on real and personal: Assessment confirmed.

H. G. Turnbull, appeal against the valuation of real and personal property of Mrs. Isabella Brown: Real estate confirmed at $9760, personal raised from $1300 to $1800.

H. G. Turnbull, for M. E. Turnbull and Robt. Turnbull, real property over assessed and wrongly assessed: Homestead reduced from $1300 to $1000; land $475 transferred to W. L. Turnbull.

John Daley, over assessed on light plant, and COURIER building: First, withdrawn. COURIER building reduced from $1000 to $700.

Chas. H. Carty, wrongly assessed on personal property: Team $75, struck off; remainder confirmed.

Estate E. E. B. Nichols, over assessed on land upper side of Water Street: Reduced from $900 to $750.

Mrs. M. A. Shreve, over assessed on building on Water Street: Reduced from $3500 to $3000.

D. & O. Sproule, per David Sproule, over assessed on real and personal property: Real reduced $50, personal reduced $300; total stands at $7035.

The Board of its own motion, on evidence from Executors of estate of late E. M. Bacon, transferred from said estate to Mrs. Lillian Armstrong, land and [illegible] on First Avenue, $1000.

Mrs. Isabella Brown, land, and land covered with water, at Joggin, $50.

The Court also varied the following assessments, viz:

Mrs. Alice Warne, building on Water Street: Raised from $4000 to $6000.

H. T. Warne: Personal reduced from $3300 to $2500. Real raised from $750 to $850.

J. L. Peters, land and building in course of construction: Reduced from $1200 to $800.

Bank of Nova Scotia: Real estate raised from $3200 to $3500. Furniture from $100 to $300.

Union Bank of Halifax, omitted: Furniture assessed $200.

An Aged Postmaster.

One of our exchanges contains the following: Edward W. Potter, postmaster of Smith's Cove, Digby County, who was recently quite ill, is again restored to health. Mr. Potter has been postmaster since pre-confederation days, and even now, although in his eighty-fifth year, walks daily with the mails between the post office and train, a distance of over a mile. A few years ago, when cycling was popular, he learned, notwithstanding his four score years, to ride a bicycle, and for several summers made the journey awheel. Mr. Potter is the second eldest J. P., in the county, Lauchlan McKay, of Barton, now ninety-four years of age, being his senior in appointment. For several years Mr. Potter sat in the municipal council as representative from Smith's Cove. He was one of the members of the Thistle Haddie Company, which once did a large fish business in that locality. The vault which he has built in the cemetery at Smith's Cove, in which lie the earthly remains of his parents and wife, and where he has reserved room for his own casket, is probably the only structure of the sort in the county.

Personal Mention

Mr. H. B. Hogg was a passenger to Weymouth yesterday.

Mr. Neilson, of Kington, Ont., was a passenger to Bridgetown Monday.

Mrs. Herbert Crosskill returned from New York on Wednesday.

Mr. Edgar Dickson, of St. John, was a passenger to Yarmouth via yesterday's express.

Mrs. Sidney Wood returned on Wednesday after a short visit with her sister, Mrs. G. E. Corbitt at Annapolis.

Mr. S. H. Morrison, local manager of the western division of the Valley Telephone Co., was in town Wednesday.

Mr. H. L. Dennison left for Halifax, yesterday to attend the funeral of his brother-in-law Stanley S. Forrest.

Mr. John Dawson and daughter Miss Dora of Restigouche, N. B., who were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Vye, Queen street, returned home Saturday.

Mr. Charles Sabean and Miss Lena Hassett, of Hassett, Digby Co., who were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sabean at Marshalltown, returned home last week.

Mr. Arthur Lane, of the Bank of Nova Scotia, is enjoying a vacation in Yarmouth, the guest of his father, Rev. W. G. Lane.

Mr. Fritz Dakin, son of Mr. C. A. Dakin, has accepted a position in the Bank of Nova Scotia. He is at present in the Digby agency.

Mr. Ellsworth Messenger, of Washington, D. C., was in town Wednesday. Mr. Messenger is the guest of his parents, Capt. and Mrs. D. N. Messenger, at Barton.

Rev. A. B. Higgins was a passenger to Middleton Wednesday. He will leave in a few weeks for the Holy Land. During his absence of three months, Rev. Mr. Pickles of Yarmouth will supply for him in Digby.

Mr. R. B. Dakin, of Windsor; Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Ryan, of Weymouth; Mrs. Grant Goudge and Miss Lillian Dakin, of Windsor are in town. Mr. G. B. Dakin, of Truro, was in town last week but returned home Monday.

Montreal *Herald*: Dr. J. A. Turnbull of Bear River, a graduate of McGill University, in 1900, who recently took a post-graduate course at the Philadelphia Polytechnic, is practising at Clark's Harbor, Shelburne Co.

Weymouth *Free Press*: Miss Fanny Johns returned from Digby on Saturday. While there her young friends gave her a surprise party at her aunt's, Mrs. S. W. Titus, where about 15 young men and women of the town assembled. At the close of a very enjoyable evening the guest, Miss Johns, was presented with a gold watch chain. This pleasing event shows the popularity of Miss Johns with her young friends in Digby.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. W. Parnell O'Haura, Capt. Wm. Snow, arrived here during Monday's gale. She discharged 46,322 lbs. of mixed fish at Capt. Joseph E. Snow's wharf.

The government tug Rhona, Capt. Ferris, arrived here Monday morning from Yarmouth for St. John. She sailed for her port of destination Wednesday morning.

Tug Marina, Capt. C. F. Lewis, is at Cann's lower wharf, Yarmouth, receiving her annual over-hauling. She will probably tow the barkt. Stranger from Yarmouth to Weymouth before returning to Digby.

At the marine examination held at Yarmouth on Feb. 16th and 17th, Fred Smith Blackadar, of Sandy Cove, N. S., passed as first mate of sea going ships, and Jos. N. Blenkhorn, of Canning, N. S., as master coasting.

The barkentine reported in the ice for several days off East Pubnico was the Stranger, bound from New York for Weymouth. Steamer La Tour towed her to Yarmouth Friday morning and moored her at Thomson's blocking, in the back channel.

Schr. J. W. Cousins, Capt. Arthur Casey, arrived here under riding sails during Monday's gale, with a big fare which was landed at Syda & Cousins' wharf. It sold for $1951.00 and consisted of the following: 65,000 lbs. haddock, 6,000 lbs. cod, 15,000 lbs. cusk.

Steamer Lady Laurier was to leave Halifax Monday to grappel for the chain and anchor of the lightship, Lurcher. In the meanwhile the chain intended for the other lightship now building at the Polson yard, is on its way to Yarmouth for the Lurcher.

New Ads. This Week

Clarke Bros.	White Wear Sale
J. L. Peters	New Spring Goods
H. A. P. Smith	In the Supreme Court
C. F. Goddard	South End Grocery
Kaulback & Schurman	Yes
The Mutual Life	An Old Man's Home
Hattie & Mylins	Chronic Coughs
H. R. Bishop	Notice

NOTICE

NOTICE to lobster fishermen of Digby Co. Any person or persons catching, handling or shipping lobsters, during this season, under 10½ inches, in Bay of Fundy or 9 inches in St. Mary's Bay, shall be liable to the fines and penalties provided by the Fishery Law.

Signed
February 25th, 1904. H. R. BISHOP, Fishery Overseer. 25 1ip

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

1904. A. No. 527.

In the Supreme Court.

Between—Edward E. Rice, Plaintiff,

—AND—

J. Arthur Grierson, appointed to represent the heirs and persons interested in the estate of John O'Conner, deceased, Defendant

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby at the Court House in Digby, on Wednesday, the 6th day of April, A. D. 1904, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein dated the 16th day of February, A. D. 1904, unless before the day of sale the amount due and costs are paid to the plaintiff or to his solicitor or into court:

ALL the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the said John O'Connor, at the time he made the mortgage herein foreclosed and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under him since, of, in and to all the following parcels of land, viz:

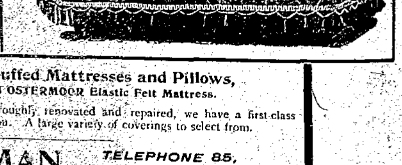
FIRST.—All that farm lot or parcel of land situate at Broad Cove, in the County of Digby, being the homestead farm and premises on which the said John O'Connor resided at the time of his death (and including the land occupied by the said John O'Connor's hotel known as the "Bay of Fundy House") and bounded as follows: On the north by the shore of the Bay of Fundy (Broad Cove); on the east by part of the homestead farm of the late Thomas O'Connor; on the south by woodland owned or occupied by Coleman VanTassel (formerly by James Budd), and on the west by land of Thomas Murphy, containing by estimation two hundred acres more or less.

SECOND—Nine certain lots of land situate in the town of Digby in said county, the first six being numbered one, two, three, four, five and six in block "H." part of the Digby Common and bounded easterly by land now or lately owned by Charles Campbell; southerly by the Neck road so-called; westerly by a road and northerly by land now or formerly of Benjamin Stark and W. H. Stark, George Wilson and Timothy Titus. Said other three lots being lots seven, eight and nine in block letter "L." of said Digby Common and bounded southerly by the Neck road so-called; easterly by a road, westerly by land now or formerly of Fulton Titus; and northerly by land now or formerly of Timothy Titus, said nine lots being those conveyed to said John O'Conner by James E. Gearon, Alma A. Gearon and Ann D. Gearon by deed dated June 7th, 1894, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Digby county in Liber 76, folios 58 and 59. Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the above described premises belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TERMS—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed.

H. A. P. SMITH,
High Sheriff Digby County.

F. JONES, Bear River, N. S.,
Plaintiff's Solicitor. 26 6i



Notice of Ratepayers' Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the ratepayers of the town of Digby will be held at the Court House in Digby, on *MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1904* at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of deciding as to the means of providing for repayment of the sum of $5,000 borrowed by the Town, in the year 1893, from George Lynch, which said loan will mature next year.

Persons qualified by law to vote at such meeting are those who were assessed upon real or personal property or income in the assessment roll of the year 1903, and whose rates and taxes of all kinds are paid at least three days before such meeting. By order.

C. JAMESON,
Town Clerk.

Dated February 15th, 1904. 25 2i

Tiverton.

Mr. Leeland Elliott has returned from his visit to St. Stephens.

Miss Susie McCormick is spending the winter in Hartford, Conn.

Miss Lizzie Raymond, of Tiddville, is the guest of Miss Mary Elliott.

Rev. J. Harry King preached in the Baptist church Sunday morning.

Miss Lucy Lent, of Central Grove, is spending a few weeks with friends.

Mr. Oscar Outhouse has returned from his trip to Luebec and other places in Maine.

Mr. Wade Thurber, of Freeport, has been visiting his cousin Mr. Arthur Powell.

Mr. Lyons Outhouse took his first walk up town Sunday, after being in the house seven weeks with a broken ankle.

The Laurier Tent of Maccabees held a tea meeting in the Hall last Tuesday evening, realizing a sum of $42.00.

Mr. Edgar Outhouse and Mr. James Cossaboom, Jr., were passengers to St. John by stmr. Westport III. last week.

Schr. A. B. Parker, Capt. Judson Thurber, arrived 20th from St. John, discharged cargo and sailed 21st for Freeport.

Mrs. Frank Cousins and little daughter Alice, of Westport, have been spending a few weeks with relatives and friends here.

Mrs. Warren Osbinger has returned home having been called to Freeport to attend the funeral of her mother, Mrs. Amos Thurber.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Therio, of East Ferry, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. George Cossaboom. We are glad to report Mrs. Cossaboom improving in health.

Mr. D. E. Loomer met with a very painful accident last Thursday, handling ice in his ice house. While hoisting a cake of ice to the top of his building, the hooks slipped, causing the cake to fall several feet, and on striking the bottom, slipped and caught his hand, causing it to be crushed between two cakes. It is not known at present whether it will have to be amputated or not.

From another Correspondent.]

Dame Rumor says we are to have a wedding in a few days.

Mr. D. E. Loomer has put up a large amount of ice this winter.

Mr. A. Handspiker is talking of building a new butcher shop in the spring.

Mr. Byron Blackford has had a large number of transient boarders this winter at his hotel.

Capt. Holland Outhouse leaves this week to bring his new fishing schooner home from Lallave.

Several sleighing parties have driven up from our sister town, Freeport, this winter to visit friends.

The Maccabee tea meeting was a grand success last Tuesday night. Although the night was very stormy the sum of $40.00 was taken.

The Baptist brethren are going to have their church enlarged in the spring and a new belfry erected on the corner of the church. This, when the building is going up, will add much to the improvement of the village.

Considerable change has been made in the interior of the Christian church this winter. A large platform has been made so as to have the organ and choir back of the pulpit. It presents a very neat appearance and much appreciated by the congregation.

Westport

Mr. J. U. Legie, of Bangor, Maine, was in town last week.

Mr. George Baily, we are pleased to state, is convalescing rapidly.

Leo Elliott, of Tiverton, is registered at the Central House this week.

S. S. Westport III arrived from St. John Saturday evening at 9 o'clock.

Schr. Sovereign sailed again Sunday morning with a fine south-west wind.

Mr. Frank Pugh is laid up with a quinsy sore throat. Also Mr. William Pugh, Jr., is confined to his house with an attack of La Grippe.

We had lots of drift ice in the harbor last week. It carried the Dartmouth buoy away at the entrance to Grand Passage up the north shore about 2 miles to the east of the harbor.

Schr. Sovereign, Capt. Peters, sailed Friday morning for the North Shore and returned in the evening on account of a fierce snow storm. Capt. Peters has a hard time this winter getting over the bay.

Mr. George Welsh, sr., celebrated his 79th birthday on Monday, Feb. 22nd. Mr. Welsh is hale and hearty and can see to read and write without the use of glasses. We trust he may be spared to spend many more birthdays.

Mrs. Sally Hayden passed away Saturday morning at 9 o'clock at the ripe age of 91 years. She got up as usual, made her bed, went out to the door, came back and sat down in her chair and expired. This lady was well known in Digby county as "Aunt Sally." Always a friend to everyone. Her first husband was Jacob Titus, 2nd being Alexander Urquhart while the 3rd was a Mr. Hayden of Victoria Beach, Granville. She leaves three sons William Titus, of Freeport, Edward and Howard, of Westport, to mourn the loss of a kind and affectionate mother. We extend our heart felt sympathy to the bereaved ones.

There have been quite a number of shooting accidents in Freeport this winter while chasing game in the woods, and some of them almost proved fatal. One day last week they tried their skill at a long range shot, one of the bullets coming in this side and going through a window in Mr. William McDormand's house, dropping on the floor. Our genial light keeper at the north end while going to his station heard the bullets whizzing by him so close that he got frightened and went back. Mr. Fred Coggin's son, not far distant from the same place, heard one bullet strike a tree close by him, so if this report is true we think the boys in the future better be a little more careful and not place their target so high on the hill.

Freeport.

Capt. Peters, of Sydney, C. B., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hains.

Capt. E. B. Hains went to St. John Thursday, returning Saturday.

Miss Beulah Hains was a passenger from St. John Thursday, returning Saturday.

Mr. Albert Israel is spending a few months in Sydney with his son Melbourne.

Miss Peters, of Westport, and Miss Small of Tiverton, are the guests of Mrs. B. S. Bishop.

The first degree in the I. O. O. F. was conferred on two brothers Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th.

Schr. A. B. Parker arrived here to-day from Tiverton, having come from St. John on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Frost, of Little River, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Morrell.

Rev. J. Harry King occupied the pulpit here Sunday evening. He will remain through the week lecturing on Monday and Wednesday evenings.

A basket social was held in the hall on Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th, by the people of this community. The sum of $36.71 was realized which will go towards purchasing a new hearse in the near future.

New Tusket.

Mr. John Hill, of Hillsdale, passed away on the 16th inst., aged 83 years.

Mr. J. G. Nowlan is suffering from a stroke of paralysis and is still confined to his bed.

Mrs. J. T. Sabine is at present visiting her daughter in Weymouth, Mrs. Herbert Sabine.

We understand that Mr. A. W. Nowlan, of Hebron, is to organize a Temperance Lodge in this place on Saturday evening.

Mrs. J. Hartley Sabean was summoned to Port Maitland, Yarmouth Co., this week to visit her father, Mr. C. C. Tedford, who is not expected to live.

Monday's rain was welcomed by every one. A good many of the lumber companies have been obliged to leave the woods on account of the deep snow.

Mr. Ainsley Prime, son of Mr. Byron Prime, who went to St John the first of the winter, returned home two weeks ago. He has been engaged in the lumber woods with Mr. Elijah Mullen.

Mr. Judson Mullen and brother David, who have been working in the lumber woods in Maine for the past two or three years, returned home last Saturday. They are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Mullen of Hillsdale.

Bay View

Too late for last issue.

Miss Bertha Hines spent Sunday at her home.

Miss Minnie Ellis spent few days in Digby last week.

Mr. Edward Hayden, who was quite ill last week, has gone out again.

Mrs. Alexander Adams and little daughter Lillia, have returned home from their visit in Digby.

Miss Hines, our school teacher went home after school Friday, returning again for Monday morning.

Mr. William Ellis, of Point Prim, has been confined to the house with lumbago. We are pleased to see him out again.

A literary club has been organized by some of the young people. It is held in the school house every Tuesday evening.

Another sleighing party is being talked of in the near future. Bay View is not "behind the times" in this respect—nor in any other.

An entertainment was given in the school-house last Saturday evening by two coloured gentlemen. It was not very well patronized.

Rev. H. A. DeVoe, of the Sydney Street Christian Church, occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian Church last Sunday afternoon. His discourse was much appreciated by the congregation, who are without a pastor now.

A pie party, in the interests of the Presbyterian church, is to be held on Wednesday, March 2nd, at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Leigh Ellis. There is to be a "Jack Horner Pie," which will prove quite a novelty. As in the story of Little Red Riding Hood, you will "pull the string and get a "piece" for five cents. If the weather proves stormy the entertainment will be held first fine night.

Culloden

Miss Emma Post is with her mother, having arrived from Yarmouth Saturday.

Mrs. Chas. Mount has been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilson.

Mr. Arthur Porter, for several weeks a guest at the Bay of Fundy House, has returned to his home in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Middleton have our sympathy in the loss of their child which was buried on Wednesday.

The many friends of Mrs. David Post, will be pleased to hear that she is convalescent after her dangerous illness of the past few days.

We are very sorry to state that Mr. Wallace Handspiker was unfortunate last week in having his hand badly jammed while in Yarmouth.

Mr. Howard Daley, having spent the past five weeks with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Daley left on Wednesday to resume his duties on the S. S. St. Croix.

The congregation of the Methodist church had the pleasure on Sunday of listening to a very eloquent sermon from the text, "Speak evil of no man," by Rev. A. B. Higgins.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

To the Editor of the Courier:

SIR,—The Weymouth *Free Press*, of last week, taking notice of a letter signed "Subscriber," published in an earlier issue of that paper, ventures to remark that said letter "reflected pretty severely upon the conduct and management of the Digby schools, especially the County Academy." Having read "Subscriber's" letter and the *Free Press'* editorial thereon, we are struck with the presumption of the one, the wishywashiness of the other, and the failure of either to convey any intelligible or positive idea upon the subject with which they presume to deal. How such irrelevant, impertinent, unguarded and unfounded insinuations as those of "Subscriber" can be taken for one moment as "severe reflections," if apparent to the editor of the *Free Press*, we confess is not to us. They are not reflections at all in the sense of being the result of any sane or thoughtful meditation. "Subscriber" states no facts; and the enquiries he makes give even more evidence of his ignorance of the matter he fumbles than of his zeal to become the instigator of public dissatisfaction. He says:—"Is it right to have only councillors members of the school board?" We reply: It may be contrary to the Regulations; but what incorporated town in Nova Scotia does the like anyhow? He says,—"Can Inspector truly return Digby schools as entitled to academic grant, $600?" We reply: The academic grant is not $600 at all, and what reason can we give why Digby Academy should not receive the regular academic grant in accordance with the Regulations? He says,—"Can an outsider or two go to the academy after school hours for a few minutes to get a smattering of French and be marked as a regular pupil?" We reply: The minimum attendance to qualify for academic grant must be made by pupils taking the full regular High School course; others are "general students" and do not count in with the "regular pupils;" but, does "Subscriber" believe that the attendance of Digby Academy as given in the half yearly return, was not really and truly made up of regular pupils? If so, let him state reasons and have the facts ascertained.

We may dismiss without further comment these imaginative insinuations of "Subscriber," and hope that he may become supplied with facts before again attempting to criticise as he must know that baseless insinuations such as these produce no positive good, while facts well established and otherwise asserted may be very effective in the cause he has tried to espouse. If he means well, he has only to change his method, and he will be heard. Otherwise silence on his part is quite commendable.

But the editor of the *Free Press*, on this question has been altogether too disappointing. Experienced in educational work and an editor of a public journal, we expected from his column nearly of space to glean an idea or two at least. We find there, however, nothing that might not have come from some verbose scribbler with scarcely an idea on the subject, and without the courage to make it public if he had. "If.....perhaps;" "if we had the opportunity.....our opinion would not," etc.; "if there had been serious fault, these reformers would have" etc.....After a lot of such namby-pamby, non-committal, go-no-whither phrasifying, he winds up with this declaration: "It goes without saying that few towns in Nova Scotia can boast of a finer academy *building* than the one possessed by Digby,"—an assertion which every one acquainted with the academies of this province knows to be so far from correct that the truth is the very opposite.

What of sincerity and honest conviction can be hoped for from the people in general when the public journal, the source from which the masses are so apt to take their cue for both thought and action, has only the courage and attitude herein illustrated?

J. CALD.

WAR NEWS.

Japs Used Russian Signals and Captured Four Torpedo Destroyers.

THE LONDON TIMES CORRESPONDENT REPORTS THE ADMIRABLE ORGANIZATION OF THE JAPANESE SIGNAL SYSTEM,—IMMEDIATE DASH FOR NORTH KOREA,—U. S. SHIP'S DEMONSTRATION.

LONDON, Feb. 23.—Unconfirmed rumors come from Tokio and St. Petersburg stating that Admiral Togo, who commanded the Japanese squadron that attacked Port Arthur on the night of Feb. 8th and subsequently, made another attack on that place yesterday.

One report states that the attack began with a torpedo assault which was followed by a bombardment. The despatches contain no hint of the result.

A despatch to the *Telegraph* from Nagasaki says that the Japanese squadron has captured four Russian torpedo boat destroyers at Port Arthur and transferred their crews.

USED RUSSIAN SIGNALS.

The correspondent says that the Russian signals were used successfully but does not say when.

The foregoing exhaust the reports of fresh happenings. The *Telegraph* prints a Che Foo dispatch stating that part of the Japanese fleet is cruising in the Gulf of Pechili, and that five warships have been seen off New Chwang.

Land operations continue to be the subject of rumors, but there is nothing substantial concerning them.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says that he learns that the Russians do not expect decisive land fighting before August.

HOPING FOR LONG DELAY.

That Russia hopes there will be a long delay before she is obliged to fight on land is shown by the reply M. Neldoff, Russian Ambassador to Italy, made to the French Red Cross Society's offer to help. The Ambassador said his Government had instructed him to thank the Society, but as land operations had not begun and were not likely to begin for several weeks, they would be unable to organize Red Cross help until these operations began.

U. S. SHIP'S DEMONSTRATION.

The Nagasaki correspondent of the *Telegraph* says that he has received a telegram from Che Foo to the effect that Admiral Cooper, with the American cruisers New Orleans and Wilmington, left Che Foo hurriedly yesterday and has arrived at Shanghai to join the American squadron with a view to making a demonstration at the mouth of the Yalu River.

JAPANESE OFFICERS HANGED.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 23.—The Japanese disguised as Chinese coolies, who were recently hanged for trying to blow up the Sungari Bridge in Manchuria, were officers belonging to the Japanese General Staff. They were Col. Assai, of the Engineers, Lieutenant Asebu, of the Navy, and Lieutenant Kaonrata, of the Sappers. They were tried by court-martial and were hanged from the parapets of the bridge that they sought to destroy.

NO NEWS OF THE FLEETS.

LONDON, Feb. 24, 5 a. m.—Again there is no important news concerning the Far Eastern situation. The belief is growing that land operations on a considerable scale are likely to be deferred, perhaps for months, but this view is based on deductions rather than on known facts.

There is no confirmation of the reported naval attack on Port Arthur last Saturday. There is no news of either fleet.

SPLENDID ORGANIZATION

The Japanese are landing an army corps of three divisions. The second division was disembarking, and the Guards Division follows immediately. The present base is Chemulpo. Regiments on landing advance to Seoul. Small detachments have already been despatched north to establish forage depots. A general advance along the Pekin road to Ping Yang is expected shortly.

Disembarkation methods of the Japanese excite great admiration. British officers state that they are an improvement on anything in their experience, and believe they demonstrate that Japan's organization is superior to that of any European Power, while the original base is close.

The weather is perfect, but the port's natural difficulties are considerable. The harbor is intricate, the tides strong and there is an entire absence of wharves.

Senator Wark

Senator Wark passed his 100th birthday on Friday last and received a public ovation. All classes of men—Liberal and Conservative—rich and poor—vied with each other to do him honor.

The city corporation formally observed the occasion by waiting upon the Senator at his home, with many public and private friends and presented him with a handsome illuminated address, having the civic seal and coat of arms. St. Paul's Presbyterian church, with which he has been closely identified, also presented an address in behalf of its congregation, and the Ladies' Aid Society presented him with 100 beautiful carnations.

The citizens of Richibucto also presented him with an address, the University of New Brunswick and other corporations.

Senator Wark was also the happy recipient of many messages of congratulation from Major Maude, representing his majesty the King, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. R. W. Scott, leader of the Senate, Hon. A. G. Blair, Senators, members of the press and others. It was a happy day in the history of Fredericton and one long to be remembered in history, as Senator Wark is without doubt the oldest legislator in the world to-day

C. P. R. Liner Ashore.

The C. P. R.'s Atlantic line steamer Lake Michigan, Capt. Owen, from St. John and Halifax for London, which collided with the bark Hesthorpen on Friday, is still ashore near Dungeness. A heavy gale was blowing on Sunday, and it was feared the steamer would become a total wreck. Tugs from Dover succeeded in getting water on board for the cattle, but were unable to take any of them off, or to place wrecking pumps on board.

Remembered Mr. Hill.

Truro *Daily News* tells of Rev. A. M. Hill, of St. John, preaching last summer in St. Paul's Church, Truro. A lady from Australia, was one of his hearers. From this lady he received a communication with a copy of an Encyclopedia as a memento of the Truro service.

In His Private Car.

OTTAWA, February 22.—Sir William Mulock is now on his way home to Ottawa from Mexico in his private car. He is expected in Ottawa at the end of the week.

DEATHS.

DAKIN—At Digby, on the 24th inst., Fraser Dakin, aged 4 years.

FOSTER—At Halifax, on the 24th inst., Stanley S. Forrest, aged 14 years.

D'AMBROSE—At Brighton on the 22nd inst., Alex D'Ambrose, aged 72 years.

MARSHALL—At Hill Grove, on the 21st inst., Richard Marshall, aged 86 years.

JOHN—At Brighton, on the 20th inst., Augusta, wife of Handford John, aged 35 years.

PRINCE—At Dorchester, Mass., on the 12th inst., Emerson Purdy, of Round Hill, Annapolis Co., aged 41 years.

HARRIS—At "The Grant," Windsor, Feb. 19th, Charlotte M. Harris, widow of Thos. W. Harris, barrister, of Kentville, in the 85th year of her age. Funeral was held at Kentville Monday on arrival of morning express from Halifax.

Good Results

ARE SURE TO FOLLOW THE USE OF DR. WILLIAMS' PINK PILLS—THEY NEVER FAIL WHEN USED FOR BLOOD AND NERVE TROUBLES.

The reputation held by Dr. William Pink Pills not only in Canada but throughout the whole world is one that cannot be equaled by any other medicine in the world is so extensively used as Dr. William's Pink Pills, and the great extensive use is due solely to the merit of the medicine. This medicine is not a common purging medicine; they are a scientific blood builder and nerve restorer. Every dose helps create, new, rich, red blood, and this new blood reaches the root of the disease and drives it from the system. That is the whole secret of the success of this remarkable medicine. Thousands and thousands testify to the value of these pills among them being Mrs. Robert Gibbs, Petit Lameque, N. B., who says: "I wish to thank you for the good results obtained from the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I suffered from kidney trouble and the pains in back were sometimes hard to bear. I used in all six boxes of the pills and the trouble has entirely disappeared. I would strongly advise other sufferers to use your pills without delay."

Dr. Williams' Pink Pills cure all blood and nerve troubles such as, rheumatism, neuralgia, anaemia, partial paralysis, indigestion, palpitation of the heart and many others. Sold by all medicine dealers or direct from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont., at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50.

Death or lunacy seemed the only alternative to a well-known and highly respected lady of Wingham, Ont., who had traveled over two continents in a vain search for a cure for nervous debility and dyspepsia. A friend recommended South American Nervine. One bottle helped, six bottle cured, and her own written testimony closes with these words: "It has saved my life."—20

Wars Teach Geography

Before the Boer war, few of us knew much of the geography of South Africa; after it small children could have passed a creditable examination on it. Wars make geography known. The geographical puzzles of the present war are added to by the fact of the fleeting character of the names of places in the lands affected, which are often rather descriptions than proper names. To illustrate how it is that the same place is known by a different name on every map which is not quite recent: we can imagine a place known to sailors as round harbor, to landsmen as sea market, and to its inhabitants as great city. The older inhabitants of Canada remember well how different were the names given by the lumbermen to places from those which appeared on the map. A river in Glengarry is commonly called the Raisin River, but a farmer who had studied a map said its proper name was Ox Raisins. The map had given it in French as Riviere aux Raisins. The Ottawa was commonly known as the Grand River, meaning only, big river, a name given by the French. The prominence given to names by usage during a war will probably fix them for ever. It is pleasing to find with what enthusiasm suggestion of a war map competition is being taken up by both teachers and scholars. It speaks well for the vitality of the schools, in which the importance of the events which are making history and geography is realized.

Comfort for the Aged

Judging from the letters of people, up in years there is no medicine which so promptly frees them of aches and pains and insures regularity of the liver, kidneys and bowels as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pill. Even when all other means have failed old people can turn to this great medicine with full assurance of relief and cure.

Clementsvale.

(Telephone.)

Mr. and Mrs. Bartis Floyd spent Sunday 14th inst. at Round Hill.

Miss Denton went to Milford on Friday to visit her relatives there.

Mrs. Alex. Millett is in Bridgetown, visiting her daughter, Mrs. Avard Beeler.

Miss Lauretta Jones, of Centreville, Digby Co., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Geo. E. Beeler.

A number of young people were very pleasantly entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Horace Perkins last Thursday evening.

The funeral services of Mrs. Amelia Rose Banks, who died last Thursday, were held in the Baptist church here on Sunday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Mr. Donkin, pastor of the Methodist church at Bear River, assisted by pastor Balcom.

The youngest child of Mr. Robert Potter met with quite a painful accident last Saturday. He fell off the sofa putting out of joint the elbow of his left arm, also breaking the arm just above the elbow. Drs. Young and Ellison did the setting.

The Small-Pox Question.

Any intelligent physician will admit that you don't catch small-pox because someone else has it, but because you condition favors it. Low vitality always encourages sickness and at this season especially, everyone should take Fertonine which destroys disease germs and makes the system so strong and healthy that sickness can't exist. Fertonine is a vitalizing tonic that makes rich, red blood, builds up the nerves, cures nervousness and drives away tired languid feeling. To get strong and keep strong use Fertonine; it assures health and costs but 50c. at all druggists.

Protecting Migrating Birds.

Bird lovers here will be interested to note that the birds have a friend in high places in Egypt. The Minister of the Interior there has made a laudable endeavor to limit, if not to suppress, the wholesale capture and slaughter of singing birds. Henceforward the catching of them with nets is to be permitted only at a distance of 1,000 metres from the seashore. It has been the practice of the bird dealers to spread their nets in the autumn along the shore, as near as possible to the sea, so as to entrap the little creatures directly they arrive from the land, exhausted with their flight across the ocean. The birds will have a chance, under the new regulation, to enjoy their well earned rest after their journey, and to recruit their powers for a flight further inland. Bird catching with lime twigs has also been prohibited under penalty, as well as the transport and sale of the small birds locally known as 'beccafiques.'

Encouraging.

Clar—Do you think there is any chance of his asking me to marry him?

Maud—Yes. I never saw a man yet who would't make a fool of himself.

Sing a Song of Sixpence.

Sing a song of sixpence,
A pocket full of rye,
Four and twenty blackbirds,
Baked in a pie;
And when the pie was opened
The birds begin to sing;
Was not that a dainty dish
To set before the King?
The King was in the counting house,
Counting out his money;
The Queen was in the parlor
Eating bread and honey;
The maid was in the garden
Hanging out her clothes;
Down came a blackbird,
And nipped off her nose.—*Suburban News.*

You all know this rhyme, but have you ever heard what it really means? The four and twenty blackbirds represent the twenty four hours; the bottom of the pie is the world, while the top crust is the sky that overarches it. The opening of the pie is the sunrise, while the birds begin to sing, and surely such a sight is fit for a King!

The King, who is represented sitting in his counting-house counting out his money is the sun, while the gold pieces that slip through his fingers are the sunbeams. The Queen, who sits in the parlor, is the moon, and the honey is the moonlight. The industrious maid who is in the garden at work before her King, the sun, has arisen is the day dawn, and the clothes she hangs out are the clouds. The bird who ends the song by nipping off her nose is the sunset. So we have a whole day, if not in a nutshell, in a pie.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanics" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

Kitchen Helps.

Kitchen floors painted with boiled linseed oil are very easily cleaned.

Kerosene oil and whiting mixed will remove iron rust. This combination will also clean tins perfectly and will remove stains from porcelain baking dishes.

If in covering a kitchen table with oilcloth a layer of brown paper is put on first, it will prevent the oilcloth cracking and make it wear three times as long.

Saucepans that have been badly burned can be remedied by boiling soda in them—a small teaspoonful of baking soda to the average "burn," with water enough to keep it from boiling dry. Boil ten or fifteen minutes.

Brass pans should be cleaned before use. Rub them with salt and vinegar; then rinse thoroughly with water and dry with a soft cloth. Thus you may be sure that the pans are free from verdigris, which is a strong poison.

Keep a pair of scissors on a nail in the kitchen and do not allow them to be taken to any part of the house, even if you have to resort to tying them there. They are often needed, and it is a waste of time to be obliged to run to some other room for another pair.

Never Worry.—Take them and go about your business—they do their work whilst you are doing yours. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are system renovators, blood purifiers and builders; every gland and tissue in the whole anatomy is bettered and stimulated in the use of them. 40 doses in a vial, 10 cents.—21

Stories For the Little Ones.

Every mother should put aside one hour a day in which to read or tell stories to her children. It is best to have the same time every day. In many homes where this has been the rule from babyhood the story hour is looked forward to by the children as the best one of the day. Often neighbors' children are gathered in, and a valuable missionary work may be done in this way for children whose mothers do not or cannot take time to read to them. In families where the children are of different ages and sexes it is sometimes a difficult problem to find books which will interest all, but by a little judicious selection this can usually be managed, and the mother can direct the child's own reading along the individual lines which have special interest for him.—*Chicago Tribune.*

South American Kidney Cure

is the only kidney treatment that has proven equal to correct all the evils that are likely to befall these physical regulators. Hundreds of testimonials to prove the curative merits of this liquid kidney specific in cases of Bright's disease, diabetes, irritation of the bladder, inflammation, dropsical tendency. Don't delay.—22

Salad of the Shoes

Freshmen have troubles the world over. The "conscripts," as they are called at the famous Ecole Polytechnique in Paris, are subjected to an amusing initiation called the salad of shoes.

The freshmen report some days before the upper class men so that they can receive their uniforms and become familiar with the routine of the school.

The first morning after their tormentors return the freshmen are aroused by a demand that they throw their shoes out of the windows into the courtyard. The shoes are gathered into a heap, and, kneeling in a big circle around this, the freshmen are obliged to go through some ridiculous gymnastic movements at the command of their superiors.

When the study bell rings they have but a minute to appear in the class-rooms, and it is a strenuous minute around that pile of shoes.

Ice Leaves Vineyard Haven.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Feb. 21.—Shipping which had been almost at a standstill for several days on account of the extensive ice fields, once more began to move today, when the large fleet of tugs, aided by the warm, southerly breeze, released their tows and proceeded north over the shoals. Much of the ice in the outer harbor which had been broken by the tugs has drifted into Vineyard Sound, where several vessels are still frozen in solid, and when the ice in the inner harbor begins to move it will be a serious menace to the imprisoned craft.

Cannot Be Beaten

Chardon, O., a little town near Cleveland, has been standing by one of its people, a driver of a tank wagon for nearly two years in his resistance to the Standard. Three different Standard tank wagons have been beaten out of Chardon, though they offered oil at two cents less than Hosier, the independent. The support of Hosier seems to have become a point of honor with a little town, and the victorious driver utters a great truth when he says: "A man who has his neighbors behind him cannot be beaten by a millionaire."

Curious Irish Marriage Custom.

A curious old marriage custom, called locally "the settling," still survives in County Donegal, Ireland, and in the Scotch districts of Kintyre and Cowal. After the marriage has been publicly announced the friends of the couple meet at the house of the bride's parents to fix a suitable date for the marriage. A bottle of whisky is opened, and as each guest drinks to their happiness he names a date. When each guest has named a date an average is struck and "settling" is complete. Neither the bride nor bridegroom ever thinks of protesting against the date so curiously chosen.

Danger of Living With Consumptives

Is real danger because the sputum of affected persons diffuses itself through the air and finds lodgment in the systems of others. If exposed to consumption use fragrant healing Catarrhozone, the most efficient germicide known. No case of catarrh can withstand Catarrhozone which cures this loathsome disease throughly. Cold in the head is cured in a few minutes, bronchitis, coughs and lung trouble are cured to stay cured if Catarrhozone is employed. "I don't know any remedy so good for catarrh and bronchitis as Catarrhozone" states N. T. Eaton of Knowlton. "It cured me after years of suffering and saved me from Consumption. Two months treatment $1.00: trial size 25c.

Black Bucks of India.

The black buck of India is a very graceful animal, weighing between thirty and fifty pounds. The hide of the male when full grown is of inky blackness on the back, while the belly is as white as snow, the contrast being very striking. The horns are black and spiral in shape and in length average about eighteen inches, although they have been known to reach twenty, six inches. The animals are usually found in herds and are difficult to approach on foot, as the bucks toss their heads in the air from time to time in a very graceful manner, and some of them are almost sure to detect any attempt at walking.

Piles cured in 3 to 6 nights.—One application gives relief. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a boon for Itching Piles, or Blind, Bleeding Piles. It relieves quickly and permanently. In skin eruption it stands without a rival. Thousands of testimonials if you want evidence. 35 cents.—21

Already Had Experience.

Stories about the late Lord Salisbury not knowing some of his Parliamentary supporters recall the fact that Lord John Russell, when British Prime Minister many years ago, made the acquaintance of the late Earl of Stair, then Lord Dalrymple, at a country house, and was immensely taken with his amiable manners. "I am very pleased to have made your acquaintance," he said, shaking him warmly by the hand. "You must come into the House of Commons and support me there."

"I have been doing that for the last ten years," was the quiet rejoinder.

1903 Disastrous For Novelists.

The past year has been unusually disastrous to English writers of fiction. The death of George Gissing, the novelist, following so quickly upon that of Henry Seton Merriman, removes one of the most successful literary men of the day. Mr. Gissing's reputation with colonial readers was made by his books on London life, which were realistic rather than noted for their literary workmanship. His appreciation of Dickens, however, showed that he could do good work in other lines than fiction.

Heart relief in half an hour.—A lady in New York State, writing of her cure by Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart, says: "I feel like one brought back from the dead, so great was my suffering from heart trouble and so almost miraculous my recovery through the agency of this powerful treatment. I owe my life to it."—19

No Fire-Proof Building

Facts sustain Edward Atkinson's opinion that the phrase "fire-proof building" should be dropped as misleading and mischievous. The great fires of Chicago, Boston and now Baltimore have demonstrated that there is no fireproof building, but that all will burn when subjected to intense heat. In the Baltimore fire some of the buildings were constructed throughout of the so-called fireproof structural work, and they were consumed as rapidly as the old-fashioned brick blocks.

Resumes Command.

King Edward resumes the command in chief of the English army, which, constitutionally in monarchies as well as in republics is vested in the executive. That is the meaning of the form recommended by the so-called "Lord Esher Commission," appointed by the crown to devise a scheme for reorganization of the war department and of the army's headquarters' staff.

—The Peabody and the Firemen's Insurance companies, two of the oldest institutions of the kind in Baltimore, have failed owing to losses sustained by the fire. A receiver was appointed for the Peabody company. Its assets are reported to be $350,000, and its liabilities several hundred thousand. The Firemen's company asked for the appointment of a receiver. No statement was made of its financial condition.

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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sundays, 7.30 p. m. Saints days Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Baptism first Sunday in each month at 11 a. m.; second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m.; fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All are Ernest Rector. REV. H. A. HOCKEN, Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Tuesday 7.30 p. m. Y. P. M. A. Society on Thursday in each month at 3 p. m. Visitors always welcomed. Ushers in attendance. REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Day Cove every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. DON. WOOD, Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and Conference meeting Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Bread Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. H. HOUDEN, Pastor.

SEVENTH STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 2.30 p. m. and 7 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DEVOE, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No. 56, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. G. JONES, N. G. ALEX. H. DEVENE, Rec. Sec.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 84 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. DESBRISAY, W. M. J. W. VINCENT, Sec.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. H. HAYES, C. R.; J. A. C. BALLIN, Rec. F. S.

C. O. F.—Court Sun View, No. 175, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in each month at 8 p. m. A. E. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. B. HIGGINS, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the 1st and third Monday in every month at 8 o'clock. J. O. MR. JOHN E. BATE, M. W.; H. B. CHURCHILL, Rec.

DIGBY CORNET BAND.—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months. Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young bands and volunteers, 7.30 p. m. Wednesday, Young bands and volunteers, 7.30 p. m. Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendance at above appointments. Intending persons of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. FRANCIS E. CORNISH, Band-master.

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At Set of Sun

If we sit at the set of the sun
And count the things that we have done
And counting find
One self-denying act, one word
That caused the heart of him who heard,
One glance most kind
That fell like sunshine where it went,
Then we may count the day well spent.

But if through all the livelong day
We've done no thing that we can trace
That brought the sunshine to a face;
No act, most small,
That helped a soul and nothing cost,
Then count that day as worse than lost.

Ella Wheeler Wilcox.

The Reading of the Post-mark.

It may not be known by the general reader that the blind are very often experts in reading postmarks. Their fine sense of touch traces letters they are fails to decipher.—]

In one of the older of our southwestern cities lived a little Quaker widow—the mother of three children. The oldest, a boy of fourteen, sat moodily one bright Sunday morning in his little bedroom. Without, the jessamine and magnolia perfumed the air, while the South's sweet singer, "the mocker," sang his prettiest song to his mate among the apple blooms. Ernest Sterling was usually very cheerful and would sit for hours in the little rustic seat in the garden and listen to the sweet notes of a hundred birds that sang unnoticed there. But this bright morning found him as it were "sulking in his tent," while all his feathered friends called to him from blossoming bough and flowering plant. The little mother had noticed his unwonted moroseness as she dressed the younger children in the simple garb worn by those of her religion and kissed them good-bye as they went on their way to Sabbath school. Then she went to her first-born, and taking a seat at his feet on a low stool, took his hand in hers and caressed it lovingly for some moments without speaking.

"Why is my boy sad this beautiful Lord's Day? Thy friends miss thee in the garden."

The boy took his disengaged hand and passed it carefully over his mother's face. The hand went caressingly from the dimpled chin to the beautifully curved mouth, and at last rested over the eyes.

"Now, my little mother, thou art blind like thy boy, and he wishes very much that thou shouldest answer two questions for him. He wishes direct answers and is very desirous that thou be frank and true with him."

"Has thy mother ever spoken else than the truth to thee, child?"

"Never, my sweet one; but I have never tested thee like this before. But I will test thee. Art thou not very beautiful?"

If the child could have seen the red blood tingeing the mother's cheek, then he would have seen her more beautiful than was ever seen with other eyes. This blind boy lover made her blush as never another woner had done, and she remained silent.

"Thy answer?" with a feigned tone of impatience from the boy.

"If thou couldest see me with thine eyes of love thou mightest think so, but love is like my child—blind."

"But what sayest thou?" came in almost imperious tones.

"I do—not—know. I have sometimes thought that maybe—I cannot answer," and she took his hand from her eyes.

"Then what do others say? I am very much in earnest."

The woman looked long in his sightless eyes and pondered her answer She knew he was serious and firmly believed he had a right to know, yet she could not frame the words to say the truth. At last she said:

"Why does my boy wish so much to know about thy mother's little beauty—supposing God has made her thus?

"This morning," he answered, with his face set directly toward her, "as I was standing behind the honeysuckle bush, the people were passing on the street. The heavy foliage hid me from their eyes, and a young girl's voice, as sweet as the 'mocker' when he sings low at midnight, said, 'The blind boy lives there, and, just think, he will never see his mother's face. If he could only—' And I could hear no more. I will not press thee further, but the answer to my next question must be more direct. Believe me, I am prepared for the answer—but I must know. Will I be blind ever?

Must I go on through life looking through thy dear eyes, or is there a time when I can answer my first question for myself? I have never asked before. I have dreaded the answer, but now I can bear it. Answer me."

The mother put his hand to her lips and kissed it, and then very calmly said:

"The superintendent of the Blind Institute says there lives in Paris a great oculist who has made some see who had eyes like thine—others he could not help. Believe thy mother when she says that from the day she heard this she has had but one thought and desire, and that was that thee should have the chance. If she has not told thee it was because she knew thou wouldest grieve at her efforts of saving for the trip. It will take much money for thee to go, even alone, and it will be a year yet before we can do it. But thou shalt go, and if He wills that thou shalt see, then I hope thee will not find thy mother's face else than thy love has pictured it. But if He should wait to open thine eyes until thou couldest see first the Holy City, we must trust Him."

The boy thought he was prepared for the answer. He had pondered long over the question, and hardly doubted that the answer would be that there was no hope. But he was not prepared for this. There was hope!—did she not say that the great oculist had "made some see who had eyes like thine?" He shook like a leaf in a storm. His entire being was convulsed and tears burst forth from the blind boy's eyes. His mother said nothing, for she knew there are times when words from the nearest and dearest fall harsh on the new-born soul. They mingled their tears together, and at last both knelt and prayed fervently for a while.

An hour later, as Mrs. Sterling sat with her children around the dinner table, she thought she caught a tender-er tone in her blind boy's voice as he returned thanks for all temporal and spiritual blessings. The two children were telling of the meeting, but Ernest did not join in the conversation, only occasionally turning his face towards his queen at the head of the table. Then Ruth aroused him by saying:

"I am so sorry for a mother and father at the hotel. Their boy is sick unto death and they cannot find him. They made inquiry at every church in the city, and gave each person one of these papers." She unfolded a small circular, and her mother told her to read it. They had finished their eating and lingered around the table. The clear voice of the girl began:

NOTICE.

"I hereby offer $500 reward for any information that will lead me to discover the whereabouts of my son, Carlyle Rush. He is twenty-two years old, fair-haired, and, when in health, robust. He is now very sick somewhere within forty miles of this city. He left his home in New England six months ago, and the only word received about him is contained in the subjoined letter received by me four days ago. The letter was evidently written by someone not accustomed to writing, and contains no date line to show the place sent from. To add to this, the postmark on the letter is so blurred and smeared that the most powerful magnifying glass fails to make it legible. The letter is given, hoping someone may know the party writing it.

"HENDERSON RUSH,

"BOSTON, Mass.

"*Dear Sir*: Your son, Carlysle, is very sick at my house. The doctor says it is brain trouble, and that the crisis of the disease may not come before ten days. When that time comes he will awake in his right mind, and if some great joy confronts him or bad news is the cause of his illness, he better are shown him, he may recover,—otherwise he will die. In your son's delirium he talks as though he had greatly angered you at some time and constantly pleads forgiveness. If his mother lives she should come to him without delay. I find an unfinished letter in his papers addressed to you as his father. I do not send the letter for I do not know that I have the right. It is clearly my duty, however to write you. You must decide your path of duty in the matter. Should you come, buy tickets to Dallas, and come by private conveyance here. You should be able to drive the distance in seven or eight hours.

Yours truly,

"ALLEN COLLIN.'

"This is all the information I have. Anyone believing he might help us will please call at the Windsor Hotel.

"(Signed)

"MR. AND MRS. HENDERSON RUSH."

The little group was silent after the reading for a moment, then the mother said:

"It is very, very sad. I wish I could help them."

"And get the five hundred dollars!" blurted out the youngest child, a boy of seven.

"No, not for the money, son. I had never thought of that when I spoke, and yet——"

She looked at her eldest born. He knew she was looking, and said:

"I think thee."

With this he went to his room and remained some time alone. His mother heard him open his desk where the few letters he had ever received were kept. When he came back, he said:

"Ruth, take me to the hotel. I want to see these parents."

"How canst thou help them?" said the mother.

"Maybe he wants to help himself," said Master Henry. "He wants the five hundred dollars, too."

The blind boy was quite nervously running his fingers over an old envelope, and did not notice what the younger brother said All at once he broke out with:

"I can do it! I tell thee I can! Come, Ruth, let us hurry!"

When they arrived at the hotel they found the fastest team in the city harnessed and champing their bits. The driver was in the seat ready to go anywhere at the fastest speed.

At the desk Ruth asked to see Mr. and Mrs. Rush.

The clerk, seeing the blind boy, started with: "They cannot be troubled——"

The look on the boy's face stopped him, and then to the bell-boy: "Show them Room No. 146."

When Ernest Sterling asked the old father for the envelope, that gentleman evinced some impatience as he said:

"The post office expert readers have been unable to make out the postmark and the most powerful glasses fail to bring out its letters. If this be so, what can the blind do?"

There was an earnestness in the boy's voice that brooked no denial as he said:

"The blind read not as others read. Please give me the envelope."

Away back in the corner the two children sat, while one messenger after another reported failure to the father and mother. The poor mother was in despair and wrung her hands in anguish. Telegram after telegram was sent and answered, but no tidings came. The blind boy, pale and nervous, was passing his fingers along the inside of the envelope. A dozen times it looked as if he had despaired when a word from his sister would cheer him to renewed effort. Once the old mother heard her say to her brother:

"Thou saidst thou could do it. Thee must not fail."

At last, after a long concentration of the fingers in one place on the envelope, he told his sister to write down the letter "T." He said it very quietly, and the ten or more people in the room paid no attention to them. Still the blind boy worked on laboriously—now catching the impression of a letter and next seemingly hopelessly baffled.

Great drops of sweat came out on his brow, and his hands trembled in spite of himself. Then he gasped: "Put the letter 'S' to the left of the 'T.'" Just then a telegram was handed Mr. Rusk, who, upon reading it, grew very much excited. It said:

"Man named Allen Collin lives here. This is answer to notice in *News* this date.

"MAYOR OF WEATHERFORD."

Ernest heard him read the message and ask excitedly of the post-master, who was present trying to help unravel the mystery: "Where is Weatherford? Is it on the railroad?"

The blind boy shuddered at the thought that he did not wish the answer to be no. If the post-master said no, it meant that it was likely the right place, for the letter had said, "Come by private conveyance from Dallas." Was it possible that he would rather these parents should not find their sick boy unless he should be the instrument by which they found him? It was only for a moment that he struggled thus, for his disappointment was great when the post-master said:

"Weatherford is sixty miles from here on the railroad. It cannot be the place. The postmark on the letter is of a kind only used in the very small offices. Weatherford use a different kind of postmark."

Then the blind boy went to work harder than ever. He had now been working two hours and was hardly sure he had made out two letters. The watchers had almost forgotten the presence of the two children sitting there in the corner silent. A long time passed, when he said, very low:

"Make an 'O' to the right."

The sister did so, and placed her hands lovingly on the boy's shoulder with:

"Work on; thee will get it; thee will get it!"

In a moment almost he said:

"Put an 'L' after the 'O.' Now what last thou?"

The girl added the letter, and read: "Stol."

He hurriedly read the bottom of the postmark and readily made it "Tex," and the center was easily read, "July 6." Then he returned to try to decipher the balance of the postoffice, but it was so hard he seemed baffled. Try every way he could, he could not make out the other letters.

"There are three other letters that come before the 'stol,' but I can't make them, Ruth. I can never make them out. I have failed, after all. My hand is too uncertain; the fingers will not be still."

His sister said again:

"If thee could see the young man's mother thou wouldest not talk thus. Thee must read it.

He tried again and became very calm. Presently he said:

"The first letter is 'B.' I read it plainly. Yes, it is 'B.' Then there are two letters between that are blurred together so I fear I cannot decipher them."

Ruth thought a moment, and whispered:

"Could the next letter be 'R?'"

Instantly he answered, excitedly:

"Yes! How didst thee tell?"

"Then the next is 'I.' The word spells itself letter thee has given the key. Dost thou not see it is 'Bristol, Tex, July 6?'"

She ran to the father, and cried:

"My brother has made it out! He has read the postmark! Come and see!"

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, March 4, 1904.

—The Montreal *Daily Witness* says: In the present war between Japan and Russia there are several points of analogy with the contest that England waged against Spain in the sixteenth century. Russia does not loom above Japan in extent of territory population, military power and important pretension more imposingly than Spain towered over England in the days of Philip II. Perhaps no monarch, before or since, ever surveyed a grander empire and called it his than was ruled by Philip, when Pope Sixtus V. bestowed upon him the realm of England to be punished for its heresy. France was his obedient henchman, Austria his ally and tool and the states of Italy were anxious to do his bidding, Portugal was his vassal, and to complete his empire, he possessed the illimitable resources and treasures of the New World. Such was the power of Spain when the audacious sailors of England, emerging from the foggy island, flung defiance at Pope and King, and waged a war which did not end till mankind was rescued from the terror of spiritual and temporal slavery and a newer, brighter and happier era had dawned upon the world. The service rendered humanity by the British over three hundred years ago in arresting the progress of Spain towards universal dominion may be imitated by Japan in calling a halt to the advance of Russia in Asia. Evidently Japan thinks she can perform this gigantic task, or she would not with so much alacrity and confidence enter upon a war in which failure would mean ruin. As Spain in her overbearing greatness condemned the claim of human rights and liberty of the mind, science as the worst of all heresies, and for the maintenance of that paralyzing policy devasted the Netherlands and overran the fairest fields of Europe with fire and sword, so Russia has desolated Finland, turned Poland into a wilderness and made shambles of the Caucasus. To complete the analogy with Spain, Russia persecutes the Lutherans and massacres the Jews. It is possible that Russia may pass through a course of national discipline and punishment similar to that which humbled the pride of Spain and saved the world from a relapse into mediaeval barbarism. In this war old foes with new faces have met. The issue for which England fought Spain is the cause for which Japan is now fighting Russia.

Wants His 'Ambergris'.

A Washington D.C. despatch says: "The secretary of the department of R. E. Finn, a lawyer of Halifax, Nova Scotia, that it would be impossible to restore to his client, Capt. Matthew Ryan, of the Canadian schooner Triumph, the alleged ambergris seized by Collector Tidd at Seattle last autumn. Last summer the sealing schooner Triumph, of Victoria, picked up a big chunk of what appeared to be ambergris, in that vicinity of Atu Island. A sailor named Todd subsequently took it to Seattle. The customs officers caught him and confiscated the stuff. Then an examination was made, and the ambergris turned out not to be ambergris at all. Before replying to the Halifax attorney, the treasury department telegraphed to Collector Tidd to ask what had been done with the ambergris. Mr. Tidd replied that he had given it back to Todd. Thereupon the his Halifax attorney will have to fight it out with Todd."

Cold Weather in Detroit.

For the first time in a quarter of a century the boats of the Detroit, Belle Isle & Windsor Ferry Company have been compelled to abandon the work of providing regular service between Detroit and Windsor from the foot of Woodward avenue. The only means of transportation between Detroit and the Canadian shore is now via the Walkerville Ferry Line. The steamers Promise, Pleasure and Excelsior were put out of commission by having their propellers all broken. The car ferries are also having trouble. The Grand Trunk car ferry Huron is stuck in the ice in the middle of the river. The C. P. Railroad ferry Michigan is disabled and has been drydocked. The Jim is made up of great cakes two to three feet thick.

Sentenced to Dorchester.

Charles McMichael, who was arrested in Halifax for uttering and forging express money orders, was sentenced on Friday last to seven years at Dorchester. He pleaded guilty to all the charges, and his lawyer made a strong plea for a light sentence on the ground that the sums were all of small amount and that the prisoner had made restitution as far as he was able. McMichael appeared before Judge Wallace on Saturday and pleaded guilty to the charge of attempting to shoot officer Mont. He was sentenced to serve five years in Dorchester penitentiary, sentence commencing from date and to run concurrently with his seven years' sentence for forgery.

Fire in Bridgetown.

Graves' vinegar factory at Bridgetown was discovered to be on fire at 4 o'clock on Sunday morning, and before the flames were subdued, the main building was destroyed with its contents. The boiler, engine and cider presses were injured, but the generators and tanks, containing over 30,000 gallons of vinegar, were destroyed. The roof has fallen, but the walls were saved. Loss about $6,000; insured $3,000. The fire originated from the stove used in heating the generator.

Given a Three Months' Hoist.

In the House of Assembly on Wednesday last the bill to amend the Liquor License Act, introduced by Mr. Pearson, was given the three months' hoist. The bill sought to prevent express companies from conveying packages of liquor into non-license counties. The committee reported against it, and their report was adopted by a majority of one.

A New Ruling.

The Customs Department has made a new ruling, which is expected to put a stop to the mixing of molasses with other ingredients. In future the rate of duty upon that article will be determined by what is known as double polarization, according to the amount of cane, sugar or sucrose contained in the importation.

A "Striking" Incident.

The Assessment Appeal Court at North Sydney sat till midnight on Friday. One of the incidents was the action of the Court in raising the assessment of two of the assessors, when their low assessment was pointed out by other ratepayers. This is called a "striking" incident.

Rise in Diamonds Will Inconvenience Editors.

Wheat, flour, tea, eggs, coal, wood, camphor, cotton, diamonds and house rents are all up. It's the rise in diamonds that's keeping us awake nights, says the Montreal *Herald* slieve.

Digby Yacht Club.

ANNUAL MEETING HELD MONDAY EVENING AND OFFICERS ELECTED.

The annual meeting of the Digby Yacht Club was held in Mr. Vye's restaurant Monday evening.

The only unfinished business remaining over from 1903 was a notice of motion to change a clause in the "conditions" of the local cup competition. The motion was passed unanimously. Boats sailing for this cup in the future must be less than 25 feet water line, and be entitled to use the R. Y. C. ensign. The words "must be known as a Digby boat," have been struck out.

The officers elected for 1904 are as follows:

J. A. Irving, Commodore.
J. Gilpram Dakin, Vice Commodore.
Fred A. Robinson, Rear Commodore.
O. S. Dunham, Secty.
M. J. Hanley, Treasurer.
B. F. Young, Measurer.

Sailing Committee: Maj. Daley, Capt. James L. Wright, O. S. Dunham.

Committee of Management: E. Hart Nichols, O. S. Dunham, Orbin Sproule.

The Club appears to be in good standing and is steadily gaining in membership and popularity with out-summer visitors as well as with our own citizens. Mayor Short was elected to membership Monday evening.

The Club will probably give more attention to cruising during the coming summer than racing. In fact all arrangements for racing were laid over until the next meeting. The local races, however, will take place as usual, but it is doubtful if a cup will be offered for outside boats, although the club owns a handsome trophy which can be competed for by boats belonging to any yacht club, should a challenge be received.

In the Case of James P. Comeau

THE MAN KILLED BY THE TRAIN AT PLYMPTON STATION SATURDAY FEB. 20TH.

We published last week a copy of the verdict rendered by the jury who inquired into the death of the late James P. Comeau, also an account of the accident. This week we received the following communication from one of the jury and publish the same as requested:

The summing up of the jury was as follows: Viz., That so far as the present case was concerned death was caused by injuries which were necessarily and almost immediately fatal, and that the accident was caused by the lack of ordinary precaution on the part of deceased and in violation of the rules of all transportation companies in the World, and that no action, however immediate, on the part of the train officials, would have availed in preventing the fatal result.

Nevertheless, according to all the evidence given it does not appear that every effort was made on the part of the officials of train No. 1, to give assistance, and in view of the fact that all injuries received in like manner are not necessarily fatal,

Therefore the jury wish to express their opinion in the strongest terms possible, that in all similar cases when the conductor of any train receives notice or becomes aware that any person has fallen from his train, he should return to the spot and render assistance with as little delay as possible, unless there are imperative reasons for not doing so. (Signed.)

E. J. ELDERKIN, M. D., Coroner.
F. W. KENNY, Foreman of Jury."

A Quiet Wedding.

A quiet home wedding took place at Eastern Point light, East Gloucester, Mass., on the afternoon of Washington's birthday, when Mr. Leonard J. Tibbets and Miss Frances Gordon were united in marriage by Rev. George F. Boucher, of the Chapel street Baptist church. Mr. Tibbets is a brother of Mrs. George E. Bailey, of Eastern Point, and Miss Gordon was a nurse at the summer home of Howard Gilbert Bowditch, of Boston. The bride was very popular. The couple have the best wishes of a host of friends for a bright and happy future. They will reside at Plympton, N. S., the former home of the groom. The trunks of the couple were appropriately decorated on their departure for their new home, and the valise bore the motto: "Wherever you go, you can tell us by the happiness in our faces."

School for the Blind

We have received the thirty-third annual report of the School for the Blind at Halifax. It contains much interesting and valuable information regarding the work already accomplished, and what is being done just now for the education of those so unfortunately afflicted.

The total number of pupils registered December 1st, 1903, was 124, of whom 77 were males and 47 females.

Evelyn Ellis and Ovist Warne, of Digby, and Florence Cowie, of Westport, are among those who are attending the school at present.

In the literary department, second division, the 1st prize was awarded to Evelyn Ellis, Digby. In the fifth division the first prize was awarded to Louise Muise, of Yarmouth.

Death of John Hutchinson

The Bridgetown *Monitor* says: Mr. John Hutchinson, an aged and respected farmer, passed away at his home in Centreville, Annapolis Co., on Friday last. He was 82 years of age and had been a resident of Centreville for about 20 years, having come there from Digby county, where he lived formerly. He leaves a widow and one son, Mr. Ashby Hutchinson. He was a member of the Baptist Church, and the funeral services on Sunday were conducted by Rev. E. E. Daley, pastor of the Bridgetown Baptist Church, the interment being in the Centreville cemetery.

Experienced Rough Weather.

Capt. Alfred Warner, of Plympton, master of a large American three masted schooner, sailed from Wilmington, N. C., last Monday for Puerto Prince, Gonaives and Port Au Prince, reports that he left New York, Dec. 22 for Gianica, Porto Rico, discharging cargo and arrived at Wilmington, N. C., Feb. 6th, and that he never experienced worse weather than during the passage out and back. On Feb. 1st in a blizzard 40 miles off Washington, carried away our mizzen spring stay and broke mizzen top-mast. The vessel was blown 300 miles off shore, or across the Gulf Stream."

Did Not Do a Big Business.

A representative from a Truro printing office was in town this week soliciting orders for calendars. He was endeavoring to obtain orders for bill heads, letter heads, envelopes, etc., and escaped without paying a license. No business man interested in the welfare of the town will place his orders with an outside office, but will always patronize home industry. Those who send their printing out of town should look to their offices for the "puffs" usually expected in a local paper.

Pelton's Journal.

Pelton Brothers have issued another number of their magazine which is printed in Yarmouth. Nearly every advertisement is written in poetry and are as interesting as any part of the *Journal*. This magazine was formerly known as *P. B.*, but the editors give a very satisfactory explanation why the name was changed. Messrs. Pelton Bros. deserve credit for their enterprise and we assume them their March number is an interesting one.

Accident at Montague St. Crossing

A special freight train from Annapolis Friday morning struck the Central Grocery's delivery team on the Montague Street crossing, smashing the sleigh and instantly killing the horse. The driver of the team, Emden Hutchinson, escaped uninjured.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FORM FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Steamer Boston did not get away from Yarmouth until 11 o'clock on Saturday night, being delayed by a special train of four cars of dry fish, shipped from Halifax to New York.

—To-morrow completes ten weeks of sleighing in western Nova Scotia.

—The local Oddfellows intend celebrating the thirteenth anniversary of St. George lodge by giving an entertainment in their lodge room.

—The funeral of the late Fraser Dakin, whose death was reported in our last issue, was held Sunday afternoon, the remains being interred in Forest Hill Cemetery.

—The local Masonic lodge conducted services at the grave.

—A public meeting of the ratepayers will be held in the Court House, Tuesday night to decide means of providing for the payment of the sum of $5,000, borrowed by the town in the year 1895.

—Hemeon Division, No. 105, S. of T., intend holding an entertainment in their hall, Smith's Cove, next Tuesday evening, the 8th inst.

—If the weather is favorable no doubt a number will be present from Digby.

—The question as to how many snow storms we have had this winter is becoming almost as perplexing as "How old is Ann?"

—Mr. Hemeon, of Hebron, N. S., gave an interesting lecture in Weymouth Wednesday evening.

—Mr. Daniel Dillon has been appointed agent of the Victoria Steam Laundry, of Yarmouth.

—A thunder and lightning storm, accompanied by heavy rain, passed over Digby last night.

—The Conundrum social which was postponed owing to the storm, will be held in the Methodist hall at 8 o'clock to-night.

Many Hurled to Death

NEW YORK SKYSCRAPER FRAME COLLAPSES.

NEW YORK, March 2.—Fourteen persons are believed to have been killed, of whom the bodies of only five have been recovered, about a score injured, and several are missing through the collapse this afternoon of the steel skeleton of the Hotel Darlington, a 12 story apartment house in course of erection at No. 57 West 46th street. The steel frame work had been erected as far aside eleventh floor and the structure was swarming with iron workers, masons and laborers, when without any warning the upper floor sagged and collapsed and the whole structure fell with a crash that was heard for blocks and shook all the buildings in the vicinity. A portion of the steel frame fell upon the rear of the Hotel Paterson, on West 47th street, crushing in the wall of the dining room and killing Mrs. Ella Lacey Stores, the wife of Frank Stores, a wealthy resident of Rye, West Chester County, as she was sitting at luncheon with the wife of the Rev. S. Minot J. Savage, pastor of the Church of the Messiah, who escaped unhurt.

The other dead, so far as known, are: Frederick Morrille, foreman of the Roebling Construction Company, and three unidentified men, apparently laborers.

The more seriously injured were laborers on the building, excepting Ernest Miller, a waiter employed in Hotel Paterson.

Eggs Took a Drop.

There is rejoicing in the retail market over the big drop in the prices of eggs. The egg market this winter has been very erratic. Some days eggs would have been clear of stock for more than ten weeks, and almost prohibitive prices have ruled. Since Tuesday the various grades have fallen off from seven to ten cents on the dozen. The prices most generally asked yesterday were 35 down to 28 cents. The general quality could not be better. With a week or more of good weather, they will drop even lower.—*Boston Globe Saturday.*

The Lurcher Out of Sight.

Capt. Fraser, of the steamer Ocamo, which arrived in St. John, Wednesday, said he had considerable difficulty when nearing the bay Friday morning. He tried to pick up the Lurcher lightship, not knowing that she was lying snugly at a wharf in Yarmouth. After trying in vain for some time he bore away for Partridge Island. The Ocamo had the steward and seamen of the schooner Alert, which put into Barbados early in December, leading, and which was afterwards condemned.

Tug Rhona to St John

St. John *Sun*: The Dominion government's latest addition to the tug boats used in connection with dredging operations, the Rhona, is tied up at Lower Cove to have additions made to the hull and houses to fit her properly for the contemplated work. Her hull, which was built by J. McLeod, of Liverpool, N. S., is declared to be a superior piece of marine architecture, and this is not surprising as Mr. McLeod. He built the pilot boat Howard D. Troop for some of the St. John pilots.

The Courier has also Received a Sample.

The Bridgewater *Bulletin* says: "The *Bulletin* is in receipt of a sample of "unshrinkable underwear," but we fear the name is misnomer as the garment in question, when apparently shrunk so that it would not be large enough for one of the legendary lilliputians. If the manufacturers want to do the correct thing they will forward a couple of suits the proper size, and then we can do some talking."

A Startling Coincidence.

Yarmouth *Herald*: The experience of Mr. W. A. McDonald, grocer, yesterday, was a rather strange and startling one. About 2 o'clock Mr. Reuben Gardner fell dead in his store without a moment's warning and a few hours later he received word that his only brother at Port Joli had fallen dead in a sleigh also without warning. Both were victims of heart trouble and were about the same age.

The Battle Line.

Str. Eretria, Capt. Mulcahey, arrived at Hong Kong Monday from New York.

Str. Sellasia, Capt. Purdy, from Sydney, N. S. W., for Cape Verde with grain for orders, reached Montevideo on the 27th for coal and sailed the same day.

Steamer Pharsalia, Capt. Foote, arrived at Melbourne on Thursday from Adelaide.

Received a Call from Yarmouth

Rev. Gideon Swim Sunday announced his resignation of pastorate of the Free Baptist church in Moncton to take effect next September. It is understood he has received a call from Yarmouth Co., N. S.

New Ads. This Week

E. Jenner.....Coughing Up
F. M. Steadman.....Digby Furniture Store
Bates & Mylles.....Cures Eczema
J. B. Viets.....Schedule
John W. O'Dell.....Notice
.....Lost

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

Town Council

The Council met February 25, at 8 p. m., the mayor and all of the councillors being in attendance. The report of Coun. Vye was read, received and ordered to be filed.

Messrs. E. Jenner and D. Sproule, as a delegation from the Board of Trade to meet the town council and ask what encouragement, if any, the town council would dole out towards the establishment of a marine slip, said they would not ask anything in the way of money or land grant, but merely freedom from taxation and free water for a term of years.

On Special also said that some movement was afoot for the establishment of a canning factory, and wanted to know whether the council would grant exemption from taxation and free water to such an enterprise for a term of years.

Coun. Anderson moved, that in the event of any individual, or company, establishing a marine slip in the town of Digby, that the same be exempted from taxation and be given free water for a term of five years; seconded by Coun. Hayden, carried.

Coun. Hayden said that he would be in favor of encouraging the establishing of any *industry* which would give employment in Digby, and prevent the same from taxation and giving free water.

W. J. A. VanTassel asked that reduction be allowed on water rates for the time during which his property was vacant, owing to tenants having left the same before end of term. Referred to water committee.

Report and judgments of the Court of assessment appeals being read the same were, upon motion, confirmed.

The following bills were ordered to be paid:

Snow Shoveling	$7.33
W. W. Repairs	8.35
Dr. Moore, health officer	10.00
Policeman	41.66
F. A. Dimock	8.50
Cost for W.	3.60
Policeman	41.66

Upon motion of Coun. Peters and Letteney: Turnbull, VanBlarcon and Hayden, and the clerk, were appointed a committee to revise the by-laws of the town.

Coun. Hayden moved that the clerk be instructed to secure tenders for the printing of 300 copies of the new by-laws, when approved, and have the number printed; seconded by Coun. VanBlarcom, carried.

The clerk was authorized to purchase a safe for the town building, cost not to exceed $250.

Mr. Fred. Manager of the Union Bank, said he had received notice of assessment of Bank furniture, which had not been assessed in the general assessment and asked for information.

The mayor said the item in question had been omitted by the assessors, and the court of assessment appeals had accordingly corrected the error.

The clerk, pursuant to law, laid on the table the assessment roll for the year 1904, as finally passed by the court of assessment appeals, and certified by him.

The mayor said that some movement was on foot between the Eastern Steamship Co. placing a boat on the route between Boston and Digby, during the coming summer and that any encouragement which this council could give, would be in order.

Coun. Hayden moved the following resolution:

Whereas the town of Digby is the most widely known and generally popular summer place in the Maritime Provinces, possessing improved accommodation for and entertaining of each season more visitors than most of the other Nova Scotia towns combined, and

Whereas the proposed service between Boston and Digby, carried on some years ago by the International Steamship Company with the traffic was not more than one half of that now available, proved profitable to the line interested:

Resolved, that the town council of the town of Digby memorialize the Eastern Steamship Company to place a suitable steamship on the route between Boston and Digby, during the summer season next ensuing; further

Resolved, that in the event of the said Eastern Steamship Company placing a suitable steamship on said route, that this council will do all in its power to promote the interests of said company. Coun. Turnbull seconded the motion, which carried.

The policeman having applied for an increase of $100 in his salary as such, and prosecutor under the C. T. A., after some discussion, Coun. Peters moved that the sum of $450.00 per annum be paid to Mr. Bowles during the ensuing year, as policeman, and $150.00 be paid him as prosecutor under the C. T. A.; seconded by Coun. Anderson.

Coun. Hayden moved in amendment that Mr. Bowles be paid $500 as policeman and prosecutor during the ensuing year; seconded by Coun. Turnbull.

The amendment being put resulted in a tie vote; Couns. Hayden, Turnbull and VanBlarcom voting for, and Couns. Peters, Anderson and Letteney against. The mayor voting for the amendment declared the same carried.

The mayor said the old blacksmith shop adjoining public lands on Montague street had long been an eyesore and a disfigurement to that portion of the town; he thought it could now be purchased or expropriated at small expense.

Coun. Hayden moved that the Mayor be authorized to ascertain at what price the rights of the parties claiming the old building could be purchased, and report at next meeting; seconded by Coun. Peters and carried.

The appointment of assessors stood over till next meeting.

The Council adjourned.

Personal Mention

Mr. Edgar Dickson returned from Yarmouth Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Thorne arrived home from Ottawa Saturday.

Mr. W. Jameson was a passenger to Weymouth Tuesday.

Mrs. Aubrey Brown was a passenger to Boston Wednesday.

Mrs. C. F. Lewis returned yesterday from her visit in Yarmouth.

Mr. Martin Comeau was a passenger from Boston, Wednesday.

Mr. Fred L. Jones, customs inspector, spent a few days in town last week.

Capt. John McKay of Tiverton was in town yesterday en route to Dublin, N. S.

Mr. S. T. Pearson, of Westport, was in Yarmouth Wednesday, en route to Boston.

Mrs. Helen M. Morgan, of Barton, who has been visiting in Digby, returned home Monday.

Mrs. Joseph Sabeans, who has been visiting friends in Weymouth, returned home yesterday.

Mr. J. A. Clinton is improving in health. His son, Mr. Charles Clinton, has returned to Boston.

Mr. E. W. McBride, who has been employed in one of the Amherst printing offices, has returned to Digby.

Mr. Samuel Gidney, of Mink Cove, proprietor of the Westport & Digby telephone line, was in town yesterday.

Mr. J. M. Trask, of Yarmouth, was in town Saturday, returning from a business trip through New Brunswick.

Mrs. Wallstill Lewis, of Freeport, who has been the guest of her son, Mr. Darwell Lewis, Church street, returned home Friday.

Mr. Ellsworth Messenger, of Washington, D. C., and sister Miss Pearl Messenger, of Barton are passengers for Bridgetown Tuesday.

Messrs. E. H. Nichols and R. G. Munroe, of Digby and J. A. Grieson, of Weymouth, barristers, were registered at the Halifax Hotel, Wednesday.

Mr. L. H. Johnson, proprietor of Digby's Laundry, left Wednesday to take charge of the laundry at Clarke's Harbor. He will return to Digby to-morrow.

Miss Bessie Higgins, sister of Rev. A. B. Higgins, left on Wednesday for Boston, Mass., where she will visit friends before returning to her home in Stewiacke.

Miss Dorothy Higgins, little daughter of Rev. A. B. Higgins, was a passenger to Halifax last week, where she will remain with friends during her father's absence in the Lady Laurier.

Miss Edna J. Murray, of St. John, is the guest of Mrs. H. A. DeVoe, Digby. Miss Murray is here for the purpose of forming a class in music and instrumental and voice culture.

Mr. Creola Jr. Bishop of Thorne Cove: E. M. Gunning and Henry E. Haley, recently elected deacons of the Baptist church, were installed in office at the morning service on Sunday last.

Mr. W. H. Doty, of Hebron, one of Yarmouth county's leading wholesale confectionery, was in town on a call Saturday. He was returning from a successful trip to Westport, Freeport and Tiverton.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman were in town Wednesday. Mr. Coleman, who for a number of years has resided in Chelsea, Mass., has purchased property in Brighton, Digby county, and is erecting a pretty cottage in that village.

Miss Lizzie Dixie, daughter of W. A. Chase, one of Bear River's leading merchants, went to St. John last autumn to take a course in stenography in Messrs. Kerr & Son's St. John Business College. Miss Chase has finished her studies very successfully and has accepted a good situation in a broker's office. Miss Chase speaks in the highest terms of Messrs. Kerr & Son's Business College.

Marine and Shipping

A government steamer is anchored off Digby this morning.

Brigt. Dixon Rice will load general cargo at New York for Kingston, Ja.

Schr. J. W. Cousins, Capt. Casey, sailed Friday for the fishing grounds.

Schr. W. Parnell O'Brien, Capt. Wm. Snow, sailed Wednesday for the fishing grounds.

Messrs. Ward's steamer Arbo sailed from Buenos Ayres on Friday at noon for Antwerp.

Str. Manna, now at New York, has a cargo of salt, has been fixed to carry lumber from Weymouth, N. S., to Rosario at $8.

Bark J. H. Bowers was towed out of Weymouth harbor yesterday by S. S. Uganda and sailed for Buenos Ayres. She had been delayed on account of the ice.

Tug Marina, Capt. C. F. Lewis, sailed from Yarmouth Tuesday for Green Island, with a number of lobster fishermen on board. She will probably arrive in Digby next week.

Tern, schr. Jessie Lena, Capt. Hogan, arrived Friday with frame for a new house for Clarke Bros., Bear River. She is now docked at Turnbull's wharf, waiting for a tide to get up the river. She has been chartered by Clarke Bros., to load lumber for the West Indies.

The barn schooner Canada, of Lunenburg, sailed from Port Thomas for Boston last week, having overdue so to be practically given up by her owners. She had on board the fishing crew, nearly all of whom belong to Lunenburg: Archibald Conrad, captain; George Hall, mate; Harry Mossman, James Leary, Albert Smith and Howard Corkum.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Notice of Ratepayers' Meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE is hereby given that a meeting of the ratepayers of the town of Digby will be held at the Court House in Digby, on *MONDAY, MARCH 7TH, 1904* at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening for the purpose of deciding as to the means to be provided for the payment of the sum of $5,000 borrowed by the Town, in the year 1895, from George Lynch, which said loan is due and payable next year.

Persons qualified by law to vote at such meeting are those who were assessed upon real or personal property or income in the assessment roll of the year 1903, and whose rates and taxes of all kinds are paid at least three days before such meeting. By order

C. J. AMESON,
Town Clerk.

Dated February 15th, 1904. 25 2

Westport

E. C. Bowers has returned home from Boston.

Miss Susie Thomas has returned from Tiverton.

Leigh Elliott made a flying trip to Yarmouth last week.

Mr. Burpee Frost, of Little River, was in town last week.

Mr. Frank Suthern, of Wolfville, is visiting friends here.

Rev. J. Harry King, of Digby, called on friends in town Tuesday.

Miss Annie Titus is the guest of Miss Bertha Thurber at Freeport.

Capt. Collins Titus and wife have returned home from Weymouth.

Mr. Calvin Sollows was a passenger from Port Maitland Wednesday.

Mr. Sinclair Gower is the guest of his parents after an absence of two years.

The I. O. O. F. will hold their annual supper on Thursday evening.

The Spindle on the point on Peter's Island is bent over in the water, caused by the ice.

Messrs. Frank McDormand, Arthur Thompson and Holland Thompson have arrived home.

Miss Ethel J. Gower has returned home from Yarmouth and is the guest of her parents here.

The Misses Thora and Odessa Graham of Centreville, Digby Co., are guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. B. Graham.

Sunday morning, the harbor was blocked with ice from St. Mary's Bay. Some of the Lobster fishermen lost their lobsters by the upsetting of their cars. Mr. James Buckman was the heaviest loser—about 75 counters and 80 small ones.

Miss P. Bancroft, our popular music teacher, was a passenger to Metechan Monday. Miss Bancroft, while in Westport, made many friends, all of whom regretted to see her leave. She will be greatly missed in the Baptist church, of which she was an enthusiastic member and worker.

Mrs. Holland Graham passed away on Tuesday morning at 11 o'clock, aged 70 years, after a long and painful affliction. She leaves a sorrowing husband and four daughters, eldest Mrs. William Titus, Mrs. Fenwick Denton, Mrs. Warren Buckman and Miss Dalton Peters. Mrs. Graham was a friend to all and will be missed both in church and community. She was always a ready and willing worker, trying to do good. Funeral was held on Friday afternoon from the Christian church, of which Rev. C. E. Ford the pastor presented an address.

Freeport

Miss Nora Tibert, Little River, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Bertie Brooks has just returned from a visit to Little River.

Mr. Burton Frost, Little River, was in town a few days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Loran Perry returned from Oxford, Saturday, Feb. 27th.

Capt. William Wyman, of the waterlogged Schr. "Jessie," arrived home from Baltimore, Feb. 29th.

A large number of friends were entertained at the home of the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Woodruff Thurber, the occasion being their house warming. Many valuable and useful articles were received including crockery, dishes in money, household articles, etc. Ice cream and cake were served and all report a pleasant evening.

Western Star division celebrated its forty-fourth anniversary Saturday evening, Feb. 27th. The hall was filled to the utmost and the following programme was credibly rendered:

Chorus—Let your lower lights be burning.
Speech—Bro. Robert Hains.
Female quartette—Misses Perry.
Speech—Bro. Chas. Brooks.
Speech—Bro. Chas. Moore, (Deputy.)
Music—Help your brother.
Speech—Bro. Walcott Perry.
Instrumental Solo—Pearl Hubeley.
Speech—Mrs. Waitstill Lewis.
Recitation—Mrs. Frank Lent.
Instrumental Solo—Josie Wyman.
Duet—Songs that mother sang. Dora Stevens and Irene Lent.
Drama—We're all tetotalers.

Little River

Miss Nora Tibert is visiting friends at Freeport.

Mr. F. M. Letteney, of Digby, was in the village last week.

Mr. Ralph Nichols, of Digby, visited Mr. Augustus Pyne last week.

Harry Addington, who has been very ill with measles, is not improving. No new cases as yet.

We are sorry to report Mrs. James Denton on the sick list. Dr. F. E. Rice is in attendance.

Geo. Perry Thurber, of Freeport, is visiting Mrs. Wilbert Denton; also Mr. Brooks of Freeport.

Messrs. McGinn and Anderson of Newport, were here last week in the interest of the lobster business.

On account of ice in St. Mary's Bay, S. S. Westport was unable to come in the harbour Tuesday to gather up lobsters.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Frost, who has been visiting friends at Freeport, returned home on Tuesday; also Mr. Burpee Frost.

(Too late for last issue.)

Mr. Burpee Frost made a business trip to Freeport this week.

Miss Mary Outhouse, of Tiverton is visiting relatives here.

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Mr. and Mrs. Arch Frost and Miss Nora Tibert are visiting friends at Freeport and Westport.

We are glad to report that Mrs. Walter Denton, who has been ill for several weeks is convalescent.

Rev. Maynard Brown occupied the pulpit here on Sunday evening and Sunday morning, 20th and 21st instst.

Mr. Bertie Brooks, who has been visiting relatives here, returned to his home in Freeport on Tuesday, via S. S. Westport II.

Mr. Arch Morehouse, of Beaver Harbor, occupied the pulpit here on Sunday evening, 14th inst., and on the following Thursday evening.

Sandy Cove

Dr. Annis was at the Village House last week.

Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Rice went to Digby on Monday.

Dr. Ford, of Digby, was the guest of Mrs. W. W. Lewis, Sunday.

Whooping cough is raging in our vicinity. Most every family has it.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Merritt spent Sunday with friends in Waterford.

Mrs. E. A. Gidney, of Mink Cove, was in town last week soliciting orders for wall paper.

Mrs. Charles Cossaboom, of Gulliver's Cove, was the guest of Mrs. E. H. Timpany, Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chipman Saunders gave a party to their friends on Thursday. A very pleasant evening was spent by all.

Miss Daisy Morehouse and Mrs. G. H. Crowell were passengers on the Westport Monday, to visit the former's sister at Westport.

Tiverton

Quite a number are on the sick list.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Smith on the arrival of a son.

Capts. John McKay, Holland Outhouse John Clifford, jr., have gone to Bridgewater after the schr. Ariadene.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Outhouse spent Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Finigan, Freeport. Elder E. C. Ford is holding special meetings in the Christian Church here. We wish him success.

A very quiet event took place here Feb. 29th at 5 o'clock p. m., when Mr. Thomas Clifford and Miss Gertrude McKay were united in marriage by Elder E. C. Ford, at the home of the groom's sister, Mrs. Wesley Leonard. We wish them a long and happy life.

Lower Granville

Joseph Croscup, of Lynn, Mass., is spending a few weeks with relatives here.

The Baptist folks held a clam supper and sale at the residence of Dan. M. Foster, sr., on Thursday evening and a very pleasant evening was spent by those present. The receipts reached thirty dollars.

The Annual Methodist donation was held at the residence of Wm. VanBlarcom, Esq., on Friday evening. The evening was fine but the roads quite heavy, notwithstanding, a large company assembled and an enjoyable evening was spent. The supper was excellent, a liberal supply of clam pie being on the bill of fare. After these things had received due attention the financial part was considered and the sum of $75 handed in for the pastor, Rev. Mr. Perry, and $6.20 for Mrs. Perry. This was presented in behalf of the donors by E. H. Porter, sr., and acknowledged by Mr. Perry in a most suitable manner. Speeches by Messrs. Sidler McKenzie, A. D. Parker and W. H. Washburn; following after which the proceedings terminated with the doxology and prayer.

Acadiaville

Miss Janet Warne, our popular school teacher, spent Sunday last at Weymouth.

Mrs. Georgie Jelleson and Miss Anna Woodman of Westville, visited friends here on Tuesday.

Mr. William Turnbull, of Digby, passed through here on Wednesday selling his "Home Encyclopedia."

Mr. Arthur Bond and sister, Miss Frances Bond, left on Wednesday last for their home in the Canadian North West.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Warne and little daughter and Miss Nettie Warne drove to New Tusket on Thursday of last week, returning the following day. While there they were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Sabean.

The members of Hope Division will hold a concert at the North Range school-house on Saturday evening Feb. 5th, 1904. As the object is a most worthy one, we hope they will be greeted by a full house.

Central Grove

Miss Maud Israel spent last week with Miss Libbie Shortliff.

Mr. and Mrs. Arch Frost, of Little River, visited friends in the Centre last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Waitstill Perry, of Freeport spent a few days last week with her sister Mrs. Frank Delaney.

Rev. J. Harry King preached a very interesting sermon in the church Sunday afternoon, 21st, and intends giving a lecture here Thursday evening, 25th.

Culloden

The friends of Mrs. William Post will be sorry to hear that she has lost the sight of one of her eyes.

Mr. Wallace Handspiker returned home from Yarmouth Hospital on Saturday but is unable to do anything with his jammed hand.

The many friends of Mrs. David Post will be pleased to hear that she is able to be around again after her dangerous illness.

Oddfellows' Supper.

A Freeport correspondent writes: On Thursday evening, Feb. 25th, Chippewa Lodge, I. O. O. F., held their anniversary supper.

Think of it, Mr. Editor! In the midst of a blustering snow storm such as this winter knows so well how to produce—a supper, well attended by both ladies and gentlemen. There were representatives from St. John, Yarmouth, Tiverton and Westport. Some came by steamer, some in sleighs, while an omnibus, prepared expressly for the occasion, carried a merry party from West End. On arriving at the Temperance Hall, the roar of the elements was entirely forgotten for a time, for there in the lower room the company were invited to sit down to tables literally groaning under the loads of good things to eat. Truly those Oddfellows are excellent cooks, and the white aproned waiters well understood their duty.

Late hours do indeed mean something. When the last guest had reluctantly arisen from the table, an invitation was extended to all to proceed to the audience room upstairs, where we were as royally entertained as below. First came selections on the gramophone given by Mr. Leslie Morrell, chairman of the meeting. Then followed speeches, well to the point, by Mr. Harriott, D. D. G. M., Mr. W. H. Doty, of Hebron, and Mr. Jackson, of St. John. Mr. J. A. Crosier added greatly to the entertainment by violin music, being accompanied by Mrs. Ralph Hains as organist. Later in the evening Mr. Crocker sang, "An Evening in Oddfellows' Hall," in his usual fascinating style. Dr. Bishop's rendering of "McSeley's Beautiful Twins," was also highly applauded. The applause of the evening, however, was given to Mr. E. Everett, who in his quiet, but effectual manner, added to the enjoyment of all present. "Chippewa" was represented in speeches, each of which told for the cause, by F. S. Lent, J. W. Moran, L. Nickerson and Dr. Bishop. The lady visitors were not overlooked. Mrs. Leslie Nickerson and Miss Hains responding by recitations which were well received. J. W. Moran and Mrs. C. F. Morrell also presided at the organ as requested.

It is a suitable hour the Lodge member with their visiting brethren filed to the platform and sang their closing ode—after which the company dispersed, feeling that those Oddfellows' are the right men in the right place, and it assured us that any community is bettered by having in their midst a band of the Three Link Brethren.

New Liberal Daily.

THE NEWS WILL BE STARTED IN ST. JOHN SHORTLY.

ST. JOHN, March 2—Application will be made in a few days for the incorporation of the New Brunswick Publishing Company, Ltd., with a capital stock of $100,000 to start a new morning paper in St. John in the interest of the Liberal Government. Some of the incorporators are Thos. McAvity, of St. John; Hon. H. A. McKeown, St. John; C. S. Hickman, Dorchester, Kelgour Shives, Campbellton. C. J. Milligan is to be manager. The editorship is not yet given out. The paper will be called the *News* and will be eight pages, seven columns. It will be published from the *Evening Gazette* Building and with the *Gazette* plant improved. Probably the *Gazette* will be continued as an evening paper. The new paper is on the cards because of the stand taken by the *Telegraph*.

Opening of Parliament

OTTAWA, March 1.—Both houses of parliament will assemble on Thursday, March 10, without the usual formality. The first business will be the election of a speaker. It is expected that Chief Justice Tascherean, deputy governor general will read the formal commission calling parliament together. After these preliminary proceedings are gone through, an adjournment will be made till Friday, when his excellency the governor general will deliver the usual speech from the throne and the formal opening will take place with all the accustomed gaiety and splendor.

WAR NEWS.

Furious Attack on Port Arthur Monday Morning.

JAPANESE POURED SHELLS INTO THE DOOMED TOWN FOR TWO HOURS. RUSSIAN CRUISERS ASKOLD, NOVIK AND BAYAN STEAMED OUT TO MEET ATTACK AND WERE BADLY DAMAGED.

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Yarmouth News.

SUDDEN DEATH—G. S. S. LADY LAURIER IN PORT.

YARMOUTH, Feb. 29.—The c. the Lurcher lightship was up f.... again on Saturday and judgment reserved until Thursday. The Government steamer Lady Laurier came into port Saturday. She had been to the shoals to replace the fore chain and anchors of the lightship but lost her grapples and returned here. She left port again this morning.

Owing to a delay of a freight train and the heavy ice in the harbour, the steamer Boston did not leave here until midnight Saturday. She took six carloads of fish for the Boston market.

Yarmouth was shocked today by the sudden death of Reuben Gardner of Comeau's Hill in Macdonald's store on John Street. Gardner came to town to make purchases and in the act of paying over money to the storekeeper, fell dead. The deceased had been suffering from heart trouble. Dr. Fuller was called and decided that an inquest was not necessary. Gardner used to be a quartermaster on the Prince Arthur, but owing to ill health had to resign. His body was removed to the undertaking rooms of Thos. Lewis and Van Horne. Gardner was 48 years old and left a widow.

WEST PUBNICO, N. S., March 2—Three boys were arrested today for breaking into and robbing Crosby & Durkee's store and post office in this village. The boys contrived to open one of the patent locking cash drawers and secured $25. The chief and Sergeant Palmer made the arrest and they will be brought up on Saturday for examination.

Steward Foster, of the lightship Lurcher, was today sentenced to twelve months' hard labor in the county jail for the theft of a ham on board the Lurcher.

Burned to Death

SYDNEY, March 1.—Mrs. Graham Rutherford died at her home in this city to-night as the result of serious burns received a few days ago. While working about the stove early in the morning her dress caught fire in the back, and no one being round the house she had enveloped her body burning the flesh quite deeply before they were extinguished. Her husband was also badly burned about the head and hands trying to save her. Her daughter's dress also caught fire in rendering assistance, but she escaped receiving many burns. Mrs. Rutherford was about 48 years of age and leaves a husband and family.

North Atlantic Squadron at Havana

HAVANA, March 1—The British North Atlantic squadron, in command of Admiral Douglas, has arrived here. It consists of the cruisers Ariadne, flagship, Indefatigable and Tribune, the sloops Fantome and the store ship Columbine.

Admiral Douglas and the commanding officers of the squadron called on President Palma this afternoon, and the president and the members of his cabinet dined with the British officers this evening as guests of Mr. Conden, the British minister. The British colony here has arranged a series of entertainments to be given during the squadron's stay.

New Steamer for Eastern S. S Co.

BOSTON, March 2—The new steamer James T. Muse, built for the Eastern S. S. Company's Rockland-Boston Harbor service, was successfully launched at East Boston today.

CORRESPONDENCE.

[We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.]

Horse Racing on Daley's Lake

"LADY R." AGAIN TO THE FRONT.

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—In your issue of Feb. 19th an item appeared, giving an account of the races that were pulled off on the ice, Feb. 12th. In that letter it was stated that Mr. Wallace Raymond had challenged the country with his trotter "Lady R." for $25 a horse, and that Mr. Crowell took Mr. Raymond up at once. Conditions of race were drawn up then and there. Entered before Port Arthur at ten o'clock yesterday (Monday) morning and opened a furious bombardment.

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King's Levee.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—King Edward held the first levee this year in the throne room of St. James palace at noon. The function was unusually largely attended. The Prince of Wales most of the members of the diplomatic corps, the cabinet ministers, many peers, members of the house of commons and naval officers were present.

Death of Capt. Henry Thompson

ST. JOHN, February 29.—Word has been received of the death at New York of Captain Henry Thompson, formerly commodore of the White Star line and now acting as an official of the Equitable Insurance company's head office. He was about 60 years old, and a native of St. Stephen, where he has two sisters.

Sciatica put him on Crutches.

—Jas. Smith, dairyman, of Grimsby, Ont., writes: "My limbs were distorted with sciatica and rheumatism, and, notwithstanding my esteem for physicians, I must give the credit where it belongs. I am a cured man to-day, and Scott's American Rheumatic Cure must have all the credit. It's marvel.—34 a

Miner Killed.

GLACE BAY, Feb. 29.—Stephen McNeil, a hand pick miner, was fatally injured in Caledonia Pit this afternoon by a fall of stone and coal from the roof. His working mate Sandy Borden who was standing but a few feet away was struck and one of his legs were broken. McNiel was about 45 years of age and leaves a widow and three children.

Sir Wm. Mulock Home.

OTTAWA, Feb. 29.—Sir William Mulock returned tonight from his visit to Mexico. The result of the trip of the Postmaster General will likely be closer trade relations between the two countries, Canada and Mexico. Sir William is greatly improved in health.

Treaty Signed.

LONDON, Feb. 29.—The arbitration treaty between Great Britain and Spain was signed Saturday.

BIRTHS.

TOBIN—At 39 New Park street, Lynn, Mass., Feb. 26th, to Mr. and Mrs. F. K. Tobin, a son.

MARRIAGES

CLEVERDON—McKAY—At Tiverton, Digby Co., Feb. 29th, by Rev. E. C. Ford, Thomas Clifford and Ida Gertrude McKay, daughter of Capt. Joseph McKay, all of Tiverton.

DEATHS.

BURNHAM—At Digby, on the 2nd inst., Margaret Isabel, daughter of Michael Mrs. E. F. Burnham, aged 8 months. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

WOMAN'S DANGERS.

The Lives of All Women Beset By Secret Troubles.

A SIMPLE AND CERTAIN METHOD BY WHICH THE ILLS OF GIRLHOOD AND WOMANHOOD MAY BE OVERCOME.

Every woman's health depends upon her blood—its richness and its regularity. Sometimes it is hard to believe that nearly all common diseases spring from the blood, no matter how different they may seem. It is hard, for instance, to realize that rheumatism and indigestion are both the cause of bad blood, and both cured by good blood. But there can be no doubt in the case of the secret troubles of a woman's life, from fifteen to fifty. The blood is plainly the cause of all her irregularities in health. Then comes the signs of secret illness, the headaches, backaches and sideaches, the pale cheeks and dull eyes; the failing appetite and irritable nerves; the hysteria and biliousness; the weakness and langour; the distress and despondency and all the weary wretched feelings that attack women in their times of ill-health. And the blood is to blame for it all. When the blood is rich and red and regular, there is little trouble in the life of maid or mother. That is why Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are worth their weight in gold to every woman. They actually make new blood. Every dose sends galloping through the veins pure, strong, rich red blood that strikes at the cause of the secret ill-health. The new blood restores regularity and braces all the special organs for their special tasks. In this way Dr. Williams' Pink Pills banish the backaches and headaches, sharpen the appetite and the energies, soothe the nerves and bring back the rosy glow of health to faded cheeks. This is the special mission of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills and there is no other medicine in the world can do it so successfully. Mrs. Geo Danby, of Tilbury, Ont., has proved the truth of these statements and says so for the benefit her experience may bring to other suffering women. Mrs. Danby says: "I think Dr. Williams Pink Pills a blessing to suffering women. For a long time I was a great sufferer from the ailments that afflict so many of my sex. I was extremely nervous at all times, felt a great deal with headaches, in indigestion. In fact I was in a most miserable condition when I began the use of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, but after taking them a short time I began to improve, and through their further use I am altogether like a new woman. I am sure if more women would take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills they would be convinced of the great good they can do."

What Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have done for Mrs. Danby they can do for every growing girl and ailing woman in Canada, if they are given a fair and reasonable use. But you must make sure you get the genuine pills with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" on the wrapper around every box. They can be had from dealers in medicine or by mail at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50 by writing the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

Bear River.

(Telephone)

Mr. Wm. Bligh, of Bligh & Prince, was in town this week.

Capt. J. R. Woodworth went to St. John, N. B., on Monday.

A. J. S. Copp, M. P., was in town last Friday, calling on his friends.

Miss Annie Sutherland, of Clyde River, Shelburne Co., is visiting her sister, Mrs. S. B. Davies.

Mrs. Freeman Nicholl spent part of last week here with her sister in law, Mrs. P. M. Wade, who is very ill.

Mrs. Maurice Zwicker, who has been spending the past five weeks with her daughter, Mrs. W. E. Banks, at Weymouth, returned home yesterday.

Mr. Henry Dakin, of Digby, is in town this week doing some plumbing, the old weather having made quite a lot of work necessary.

Mrs. E. W. McDormand is somewhat proud of her flock of Wyandotte and Brahama hens. They number twenty, and since the beginning of January they have laid 20 dozs. of eggs.

The Evidence You value.

By word of mouth from friend to friend Dr. Chase's Ointment has received more unsolicited recommendation than probably any medicine you can mention. The fact that it is an absolute cure for piles has put it in a class all by itself as a preparation of inestimable value and people recommend it knowing that it is a certain cure.

Deep Brook

(Telephone)

Miss Lottie Sullis has gone to St. John for an indefinite period.

Marion Spurr spent a few days with her uncle Dr. Lou Morse, Digby, last week.

Mr. Charles Lent of Newton Centre, Mass., moved here this week with his family.

Mr. E. Bishop of Melvern Square is spending a few days with Capt. and Mrs. W. V. Spurr.

Bessie Hooper of Digby who has been visiting her grand mother Mrs. W. J. Rugglo returned last week.

The people here are getting out quite a large number of logs. They have the promise of a steam saw mill coming cut the lumber of which there will be 200,000 feet or more. Messrs. Chas and Frank Ruggles, I. D. and Albert Carty, R. V. Ditmars and Purdy Bros. have the larger lots. There are other smaller lots.

He Advertised.

An exchange recently gave notice that in case a certain carriage whip was not returned to a certain place before the next issue, it would publish the name of the party who took it. The place designated was the back yard of a certain block. The next morning after the first notice came out—the night being very dark—seventeen whips were picked up in said yard. Yet there are people who do not believe in advertising.

Hundreds of Lives Lost.

TIEN TSIN, Feb. 22.—Telegram from Tsinanfu Shan-Tung, says that hundreds of lives have been lost by the bursting of a dam on the Hwhang Lo. Several villages were destroyed.

Only Two Saved

FIVE OF THE CREW OF THE BENJ. C. CROMWELL DROWNED.

NEW YORK, Feb. 22.—During a dense fog, high sea and wind, two vessels went ashore to-day, one near Bellport, L. I., and the other near Long Beach, N. J. The former was the Benjamin C. Cromwell of Portland, Me. The schooner was from Charleston, S. C., for Halifax, with pine. The name of the ship ashore at Long Beach is not known. Five men from the crew of the Benjamin C. Cromwell were drowned. One man reached the shore floating on a piece of wreckage, and seven others clung to the wreck of their ship in the hope that the life savers would be able to reach them.

The life saving crews on both the New Jersey and Long Island coast had feared some disaster in the gale and fog and kept watch of the shore patrol; no attempts to save the lives of the shipwrecked crews were really under way.

Groping through the fog, the Cromwell went aground off Bellport, and as soon by a tremendous sea, pounded heavily on the bar. The crew clung to the rigging until unmanned by cold, fell and all but one perished as he seen from the shore.

LATER.—Five men were drowned in the wreck of the schooner Benjamin C. Cromwell off Bellport, L. I., today only two of the crew of seven being rescued from the breakers when they were washed ashore on pieces of wreckage. The schooner was broken up by the heavy waves.

Salt Rheum, Tetter, Eczema.—These distressing skin diseases relieved by one application. Dr. Agnew's Ointment is a potent cure for all eruptions of the skin. Jas. Pasco, Wilkesport, writes: "I was completely cured and able to return to his work.

SAUVEUR DUVAL.

Elgin Road L'Islet Co, Que., May 26th. 1893.

Maine Central Owns W. C. R.

ST. STEPHEN, Feb. 23—Today the Maine Central Railroad Company took formal possession of the Washington County road, which has its terminus in this town.

It is understood the new owners, for various reasons, will continue to run the W. C. R. as a separate line, but the only officials retained at the Calais end will be Passenger Agent Burpee, Station Agent Kingston, and Mr. McIntyre.

The Mildest and Surest Relief

For constipated bowels and piles is Dr. Hamilton's of Mandrake and butternut which cause no griping pain and act promptly. Well known to all doctors. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills. Price 25c.

Mattress Covers.

Considerable care is required to keep a bed clean. Mattress covers are a great help. They are made the size and shape of the mattress and just large enough to slip over it. Hem both sides of one end and work six or eight buttonholes on the other side to correspond with them. This can be taken off and washed when necessary and keeps the mattress clean.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

"To heat and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

He Loves Wild Animals

The young emperor of Morocco is passionately fond of animals, especially wild ones, and a large, open square outside his favorite portion of the palace is given over to them. Through the bars of their cages blink huge, tawny maned lions and spotted tigers, while gazelles, Barbary sheep, cranes and even wild boars roam about the grounds at will.

Bronchitic Asthma s Heavy Burden

Asthma is bad enough but when bronchial symptoms are added the poor sufferer has almost an intolerable existence. An absolute specific is found in fragrant healing Catarrhozone which cures chronic cases that other remedies won't even relieve. "For years," writes Capt. McDonald of Quebec, "I battled with the agonies of bronchitic asthma. Often I couldn't sleep for nights at a time. I spent hundreds on doctors and medicine without relief, but one dollar's worth of Catarrhozone cured me." Catarrhozone can't fail; it's guaranteed. Two months treatment $1.00; trial 25c.

Royal Children's Clothes

Prince Edward of Wales and his brothers are allowed to wear their old clothes at Sandringham and get themselves as dirty as they please.

While in London they have to change their attire four times a day and keep themselves always spick and span. It goes without saying that they much prefer Sandringham.

To Cure Fever Chills

And such complaints as "Shivers" and ague were recommend Nerviline very highly. Twenty drops of Nerviline taken in hot water with a little sugar three times daily not only stops the chills, but knocks out the disease completely. Nerviline has a direct action on fever chills and removes the conditions causing them. In stomach and bowel troubles Nerviline never fails. It's pleasant to the taste 25 cts. and 50 cts. bottle at druggists.

Man Killed by Trolley Car

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Feb. 25.—While attempting to cross Main street to-night, Peterson, an aged fisherman, was struck by an electric car and fatally injured. He was removed to a nearby house and died within an hour. Peterson was a veteran of the civil war and left no family.

A Laundry Hint

Put the little things, such as handkerchiefs, cuffs, collars and wash cloths, into a pillowcase, where they are rubbed clean, and they can be boiled, rinsed and blued as though they were one article, thereby saving much time. Put napkins, doilies, etc., into a separate case.

Judge of the Supreme Court.

Hon. D. C. Fraser was sworn in by the Lieutenant Governor Thursday as a Judge of the Supreme Court of Nova Scotia, and on Friday took his seat on the bench and heard two chambers motions. His Lordship's first trial will be Bayers vs. Holy Land, which is set down for Thursday next. It is an action arising over certain bequests made in a will of property which plaintiff thought belonged to her.

Fire at Glace Bay.

GLACE BAY, C. B., Feb. 23—Early this morning fire completely destroyed with its contents the warehouse of A. C. Thompson & Co., the largest hardware dealers in Cape Breton. The warehouse was well stocked with heavy hardware, estimated in the vicinity of $6,000. The building was built last summer and cost $1,200. The insurance on the building and stock will cover only about one-third of the loss.

Smallpox in Quebec.

QUEBEC, Feb. 25.—Twenty-three cases of smallpox are reported in Kingsey. An energetic effort is being made to stamp out the epidemic, which is spreading through the townships, causing much alarm. The outbreak occurred among a gang of shantymen, a teamster from Kingsey being the first case.

The Woman Who Works.

Whose fault is it that the woman works? If it be a crime or a wrong, she is guiltless, for man's laws say she must not take her own life, and her only choice is between that or engaging in gainful occupation. The persistency with which men critics insist upon regarding the woman wage earner as an inexplicable problem is a discreditable reflection on their common sense. Since the worker is everywhere in evidence there is no difficulty in observing many varieties of her. The majority of woman wage earners give every indication of being the victims of adverse circumstances, and only the craziest imaginations could conceive that millions of women would voluntarily toil in mills and offices through summer's blistering heat, when trees and field flower, woods and seas seductively beckon to holiday making, or that in the bitter weather of midwinter they would brave the terrors of blizzard for a less vital reason than to keep body and soul together.—*Chicago News.*

Pains in the Back and Headache

Were entirely cured and health greatly improved by Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills.

Mrs. L. . . . , 193 Cross St., Charlottetown, P.E.I., and whose husband is a contractor, states:—"I had suffered a great deal with pains in the small of the back, my digestion was bad, and I was frequently troubled with spells of racking headache. I have been entirely cured of these distressing symptoms by the use of Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills and find that my general health is greatly improved since I have been using them.

"I can also testify to the merit of Dr. Chase's Syrup of Linseed and Turpentine as I was cured of a severe attack of bronchitis by the use of this remedy."

Mrs. Larter

Pains in the small of the back are an unmistakable symptom of kidney disease, and should be sufficient warning of the approach of this dreadfully painful and fatal ailment. There is no treatment so prompt to bring relief and so sure to lastingly benefit, as Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers, or Edmanson, Bates and Co., Toronto.

Sold by E. Jenner and H. R. Jones

More Warships for England.

NEW YORK, Feb. 25—A correspondent telegraphs from Valparaiso, Chili:—*La Union*, a clerical paper, confirms the rumors, saying negotiation are being carried on for the sale of more warships to England, adding that all is now ready but the agreement on the price. The highest chiefs in the navy confirmed the rumor, according to the correspondent.

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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School 2.30 p. m. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month at 11 a. m. second, fourth and fifth Sundays. 8a. m. fifth Sunday, children's service at 11 a. m. All seats free. REV. H. A. HARRY M. A. Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath. Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p. m. Wednesday general prayer meeting at 7.30 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 p. m. Visitors always welcome. Pews free. Attendance REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bear View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services. REV. GEO. WOOD, Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7 o'c. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. A. D. HIGGINS, Pastor.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching service 11.30 a. m. and 7.30 p. m. Thursday, general prayer meeting at 8 p. m. A morning school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DAVOR, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hallevery Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. E. L. JONES, N. G.; GEO. H. PARKER, P. G., R.S.

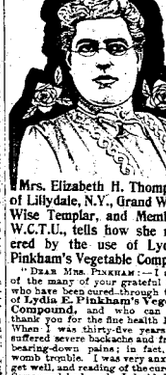
A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 81 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brethren always welcome. H. L. DENNISON, W. M. J. M. WINCHESTER, Secretary.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall the second and fourth Tuesdays 8 p. m. W. J. HAYDEN, C. R. J. A. LE BLANC, REC. SEC.

C. O. F.—Court Sea View, No. 773, meets in I. O. O. F. hall the 1st Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. H. BURNHAM, F. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall the 1st and third Mondays 7 p. m. every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. JOHN E. BRYANT, M. W.; H. B. CHESHIRE, Rec.

DIGBY CORNET BAND—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months. Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m. Tuesday, Young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p.m. Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendance at above dates. Any young fellow desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. FRANCIS R. CHAMBERS, Band master.



Mrs. Elizabeth H. Thompson, of Lillydale, N.Y., Grand Worthy Wise Templar, and Member of W.C.T.U., tells how she recovered by the use of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

"DEAR MRS. PINKHAM:—I am one of the many of your grateful friends who have been cured through the use of **Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound**, and who can say thank you for the fine health I enjoy. When I was thirty-five years old, I suffered severe backache and frequent bearing-down pains; in fact, I had womb trouble. I was very anxious to get well, and reading of the cures your Compound had made, I decided to try it. I took only six bottles, but it built me up and cured me entirely of my troubles.

"My family and relatives were naturally as gratified as I was. My niece had heart trouble and nervous prostration, and was considered incurable. She took your Vegetable Compound and it cured her in a short time, and she became well and strong, and her home to her great joy and her husband's delight was blessed with a baby. I know of a number of others who have been cured of different kinds of female trouble, and am satisfied that your Compound is the best medicine for sick women." Mrs. ELIZABETH H. THOMPSON, Box 105, Lillydale, N.Y.—*$5000 forfeit if original of above letter proving genuine cannot be produced.*

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Only a Year

One year ago—a ringing voice.
A clear blue eye.
And clustering curls of sunny hair,
Too fair to die.

Only a year—no voice, no smile,
No glance of eye.
No clustering curls of golden hair,
Fair, but to die.

One year ago—what loves, what schemes
Came into life!
What joyous hopes, what high resolves,
Stirred the young heart!

The silent picture on the wall,
The burial stone,
Of all that beauty, life and joy,
Remain alone.

One year, one year, one little year,
And so much gone;
And yet the even flow of life,
Moves calmly on.

The grave grows green, the flowers bloom fair,
Men rail bad;
No sorrowing list of leaf or spray,
Says he is dead.

No pause or hush of merry birds,
That sang above,
Tell us how coldly sleeps below,
The form we love.

Where hast thou been this year beloved?
What hast thou seen?
What visions fair, what glorious life,
Where thou hast been?

The veil! the veil! so thin, so strong,
Twixt us and thee,
The mystic veil, when shall it fall
That we may see?

Not dead, not sleeping, not even gone,
But present still;
And waiting for the coming hour,
Of God's sweet will.

Lost of the living and the dead,
Our Savior dear:
We lay in silence at Thy feet,
This sad, sad year.

—*Harriett B. Stowe.*

Outside the Fast Express

The bell on the desk of the General Manager of the District Messenger Service tapped sharply, and Frank Selden presented himself with his customary promptness. It was his turn to respond to the next call for a messenger boy.

"Brown & Cheney, 211 Dover, want to send a rush message to Patterson," said the manager, half-apologetically. "We don't like to send our boys outside the city, but once in a while we make an exception in favor of an old and regular customer. Are you willing to carry this message to Patterson, Frank?"

"Certainly, sir," replied the boy.

"You'll not lose anything by it," said the manager, catching up a railroad time-table. "Here's a mileage book over the C. O. & J. Now let's see what's the first train you can catch. Eleven-five—that gone. Eleven-fifty—vestibuled express, first stop at Patterson. Well, it's a question whether you can get that, but you'd better try. Brown & Cheney's is right on the way to the station. You can stop there for the message, and then catch the first depot car that comes along. If you don't make the express, you'll have to wait for the next train, a local, that leaves at one o'clock. Here's some change for car fare. Now off with you!"

Frank snatched his cap from the wall, and bounded down the steps of the District Messenger building. It was only a short distance to Brown & Cheney's office, and he knew it would hardly be worth while to wait for a car to carry him there, especially since the street was crowded, and the electrics were making their way very slowly through the press. He dodged in and out, now on the sidewalk and now in the roadway, darting between teams, slipping under the elbows of pedestrians, worming, squeezing, begging his way through the crowd, as a messenger boy does when he is conscientious and in a real hurry.

He reached the office of Brown & Cheney at just eleven-twenty-five o'clock. The head of the firm was expecting him, and had the packet ready for delivery at Patterson.

"Catch that eleven-fifty express if you can, my boy," he said. "It's important that this packet should be delivered before two o'clock."

"Yes, sir," replied Frank, already panting from his race to Brown & Cheney's office. He put the packet into his inside pocket, darted into the street and was fortunate enough to catch a flying car which was passing at the moment. He sank down with a sigh of relief, as the car rolled forward at a fair rate of speed. "When are you due at the station?" he asked, as the conductor came to take up his fare.

"Eleven-forty-three," was the reply.

"Are you on time now?" asked the boy.

"Yes."

Frank settled back in the corner of the cushioned seat for a few minutes' rest. For the past week he had been working very hard, both for his employers and at home, where his mother was lying seriously ill. Frank's sister, Susie, took sole care of the invalid, while Frank earned the money that kept the little household going, for his father being dead, Mrs. Selden had to have a watcher both day and night, as a sinking spell might come on at any time. Frank relieved Susie from duty every evening, immediately on reaching home, while Susie went to bed and slept until eleven, when she returned to her post for the night. Frank would rise at six in the morning, get breakfast, run out to make the few necessary purchases for the family, and then hurry to his work. It was a hard routine for both the young people, but they would gladly have spent themselves even more for their dear mother's sake

Frank had almost dropped into a doze when the car on which he was riding slowed down, crawled along for a few rods, and then stopped. The conductor went out on the forward platform, and Frank followed him.

"What's the matter?" asked the boy. "A blockade?"

The conductor nodded his head. The vestibuled express would leave in ten minutes.

"Well, I must run for it!" thought Frank; and he sped along the line of electrics stalled in front. A heavy dray had broken down on the track, and a score of men were helplessly looking at it. Frank could not help smiling, vexed and anxious though he was, at the familiar sight. "Wonder if they think they can stare it off the track?" he muttered.

A minute or two later he darted around the corner of the next street, where the car tracks made a sharp bend, and the big Union Station loomed up before him. The clock over the entrance indicated 11:45. "I'm afraid I can't make the platform in five minutes," thought Frank. He ran on steadily, saving himself for the final spurt which he knew must come.

It was forty-nine minutes past eleven when he reached the doors of the great waiting-room of the Union Station. He was on the platform, from which all the east-bound expresses started, was a good two-minute run for an active boy, even when the coast was clear. But to day as usual, hundreds of people were swarming to and fro in the great terminal station, coming from their trains and hastening to them, and Frank knew that his final spurt must be an obstruction-race as well. But natural agility and long practice had made an expert dodger, and he zigzagged and twisted on his way through the crowd like a streak of lightning in uniform.

He reached the gate at the head of the long southern platform just as the colored porters of the parlor-cars attached to the vestibuled express were gathering up their little footstools and climbing aboard. He threw the last remaining ounce of his endurance into a wild rush for the last car, caught the hand-rail, and dragged himself on to the lower step just as the door was snapped to by someone unseen within. Frank clung, thinking the one within would see him and throw back the door. The train moved faster and faster. The car was too late for him to drop off, the train was going too fast for that. Frank had never traveled on a vestibuled train, and did not realize that, when closed for a long run, the cars were like a great sealed cylinder hurling itself through space. He tried frantically to open the door of the vestibule but it was firmly fastened. He pounded on it with one clenched hand, hanging to the hand-rail with the other; but no one heard or heeded, for the brakeman who had closed the rear vestibule had gone forward, and would not return until it was time to open the doors for the next stopping-place. Frank shouted at the top of his voice, but who would be likely to hear above the increasing roar of the train, which was now speeding rapidly between high walls of masonry in the up-town section of the city!

The boy was already exhausted and breathless from his long run to catch the train; and a sense of great peril almost unnerved him, when he found how hard it was to cling to his narrow foothold on the lower step with brain reeling and rocking, and the wind and dust beating fiercely against him. He remembered that Patterson was the first stop for the vestibuled express—and Patterson was twenty five miles away! Could he hang on for twenty-five wild, rattling, breath snatching miles!

His head swam, his knees trembled under him, and his breath came in short gasps. To leap off meant almost certain death. His only hope seemed to lie in somebody's seeing him and telegraphing ahead to flag the train at one of the nearer stations. But who would be sufficiently interested in a mere boy to do that?

The helpless lad bowed his head in an agonized prayer—"O God, for mother's sake—my mother needs me so." Again and again the words were wrung from him. Then he grew calmer. A thought had come to him. The window of his mother's little flat looked out upon the train each day as it passed. And it was near a curve, where every train slacked its speed a little. Oh, if only his sister should be looking out! It seemed his only chance—that Susie might see him as she sat by their mother's bedside as the train passed! She must surely see him. He was on the side next to the window. She would know his peril, and would certainly do something to rescue him. "Oh, God! let Susie see me! Let Susie see me!" was his cry. And then he turned his white, pleading face over his shoulder, and tried to look up at the windows of the houses past which the train was thundering.

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Susie Selden was sitting by the window gazing out, as the limited express slowed up slightly, then wound its way over the shed tracks. She gave a cry. She had caught sight of a boy in the District Messenger Service, clinging and swaying, with upturned face, at the rear of the tightly closed train. The next moment she was gone. But oh—yes, it' was Frank! She gave a cry, stifled it quickly, that her mother might not hear, then ran from the room and went speeding toward the telephone office at the corner. As soon as she made her errand plain, a message went flying to the Union Station: "Have the 11:50 vestibuled express flagged at the next station. A messenger boy has been shut outside the vestibule and is clinging for life," it ran.

This was not merely a request made of a great corporation. It was the cry of a human heart to other human hearts; and, say what we will of the soullessness of corporations, they are seldom heedless or heartless when life is in peril. You can stop a rushing "liner" in mid-ocean, or the complicated machinery of a great factory, or a limited express speeding across a continent, by that one cry of human life in peril.

So, no sooner did the message reach the Superintendent's office of the O. & J., at the Union Station, then he sprang from his desk and hastened to the train despatcher. "Wire Warrenton to flag No. 57," he ordered. No. 57 was the vestibuled express, which, according to its time-schedule, should be at Warrenton about three miles west of the small station of Warrenton.

The dispatch went humming over the wires, and reached the operator at Warrenton just in time for him to jump from his instrument and do the work asked of him.

The engineer of the express caught sight of the unexpected flag on the Warrenton depot, and applied the air-brakes so suddenly that the thundering express stopped within less than its length. As it came to a standstill, a small figure dropped in an unconscious heap upon the platform of the rear car.

Frank Selden was saved! saved by the prompt action and heroic self control of his sister, saved by the human kindness of the controlling spirit of a great railroad system; saved, most truly of all, by that agonized prayer, heard and answered by One whose power is greater than man's.

He was carried into the parlor car and laid on a couch, and a physician, who was on board the train, added the kindly tribute of his skill for the benefit of the overtaken lad.

On the train's arrival at Patterson—for it arrived late—Frank's first act was to send a dispatch, which he had already written, to his sister:

"Safe. Will return by 2:30 train."

Then he hastened to perform the duty upon which he had been sent, delivering the packet from Brown & Cheney at the address indicated. The most terrible experience of his life, so far, was a thing of the past. But that prayer on the outside of the flying train, and its marvelous answer, was something whose impression and moral effect would never pass from the boy's heart.—*James Buckham in Young People's Weekly.*

SKATES AND SKATERS.

Skates of Days Gone by—Types of Modern Skates.

THE KNIFE-EDGED STEEL RUNNER OF TO-DAY HAD ITS GENESIS IN A CRUDE PIECE OF BONE—INVENTION OF THE CLAMP—EVOLUTION IN THE GOODS REQUIRED BY THE DEVOTEE OF THE ICE.

Skating as a competitive sport or as a mere go-as-you-please pastime is always popular. There is never a time when the long winter days have swung round that young Canada (and old Canada, too) is not anxious to go out on lakes, ponds and rivers to glide here and there on the glistening steel blades. The great popularity of ice sports, in fact, has made the manufacture of skates a prominent line of business which has expanded fortunately.

The development of the skate from a piece of crude bone tied to the shoe to a supurb sharp edged steel runner of today has been a gradual process and one interesting in the extreme. To do it justice would require nothing short of a book.

Skating, say the men who deal in skates and skating shoes, tippets and other things which skaters require, has taken a decided upward turn in the last few years. There has been a greater demand for skating goods since 1895 than ever before, and the dealers are rubbing their hands with satisfaction as they look forward, to weeks of zero weather. Skates were never before so cheap. Fifteen years ago the boy who had a pair of "bobs" skates, which fastened with the magic clamp and had none of the heartbreaks of heel plates and toe straps, was looked upon with veneration and awe by his comrades. The skates came high; and most of the boys had to content themselves with looking at them through the windows of the stores. Now the strap skate is long since banished, and the "full club" skate can be bought for 25 cents a pair. Of course the dealers do not recommend the quarter skates to be full tempered steel, but they have the patent attachment for heel and toe, and that satisfies the average small boy.

This year the sporting goods houses are showing a more complete line of the so called racing skates than ever before. Year after year those who go in for the sport have observed that the fast fellows, the racers who break records, wore long, thin bladed skates, some running as high as eighteen or twenty inches in length. These were gradually taken up by the skaters who had no desire to go out after records, but who wanted to be in the swim, and now they are quite the thing. Most of them have the old fashioned wooden foot plate, and many of them begin with wooden ones, as do the skates of the little boys in Holland. The old wooden "rocker" skate is even seen in the displays and stands the test of years very well in competition with the swell looking etched steel skates of later pattern.

Those sustainable persons who cling to the practice of beginning at the beginning and who love to dive into the origin of things are pleased to derive the modern ice skate from the ancient Scandinavian snowshoe, composed of two strips of wood nearly resembling in form the runners of a modern sleigh. Tranformed from snow to polished ice, they have grown closer and closer together. By turns bone has been substituted for wood and iron for bone until at last the widely separated wooden runners have fused into a single skate iron, which by the way, is made of steel.

Roach Smith exhibited to the London Society of Antiquaries in 1841 a specimen of an ancient skate formed of the bone of some animal, presumably a deer, which had been worn smooth on one side from friction. There was a hole at one extremity for a cord by which to fasten it to the foot. A cavity drilled horizontally at the other end to a depth of three inches might have been used to receive a plug with another cord to secure it more effectually. There is no way of telling to what age or people these belong or whether they were made before or after the introduction of iron.

Inventers were a long time perfecting a skate that was really a comfort to wear even after the introduction of single blades, and the devotee of this royal outdoor sport who is used to clamping on his skates with a single movement doesn't know how lucky he is that he wasn't born fifty years ago until he looks back over the past and sees or resurrects a pair of antemediaval skates and attempts to fit them to his feet. They were not all alike There were almost as many styles from which to select as there are now, but most of them were fitted with a half dozen straps which crossed and recrossed the foot like the fastenings of an old time sandal and which never failed to stop the circulation of the blood, not to say anything about the wear and tear on patients in lacing them tight enough to prevent the skate turning and giving the wearer's vanity a bump.

The first clamp skate made its appearance in 1853, but it didn't create any great stir among the strapped and wooden plugs then used as fastenings. The blade of this skate took on a more modern shape, and the rest for the foot was, for the first time, made entirely of metal. A pocket at the front end, in which the toe of the shoe was inserted, formed the only fastening for the front, while the screw clamp at the heel pressed the foot forward and held the back of the skate in position.

It is generally believed that roller skates are a recent invention, but more than 130 years ago there were attempts made to ignore King Frost and skate on boards.

The first effort of this kind was by Joseph Merlin, a native of the city of Huy, Belgium. He went to England with the Spanish ambassador in 1760. It is related of him that at one time he put on these skates, took a violin and attended a masquerade. The skates, which were not made to turn and had no contrivance by which they could be stopped, got contrary during the evening and ran him through a mirror costing $2000, smashing the violin and wounding him severely.

In 1819 roller skates were brought to the attention of the public through the patent office.

STORY OF THE JOSIE.

Tale of Distress and Hardship Told by Mariners at Weymouth.

IT IS NOT A FREQUENT OCCURENCE FOR A WHOLE CREW TO SURVIVE THE PERILS OF THE WINTRY SEA UNDER SIMILAR CIRCUMSTANCES—IN ASAULNIER RESCUED FROM A WATERY GRAVE.

A despatch to the Halifax *Herald* says: The crew of the wrecked schooner Josie, of Weymouth, have returned home. Interviewed by your correspondent, they told a story of perils by the wintry sea, and hardships endured, in which it is not frequent for a whole crew to survive.

The Josie, 140 tons, owned by St. Clair Jones, of Weymouth, sailed from that place on the 15th February for Barbados, loaded with lumber and potatoes, shipped by her owner. She had on a large deck load, which during the brief voyage was to prove an ungracious neighbor towards some of the crew. With Captain W. E. Wyman, of Westport, were Robert Hankinson, mate, Charles Blaney, cook, and seamen, Ira Saulnier, Charles Manzer, Philip Comeau, all of Digby county, and a colored man, who belonged in Barbados.

The favorable wind with which the Josie sailed out of the bay rose on the 16th a gale, and on the 17th was accompanied by a heavy sea. Towards evening a sudden shock was felt as the vessel plunged into a trough of the sea, and the captain immediately ordered the pumps sounded. No water was reported, but on going to his cabin about an hour later Captain Wyman was alarmed to find the floor awash.

COULD NOT KEEP HER CLEAR.

The pumps were again sounded, and it was found the Josie was making water so fast that the pumps would be incapable of keeping her clear. However an effort was made and the men toiled at the pumps until exhausted, but despite their utmost efforts it shipped heavily waterlogged, and but for her buoyant cargo, would have gone to the bottom. As it was her decks were on a level with the sea, and she was constantly swept by the icy waves, which quickly carried off her bulwarks. Struck by some of the pieces of timber the colored man was seriously injured, sustaining a broken limb and internal injuries and others of the crew received hurts more or less severe.

The position of the crew was now desperate, the cold was intense, the crew were constantly swept by seas; they were unable to get food or water; their clothing drenched through and through with blistering salt water, became iced up to such an extent that it required almost almost impossible, and it was with the greatest difficulty they retained their hold on the rigging, to which they had secured themselves. When all were in a most exhausted condition from cold and hunger, one of the crew, Ira Saulnier, was carried overboard by a wave, which broke over them as their vessel lunged into the trough of the sea. For almost ten minutes the courageous and sturdy fellow kept himself up swimming, and when almost drowned by dying spray and chilled to the bone, he was brought by a swirl of the eddies around the schooner sufficiently close to be rescued by his mates. After this the crew lashed themselves to whatever would afford the greatest security, and patiently waited for rescue, which seemed unlikely, otherwise for death, which appeared to be very near.

IN HELPLESS CONDITION FOR TWO DAYS.

So the time passed, and for two days and nights they were helpless in the swing of the sea, but at the end of the second day, when almost blind, famished and frozen, a steamer was sighted which proved to be the Queenmore, of and from Liverpool for Baltimore, which, noting their signals of distress, lay to and launched her boat. They were unable to come near enough to the Josie, however, to take off the crew, as the sea was too rough, so the little battered vessel's boat was got overl oard by the Josie's crew and from it they were taken by their rescuers.

Captain Wyman and his crew speak in the highest terms of the treatment he and his crew received at the hands of the officers of the steamer Queenmore, which landed them at Baltimore, where the colored seaman was left in hospital. George Wyman thinks his vessel must have struck some submerged wreckage or a huge stick of timber, which caused the damage to the schooner's bottom. The Josie hitherto had been one of the most fortunate vessels from this county, making much money for her owners, and never before having had a mishap which occasioned serious loss.

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, March 11, 1904.

—The steadiest winter that man can remember seems at last to have broken. There is no slayer of weather wonders like the meteorological record keeper. The weather is always something entirely new and unheard of until the cruel tabulator steps in to tell that every second or third season during the recent past has equalled, if not outdone, the present one in the particular peculiarity for which it was to be remembered for all time. This winter, which has kept up its zero conditions almost without break since Christmas, was to be the record-breaker for cold, but an officer of the United States Meteorological Bureau, Dr. Clarke, of New York, says that, when the mean averages are ascertained, it will probably be found that the winter of 1903-4 has not been much colder, on the whole, than many other winters within recent years. At times this winter, he admits that, from Greenland to New York harbor, eastern America was in the grip of the ice age as never before during the memory of the living. It is natural that apprehension should be expressed that the climate of these latitudes is actually growing colder. But Dr. Clarke thinks we are living in the tapering off of the ice age, and he permits us to hope that in about a thousand years there will be warmer weather in these regions, both in winter and summer. That process would gradually make Canada take the place of the United States as the belt best adapted to human habitation. Meantime, we, who are but short life tenants, had better continue to make the usual provisions of fuel and clothing, as there is little likelihood that the winters will be less severe during our tenancy, and Mr Blackman, of McGill University, does not think the weather will be any warmer a thousand years hence than now. He informs us that the average temperature of the present winter has been lower than that of any winter in recent years; also, that the average temperature for the whole of 1903 has been practically the same as that of previous years.

The Montreal *Witness* says: The Russians seem to have got them a great financier at last for their finance minister. He starts out by showing the Russians that the expenses of the war will in many ways be nil inasmuch as the money will be spent in Russia and not all over the earth, as in the case of Great Britain's Boer war. M Kokovzev does not seem to see that a dead horse is a lost horse, no matter where it was bought. If war profits are going it is of course to the advantage of Russia that those profits should be made by Russians. But so far as the real value of the horse is concerned it is positively no difference to Russia where he was born so long as Russia loses him. It is not likely that there will be war profits or any profits to the raisers of the horses if these are bought in Russia. These are more likely to be losses as Russia can make her own terns with her subjects. All the same, if the horses are used up, Russia loses them. And so for all the other items of cost which this new working finance minister proposes to nullify with the protectionist fallacy that money kept in the country is saved.

Annual Meeting of the Intercolonial Club

The Intercolonial Club of Boston, the members of which are former residents of the Maritime Provinces, now living in Boston, are about to build a large and well equipped Club House in Roxbury for the accommodation of its members. The organization is in a prosperous condition and promises to become one of the most representative of Canadian Clubs in Boston.

On the 23rd February ult. the stockholders held their annual meeting and elected the following Board of Directors for the following year, President, John A. Campbell; 1st Vice-President, A. C. Chisholm; 2nd Vice-President, Joseph Fortune; Treasurer, W. J. O'Donnell; Clerk, D. J. Chisholm; Executive Committee, Neil McNeil, Henry J. Cunningham, D. A. McDonald, T. E. Johns, and H. J. Smith.

Perished in the Woods

Miss Margaret Hopkins, a maiden lady of 78 years, who lived alone about three miles from Port Medway, went into the latter village last Thursday and returned homewards in the afternoon. When about half way from her house she left the main road intending to lessen the distance by taking a wood road, being thoroughly familiar with the entire district. She was not missed until Friday, and not until Saturday were inquiries made. She was last seen by three young men going along a path in the opposite direction from her home. Late in the afternoon the body was found about a mile and a half in the forest. The impression prevails that she became exhausted with the tramp and sitting down to rest became chilled to death.

The Late Prof Welton

Professor Welton of McMaster University, one of the chiefest members of the staff, was a singularly attractive gentleman, apart from his other admirable qualifications for his calling. He came to Toronto from Nova Scotia over twenty years ago, when after the establishment of the Toronto Baptist College in 1881, its theological faculty was enlarged by the amalgamation of Acadia College with it. Dr. Welton was since 1883 a resident of Toronto, and in spite of his unassuming manner and retiring disposition, he took a deep and intelligent interest in the progress of the City of his adoption.—*Toronto Globe.*

Death of Edmund Bent

The death occured at Bear River on the 28th February of Mr. Edmund Bent, aged 79 years. He was a native of Bellisle, Annapolis Co., and removed to Bear River over half a century ago, where he built up a fine business as carriage builder. He leaves a widow, who was Miss Eleanor Douglas, of West George; two sons—W. J. and Bernard—who carry on business in Bear River. He was a member of the Methodist church and was a valued citizen.

Long Distance Horse Race

A long distance horse race will take place next week, the course being from North Sydney to Sydney. The distance is nearly six miles and the horse reaching the shore in Sydney first will be awarded a handsome harness, put up by E. LeRoy Willis.

Good-Bye!

The Hartland, N. B., *Advertiser* announces that it has suspended publication until its delinquent subscribers pay up.

Fire in Halifax

Halifax had a $45,000 fire on Friday night and Saturday morning. Patrick Shelley, a stevedore, German fell dead while running to the fire.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—The Sunday services in the Sydney Street Christian Church have been changed to morning and evening instead of afternoon and evening. The latter service begins at 7 o'clock instead of 7.30.

—Those who attended the 15 cent Conundrum Tea in the Methodist Hall Friday evening report a pleasant entertainment. The receipts amounted to over $12.00.

—Wednesday's cold weather reminded us that winter has not left.

—Our leading summer hotels are sending out a large quantity of advertising matter and are already receiving numerous applications for the summer months.

—It we can succeed in obtaining direct steamship service with Boston, the summer of 1904 will probably prove a very profitable tourist season.

—Work is progressing rapidly, considering the stormy weather, on the new steamer being built in Shelburne for the Bridgetown, Annapolis, Granville, Digby and St. John route.

—The special meetings are still running in the Sydney St. Christian church.

—A very large audience greeted the preacher and singers last Sunday evening.

—Rev. Mr. Pickles, will preach in the Methodist Church next Sunday, both morning and evening.

—A meeting of the Digby and Bear River District Sunday School Convention will be held in Bear River, Wednesday, April 6th.

—The wrecked schr. Gladys which for many years has been ashore on the Annapolis side of the Racquette, floated early Friday morning and was driven across to the north side.

—There were no services in the Methodist church last Sunday, owing to the illness of the late Mrs. F. W. Pickles, an account of whose death appears in this issue.

—Mr. T. H. Gilliatt, of Worcester, Mass., has contributed a long article to the Worcester *Spy*, containing a lengthy report of the Maritime Provincial Reformed Baptist Union, which has become a regular annual feature in that city.

—Mr. Harry Campbell has our thanks for the forty-sixth annual report of the Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Halifax.

—Our sleighing has disappeared and wheels are again seen on our streets.

—The winter of 1904 will be remembered for its long period of good sleighing.

—Will any of our capitalists, builders or contractors, or any body else, erect a number of cheap cottages in our town this spring?

—It is impossible at present to find a cottage to let.

—One of our citizens, it is said, will be compelled to move his family to Annapolis, having been unable to obtain a house here.

—We cannot afford to lose desirable residents in this way.

K. O. T. M.

A correspondent writes: Mayflower Tent, No. 15, Knights of the Maccabees, was organized at Marysburgh, Feb. 29th, by A. A. Daniels, Prov. Com., with a large list of the leading men of the town and a large order of the K. O. T. M. will soon be found in this grand old town.

See View Tent, No. 16, Knights of the Maccabees, was organized at Port Maitland on March 9th with a charter of twenty-seven of the best men of the thriving little village. This Tent cannot help but grow and be a great success under the leadership of a commander like Mr. E. H. Porter.

The K. O. T. M. have had sixteen new Tents in Nova Scotia in less than ten months with a gain of over five hundred new members. Note the growth of the order for the last two years: 1902, seventy-four thousand new members, 1903, ninety-two thousand new members, and 1904 has begun with over fourteen thousand new members for January and February. During the year 1903 the order paved to widows and orphans over two and one half millions of dollars and added over one million to their guarantee fund. Who would not be a bee?

A Marvel of Speed

We copy the following from the *American Horse Breeder*: "Horsemen of Nova Scotia have improved their trotting stock greatly during the past few years. Mr. L. D. Morton of Digby, that Province, has a very promising trotting colt registered as Maid King 27817, of which a correspondent from that section writes: He is entered in $54,500 worth of stakes, including the *American Horse Breeder's* Futurity for foals of 1903. The foals of 1903 May King (2.23), out of Milnocket Maid; she by R. T. M., son of Sable Wilkes (2.18); second dam, Mon Breton, by Sir Brenton, son of Grand Sentinel; third dam, Old Milnocket Maid, by Eastern Boy, son of Sam Knox; fourth dam, Shoo Fly, by Rising Sun. This youngster is ten months old, stands 14.1 hands high, and is as handsome as they make them, and a marvel of speed for his age, and does pacing fast too. We congratulate Mr. Morton on his good fortune and hope that Maid King may prove another Bingen (2.09)."

Horses Frozen to Death

A team of horses attached to a coach which had been left standing in front of Short's livery stable on Union Street, St. John, on Thursday morning, mysteriously disappeared. The two horses were found about nine o'clock on Saturday, frozen to death, about a mile past Michaud's, on Golden Grove Road, in the middle of the road. The discovery was made by a man who went into the bushes for a load of wood. The coach was not broken, except the pole. The supposition is that the horses were driven out there by the man who took them and then turned loose, and that they went through the woods, cutting themselves badly, and falling down from exhaustion, frozen to death. The outfit was valued at $600 by Mr. Short.

A New Ferry at Last

The board of works met at St. John on Friday afternoon, and awarded to James Fleming the contract to build a new ferry steamer according to the plans and specifications of naval architect MacLean, of New York, for the sum of $80,000, the steamer to be completed in nine months. The Union Foundry and Machine Works offered to do the work for $85,000. The lowest of the previous tenders was over $82,000.

Brought Suit Against G. S. R.

The Cosmos Cotton Co., of Yarmouth, N. S., has brought suit against the Alabama Great Southern railway for $10,000 damages on account of failure to deliver the amount of cotton contracted for. The Yarmouth company paid $3,400 for 52,000 pounds of cotton on full bales. The shortage was due to the rapid rise in cotton and the oversselling of the market.

Will Try Granite

The steamer Lady Laurier sailed from Halifax for Yarmouth at two o'clock Wednesday afternoon. There she will take the lighship Larcher in tow and moor it on the shoals. The Lurcher will be moored with three large granite blocks. Mr. Hutchins, Inspector of Lights, went down on the Lady Laurier to superintend the work.

Public Meeting

A meeting of the ratepayers of the town of Digby was held at the Town House in Digby at 8 o'clock Monday evening, March 7th, for the purpose of deciding as to the means of providing for re-payment of the sum of $5,000, borrowed by the town the year 1895 from George Lynch, which said loan will mature next year.

The Mayor, upon motion, took the chair, and after the reading of the notice calling the meeting, explained the desirability of having it understood how this money was to be raised, in plenty of time, so the town might be prepared to meet the loan promptly when it fell due. He would favour debuting the matter of such a year as a sinking fund, and in 1905 borrowing $3,000 for six years and paying it by instalments of $500 annually, or by a sinking fund of that amount.

Ex-Mayor Orbin Sproule said that considerable had arisen through deficiencies in the assessment in the early days of incorporation, and also because the school buildings had cost over $1000 more than the amount borrowed for its construction. When in debating the question he favored providing a sinking fund; and $1000 was now available for that purpose. He thought it best to continue the same way until the debt matured in 1905, and then borrow the remaining $2000. He therefore moved the following resolution.

Whereas the sum of $5,000, borrowed by the Town of Digby in the year 1895 from George Lynch, will mature and be payable on the 23rd day of July 1905, and

Whereas the sum of $1,000 has been provided by the town council by assessment in the years 1903 and 1904 as a sinking fund towards payment of such loan and it is necessary to raise the further sum of $1,000, to provide for the retirement of said loan when the same matures,

Resolved, that the town council of the town of Digby be, and they are hereby authorized to add the amount so raised by assessment in the said town during the years 1903 and 1904 such sums as they deem proper, not being in either of said years less than $500, towards said sinking fund, together with the amount so annually required as interest on said $5,000, further,

Resolved, that the town council of the town of Digby be, and they are hereby authorized to borrow the said $1,000 for the said purpose, money not exceeding $1,000 at such time, in such manner, and at such rate of interest not exceeding 5% and repayable at such time or times, and sinking fund or instalments as they shall determine, for the purpose of retiring the said loan of $5,000.

Mr. J. L. Peters fully concurred in the resolution. He thought it the best way of dealing with the matter. The loan could be paid off in that way without raising the rate.

Ex-Mayor Sproule said if there were nothing further to be said on the subject he would put the question.

The resolution then passed unanimously.

Mr. H. G. Turnbull asked when the liability had been incurred? The Mayor said in the early days of incorporation, through over expenditure on the new school building, and not assessing sufficiently well up to meet the annual expenditures.

The meeting, upon motion, adjourned.

Wedding Bells

COVERT—CLARKE.

On Tuesday evening last the residence of Mr and Mrs. Albert K. Clarke, Woodville, N. S., was the scene of a very pretty wedding when their only daughter, Minnie A., was united in the bonds of matrimony to Arthur Archibald M. Covert, M. D., son of the late W. S. Covert, Digby. The bride who was unattended looked very pretty in white trimmed with silk applique and chiffon, and wore the conventional veil. The groom was also unattended. The happy couple standing under a bell and arch of evergreens which were gaily trimmed with Union Jacks, were made one by the Rev. M. P. Freeman. A large number of ornamental and useful presents testified to the esteem in which the newly married couple were held, the groom's gift to the bride being a purse of money. Mr. and Mrs. Covert will visit Boston and New York during their honeymoon trip, and expect to be gone about a fortnight, when they will reside at Lakeville, N. S.—*Western Chronicle.*

Last Week's Storm

Two houses were struck in Digby county last week's electric storm. Thos. Woodworth's house in Rossway and Dr. Frank Rice's at Sandy Cove. The former had a corner knocked off and other slight damages. Dr. Rice's house was struck about 8.30 Thursday evening. The lightning entered the roof near one of the chimneys, making a hole about 10x2 feet. It then passed along the roof of the piazza and into the ground. The house was soon on fire but the flames were extinguished without much difficulty. Owing to the heavy rain storm the fire did not gain much headway. The loss on Dr. Rice's house is covered by insurance. Mr. Woodworth's property was not insured.

Enough Said

The Yarmouth *Herald* whose job department is second to none in western Nova Scotia, reprints our item of last week in reference to the Truro man looking for job work, and adds the following: "We understand that there was a drummer" in Yarmouth last week soliciting orders for job printing. He found times very good here, so he said, as he had received large increases in his orders. If this is the case, and we believe it to be true, the merchants should forever after hold their peace because some parties send away to Eaton's or to Boston for goods. The printers in Yarmouth can supply all the job printing requisites for a song at this size and at as reasonable rates as the merchants can supply their goods. Enough said."

The Farmer's Handy Book

The Farmer's Handy Book for 1904, issued in connection with the *Farming World*, Toronto, has just reached us. The book is a neatly bound, attractive volume, containing 256 pages of reading matter. On every one of these pages something of vital interest to a farmer may be found, no matter what special branch of agriculture he may be pursuing. The sections devoted to the Soil, Dairying, Live Stock, Poultry Raising and the Orchard, are particularly practical and interesting, and adapted to present requirements. Every farmer should have this book near to reference at all times. It is so well indexed that no time need be lost in looking for the information contained in the work.

A Good Entertainment

A number of members of St. George Lodge, I. O. O. F., intend giving an entertainment in their hall in the near future, the exact date of which has not been decided. It will be known as the "Wisdom of the Ages, or the Initiation of Candidate." It will be a good and innocent fun which will no doubt be enjoyed. Advertising matter will be issued later.

A Valuable Catch

The Yarmouth *Herald* says:—Mr. Forman Gavel, of Gavelton, brought to town on Wednesday of last week four salmon that weighed 42 pounds. He disposed of them for $42 cash on the spot, and they were shipped to Boston the same day.

Sold Two Boats

An exchange says: The Eastern steamship Co. has sold two of its boats, the St. Croix and the State of Maine, the former to the Pacific Coast S. S. Co., and the latter to the Joy line.

Killed in Boston

A man named Amero, who was formerly a brakeman on the D. A. R., was accidently killed in Boston this week. His remains arrived in Yarmouth Wednesday morning.

—Dunn's Hams and Bacon at Central Meat Market. 28 ii

The Late Mrs. Geo. Grant

(Yarmouth Herald.)

Letters received by relatives from Capt. George Grant last week settled all doubt and conflicting rumors concerning his wife's death, which occurred very suddenly, as she had been in fairly good health during the voyage until a few days previous, when she complained of not feeling well. On that account she retired early one night when the ship was within five days of arriving at Honolulu, and her husband thought her sleeping when he was startled by a sound as of one in a struggle. He called for the mate, but before he could reach the cabin she had expired.

Mrs. Grant had been in poor health for some years past and her physician had advised strongly against her going to sea, but as her husband was not very well she was anxious he should have her care during the voyage. Heart failure induced by her weakened condition, is supposed to have been the cause of her sudden demise. Of course, in the climate that prevailed the body was not in a condition for embalming when port was reached. Her husband, naturally, shrank from burying it at sea, the only alternative was cremation. This was done, accordingly, at Honolulu and the remains will be brought home and buried by Capt. Grant, who will leave the ship as soon as he can get a captain to take his place.

The sad news was a great shock to Mrs. Grant's relatives and many friends. She was in the prime of life—about 34 years of age—and it was hoped she would be spared many years to come. She was a favorite with all who knew her, of a disposition to win friends, gentle and generous, her devotion and thoughtful for all who needed assistance, and a sincere and fervent Christian. For years she had been a consistent member of the Baptist church, and ever appeared to be in accordance with its teachings.

The deceased, who was a daughter of the late Jacob Wyman, of Weymouth Falls, leaves, besides her surviving husband, one sister, Mrs. Ensley Grant, on board ship St. David, daily expected to arrive at Sydney, C. B. W., a half-brother, Capt. Jacob Wyman, and five half-sisters—her father having twice married—Mrs. Timothy Brooks, of Weymouth; Mrs. Alex. McDonald, of Plympton; Mrs. Charles Newcombe, of Lynn, Mass.; Mrs. Chas. Farnham, of St. John, and Mrs. Thomas Hall, of Yarmouth.

Digby Board of Trade

(From the Monetary Times.)

The annual meeting of the Digby Board of Trade was held on the 22nd ult. The report of the president, Mr. H. B. Short, who is now mayor of the place, showed the volume of trade in those lines in which the town was chiefly interested to be as follows: Dry fish, $70,000; finnan haddies, $75,000; lobsters, $85,000; other fish and oils, $15,000; lumber, $82,000, a total of $237,000. In addition to this, careful computation had shown the summer visitors to this pretty Nova Scotia resort to have left in the town directly and indirectly, $125,000. The place is year by year becoming more popular with the better class of Canadian and United States people who spend their summer in watering places. Anyone who has been there will not wonder at it.

The officers of the board elected for the year were: Dr. DuVernet, president; W. E. VanBlarcom, vice-president; C. Jameson (fourth year), secretary-treasurer; and D. C. Dennison, David Sproul, O. S. Dunham, J. A. Young, George H. Peters, Hon. Henry Anderson, J. Fairweather, Orbin Sproule, E. F. L. Jenner and H. B. Short, members of the council.

The secretary of the board, Mr. Clarence Jameson, who sends us the figures and names given above, authorizes us to say that the town of Digby is prepared to offer special inducements to any concern desiring to establish an industry at that place. As the harbor of Digby, on an inlet of the Bay of Fundy is open all the year round, and is the natural outlet for Western Nova Scotia, it is evident, as the January number of *Industrial Canada* pointed out, that the location is an excellent one for manufacturers.

Death of Mrs. F. W. Pickles

Mrs. Pickles, wife of the Rev. F. H. W. Pickles, died in Yarmouth on Saturday morning, the 6th inst. The deceased lady was born in Granville in this Province 65 years since and was well known in this part of the country by the name of Harriet Ricketson. After her marriage, the changing conditions of itinerant ministerial life gave her residence at North East Harbor, Mill Village, Berwick, Canning, Barrington, Newport, Halifax, St. John and other places. Wherever she lived she made hosts of friends and was highly esteemed for many estimable qualities. In her husband's retirement from circuit work, Yarmouth was selected as the family residence, and here Mrs. Pickles lived for over a year. During this time she was a great sufferer but in patience and cheerfulness she illustrated the distinguishing characteristics of the Christian life. On Wednesday at one o'clock, the funeral was held from her late residence, Elm street, Milton. Revs. Dr. John and Frederick Pickles, of Boston, brothers of the deceased's husband, arrived on the boat, for the obsequies.

Mr. I. A. Lovitt Presents a Handsome Trophy

The St. John *Telegraph* of Friday says that there should be some good races next season by members of the Pacific of the Royal Kennebecasis Yacht Club.

Irvine A. Lovitt, of Yarmouth, whose yacht Hermes was so welcome a participant in the club cruise last summer, has presented a very handsome trophy to be raced for by the yachts of the club, and as already announced, James Beveridge has offered another.

The executive committee met last evening and elected D. Arnold Fox a member of the club. The sailing committee expect to meet next week, when the fixtures for the coming season will be arranged. The enthusiasm of the members of this club is kept active during the winter, and the club rooms are a popular resort in the evening.

The committee are already preparing for the next smoker which will be held on the 24th of this month and it promises to surpass anything the club have held previous in the way of entertainment.

George H. Braman Dead

NEWTON, March, 3—George H. Braman, formerly one of Boston's best-known business men, died today at his home, Franklin St., Newton, where he had lived since retiring from business in Boston in 1888. He was 75 years old and when he retired from business had been in active service for 52 years.

Jan. 1, 1856, he entered the house of Waterson, Gay & Co. on Kilby St. After a short time he entered the house of J. E. Howe & Co. He was with them 14 years when he began business "on his own book." He made a beginning in the dry goods commission business, and by pushing good judgment and strict integrity, won a competency.

The funeral will be held from his residence Sunday afternoon at 1.45, and will be private.

The deceased was a brother of Mr. F. A. Braman, of this town.]

New Ads. This Week

J. L. Peters	Special Sale
H. B. Short	Rubbers
C. E. Godard	South End Grocery
H. B. Short	A Thing That Grows
E. Deaton	For Sale
Nichols & Nichols	For Sale
S. A. Kean	Finch Eyeglasses
A. H. Seaman	Laundry
H. Fairweather	Laundry
W. A. C. Sproule et al	Notice
W. J. Nichols	Notice
Mrs. W. J. Gerard	Notice
H. Bayer & Co.	New Goods
Parks Perfect Emulsion	A Better Appetite

Personal Mention

Mr. H. R. Burnham was in Yarmouth last week.

Miss Euphemia Bent has returned home from the U. S.

Mr. Harry Hersey has returned from his trip to St. Johns.

Mrs. H. L. Dempson returned from Halifax on Saturday last.

Messrs. Orbin Sproule and G. A. Vye were passengers to St. John yesterday.

Mr. Geo. Freeman, Supt. of the Valley Telephone Co., was in town yesterday.

Mrs. H. A. Harley spent Wednesday and Thursday with friends at Annapolis.

Mr. Harry Baxter has returned home after spending the winter in Lawrencetown.

Mr. R. Cornett, of Ontario, left town in the interests of the Canadian Order of Foresters.

Miss Blanche Spurr, of Deep Brook, is visiting her friend, Miss Lizzie Marshall, of Bridgetown.

Miss Ruby Chisholm was a passenger to St. John Wednesday to attend the millinery openings in that city.

Mrs. Fred Doody, of Port Maitland, who has been visiting Mrs. Robt. Reed, returned home Wednesday.

Miss Charlotte Corbett, of Annapolis, was a visitor during the week at the home of her uncle, W. B. Stewart.

Mr. Ernest Wilson is ill at New Aberdeen, C. B. As soon as he recovers sufficiently to travel, he will return home.

Mr. Edgar Dickson, who has been visiting friends in Nova Scotia, returned to St. John, Monday and left yesterday for the West.

Mr. W. Sproule, of the firm of J. W. Sproule & Co., of Canso, who has been spending several days in town, left for home Wednesday.

Miss Belle Cann, of Yarmouth, was a passenger to Digby Friday, returning home Monday. While in town she was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peters, Montague street.

Miss Edna L. Murray, of St. John, whose card appears in this issue, is stopping at Mrs. Merkel's, Queen St. Miss Murray's experience in voice culture will be much appreciated in Digby, and we bespeak for her a large class in church voice and piano.

Halifax *Recorder*—On Tuesday evening, March 8th, H. E. Nichols read before the Historical Society, a paper on the extremely interesting subject of "Early Days in Nova Scotia." The meeting will be held in the Legislative Council Chamber, and will be open to the public.

Bear River—E. Hart Nichols, B. A., barrister, Digby, has been a visitor with Dr. and Mrs. Rainnie for a day or two. Mr. Nichols has been in attendance at the late Liberal Conservative Convention in Halifax and before returning home took a run up to see his old friend, Dr. Rainnie. Mr. Nichols has pleasant recollections of Truro. He was a member of the Junior Class of the Normal School in 1895. It was a large class of nearly 20 members, and Mr. Nichols was the only under 18 year old graduating College graduates to attend to get their professional diplomas. Mr. Nichols is now a barrister in Digby, and is a very pronounced Liberal Conservative in politics.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. W. Parnell O'Harra, Capt. Wm. Snow, from Tiverton and discharged coal, 2,185 lbs. mined fish at Snow's wharf, the result of two days' fishing.

Schr. Mercedes, Capt. Comeau, from Barbados Jan. 9th, for Bellevean Cove, N. S., put back to Barbados for repairs, stress of weather, and with loss of sails.

Tern schr. *Jessie Lane*, Capt. Hogan, which has been at Turnbull's wharf during the past week, hauled off in the stream yesterday and will sail to Bear River first chance.

Schr. J. W. Colwin, Capt. Casey, arrived in Yarmouth this week and discharged about 12,000 lbs. mixed fish, the result of one day's fishing. Her fare was shipped to Digby.

Westport

Mr. Evan Gower is laid up with rheumatism.

Miss Florence Titus is visiting at Tiverton.

Mr. Sinclair Payson has gone to Boston on a visit.

Mr. Cutler Peters is visiting relatives and friends here.

Mr. Howard Welsh paid a flying visit to Yarmouth last week.

Capt. Augustus Haycock paid a flying trip to St. John last week.

Mr. Frederick Smith got the returns for a crate of lobsters today at $40.00.

Mr. Thomas Hicks and daughter Miss Isma Hicks are visiting in Cornwallis.

Miss Blanche Gower is at East Ferry, the guest of her sister, Miss Ida Gower.

Stmr. Senlac passed through the Grand Passage Monday evening at 7 p. m.

Mr. Allen Gates, of Weymouth, agent for Manufacturing Life Insurance Co., was in town last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Elliott, of Tiverton, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Titus last week.

Mr. F. B. Lent has sold the schooner Trilby to parties in Freeport for $1175.00. She will go in the fishery business.

Westport was visited with a very severe thunder and lightning storm, accompanied by rain and wind on the 3rd inst.

Mr. Starthel Garrow caught a live squid on Tuesday morning last, which is something that was never seen in the winter before.

Mr. Sinclair Brown intends moving his family back to Freeport this week. We will miss them very much, but what is our loss is Freeport's gain.

A number of Mr. and Mrs. Payson's friends met at their home on Thursday evening to celebrate the anniversary of Mr. Payson's birthday. After a sumptuous repast which was enjoyed by all, the younger portion of the company entertained by a charade. The evening passed quickly and pleasantly in games, music and conversation. One of our music teachers, Miss Edna Murray, of St. John, who has been here during the winter, and who we regret to say left for her home on Monday's boat, entertained us with several selected songs. Miss Murray will be greatly missed, being a great favorite in the Congregational Church. Rev. E. C. Ford closed this social evening by scriptural reading and prayer. Mr. Payson received several nice birthday gifts from his many relatives and friends as tokens of kind remembrance.

Westville.

We seem to get our share of March winds and rain.

Mr. Macaulay has moved into the Saunders house.

Mr. Robert C. Woodman intends finishing up his lumbering next week.

Miss Annie and Mr. Ben Woodman spent Sunday at Hill Grove, also Mrs. Georgie Jeffison.

Mr. and Mrs. Coleman VanTassell were the guests of Mrs. E. G. Woodman on Monday evening.

Mr. Nelson has moved from Mr. Farnsworth's into the Dalin house, formerly occupied by Mr. Macaulay.

Mr. Wm. Orde will soon have his house ready for plasterers. Mr. Robert Graham is doing the carpenter work.

We understand that Mr. Nelson intends building in the spring on a lot he purchased from the Rev. H. A. DeVoe, better known as the Stewart property.

Mr. E. G. Woodman celebrated his seventieth birthday on Saturday last and knows how many snow storms we have had this winter, and also how old Ann is.

A party of young folks enjoyed a lively sleigh drive to North Range on Saturday evening to attend the concert held by the members of Hope Division in the school house. The moon did not get around quite soon enough to light them home, and according to last accounts, there were a number yet to arrive. We are sorry to say that one of the chief actors had the misfortune to lose a portion of his infernal machine. The finder will be suitably rewarded by leaving same with the COURIER correspondent.

Barton.

Miss Mabel Ruggles is visiting her mother at this place.

Mr. Charles Bingay has returned from his trip to Annapolis.

Rev. G. D. Harris gave a very edifying address in the Episcopal church on Sunday last.

Mrs. Boyd McNeill, of Weymouth, was the guest of Mrs. Hanford VanBlarcom last week.

Mr. Ellesworth Messinger and sister, Miss Pearl Messinger, have returned from their visit to Bridgetown.

Messrs. Charles and James Blaney leave here today for Musquash, N. B., where they join their father, Mr. Henry Blaney.

The Division of the Sons of Temperance held an open meeting recently and gave quite an entertainment, which was quite a success.

Owing to the bad weather the Methodist donation party was postponed until last night. It was held at the home of Mrs Mary Wilson.

Mrs. Bingay entertained a number of young people one evening this week, who enjoyed themselves very much over the hilarious game of pit.

Quite a number of our young ladies are taking advantage of having a good music teacher in our midst. Mrs. Robichean has removed from Gloucester, Mass., and is now occupying Mrs. Freeman Bell's house in this place. Her pupils are very much pleased with her mode of teaching, and are progressing rapidly.

Bay View

Miss Lola Turnbull is visiting her cousin, Miss Millie Ellis.

Miss Lottie Young was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Maynard Turnbull, a few days last week.

Mr. William Ellis, jr., who has been working at H. T. Warne's mill all winter, is at home.

Miss Maggie Turnbull, of Digby, spent a few days last week with her cousin, Mrs. L. M. Ellis.

Mrs. Alvin Doucette, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Alexander Adams, has returned to Digby.

Mr. William Turnbull, of Digby, who is agent for the "Home Encyclopedia," was in Bay View, one day last week.

We are sorry to state that Miss Eliza Hayden is seriously ill with pneumonia. We hope she will recover in a short time.

Mr. John Ellis, who has been dangerously ill with diphtheria, is convalescent. No other cases have developed, due no doubt to the prompt action of the attending doctor. The school is closed as a result but will open next week if no other cases are reported.

The pie social held at Mrs. L. M. Ellis' last Wednesday evening was a decided success. A goodly number were present and the pies were there in abundance. The "Jack Horner Pie" was enjoyed by all and was pronounced "all right". The neat little sum of $24.60 was realized. The pies were sold by auction to the highest bidder, and brought from twenty-five cents to five dollars.

Little River

Mr. Oscar Morgan was here last week.

Capt. M. Trask made a business trip to Weymouth last week.

The harbour here is clear of ice for the first time since the middle of January.

Messrs. Timothy and Jesse Denton spent a few days in Weymouth recently.

Mrs. Cloe Trask and Mrs. Geo. Morehouse, who have been ill, are recovering.

Mr. Hatfield has gone to Tiverton, where he will be engaged in "The Photographic line" for a short time.

Mrs. Wallace Trask, Mrs. William Denton and Mrs. Manning Trask, visited friends in Sandy Cove on Sabbath last.

Mr. W. M. B. Dakin, of Centreville, and Rev. LeRoy Dakin, of Annapolis, were at T. H. Denton's on Sunday. The latter occupied the pulpit on Sunday morning.

La Grip is prevalent here. Those under medical treatment are: Messrs. Joseph W. Denton, J. Russel Denton, Sydney Denton, Charles Tibert and Miss May Trask. All are improving.

Centreville

Mrs. Lord is visiting at Mr. Charles Graham's.

Rev. LeRoy Dakin and wife are visiting his home here.

Mr. Nesse Hewey, of Little River, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Hurlburt and Mr. Pyne have spent a few days in this place.

Mr. Walter Thompson who has been working in St. John for several months, is home again.

Rev. M. L. Brown has been holding meetings here for two weeks. There has been quite an awakening of the church, and last Sabbath five were led by him to baptism. The meetings are continued this week with the help of Mr. Dakin. We regret that Mr. Brown was unable to be with us longer. A number will probably be baptized next Sabbath.

Plympton.

Mr. Joseph Milbury lost a valuable horse last week.

Mrs. Harry Warner will give an ice cream party to her friends this week.

Gladys and Flossie MacDonald are visiting in Weymouth for a few weeks.

Mrs. Alex MacDonald has much improved in health, and is able to get out.

Mrs. Herbert Warner entertained Mr. and Mrs. Morse and daughter Marjorie on Sunday.

A number of the elite attended a graphophone concert at the school room Tuesday afternoon.

Capt. Wm. Warner arrived home from Bridgewater, where he has been visiting Mrs. James Warner, also his daughter, Mrs. O. Bowlby, of Aylesford.

Bear River.

(Telephone.)

Mr. Harris, the chemist, who is to have charge of the new drug store, arrived at the Bear River hotel yesterday.

Fred Turnbull left this week for Clark's Harbor, taking with him the horse lately purchased by his brother, Dr. Turnbull, from Rev. J. E. Dunkin.

Councillor F. Nichols, of Weymouth, who with his family attended the funeral of his sister, Mrs. P. M. Wade, here this week, returned home yesterday.

Mr. F. B. Miller arrived from Boston Wednesday, to arrange his business here. He expects to leave for New York next week, where he has taken an important position.

Culloden

Mr. Charlie Tidd is dangerously ill.

The lobster fishermen report lobsters scarce.

A white robin was seen in this vicinity this week.

Mr. John Porter, who was ill last week is improving.

Mr. Dillie Ross cut his foot on Thursday while splitting cord wood.

Miss Stella Bain is spending a few days with her brother, Mr. Harry Bain, at Mount Pleasant.

Great Damage by Floods

THOUSANDS ARE HOMELESS IN PENNSYLVANIA.

WILKESBARRE, Pa., March 9.—The city of Wilkesbarre and the Wyoming Valley was in a turmoil today. The mighty flow of water spread out north and south, east and west, making the north branch of the Susquehanna river a vast lake sweeping in its path whatever there was to invade. The scene was even more terrifying than on Tuesday.

Industries all along the entire stream from Pittston to Nanicoke are shut down on account of the water invading many places, and in many places water is flowing into the mines. In the central portion of Wilkesbarre today business was crippled on account of basements being filled with water. Late tonight the water at the bridge here was 28.2 feet above low water mark, but much higher in the lower section of the town. Over a million dollars worth of property has been destroyed in the Wyoming Valley, and over 2,000 families rendered homeless.

Though the river is falling at Wilkesbarre tonight, towns in the vicinity of Bloomsburg are experiencing the worst flood in their history.

Three spans of the great steel bridge, erected by the state at Catawissa, were swept from their piers early in the afternoon and carried four hundred yards by the ice and this evening the two remaining spans collapsed.

The Pennsylvania Railway bridge over Catawissa creek went out this afternoon with its four large steel cars. The second street wagon bridge was also swept away.

The water works at Danville are under water and the city is without electric light and gas.

Two hundred families have been forced to leave their homes. The great gorge at Bloomsburg has not moved and the water is rapidly rising. Every industry in Bloomsburg is flooded as are also between 300 and 400 houses.

At Espoy, the water has covered every street in the village.

The river is falling at Nanticoke tonight, though the ice above the dam has not moved.

At Shickshinny the ice moved today. The canal bridge was washed out and two houses were carried away.

At 10 o'clock tonight a report comes from Sayre (Pa.), that the ice broke there at 8 o'clock and that a 96-mile gorge was on its way down the stream.

Found to be Leaking.

THE BARQUE J. H. BOWERS TOWED BACK TO YARMOUTH.

YARMOUTH, March 7.—The barque J. H. Bowers, formerly of Boston, but now owned in Louisburg, C. B., left Weymouth loaded with lumber for Buenos Ayres, was towed out of Weymouth last Friday, and later on she was discovered she was leaking. She put back to Yarmouth, arriving in the "Sound" on Saturday, and was towed up the harbor today. Captain Rogers of Lunenburg, is in command. The crew refuses to proceed, and it is said there is going to be a survey.

The Gloucester schooner Latona Captain Murray Larkins, sailed from Gloucester on a fishing trip and was towed into Yarmouth this afternoon leaking. She left Gloucester Friday.

$75,000 Montreal Fire.

MONTREAL, March 9—Fire this morning damaged the stock of the Canadian Jewellery and Importing company, Comfort Soap company, Metropolitan House Furnishing company, Trudeau Company, wholesale tobacco, and the Guertin Printing company, to the extent of $75,000. The larger portion of this was to the stock of the Jewellery company, whose stock was valued at $55,000. The loss is well covered by insurance.

About Fifty Drowned.

LONDON, March 9.—A special despatch from Paris announces that the French steamer Cambodge, 2,353 tons, which left Rangoon February 17th for Cochin China, and European ports has been wrecked in a storm off the coast of Cochin China. The Cambodge carried one hundred passengers, mostly Annamese. About fifty of them were drowned.

WAR NEWS.

Russian Fleet Shut out of Vladivostock.

RUSSIAN REPORT SAYS THAT THE ENEMY BOMBARDED VLADIVOSTOCK AGAIN MONDAY AND ONE OR TWO JAPANESE CRUISERS WERE SUNK.

—NO JAPANESE REPORT ON THE BOMBARDMENT OF VLADIVOSTOCK.

LONDON, March 8.—Up to a late hour last night the Japanese Legation here had received no official information regarding the bombardment of Vladivostock. It is believed at the Legation, however, that the Japanese are now between the Russian cruiser squadron and Vladivostock, and there is reason to believe that the Russian squadron is in the vicinity of Possiet Bay.

Russian official despatches do not mention this engagement and the fact lends color to the belief that the Japanese warships have shut it out of Vladivostock.

It is pointed out at the Legation that if this is true the Russian vessels are in a critical position, since they must run the gauntlet of the Japanese squadron off Vladivostock or the Japanese squadron off Port Arthur before reaching a Russian port.

BOMBARDED AGAIN MONDAY.

The Japanese have not yet issued a report on the bombardment of Vladivostock and no news of importance on the subject has been received from Russian officials outside. The St. Petersburg correspondent of the *Standard* says that he is informed that the Czar received a telegram that the Japanese had been bombarding Vladostock all day Monday but had only inflicted trifling damage. The telegram added that one or two of the Japanese cruisers were sunk.

Nothing has been received to confirm the statement that Russians are maltreating Koreans, who turned upon them and drove them across the Yalu River.

A dispatch to the *Chronicle* from Seoul says that the Prefect of Yong Chinn, fifteen miles south of Wiju, reports that 600 Russians there have accumulated stores and ammunition for 20,000 troops, who have crossed the Yalu River and who are expected at Yong Chong shortly.

KING EDWARD'S DISTRESS.

PARIS, March 7.—The *Matin's* London correspondent sends to this paper the report of a conversation had last evening with a personage intimate with King Edward, who had just left the palace. This personage said the King spoke upon the subject of the war in the Far East and repeated His Majesty's words as follows:

"I am much distressed at the Russo-Japanese war, which I consider a most deplorable event. On the other hand I consider that our good understanding with France has never been more useful than it is at present, and believe that it is likely to become more and more useful, not only in the interest of France and Great Britain, but in the higher interest of general peace.

Should complications arise, despite all efforts to prevent them, the union between France and England will render the greatest service. That union must be closely maintained for good and all, whatever may happen. I hope the friends of all countries the English press included, will strive to attempt difficulties rather than to aggravate them."

LONDON, March 9.—4 a. m.—Among the various rumors printed in the absence of any known happenings is a Ying Kow report that the Japanese are advancing upon Pengwuanheng, between Mukdenand the Korean frontier. This comes from Chinese sources.

It is stated and is partially admitted by the Russians at Ying Kow, although it is officially disputed and is not confirmed from any other source, that the Russians in Northern Korea are gradually, but constantly withdrawing to the Yalu River. It is stated in Chinese official quarters in Shanghai that the rival armies are likely to meet at the Yalu River in three or four days.

A dispatch from Tokio states that it has been finally decided that only fifteen foreign correspondents will be allowed to accompany the army in the field, nine of them being British, five Americans, and one of another nationality.

JAPS OCCUPY NEW BASE.

The Japanese have taken possession of the whole of the Elliot group of islands and are using them as a base for their torpedo boats.

A report from Che Foo states that fifteen Japanese warships and four torpedo boats have been sighted from there heading for New Chwang.

A Shanghai correspondent says that the Russian defences on Hock is the Japanese advance in Manchuria include an unbroken line of earthworks from Kaiping to Liao Yang. It is reported that there has been a general exodus of civilians inland from Vladivostock since the bombardment. Food is very scarce there.

JAPANESE SCORE LAND VICTORY.

LONDON, March 10.—A despatch to the *Times* from Wei Hai Wei, dated March 9th, says:

"It is reported on good authority that a collision between the Japanese and Russian forces occurred near Hai Ju, Korea (fifty-four miles northwest of Chemulpo), which resulted in the defeat of the Russians."

Five Master Sunk by Steamer

NEWPORT NEWS, Va., March 7.—The five masted schooner Gardiner G. Deering, Capt. Ross, of Bath (Maine), was run down and sunk early today by the Merchants & Miners Transportation Company's steamer Essex, Captain Johnson. The Essex arrived in this city at 3.45 o'clock this afternoon.

Captain Johnson of the Essex refused to make a statement regarding the accident. It is said that the heavy fog on the Chesapeak Bay was responsible for the collision. The crew of the schooner, numbering eleven men, were picked up by boats from the Essex.

The schooner was owned by Gardiner G. Deering, of Bath (Maine), and was barely a year old.

Withdraws from Ministry.

SYDNEY, March 8—At a meeting of Sydney Presbytery held here today the call of Falmouth Street Church, Sydney, to Rev. W. R. Shaw, D. D., of Summerside, P. E. I., was sustained by a unanimous vote. The call was signed by 163 of 185 communicants of the Church and by 251 adherents, making a total of 414 signatures. The stipend offered Dr. Smith is $1500 a year. At the next meeting of Charlottetown Presbytery two delegates from Falmouth Street Church will appear before it to prosecute the call. By request of the Presbytery Rev. John Buchanan withdrew from the office of the Ministry.

Grand Orange Lodge Meets.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., March 8.—The Grand Orange Lodge of New Brunswick opened in annual session tonight with sixty delegates attending and more arriving. The reports of officers were read. The meeting will continue tomorrow.

Destroyed by Freshets.

LIMA, Peru, March 9.—The port of Tambomora has been almost entirely destroyed by tremendous freshets. Business is at a standstill and the local traffic has been stopped.

St. Stephen Won Trophy.

ST. JOHN, March 9.—St. Stephen won the Provincial Hockey League Trophy tonight, beating the Victorias at Marlboro Rink with Sackville. The score was 12 to 1.

CORRESPONDENCE.

(We do not hold ourselves responsible for communications under this heading.)

Explanation

To the Editor of the Courier:

DEAR SIR,—The members of the Digby Corner Band regret that owing to the stormy weather, social entertainments, etc., since the civic elections, it has been impossible for the band to serenade the Mayor and Councillors elect as has been the custom for the past few years. Please give this explanation space in your columns to prevent any misunderstanding.

Yours truly,
CHAS. F. DUNN,
Secty. D. C. B.

Digby, N. S., March 9, 1904.

It is not too late even at this date to follow out this usual custom and a little music in the open air under the leadership of Prof. F. E. Corinon would not only be appreciated by the Mayor and Councillors, but by the entire public as well.]

The Late F. W. Dakin

HIS MASONIC CAREER AN EXCELLENT ONE, FROM INITIATION UNTIL DEATH.

The following, which refers to the late Fraser W. Dakin, is reprinted from the *Hants Journal*: All who enjoyed the friendship and acquaintance of the deceased found in him rare social qualities and high intellectual attainments, and an hour spent in his company was always a period of enjoyment. To him friendship meant all that the word implies, and his heart was full of warm and generous impulses, which found vent in those kindly words and acts which go far to make up one of God's noblest works—a gentlemen. He was universally esteemed, and will be greatly missed, not only in the home where he radiated his cheerfulness and sunshine, but also in Masonic circles, where his name will long be remembered and his memory reversed.

As a Mason he stood very high among the brethren, having filled the most prominent positions in the gift of the Craft. We give a brief resume of his Masonic career.

Initiated in Welsford Lodge 924, R. E., (now 29 R. N. S.) March 19th, 1867—passed April 19th, raised May 3rd of the same year. Exalted in Hiram Chapter, No. 3, R. N. S., January 14th, 1870. Anointed to High Priesthood June 3rd, 1872. Excellent and Perfect Prince Rose Croix of H. R. D. M. in Keith Chapter, Halifax, Jan. 19th, 1871.

In Welsford Lodge he was elected to the following offices—Secretary, Dec. 9, 1868; Senior Warden, April 13, 1870; Worshipful Master, April 12, 1871, April 8, 1874, and in two subsequent years. In Hiram Chapter he was elected King, April 21st, 1869, and High Priest, April 20, 1871, and May 14, 1872.

During his residence in Annapolis he was elected High Priest in Eureka Chapter, in 1876. He was Excellent Conductor in the Order of High Priesthood in 1872 and 1873, and Vice President in 1875. Was elected 2nd General of Rose Croix (18th Degree) in 1875. In the Grand Lodge he held the following offices—Grand Steward in 1870, Grand Director of Ceremonies in 1871, Deputy District Grand Master in 1872, Senior Grand Warden in 1875, and Grand Master in 1874-5. In the Grand Chapter he held the position of Grand C. of Host 1870-1, Grand Scribe, 1872, Grand King, 1873.

In all these positions he gave evidence of rare ability, but in no particular one did he perhaps give more satisfaction to the brethren than during his term of Grand Lecturer, for being one of the best ritualists in the Maritime Provinces, his official visits were seasons of both pleasure and profit to all who enjoyed the benefit of his instruction.

Off For Jerusalem.

NEW YORK, March 8.—Between seven and eight hundred delegates to the World's Fourth Sunday School Convention to be held at Jerusalem on April 15, 19 and 20th, sailed today from the North German Lloyd Pier at Hoboken at 3 p. m. today, on the specially chartered steamer Grosser Kurfurst, for a seventy-one day cruise of the Mediterranean. They represent nearly every State, Territory and Province on the North American Continent.

BIRTHS.

BURNHAM—At Digby, on the 9th inst. to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Burnham, a son.

MARRIAGES

COMEAU—MITCHELL—At Digby, on March 4th Joseph Comeau to Jennie Minora Mitchell.

DEATHS.

TOBIN—Suddenly at 29 New Park St., Lynn, on March 3rd, Warren Kirk, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Tobin.

THE ROAD TO HEALTH.

Lies Through Rich Red Blood and Strong Nerves.

Debility is a word that fairly expresses many ailments under one name. Poor blood, weak nerves, impaired digestion, loss of flesh, no energy no ambition, listless and indifferent. This condition is perhaps the penalty of overwork, or the result of neglected health. You must regain your health or succumb entirely. There is just one absolutely sure way to do this—take Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. These pills will bring you new life, fill every vein with rich, red blood, restore elasticity to the step, the glow of health to the wan cheek; they will inspire you with new energy and supply the vital force of mind and body.

There is not a corner of the civilized world where Dr. Williams' Pink Pills have not brought health and hope and happiness to some weak, debilitated despairing person. If you have not used the pills yourself, ask your neighbors and they will tell you these statements are solemn truth. Mr. Charles Saulnier, Corberrie, N. S., says: "I was very much run down and so weak I could hardly work. It seemed as though my blood was little better than water. I tried several medicines, but I got nothing to help me until I began taking Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. It was simply astonishing how quickly these pills began to help me and how much new life and vigor they put into me. I am a cook by profession, and the fact that I was able to cook for fifteen men last winter is the best proof that the pills have made me as sound as ever I was."

There is no mystery about the power of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills to put new life and strength into you. They actually make new blood, and that is why they cure all blood diseases, like anæmia, indigestion, liver and kidney troubles, headaches and backaches and the special ailments of women. Through the blood Dr. Williams' Pink Pills feed and steady the nerves, strike at the root of nervousness, cure St. Vitus dance, fits, neuralgia, sciatica and partial paralysis. All these diseases spring from bad blood and disordered nerves, and they have all been cured positively and permanently by Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. Sold by all medicine dealers at 50 cents a box or six boxes for $2.50, or by mail from the Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

A Bit of Good Advice in Time.

(London Chronicle.)

Another Antonette Sterling story relates to "The Lost Chord" with she made famous. The song did not appeal to her when the manuscript was sent to her by Sullivan. But Sir Joseph Barnby spent an evening at her house at that time, and in a casual way she remarked: "By the way, Arthur Sullivan has sent me the manuscript of a new song, which he has asked me to sing. You might look at it. Personally, I don't think much of it and am going to return it." Barnby tried it over there and then, and before he left gone half through it he stopped and said: "Going to return it," did you say? It is wonderful, an inspiration. Certainly tell him you will sing it. It is bound to "make" both you and him. Mme. Sterling always thanked the Fates for bringing Barnby to her house that night.

Cannot Do Without It

Once Dr. Chase's Ointment becomes known it is indispensable in the home because of the scores of ways in which it can be used. While this ointment is best known as a positive cure for eczema, salt rheum, itching piles, and the most torturing diseases of the skin, it is also unapproached as a treatment for chafed, irritated skin, pimples, blackheads, poisoned skin, scald, burns and sores of every description.

Grape Fruit.

While the taste for grape fruit is possibly an acquired one, it holds, and the wholesome fruit is considered indispensable for breakfast in hundreds of homes. There is a good hygienic reason for this increase in grape fruit's popularity. Its peculiar acid renders it an almost sovereign remedy for malarial and bilious troubles, while as a "bracer" it is quite the equal of quinine and vastly more agreeable. Physicians recommend it most highly for grip convalescents, and some assert that the habitual consumer of grape fruit can even consider himself immune from the prevalent malady.—*Exchange.*

Jealous Rivals cannot turn back the tide. The demand for Dr. Agnew's little Pills is a marvel. Cheap to buy, but diamonds in quality—banish nausea, coated tongue, water brash, pain after eating, sick headache, never gripe, operates pleasantly. 10 cents.—37

The "Weeping Willow" Song.

Some people have heard of the ballad containing the words "I'll hang my harp on a weeping willow tree," but perhaps it is not generally known that the author was a young man who fell desperately in love with Queen Victoria, at that time a girl of seventeen. This young lover was heir to a baronetcy, but barons cannot approach royalty in the guise of a suitor, though it took some time before the romantic youth could be brought to understand this fact. When at last he did so, he sat down in despair and wrote the now well known ballad, which was at first time published in a London paper, and then he emigrated to Australia.

"One Foot in the Grave."—If the thousands of people who rush to so worthly a remedy as South American Nervine as a last resort would get as a first resort, how much misery and suffering would be spared. If you have any nerve disorder you needn't suffer a minute longer. A thousand testimonials to prove it.—36

People are Learning.

An egg is worth as much for food purposes as four ounces of mutton chop. In Chicago the mutton chop would cost 4 cents and the egg a little over 2 cents at present prices. People are learning this, and that accounts for the increasing demand for eggs.

Strong words by a New York Specialist.—"After years of testing and comparison I have no hesitation in saying that Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart is the quickest, safest, and surest known to medical science. I used it in my own practice. It relieves the most acute form of heart ailment inside of thirty minutes and never fails."—35

A tourist in the West of England saw a board with "This cottage for sail," painted on it. Seeing a woman in front of the house, he stopped and asked her very politely when the cottage would sail.

"Just as soon as the man comes who can raise the wind,' was the quiet reply.

Mother and Child.

SUGGESTIONS HOW TO ENTERTAIN AND TEACH THE LITTLE ONES.

"Happy is the child whose nurse is its mother!" It is not realized by many how capable a child is of ennui, "even as you and I," the grown-ups, and also how incapable the average nurse is of giving intelligent amusement to her charge, now limited her opportunity in the confines of the nursery, even were she capable. Hence the adage, "Happy is the child whose nurse is its mother."

How full of interest and adventure life may be to the little one who follows the mother in her round of duties! He will dust and sweep, try to make beds, and set the table, sew when she does and fetch and carry to some purpose, says a writer in Toronto *Star*. What delight could be greater than to help at the weekly baking, to be allowed a little wad of dough, which he may knead and make into pies and cakes just as mother does? It will be grey before he is done with it; it will probably have been picked up from the floor more than once, and for the first few times will not be fit to eat, but what of that? Does the mother realize that besides amusing her little one in this way she is developing his faculties, teaching him all sorts of necessary lessons; that the play is, though without any label, the best and most desirable kind of kindergarten? She will soon find, if she take the trouble to impress on the little scholar that there is a right way of doing all these things, yet without making a task of the play, that he is really of much assistance. It is wonderful what a little child of 4 or 6 can accomplish after a year or two's companionship with the mother.

A little game which a mother may play, while sewing, sitting in one of buying and selling, and it will be of the intensest interest, because played with real money. Let the child buy from the mother a spool, a package of needles, and yard or a package of tape—anything the work-basket may contain or the mind suggest. For these he must pay in actual cash ten and 5 cent pieces and coppers and count his change carefully. Or he may be the vendor, with a little basket of articles for sale and must make the change. It is a lesson in arithmetic, in addition and subtraction, multiplication and division, that will be a most exciting adventure of the greatest possible use.

All this means a certain amount of time and trouble expended, for which many busy mothers who cannot be bothered, so they say, they cannot have the children "round under their feet." This is a world where we never get something for nothing, and no mother can expect the best from a child to whom she has not given her best, towards whom she has not shown a wise unselfishness.

It Women Only Knew

That half their ills are due to impoverished blood, they would use Ferrozone and be saved lots of pain and suffering. Ferrozone is a perfect food for the blood and supplies the strengthening elements needed to maintain health and vigor. Ferrozone is a splendid tonic for weak nervous women and drives away those depressed feelings of dead weariness. You'll have strength, lots of it—your complexion will improve, you will feel ten years younger after a course of Ferrozone which builds up the whole human organism; try it. Price 50c.

The Exchange Habit.

"I took back those socks that wouldn't fit Willie."

"The ones you said you'd change?"

"Yes. And that odious Jim Crampton waited on me. He asked me how long I had kept the socks, and I answered about two weeks. And what do you think he said?"

"Give it up."

"He said I ought to change 'em oftener."

To Knock Out Colds

And cure them in an hour without resorting to nauseous drugs just use fragrant healing Catarrhozone—the most pleasant, prompt and certain cure for colds ever discovered. No medicine to take, you simply breathe the balsamic vapor of Catarrhozone. It never fails to root out the worst colds and is so simple and convenient to use that no one can afford to be without it. Carry a Catarrhozone inhaler in your pocket, use it occasionally and you won't have colds. Complete outfit $1.00; trial size 25c.

Should See a 'Vet.'

The following dialogue was overheard in the office of one of Boston's leading physicians the other day:

Doctor, to patient—"What ails you?"

Patient—"I don't know. I only know that I suffer. I work like an ox, I eat like a wolf, I am as tired as a dog, and I sleep like a horse."

Doctor—"In that case I should advise you to consult a veterinary surgeon."

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All the people use it.

HARLIN FULTON.

Pleasant Bay, C. B.

Twelve Lives Lost.

ROBERVAL, Quebec, February 29—Twelve lives were lost in a fire which destroyed Lake Edward, Quebec, on Sunday at St. Felicien, at an early hour this morning. When the fire was noticed by neighbors who live at some distance the house had practically been turned to the ground. Dwelling in it at the time were the Hogan family, small children of Thomas Guay, Mrs. Philip Gagnon and her three small children. Both Gagnon and Guay, the fathers, were absent working in the lumbering woods.

Roll of Fires and Cold Weather.

NEW YORK, Feb. 29—The winter of 1903-04 with its long roll of fires and disasters closes today with a record in New York of having been the coldest in the annals of the weather bureau. The mean temperature has been 26.1 degrees, which was 6.1-3 degrees lower than any winter during the last 33 years and one degree lower than the winter of 1874-75, heretofore the coldest on record.

Linoleum

If linoleum is losing its freshness it may be restored and made to last twice as long. Melt a little ordinary glue in a pint of water. At night have the linoleum clean and dry, go over it with a flannel cloth dipped in the glue water and by morning it will have a fine, hard gloss.

Accident on the D. A. R.

ONE HOUR BEFORE GENERAL MANAGER GIFKINS PASSED IN A SPECIAL.

ANNAPOLIS, March 4.—The ten o'clock night suburban train from Digby to Annapolis, which was five hours late, clashed into an empty flat car standing on the main track, half a mile to the south of Clementsport Station. Driver Simon Riley and Fireman Hugh Copeland stood to their posts and received a shaking up. The *Recorder* correspondent was the only passenger injured. The front of the engine was smashed in and the car was demolished. Conductor A. C. Herbert ran the train back to the station, attached the engine to the mass of debris, which was too heavy to move otherwise, and dragged it half a mile to the siding in a terrific gale, rain and electric storm, getting the track clear inside two hours. Serious results were avoided owing to the fact that the engine had not got up full speed after leaving Clementsport, and the quick action of the train's crew. The flat car, which had been frozen up on the siding at Clementsport, was thawed out by the rain and started by the gale. It ran along the track, knocked out the blocking, passing over the patent spring safety switch to main line, and was carried by the wind a half mile before the accident occured. The accident was most peculiar to railroading. No blame can be attached to anyone. Manager Percy Gifkins, of the Dominion Atlantic railway, passed the scene of the accident in a special car, at the rate of about forty miles an hour, and hour ahead of the suburban. Had the flat car been released but a few moments earlier it would have been ahead of his train and meant a serious disaster to the fast light special. Manager Gifkins is being congratulated on his narrow escape by friends along the line.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and earth, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

He Knew.

A pretty story is told of the way in which Nathaniel Hawthorne, when he was consul at Liverpool, tested a Yankee boy. The boy had gone to the consul's office one day to beg for a passage back to his home. He had gone abroad to seek his fortune, and not finding it, had become almost penniless.

He told a clear story, but the clerk who heard it doubted its truth.

"Where are you an American?" he said to the boy; but the applicant for a passage to America presisted in waiting at the office until he saw Hawthorne himself.

At last the consul appeared, gave a quick glance at the boy and began to question him.

"You want a passage to America?" he asked.

"Yes, sir," said the boy eagerly.

"And you say you're an American?"

"Yes, sir."

"In what part of America were you born?"

"The United States, sir."

"What state?"

"New Hampshire, sir."

"What town?"

"Exeter, sir."

Hawthorne waited a moment, and then bent towards the boy.

"Who sold the best apples in your town?" he asked.

The boy's eyes shone, and the homesick longing in them deepened.

"Skim-milk Folsom sir!" he cried

"It's all right," said Hawthorne to the clerk, "give him his passage." And he shook the boy's hand and bade him Godspeed on his homeward way with much heartiness.

Stop the Pain but Destroy the Stomach.—This is sadly too often the case. So many nausea nostrums purporting to cure, in the end do the patient immensely more harm than good. Dr. Von man's Pineapple Tablets are a purely vegetable pepsin preparation, as harmless as milk. One after eating prevents any disorder of the digestive organ. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—40

To Clip the Hair.

To clip the hair braid in several loose braids, front and back separately; then begin at the tips of the braids, and holding a braid with one hand with the other hand rub up tip of braid to the head until the short hairs stand out and the whole braid is rough; then take the scissors and clip off all the ends.

The Hardest Pain to Endure

Is the pain of tender corn, but experience proves that corns are cured quickest by Putnam's Painless Corn Extractor, which acts in twenty-four hours. Putnam's never burns or causes sores. The only painless cure is Putnam's. Use no other.

Pleasing Day Dreams.

We see Pipes the plumber sitting in deep meditation, a contented smile hovering upon his face.

"Ah," we venture gayly, "building air castles?"

"Better'n that," he tells us. "Plumbing them."

The Optimist.

Oh, well, the snow brings some nitrogen to the land and the frost will help break up the soil! Let's think of these things rather than of the dead peach buds.

Pains in the Back for Twenty Years

Could not turn over in bed—Kidneys and bladder affected—Experienced great suffering.

Old people learn to trust in Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, for when all other treatments fail this great medicine seems to go directly to the diseased part, and promptly affords relief and cure.

MR. DAVID MIENER, farmer, Port Robinson, Welland County, Ontario, writes:—"I wish to state to you that for years I had a pain in my back and left side for over twenty years. At times I could not turn over in bed, I was so badly used up. I had cramps in my feet and legs, and my hands were so completely useless that I could scarcely lift anything.

"Kidney disease was, no doubt, the cause of all my suffering, and sometimes the urinary trouble would be so bad that I would have to get up five or six times during the night. Fortunately, I began using Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, and they cured me completely. I am 79 years old, and quite well now, but still occasionally use these pills to keep my system in good order. Several persons to whom I have recommended Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills have been equally benefited."

Dr. Chase's Kidney-Liver Pills, the comfort of old age, one pill a dose, 25 cents a box, at all dealers. Portrait and signature of Dr. A. W. Chase on every box.

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CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Holy Days, 7.30 p. m. Saints days Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Holy Communion first Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m. Holy Communion fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m., fifth Sunday, children's service, 3 p. m. All seats free. REV. H. A. HEALEY M. A. Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH.—Hours of service: Sabbath Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12.15 p.m. Wednesday general prayer meeting at 7.00 p. m. W. M. A. Society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 p.m. Visitors always welcomed. Pews free. Strangers cordially invited to all the services. REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting Wednesday evenings at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Evening service at Digby at 7.00 o'clock. REV. GEO. WOOD Pastor.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and praise meeting on Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Hillsdale Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. A. E. HOGBEN Pastor.

SYDNEY STREET CHRISTIAN CHURCH, Disciples of Christ.—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching services 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday school at the morning service at 3 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. H. A. DYKE, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.56, meets in I. O. O. F. hallevery Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Visiting brothers always welcome. E. L. JONES, N. G.; GEO. H. PETERS, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No.84 meets in Masonic Hall the first Tuesday in every month at 8 p. m. Visiting brothers always welcome. H. L. BENNISON, W. M.; J. M. WYLIE Sec'y.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 113, meets in Masonic Hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. M. TANNER, C. R.; J. A. DEWOLFE, R. S.

A. O. U. W.—Digby Lodge No. 11, meets in Masonic Hall, 2nd and third Wednesdays in every month at 8 o'clock, p. m. JOHN K. BENT, M. W.; H. B. CHURCHILL, Rec.

DIGBY CORNET BAND—Rehearsals, etc., for winter months. Monday, Full Band, 8 p. m.; Tuesday, Young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p.m. Wednesday, young bands and voluntary, 7.30 p. m.; Thursday, Full Band, 8 p. m. The band master earnestly requests full and punctual attendance at above. Any young fellows desirous of joining the band, to fill vacancies, please apply. FRANCIS E. COMPTON, Band master.

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Tell Him So

If you have a word of cheer
That may light the pathway drear
Of a brother pilgrim here,
Let him speak.

Show him you appreciate
What he does, and do not wait
Till the heavy band of Fate
Lays him low.

If your heart contains a thought
That will brighter make his lot,
Then, in mercy, hide it not—
Tell him so.

Hide not till the end of all
Carries him beyond recall
When beside his stable pall
To arise

Your affection and acclaim
To do honor to his name
And to plant in wreaths of fame
On his brow.

Rather speak to him to-day:
For the things you have to say
May assist him on his way
Till he sinks

Life jaded enough, at best;
But the love that is expressed
Makes it seem a pathway blest
To our feet;

And the troubles that we share
Seem the easier to bear.
Smile upon your neighbour's care
As you greet.

Rough and stony are our ways;
Dark and dreary are our days;
But another's love and praise
Make them sweet.

MISS MARGARET'S VALENTINE.

It was a lonely life that Miss Margaret lived, and there were times when the sense of its dreariness settled down upon her very heavily, but she never acknowledged this to any one; indeed, she hardly admitted it even to herself. It annoyed her to have anyone comment on her manner of life as at all unusual, or to express sympathy for her loneliness in any way.

'Oh, I'm not a bit afraid,' she would declare, 'not the least bit. What is there to be afraid of in a quiet place like Woodbury? as though the fear of bodily harm were the only possible unpleasantness that could arise from living alone.

But, as the years passed, Miss Margaret's so-called eccentricities gradually ceased to be the subject of remark in Woodbury, and came to be accepted as quite a matter of course. It was all right, the neighbors decided, if she wished to stay on at the old place after her father and mother had passed away, and her older sisters and brothers had married and gone, one to Vermont, one to Massachusetts, and another to the Far West; it was perfectly natural that she should object to leaving her home; the only home she had ever known. To be sure, it had seemed a little singular that she, a young woman of twenty-five, should insist upon carrying on the farm without advice or suggestion from any one, and that she should choose to live alone in the great house, when she might just as well rent part of it. Besides, everybody knew that Susan's husband would be willing to give up his business, bring his family to Woodbury and take charge of the farm, and, moreover, everybody guessed that John Forrest would be more than willing to cast in his lot with the independent young woman who had been the object of his devotion since they were boy and girl together, and to relieve her of all care and responsibility.

But Margaret had apparently chosen to accept none of these alternatives, and the why and wherefore of her choice had long since ceased to be a matter for speculation.

It could not be denied that she had made a success of farming. No better crops were raised in Woodbury than those on the old Olmstead farm; no one sold to better advantage or paid bills more promptly than did Miss Margaret. The whole appearance of the place, after ten years of her management, was one of thrift and of prosperity. The buildings and fences were in good repair and freshly painted, and the neatly kept lawn was brightened in summer time by beds of verbenas and scarlet geraniums.

It was winter now, but even the February snow, which lay in irregular patches on the lawn, and hid the star shaped foliage bed under an unsightly drift, could not counteract the general impression of care and tidiness.

Miss Margaret herself, bustling about her spotless kitchen in the early morning, with a fresh gingham apron over her dark dress and her abundant hair arranged in a smooth, lustrous coil, seemed perfectly in harmony with her surroundings. She felt the necessity of making rather more noise than usual this morning. Her little niece from Vermont had been visiting her for three weeks, and now that the child was gone the old house seemed more empty and solitary than ever.

'It does seem lonely without Susie,' Miss Margaret said, talking to herself, after the manner of those who are much alone. 'The child was really lots of company. I would not mind having her here all the time; it gives a body something to think of and somebody to work for besides one's self. Sometimes I almost wish—but there! It's only my foolishness. I'll feel different after a few days. I wonder if Norris has fixed the door to the sheep-barn as I told him? He needs constant looking after. It he doesn't do better——'

Miss Margaret's soliloquy was interrupted by a knock on the back kitchen door. She opened it to find a little girl in red cap and coat, with yellow hair flying in the wind, holding in her hand a letter.

'Heesh wanted to give the child a cookie,' she said, as she closed the door and came back to the fire. 'It's growing colder, and there's a snow chill in the air; we'll have a storm before night. I wonder what this is? Susie's handy hand, I'm sure, yet, and besides it wouldn't come that way. Looks like a child's writing too.'

She cut the envelope carefully and drew out a large sheet of paper. Near the top was drawn the picture of a woman standing in a threatening attitude, near a high fence, with one held aloft in one hand, the other holding a chain to which was attached a ferocious looking dog. Below were written these lines:

'This woman lives not far away;
She stands and watches night and day
For fear some luckless pupil may
Climb o'er her precious fence.
If one should pick a spear of grass,
Or crack a tiny pane of glass,
Or climb an apple tree, alas!
His life's not worth 2 cts.

This woman may grow old and grey,
Her pupils may outstrip her way,
And though she lives till '99,
She'll be nobody's Valentine.

It did not need the names written underneath to tell Miss Margaret that the really clever caricature represented herself and her dog. 'I suppose I'm giving her property rights in the depredations of the children of the Woodbury district school. Because she had objected to having her neatly painted fences hacked to pieces with jack-knives, or her fine fruit appropriated in wholesale quantities, or her choicest meadow-land used as a base-ball field, these young Philistines chose to recent what they regarded as 'stinginess,' and this production of genius was their revenge.

Miss Margaret looked first, puzzled, then a little angry, then amused.

'I'd quite forgotten it was Valentine's Day; It's so long since I had a Valentine; not since——' she did not finish the sentence aloud; but turned into light and studied the picture carefully.

'I shouldn't at all wonder if Roy Forrest drew that. They say he's wonderful at drawing, for a boy of his age—like his father, I suppose, he could draw anything. I wonder if he's ever been here since Annie died; I guess they think he's dead. Poor little Roy! I'm afraid he has a pretty hard time of it, for Rena always had a bad disposition, and she never liked Annie; of course she doesn't care much for the child. Too bad there isn't somebody to take an interest in him, and give him a chance to make something of himself.'

After this somewhat ambiguous speech, Miss Margaret rose and set herself vigorously at work. The sky grew darker and darker, and by noon the snow was falling heavily. Miss Margaret's sense of isolation deepened as the day wore on, and she wandered about the house in an unusual state of discontent.

Early twilight found her at the old secretary in the sitting room examing the contents of a secret drawer—some faded trinkets, a few old letters and a square, flat box. Evidently this was the shrine where Miss Margaret kept her cherished memories of the past. She sat down in the low rocker with the drawer in her lap and opened the box. It contained drawings, simple pencil sketches, each one of which recalled to the lonely woman a scene of the days gone by. The old Woodbury school house, the pretentious academy on Newton Hill, the little country church, with its ambitious spire rising above the encircling maples; the old elm tree in the pasture the rustic bridge over the little brook, the old Olmstead farmhouse, with Miss Margaret herself standing on the wide piazza—she looked at each one with eyes that saw not the drawing only, but the pictured scene in all its reality. In the corner of each picture were the initials 'J. F.' The last one was done in colored inks, an elaborate scroll like border, enclosing a design of hearts with verses underneath—verses that no eyes but Miss Margaret's had ever seen. She sighed a little as she laid the papers back in the box, then her lip curled scornfully.

'It shows how much a man's vows are worth; but, after all, he has been sufficiently punished.'

The bell rang sharply, and Miss Margaret hastily replaced her treasures in the secretary, locked it and hurried to open the door. The wind was blowing furiously, driving the snow before it in blinding sheets. A small figure in a shabby brown overcoat, covered with snow, stumbled up the steps, and pushed the door to quickly. Only a pair of big brown eyes were visible between cap and muffle.

'Why, Roy! what are you doing out in this storm?' cried Miss Margaret, but the boy did not heed her question.

'I tried both doors, but I couldn't get in,' he began breathlessly. 'I just from the Corners, an' I saw Norris coming out of Bailey's drunk, an' when I come by your sheep barn the door was wide open an' the snow drifting in like everything, an' half the sheep out in the yard. So I worked till I got them in an the door shut, but it needs to be nailed up or it won't stay. Can you let me have a hammer an' some nails?'

'Just what I expected,' was Miss Margaret's reply; 'yes, I'll go with you.'

Together they went to the barn and made the door secure, fighting their way step by step through the storm.

'Now, come in by the fire, Roy; oh, yes you must,' Miss Margaret insisted. 'Take off your wet shoes and sit right down here till you get good and warm. Why, your hands are fairly blue. Then you must stay and have some supper with me.'

She chatted away as she went on with her preparation for supper, telling about the little niece who had been with her, of the good times they had together, and how much she missed her, until Roy felt his awe of the dignified Miss Margaret disappearing. She gave him a happy sense of warmth and comfort; the supper looked most alluring; yet, when his hostess said, 'Come now, sit right up, I shall be very glad to have company,' the boy hung back.

'No; I hadn't ought to,' he said, looking down at his ragged stockings.

'Hadn't ought to! Why not? Are you afraid your aunt will be worried about you?'

'Oh, no; Aunt Rena wouldn't care,' he replied bitterly, and a cloud came over his face. 'She'd be glad to get rid o' me; she said so. She thinks I'm only a bother.'

There was an ominous flash in Miss Margaret's eyes. She opened her mouth to speak, then shut it again, gave the fire a poke, and finally asked, 'Why, then? Why oughtn't you to stay?'

Roy glued his eyes to the patch on his trousers, as he replied:

'Cause, that valentine—the picture you know; I made it, an' it would be mean——'

'Oh, nonsense!' Miss Margaret interrupted, 'never mind that valentine. I didn't care the least bit. Anyway, I suppose the others put you up to it, didn't they?'

Roy admitted that they did.

'And Jean Williams made the verses, didn't he?'

'Yes; but how did you know?'

'Oh, I only guessed it. Now, don't think any more about that. You've done me a great favor to-night, my dear. Don't you know those sheep might all have died before morning if it hadn't been for you? Now come right along and eat you supper without another word.'

It was white Roy was wiping the dishes that Miss Margaret made a proposition which fairly took his breath away.

'How would you like tocome and live with me, Roy?'

'Oh, I'd like it, you bet I would!' was the emphatic reply. 'Do you want me, sure?'

'Yes, I want you. You must stay to-night, anyway, and we'll see what your aunt says to-morrow.'

The tired boy was soon sound asleep in the little room next Miss Margaret's while she sat at the table with her work-basket beside her, carefully darning the gaping holes in his stockings and patching his torn coat.

'Poor, neglected child!' she way saying to herself, when suddenly the door opened, and John Forrest stood before her.

'Pardon me; I knocked twice, but you did not hear. I could see you sitting here, so I ventured to come in. Is my boy here, Margaret?'

Margaret had risen and was standing before him, proud and cold.

'Yes,' she said, quietly; 'he is asleep.'

She led the way to the little room, shut the door noiselessly and returned to her work; but the hand that held the stocking trembled violently, and the movements of the needle were strangly erratic.

There had been only hard and bitter thoughts in her heart toward John Forrest all these years, but, looking in his face to-night, she had seen the marks of suffering, and, quite against her will, pity came creeping in where contempt had been before.

It seemed a long time before the door opened and the object of her thought stood once more before her.

'Margaret,' he said, 'will you listen to me a few minutes?'

She pushed the chair toward him, but dared not trust herself to reply.

'I haven't seen my boy in six years,' he went on. 'I couldn't expect him to remember me, though he seems to have heard enough about me, from Rena, probably, and his ideas were strangely mixed. But he understands now, for he has forgiven me for leaving him so long, although I did it for his sake, and I supposed that he was being well cared for. Poor little chap! I fear he had a sorry time of it. But I am going to keep him with me now, always. There is one other person

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BEAR RIVER NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Sister Town.

NAVIGATION OPENED ON THE RIVER—SCHR. CITIZEN LOADING FOR ST. JOHN—THREE MEMBERS OF ONE FAMILY GONE TO THE INSANE ASYLUM—MINISTERS EXCHANGE PULPITS.

(Telephoned)

John H. Benson went to Digby on business, Saturday.

Miss Lennie D. Wade is the guest of the Misses Dunn this week.

Boyd Bishop left for Boston on Wednesday, where a position awaits him.

Lieut. Ginnivan, of the Salvation Army, left here for St. Stephen, yesterday.

Miss Constance Porter was the guest of Miss Ethel Harris a few days last week.

Reuben Rice and Wm. Henshaw came home from Musquash, N. B., on Saturday.

Miss Hattie Wade left yesterday to visit friends at Granville Ferry and Bridgetown.

Miss Harnish and Miss Carr, of Annapolis, paid a visit to Miss Blanche Moore one day last week.

Misses Hutchison and McGregor, of Digby, have been the guests of Mrs. Wm. Morgan for the past week.

The friends of Alpheus Marshall will be pleased to learn that he is recovering from his severe illness.

Rev. J. H. Balcom preached in the Baptist church here, Sunday morning, he and Pastor Porter having exchanged.

Miss Elsie Best, of Waterville, N. S., a former teacher in Oakdene School, spent a few days here, the guest of Mrs. A. W. Dunn.

Mr. Charles Reed, who has been spending the past few weeks at Shelburne, arrived here Friday last to resume his position at the granite works.

Mrs. H. Alcorn and son Roscoe, left for Halifax, Wednesday, to visit her son Ralph, who is undergoing treatment in the Victoria General Hospital.

Miss Lilla Berry left last Saturday for West Somerville, Mass. She was accompanied as far as Digby by her brother, Charles, and Miss Jennie McKay.

Capt. J. Woodworth had hauled the schooner "Citizen" in her dock and is taking aboard freight for St. John. He expects to sail about the first of the week.

Fred Read, eldest son of W. E. Read, Esq., has secured a position on the staff of the Union Bank, to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Edw. Turnbull and the promotion of Reginald Huggins.

Maurice Hill, colored, was sent to the N. S. Hospital for the insane at Halifax, Wednesday. He is the third brother of this family that has been sent to the above institution in the last two years.

Mr. John Lowe, keeper of the County Poor House, met with a bad shaking up by being thrown from his sleigh while in Bridgetown, Saturday. He sustained no serious injuries, however, and will probably soon be around again.

Mr. Edw. Turnbull, who has been teller of the Union Bank of Halifax Branch here for some time, has been transferred to the Bank's branch at Truro, and goes to-day to assume his new position. We understand that Mrs. Turnbull will also spend the summer with her son in Truro.

Finishes His Book: Then Dies.

It was only ten days after putting the final touches on his great work "Religions of Authority," which is being published in America by McClure-Phillips, that Auguste Sabatier died. On the day that he wrote the last word of the completed book he came out from his study to his wife and said earnestly, "My work is now done and I may die contentedly." He had planned to finish a course of lectures and then take a long hoped for journey through the Holy Land. After having delivered the last lecture of the course he returned very ill, and in three days was dead, leaving to his executors to bring out his work, probably the broadest and saneest history of religion written in our time.

Speechless and Paralyzed.—"I had valvular disease of the heart," writes Mrs. J. S. Goode, of Truro, N. S. "I suffered terribly and was often speechless and partially paralyzed. One dose of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart gave me relief, and before I finished one bottle I was able to go about. To-day I am a well woman."—4

How Much Sleep is Necessary.

(From the Century.)

A proper amount of sleep is, of course, absolutely essential to continued good health, but, if dietetic habits are correct, it is a matter which will regulate itself. If a rule is followed, one will follow naturally from the fact that almost every one feels languid on waking and is disposed to take another nap, no matter how long he has been sleeping. This is a morbid sensation which it would take too long to explain here. It is enough to say that lack of sleep should be made up, if possible, at the beginning and not at the end. The best general rule is to rise at a given hour every morning, whether tired or not, and go to bed when sleepy.

Is Brute Creation Wiser?

Every living bird and beast strives its utmost to cram itself with food before retiring for the night, and this food is digested as the night progresses. The evening feed is the feed of the day with the brute creation, and yet doctors tell us to refrain from eating heartily at night and even advise us to retire to rest with a more or less empty stomach. Are we following nature when following this advice?

Calomel Ruins the System.

And should only be used under a doctor's order. For a mild physic take Dr. Hamilton's Pills of Mandrake and Butternut. No gripe no pain, certain relief for headache, constipation and torpid liver. Use only Dr. Hamilton's Pills price 25c.

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

Digby, March 18, 1904.

HAVE WE BEEN DOING RIGHT?

A couple of issues back the COURIER called attention to the fact that a canvasser for some Truro job printing office had been taking orders for letter heads, etc., from some of the merchants in town, and that he had evaded payment of a license. The Yarmouth *Herald*, in copying our item, and commenting on it, said, that the same person had been at Yarmouth, and intimated, that residents who patronized outside concerns, in preference to dealing with the business men of their own town, were not the best citizens. The subject once introduced brings with it food for much thought. Are the people of Digby as a whole giving that support to local industries that they should? We have frequently heard to the contrary.

We have heard, for instance, that people who needed supplies such as the Digby Woodworking Co. manufactures, have sent their orders to Annapolis and Yarmouth, without ever asking the Digby concern to figure on their bill of goods, preferring to take the risk of paying more elsewhere, besides freight and handling, rather than lend their support to the Digby factory. Competition is very good, it is healthy, and has been called the life of trade, but this is not competition, it is the "go by" pure and simple.

Time was, too, when Yarmouth tailoring agents used to come to Digby and take large numbers of orders for custom made clothing. This is, we are glad to say, a thing of the past. There are still some people who prefer to send away for their clothing, but they are few and can be detected, in most instances, by their ill fitting garments.

Again, we have a laundry in Digby, managed by capable and obliging people, who are fitted to do good work, and who have been doing it right along. Still, each week large quantities of laundry goods are forwarded to Yarmouth and Annapolis by the agents of those concerns in Digby. This would seem to be a relic of the time when there was no laundry in Digby, but now that there is one in the town there can be no reason for its not receiving the patronage of all the people. Is there any record of either Annapolis or Yarmouth sending a single dollar's worth of work to be done in Digby, or ordering any supplies from here? We think not.

It is to be hoped, now that we have a well supplied furniture shop right at hand, that the people of this town will not send their orders for furniture away, as heretofore.

There can be no question that it is better, from every stand point, to keep money in circulation in the place, rather than to send it to other towns to build up industries there.

Many of the local merchants have complained, from time to time, that people have sent to the Toronto supply stores for dry goods, and to St. John for groceries, paying with the extra freight, probably more for an inferior article than they might have got a really good thing for right at home had they possessed sufficient public spirit to spend their money in their own town.

Let our merchants and other business men set the example of patronizing local concerns. It is well that we should ask ourselves once in a while, when complaining that business is not what it ought to be, "Have we been doing right?"

Enterprising Bear River.

THE CITIZENS TALKING INCORPORATION AND RAILWAY CONNECTION.

A correspondent writes the Halifax *Herald* as follows: The enterprising citizens of Bear River are talking incorporation for their town. Although having more inhabitants than several of the incorporated towns of the province this industrious community has hitherto been content to do without local civic government. Perhaps the great distance of the town lies partly in Digby and partly in Annapolis county which adds somewhat to the difficulties of early arrangements of incorporated towns, has retarded the movement, as they would have two county councils to grple with in the matter of joint expenditures, while most towns find they have a handful with one.

If there is a district in Western Nova Scotia, the resources, business activity and number of the population of which give it a just claim for railway communication, it is the district of Hillsborough, of which Bear River town is the thriving centre. For several years the people of this section have been keeping an eye on the main chance of securing railway connection and a public meeting lately been held at which a scheme, which is considered quite feasible, was worked out, and the government will be asked to render the customary aid. A comittee was appointed which has the matter in hand, and an amount subscribed to defray expenses.

Death of Mrs. Johnson.

Dorcas, wife of Reynold Johnson, and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Apt, of Bear River, N. S., died at her home, Brookside St., Brockton, Mass., Sunday night at twelve minutes past two, after a long illness of lung trouble. Deceased was but 26 years old and leaves beside a beloved husband, four children, Wallace, William, Carle and Gladys, father, mother and three brothers and two sisters. Mrs. Johnson has been a resident of Franklin for some nineteen years, where she will be greatly missed among her many friends and relatives. The funeral was held Wednesday from the Episcopal church of Medway of which she was a member, Rev. Guy Miner officiating. The remains were interred at Oakland Cemetery. The bereaved ones have the sympathy of the entire community. Mrs. Johnson is also a niece of Mr. and Mrs. Wilber Apt of Marshalltown.

Death of Mrs. Melanson

A Plympton correspondent writes: It is with deep regret we chronicle the death of Minnie, wife of S. I. Melanson which occurred at her home in Swamscott, Mass., Saturday, March 12th. The deceased had been ill but a short time with pneumonia. A husband and two children are left to mourn the loss of a loving wife and mother. Mrs. Melanson was a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Melanson, of The Willows, Plympton, and had many friends in this community who will sympathize with the bereaved ones. Her mother and sister, Miss Dora, left Saturday for Swamscott, but arrived too late to find her alive. The funeral was held on Monday, the remains being interred in the cemetery in Swamscott.

Duty Abolished.

Newfoundland has abolished the duty on flour, molasses and kerosene. The loss in revenue will be, on the basis of last year's figures, $152,000. The duty on flour was $5 cents, on molasses 4 cents, and on oil 6 cents.

Bad Death of Arthur Gorham.

A WEALTHY BOSTON MAN, WELL KNOWN IN DIGBY DRANK POISON FRIDAY MORNING.

Arthur Gorham died suddenly at his home near Joggin Bridge about ten o'clock last Friday morning. He was in town the day previous and while he complained of feeling ill, he appeared to be as well as usual. Friday morning he drank poison, probably by mistake.

Dr. DeVernet, of Digby, was immediately summoned, but Mr. Gorham had been dead about thirty minutes when the doctor arrived.

An inquest was held before Coroner Daley and the following verdict returned:

We, the undersigned jury, empanelled to enquire into the cause of death of Arthur Gorham now lying dead at his home, Smith's Cove, Digby county, after viewing the body of the said Arthur Gorham and hearing the evidence of Dr. DeVernet and other witnesses, find that the said Arthur Gorham came to his death by poison taken by his own act. (Signed)

John Daley, Coroner.
J. H. Potter, Foreman. John R. Cossaboom.
Jonas W. Rice. Frank Nichols.
E. T. Thomas. Geo. H. Potter.
Wm. Cossaboom. Robt. Closson.
Frank Closson. John W. Orrell.
Spurgeon Weir. C. A. Jordan.

Mr. Gorham was born in Boston sixty-one years ago and after having graduated at Harvard, spent the greater portion of his life in the Western States where he accumulated considerable wealth. He came to Digby as a summer tourist over three years ago and was so favorably impressed with this county that he purchased property near Joggin Bridge where he resided until his death.

He is survived by five brothers, Richard H., of Boston; Francis, of New York; Walter of Philadelphia; James and Austen in Denver, Colorado, and two sisters, Mrs. Whiting and Mrs. Morse, of Boston.

He made many friends in Digby and vicinity who regret to hear of his death. His relatives in the United States are all prominent citizens in the cities in which they reside.

Service was conducted at the house by Rev. H. A. DeVoe, Saturday morning, after which the remains were conveyed to the west bound express, accompanied by Mr. Martin Comeau. The funeral was held in Jamaica Plains Sunday and was largely attended.

Elsie Bush Missing.

THE OLD COLORED WOMAN DISAPPEARED ON WEDNESDAY OF LAST WEEK.

Elsie Williams, better known as Elsie Bush, an old colored woman, over ninety years of age living at the Joggin, about three miles from Digby, disappeared on Wednesday of last week and has not been seen since. She has been in the habit of coming to Digby two or three times a week, and getting from people who assist her sufficient food and the trifle of money necessary to keep soul and body together. Elsie will be remembered as the principal in the murder case tried here some twenty-five years ago, for the killing of William Kent, a colored man. Kent, who had been drinking, went to Elsie's home near the Joggin, and made himself objectionable to a daughter of Elsie, who had married a man by name of Howard Jordan but was staying with her mother at the time. The mother produced the family weapon, a keen-edged axe and applied it to Kent to such good purpose that he bled to death on the floor within a few minutes. Elsie was tried and found guilty of murder, but under the circumstances was only given to the penitentiary for a term. Her first few years of imprisonment were passed at Dorchester, but later she was transferred to Kingston. There she was allowed to work as a charwoman, and when her sentence expired she did not want to leave, saying it was the best home she had ever known. Elsie had a sister, Chatie, older than herself, who died a couple of years ago, having almost attained to the age of a centenarian. Her two brothers, Jake and Dickie, having been dead some years. Every effort is being made to find the unfortunate old woman, but so far the search has proved fruitless. It is feared she must have wandered to the shore and perished, in which case her body may never be recovered.

I. O. O. F.

ST. GEORGE LODGE CELEBRATED ITS THIRTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

About seventy of the three link brethren were present at St. George Lodge No. 55, Friday evening, and after the first degree had been conferred on a couple of candidates, a collation was served followed by speeches, songs, etc. Mr. J. M. Viets, Senior Past Grand, recalled during his remarks, many pleasant incidents of the meetings held in the old Masonic hall before the lodge room erected its own building and referred to the charter members, only about half a dozen of whom were present last Friday evening. Some have moved to other towns while others have been laid to rest, but they are all remembered, and the graves of the latter have been decorated every year by the members of the order to which they belonged.

Excellent music was furnished during the evening by the lodge orchestra, a feature which is not found in every lodge, but one which the members of St. George greatly appreciate.

Among the visiting brethren present from other lodges were Messrs. Nelson, of Lynn, Westhaver, of Kentville, Hilton, of Maine, and Cahoon, of Weymouth, all of whom are now residents in Digby and vicinity.

A Successful Evangelist.

Rev. J. L. Romig, who it will be remembered held evangelistic services in Digby in the interests of the Sydney Street Christian Church, and who made many friends in the town and county, has met with phenomenal success at Portage La Prairie, Manitoba. When he arrived in that town a year and a half ago he found but few members of the Christian church and they were worshiping in a building unfit for use. On the 29th ult. he dedicated in that town a beautiful church built of white brick and lime stone, costing over $15,000 and is at present entirely free from debt. *The Weekly Manitoba Liberal* contains a lengthy report of the work, building and very successful meetings now being held by Mr. Romig.

Real Estate Changes.

Mr. James W. Cornwell, who recently sold his farm at Sea Wall, Digby Neck, and moved to Lunenburg, Mass., has returned and purchased Mr. Wm. Smith's farm in Rosaway, where he will in future reside. Mr. Smith has purchased Mr. Edgar Jones' farm in Bloomfield, and has moved to that village.

Mr. B. Havey has purchased Mr. H. C. Guptill's property, Queen street, and will make extensive repairs on the buildings during the coming summer.

New Citizen For Digby.

Mr. Charlton Mullin, of Weymouth, has purchased from Mr. H. A. DeVoe, a block of land on Warwick St. known as the Ellis & Turnbull lots, on which he will erect a handsome residence and move to Digby in the near future.

Physical Culture.

The school board have secured the services of Thomas Bateman, late color sergeant Royal Welsh Fusiliers, and who during the South African war was in the paymaster's office at Wrexham, to give instruction in physical culture, in Digby's public schools.

Death of Joseph Purdy.

Mr. Joseph Purdy died suddenly at his home at Plympton, Digby County, last week. He came home to attend the funeral of his brother about a week ago, took a severe cold, resulting in pleurisy and death.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Bradstreet's finds that 81 per cent of the merchants who failed last year didn't advertise in the newspapers. The other 19 per cent probably didn't advertise often enough.

—Those interested in Sunday School work should not forget the Digby and Bear River District Convention which meets at Bear River, April 6th.

—A good programme is being arranged.

—Another large audience assembled in the Sydney St. Christian Church on Sunday evening. At the close of the sermon the pastor, Rev. H. A. Yoo gave the hand of fellowship to five new members.

—Mr. H. S. Hall, of Smith Cove, purchased four handsome horses in Falmouth, Hants county, last week.

—We understand that two of them are for sale.

—Tuesday night's storm made good sleighing again.

—There is considerable bare ground, however in many parts of the county.

—Yesterday was St. Patrick's Day.

—The Middleton will probably let their entertainment, Tuesday evening, April 12th.

—The stormy weather has prevented work on the buildings under construction.

—Painting, caulking, etc., will begin on the fleet in the Racquette as soon as the weather permits.

—The leading summer hotels are preparing for a large business this season.

—The COURIER job department is busy printing booklets and other hotel advertising matter.

—It is rumored that one of Digby's well known business firms will dissolve partnership in the near future.

I. O. O. F. Anniversary at Westport.

A correspondent writes: Thursday, March 3rd, Juanita Lodge, I. O. O. F., celebrated their anniversary by having as usual, a turkey supper, and an entertainment entitled, "Star Chamber Inquisition" or the expulsion of a member for betraying the secrets, pass words, etc. Notwithstanding the rain, wind, thunder and lightning which seemed to prevent no one from being present we had a jolly time. I tell you, Mr. Editor, that when those Odd Fellows make up their minds to have a jollification they do it. We sitted at mid-night express was heavily loaded going east with driver Piper at the throttle. I hear that the ladies enjoyed themselves immensely (anyway I did) and that "Simon Drinkwater" was alright if he did lose his whiskers, but "Hezekiah Doo-Little" had a first rate trial for having betrayed secrets and pass-words of a lodge, however, "Kiah" is alright and may be "Some Punkin" yet as he expressed it. The drill was finer better than last year, and if the boys continue to improve as fast we may yet raise a company to stand by the Japs at Westport Peninsula Guards. The excellent food set before us reflects great credit on our chef, Mr. Dakin. "My Lady Sleep" sung by the male quartet was well rendered, after which we indulged in a few games ending an evening's fun by singing the National Anthem.

An Enjoyable Evening

The manse at Fairville was the scene of a happy gathering last night when Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison, of St. David's church, christened the baby daughter of Rev. A. M. and Mrs. Hill—Bentley Alian. After the ceremony, Dr. Macfarland, on behalf of the ladies of the Presbyterian church of Fairville, in a felicitous speech, presented to Mrs. Hill, for the baby, a silver chatalaine purse containing $15 in gold. After this Dr. Morrison gave the March of the Julie Plant, and the Fairville quartette sang sevgral selections. The ladies served refreshments and a very enjoyable evening was spent. All present were rejoiced that Mrs. Hill had recovered her health after long and serious illness.—*St. John Telegraph.*

Mr. Murphy's New Position.

The Boston *Home Journal* says: "Mr. Percy T. Murphy, who resigned his position as book-keeper at the Hotel Somerset, in this city, last week, did so in order to accept his old position as chief clerk and cashier in the Hotel Chamberlin, Old Point Comfort, Virginia. The fact that Mr. Murphy receives this appointment under the new management of The Chamberlin reflects great credit upon his reputation obtained under the old management."

Mr. Murphy was the popular manager of the Myrtle House last season and made many friends in Digby and vicinity as well as being well and favorably known among the tourists. We wish him success in his new position.

Death of Miss Dunbar.

Miss Lizzie Dunbar died at her home in Weymouth, Saturday, aged 47 years. She had been ill with heart trouble for some time, but her death, however, was unexpected and is a great shock to her relatives and numerous friends in Weymouth and vicinity. She is survived by two brothers, James and William Dunbar, and three sisters, one of whom resides in Pugwash, N. S. and the others in Weymouth. The funeral was held Monday, the services being conducted by Rev. G. D. Harris. Interment in the Episcopal cemetery. The COURIER extends its deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones.

Ashore in Annapolis.

An Annapolis despatch of the 12th says: "Schr. Thelma, one of the St. John packets loaded with apples for the London market via St. John, was driven ashore last week by the gale, attending the full tide, and landed high and fast on the banks. The apples were unloaded and efforts made to get her off, but without avail. She still lies where she was blown, near Little-wood's wharf, at the Island. The schooner Hazel Glen has been chartered to take the Thelma's cargo to St. John.

Estimates Brought Down.

Among government estimates which were published in yesterday's Halifax *Chronicle* we notice the following sums for Digby and Annapolis counties:

Church Point, repairs to breakwater	$2,100
Chezzetcook Inlet wharf	2,000
Digby pier repairs	1,500
Freeport landing pier	3,500
Metegban Cove breakwater	2,000
Sandy Cove breakwater	2,000
ANNAPOLIS COUNTY.	
Victoria Beach wharf	$25,000

County Court Chambers.

Judge Savary attended at Digby on Wednesday and held Chambers for the accommodation of the Bar, taxing costs and giving orders for judgment in the various cases tried before him last term. He also filed judgment in the case of Fairweather vs. Jordan for plaintiff for a small balance. The probate case in re estate of Armstrong is still under consideration.

A Flour That Makes Both Bread and Pastry.

It is no trouble to get good results in making both bread and pastry of Ogilvie's Royal Household Flour is used. This flour is unlike any other flour made or sold in Canada. It is as good for pastry as for bread and the best in the world for either. You can get it from any flour dealer by corresponding with the agent, J. S. Harding, St. John.

The Battle Line

St. John *Sun* of Friday: At five minutes past twelve this morning Williams Thomson & Co. handed the *Sun* a cablegram announcing the sailing at noon on March 12th, from Sydney, N. S. W., of steamer Pharsalia, Capt. Foote, for Newcastle, Brisbane and New Caledonia. The difference in time accounts for the seemingly early receipt of the despatch.

Steamer Eretria has been fixed on a time charter for the Eastern trade out to Hong Kong.

Steamer Hinera loads at New York and Baltimore for the Far East.

Steamer Albanes, Capt. Grady, sailed from New York on Saturday for Freemantle, N. S. W.

Str. Cunaxa, Capt. Journeay, left Hamburg Tuesday for Leith.

Str. Elginia, Capt. Mulcahy, sailed from Hong Kong Tuesday for Yokohama.

Str. Pandosia, Capt. Crossley, left Bordeaux Tuesday for Barry.

Str. Hinera, Capt. Lockhart, arrived at New York at 3 p. m., Monday from the East via Algiers.

Str. Leucira, Capt. Grant, sailed Monday from New Orleans at 1 p. m. for Antwerp.

A Good Almanac

There are a million or more names on the voters' lists in Canada, and Edmanson, Bates and Co., of Toronto, have just completed sending out one of Dr. Chase's Calendar Almanacs, to every name on the voters' lists. It is an undertaking that only a thoroughly equipped house could carry out. Dr. Chase, whose advertisement has appeared in the COURIER every week for many years, is a household word in Nova Scotia, and the calendar almanac sent out by Edmanson, Bates and Co., will be found to be very useful, not only because of the valuable medical information it contains, but also because of its remarkably accurate weather forecasts—a feature of great value to the farmers, and the pages fuse as a diary, which will be found in no other almanac issued in the country. If for any reason any of the readers have not received one of these books they should immediately apply to their nearest druggist or write direct to Edmanson, Bates and Co., Toronto, mentioning the COURIER when they will receive a copy direct, free of charge.

None of Our Smiths.

In New York city Fannie L. Smith has just been married to Mr. A. P. Smith, by the Rev. W. E. Smith, at the home of Mrs. M. A. Smith with Miss G. Smith as bridesmaid, Mr. Alfred G. Smith groomsman, Misses Christina Smith and Mary Smith attendants, Mr. Floyd Smith usher, Miss Smith flower girl, and Benny Smith page. There were 52 Smiths present as guests. Husband Smith is a blacksmith.

American Fishermen in Halifax

Monday's Halifax *Herald*: The Gloucester schrs. Elsie, Capt. Clayton Morrissey, and A. E. Wayland, Capt. Fred Morrissey, are in port for bait. They have a quantity of herring on board, but are awaiting the arrival of a carload of frozen squid from Canso. The Elsie was high line of the fleet last year, stocking over $23,000 in three trips. The crews of both vessels, from skipper down, belong to Yarmouth and Shelburne counties.

Picton's Civic Affairs.

The ratepayers of Pictou look with apparent indifference upon civic affairs. A meeting of ratepayers was called for Wednesday evening to vote upon the resolution to borrow $15,000 for electric lighting and $6,000 for an extension of the water system. Only 15 ratepayers attended, including the mayor, whose sentiments are the town clerk. The resolution passed without dissent.

Died at Edmonton

Word reached here yesterday of the death of Mary B. wife of Moore Crosshill, at Edmonton, Alberta. Mrs. Crosshill was the younger daughter of the late Major W. B. Robinson of this city, and was but thirty years of age. Her husband were married about five or six years ago, and she joined him there shortly after. He is engaged in business at Edmonton. Deceased leaves a small family.—*St. John Sun.*

His 25th Trip.

When Capt. A. G. Thompson arrived at Boston recently on board his vessel, the Danish steamer Alexandra, from Copenhagen, Denmark, he completed the 25th trip he has made across the Atlantic. His seafaring career has been a most interesting one, and on several occasions he has received recognition from the different governments for saving lives at sea.

Lost His Toes

A correspondent writes the Halifax *Herald*: Recently a young man by name Comeau, while chopping, cut his foot below the instep, in such a manner that all the toes were removed. He insisted on the several toes being placed on, although told it could not unite, and it is now feared he may lose the entire foot.

Personal Mention

Mrs. Edw. McNutt, of Yarmouth, is a guest at the Central House.

Miss Lizzie Johnson, of Bridgetown, is the guest of Mrs. Loran Turner.

Mrs. S. W. Foster and son Harry were passengers to Weymouth this week.

Mr. Albert Nichols, of Roxbury, Mass., made us a friendly call Saturday.

Mr. Percy Nichols, of Granville, was a passenger to Boston Saturday.

Mrs. Geo. Dudley is visiting at the home of Rev. G. D. Harris, Weymouth.

Miss Winnifred Dunham has returned from a visit of several weeks in St. John.

Bridgetown *Monitor*: Mr. Samuel Fitzhardolph spent Sunday in Digby, arriving home Saturday.

Mrs. H. A. DeVoe is spending a few weeks with her daughter, Mrs. Harold Sabine, at Riverdale.

Judge Savary was a passenger to Digby Wednesday returning to Annapolis via the evening train.

Mr. S. H. Morrison, manager of the western division of the Valley Telephone Co., was in town Wednesday.

Miss Hilda D. Murray goes to St. John this week to engage as soloist in the Coburg St. Christian Church of that City.

Mr. Arthur Lane of the Bank of Nova Scotia, who has been enjoying a vacation in Yarmouth, returned to Digby Monday.

Mr. George Wagner and son Harry, of Dartmouth, were guests of Mrs. Lane a few days this week, the guests of Rev. H. A. DeVoe.

Mr. Edward Welch, formerly of Smith's Cove, but who has been in West Roxbury, Mass., for the past three years, was in town Saturday.

Capt. Howard Anderson and Roland Wright left yesterday for Lockeport, where it is expected they will launch a fishing vessel which will be added to the Digby fleet.

Mr. J. L. Peters returned from Bridgetown on Wednesday, where he has been attending the Annapolis County which was held on Monday and Tuesday this week.

Mrs. Frances Crosskill is quite ill at the home of her sister, Mrs. Charles Hawkins, Hawkins Villa. Mrs. Annie Robertson arrived from St. John yesterday to assist in nursing.

Mr. and Mrs. B. L. Dennison left on Monday for Marblehead, Mass., where they attended the funeral of Mrs. Lydia Bolkom, grandmother of Mrs. Dennison. They returned to Wolfville Friday.

The engagement is announced of Miss Mildred Ellis, of Wolfville, formerly of Digby, daughter of A. J. Morrison, Middletown, to P. Chase Allen, of Wolfville. Mr. Allen is a student at Dalhousie College (law).—*Halifax Herald.*

Mr. J. L. Peters spent Sunday in Bridgetown. He returned Monday, accompanied by his sister, Mrs. Leland Crowell, who is staying for Miss Adelaide. We are pleased to state that Mrs. Crowell is much improved in health.

Mr. J. A. Irving, manager of the Digby Pine Furniture Factory, Digby, N. S., has been spending a few days in Halifax, will possibly go to Sydney, Mr. Mackenzie, of Halifax, is manager during Mr. Irving's absence.

Marine and Shipping

Schr. Loring B. Haskell, Capt. Angel Snow, is being overhauled and made ready for the fishing season.

Schr. Lizzie Lena, Capt. Hogan, is at Bear River loading lumber for the West Indies, shipped by Clarke Bros.

Schrs. W. Parsell O'Harra, Capt. Wm. Snow, sailed for the fishing grounds Saturday.

Schr. W. Parsell O'Harra, Daisy Linden and J. W. Counts sailed from Yarmouth Monday morning for Brown's banks. They are expected to arrive here next week.

Schr. Eddie James, Capt. John Sims, discharged a fare of fish in Yarmouth this week, portion of which was purchased by Messrs. Short & Ellis, and shipped to Digby.

Yarmouth *Herald*: A survey was held on the bark J. H. Bowers, and she has been ordered to be discharged, which is now in progress at Baker's wharf. The vessel apparently is having a streak of ill luck.

New Ads. This Week

J. L. Peters.....Corsets
F. M. Steadman.....Pictures Framed
Turnbull & Co.....Fertilizers
Central Grocery.....A Startling Declaration
C. F. Dunham.....New Wall Papers
S. Kerr & Son.....Business College
Geo. Prescher.....Easter Dinner
S. E. Woodman.....Tenders
Clarke Bros.....Spring Millinery
Lettered & Co., Ltd.....Lace Curtains
H. E. Jones.....Just in
A. B.....For Sale

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

New Wall Papers AT THE Old Stand, Water Street, Digby, N. S.

AGENCY Victoria Steam Laundry.

The agency of the Victoria Steam Laundry of Yarmouth, is now at Digby, at the residence of the firm of Trahon & Dillon.

Leave parcels of laundry at barber shop of above named firm on or before

Wednesday of each week

Those unable to leave parcels at shop will please let Mr. Dillon know and have them ready to be called for on Tuesday afternoon. Smooth or dull finish. Satisfaction guaranteed.

A. R. SUTTIE,
22 2i Proprietor Victoria Steam Laundry.

Students Can enter at any Time. The Business College

Because the instruction given is mostly individual and there are no vacations to interrupt the work.

BUSINESS: Exclusive use of the two best and most up-to-date of the Business Practice Systems.

SHORTHAND: The Isaac Pitman.

Catalogues free to any address.

S. KERR & SON
ODDFELLOWS' HALL.

What are you going to have for Easter Dinner?

Well, as I can't get space enough in this paper to tell you all I will just say that it will be to your advantage to leave your order at the old Stand and secure the choicest of your fill. All goods the very best, including a pair of

Kings County Steers

fed especially for Easter.

DIGBY MEAT MARKET.
Old Stand. O. Fairweather, Proprietor.
Telephone No. 14.

NOTICE.

ALL PERSONS TRESPASSING BY DIGGING CLAMS, except for Fish Bait of Local Purposes, on grants and waterways owned by the undersigned on the

Racquette Flats,

will be dealt with as the law directs.

SIGNED { D. & O. SPROULE. HOWARD ANDERSON. JOSEPH E. SNOW. SHORT & ELLIS.

Digby, March 9th, 1904. 22 3i

FOR SALE.

Lot of Vessel Gear

—CONSISTING OF—

1 HARD PINE SPARS, 70 feet long; CHAIN, ANCHOR, CAPSTAN, PUMPS, WIRE RIGGING, 1 VESSEL'S BOAT, BLOCKS, IRON DAVITS, and a LOT OF OLD IRON.

Apply to
W. A. CHUTE, Bear River.
23 1f.

TAKE NOTICE

That the Semi-Annual Meeting of the Digby Central Agricultural Society, will be held at the Town Hall, Digby, on SATURDAY, MARCH 19th, at 2 o'clock, p. m.

A large attendance is requested as important business will be transacted.

By order,
F. W. NICHOLS,
23 2i Secy-Treas.

TENDERS

TENDERS will be received by the undersigned up to and including the 2nd day of April, 1904, for remodelling the interior of St. Paul's church, Marshalltown. Plans and specifications may be seen at the office of Harry Lane, in Digby, where tender forms may also be deposited. The lowest or any tender not necessarily accepted.

E. E. WOODMAN,
G. L. MARSHALL, } Chapel Wardens.
Dated the 15th day of March, A. D., 1904. 22 1i

WANTED

WORKING House Keeper, middle aged woman preferred. Good wages and good home. Write for particulars to

MRS. W. F. ROBERTSON,
23 2i 60 Queen St.
St. John, N. B.

FOR SALE

A DRY GOODS and Millinery Business. All new stock. A rare opportunity for a milliner. Address
22 3i Digby Weekly Courier.

Minard's Liniment Cures Distemper.

CORSETS. CORSETS.

We have just opened and put into stock the largest line of Corsets we have ever handled. We have the

CELEBRATED B. & I. CORSETS

for which we have had such a sale the past 2 years.

The B. & I. Girdle Corset	$1.00
Medium Figure, Straight Front	1.00
Lady Curzon, Long Hip, Straight Front	1.25
Albani, Habit Hip, Straight Front	1.25
Style A, Slight Figure, Straight Front	1.25
Style F, Full Figure, in the larger sizes, 25 to 30	1.25
Habit Hip	1.25

Besides these we have a full line of the Celebrated P. C. Corsets, ranging in price from 40, 50, 60, 75c., $1.00 and 1.40. Also extra cut sizes for stout women, 31 to 34 in.

Full Stock of Child's and Misses' Waists, at 45c., 55c. and 80c.

Daily expected, a line of Tape Girdle Corsets, suitable for Misses and young women at only 60c. per pair. We have a line of B. & I. Corsets for stout women only, 26 to 30 in. at $2.00, and 31 and 32 in. at $2.25, which are guaranteed. Any pair that breaks within a reasonable time will be replaced. We have a line of W. B. Corsets which we will close out very low.

J. L. PETERS, TELEPHONE 24 DIGBY, N. S.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS

Rubbers. RUBBERS. Rubbers.

A Startling Declaration

Digby people eat too much meat. During the Lenten season try and create a liking for

FISH

We can give you Canned Kippered Herring, Kippered Halibut, Oysters, Lobsters, and Salmon.

FOR THE WET WEATHER

And muddy streets of the spring time everybody needs good Rubbers. Don't take the chances of trying to make the old ones finish the season out, and thereby take the risk of getting wet feet, but come to us and let us fit you. A full line of

Rubbers and Rubber Boots

OF ALL KINDS AND MAKES

For Men, Women and Children.

All of our first quality of Rubbers are guaranteed to give satisfaction. This is a most important item in connection with buying Rubbers.

THE DIGBY BOOT AND SHOE STORE,
H. B. SHORT, PROPRIETOR.

Central Grocery.

Bradley's Standard

FERTILIZERS

are known to all successful farmers as absolutely the BEST.

That is why some of our farmers have used them ever since they were first introduced on this market. By using

Bradley's Ground Bone
Potato Manure or
X. L. Phosphate

you are sure of your crop every time. Remember that

BRADLEY'S

Do not cost any more than other Fertilizers. We are now booking orders.

TURNBULL & CO
Agents for Digby.

EASTER Will Soon Be Here

And I want this to be the happy event in the history of the Central Market and I impress the fact that I will do everything in my power to make everyone's visit enjoyable. I cordially invite all citizens of Digby to visit my market before purchasing their Easter meat elsewhere. The following goods represent the best in every class line and be bought this side of Halifax:—Choice Roast Beef, Poultry, Fresh and Salt Pork, Veal, Choice Ontario Hams and Bacon, Sausage, Eggs, Poultry, Shelbourne Herring, Canned Goods, Lettuce, Celery, etc., and everything to be found in an up-to-date market.

Central Meat Market
Tel. 63 W. FAIRWEATHER PROP.

FOR SALE

A DESIRABLE PROPERTY on the eastern side Queen street in the town of Digby consisting of two town lots centrally located. House two and a half stories high, contains 8 rooms, pantry and is connected with the town water service. Stable on the premises. All in first-class repair. Sufficient room for double tenement. For further particulars apply to

NICHOLAS & NICHOLS, of Digby,
or John W. Sproul, at Canso.
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"COUGHING UP."

Last week a Colored Gentleman from Guysboro County happened into my store. While I was dispensing the prescription he brought in, he selected a bottle of

Jenner's White Pine AND ONE Jenner's Emulsion

from the pile of cough remedies displayed in the window, and put them in his pocket. I subsequently explained to him that the goods were displayed in the window "for sale" and not for gratuitous distribution, whereon he "coughed up" twenty-five cents, in addition to the price of the prescription. It struck me as somewhat singular that he should have selected the bottles he did, but on enquiry I found out that he had used both preparations some years ago and had found them satisfactory. Hence his desire to use them again.

There are a pile of cough medicines on this market. There are also a pile of Cough Medicine in my window, at the top of the pile is Jenner's Emulsion and

"Baby Own" Cough Syrup.

Edmund Jenner, APOTHECARY, WATER STREET Digby, N S

FOR SALE

A SMALL BOAT, 15 ft. keel, in good repair. A bargain for Cash. Apply to
22 1f ERNEST DIXON, Little River, Digby Neck.

Vessel For Sale

WILL SELL at a bargain, the fishing schr. Hesperus, 18 tons register, with two new dories. Sails and rigging good. Apply to
HOWARD ANDERSON,
22 1f Digby, N. S.

Little River

Mr. Edwin Graham, of Centreville visited friends here on Sunday.

Miss Mable Merritt, of Mink Cove, visited friends here on Saturday.

S. S. Westport, Capt. Powell, was here Tuesday gathering up lobsters.

All will welcome spring gladly after experiencing such a severe winter.

Mrs. Tibert and Miss Powell, of Long Island, are visiting friends here.

Mr. A. M. Gidney, M. P., of Mink Cove, called on friends here Monday.

Miss Carrie Denton intends leaving on Monday to visit her sister, Mrs. E. P. Morse, at Lockport.

Many friends of Mrs. Omer Gidney regret to hear of her illness at her home in Mink Cove. We wish her speedy recovery.

Mr. John Denton, who has been spending the winter with his daughter, Mrs. Gilliland at Waterford, is visiting friends here.

Mr. Alfred Cann, of Central Grove, who was here on Monday on a business trip, returned on Tuesday via S. S. Westport.

Mr. Willie Denton intends leaving for Tusket Wedge next week, where he has accepted a position as sealer in a canning factory there.

Ice in harbor is about gone. The spring appearance reminds fishermen that they should soon be ready for spring trawling in St. Mary's Bay.

Master George Addington, who has been ill with measels at the home of Mr. Wilbert Denton, is recovering. Grippe is raging here at present. A large number are on the sick list.

Capt. Morehouse, with his new boat, Ida Lue, intends commencing the Ferry service next week—Weymouth, Sandy Cove and Little River, which will be highly appreciated as well as patronized by all the people in Little River.

Freeport.

Mrs. M. G. Crocker visited friends in Tiverton last week.

Miss Nora Tibert, of Little River, is spending all at the home of Mr. Bernard Morrell.

Messrs. Robert Perry, Irvin Thurber and Clarence Hains returned home from Boston Saturday, March 12th.

Miss Daisy Morehouse and Mr. Leigh Crowell, of Sandy Cove, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. St. Clair Brown.

Mrs. Wm. McNeill is on the sick list. She has been confined to her bed for the past week with an attack of rheumatism.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Edward Eaton and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Prime on the arrival of young daughters.

Miss Helen Perry has gone to New York to visit relatives. She will remain in Boston for a short time to visit her sister, Mrs. George Cormack.

The I. O. F. held their annual tea and entertainment in the hall on Friday evening, March 3rd. About two hundred persons present and all report a pleasant evening.

Schr. A. B. Parker, Capt. J. Thurber, made a flying trip to Grand Manan on Friday, returning Saturday with bait. She is now prepared for halibut fishing. We wish Capt. T. and crew every success.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Perry have gone to Yarmouth, Mrs. Perry to visit her mother, Mrs. Tibert, and Mr. Perry to work in a lobster factory. Woodruff Thurber, Ernest Hains, Lloyd Perry and Frank Perry are also engaged in the lobster business in the same place.

Mr. St. Clair Brown's family have returned to their home. Mr. Brown has resigned his position as steward of the Steamer Westport and accepted a position on Mr. Frank Lovitt's sch. yacht Columbia. He will leave the Westport in a few days.

Sandy Cove.

Dr. Ford was in town Saturday.

St. Mary's Division is in a flourishing condition.

Capt. Walter Morehouse made a flying trip to St. John last week.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. B. E. Dakin on the birth of a son, on the 12th.

Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin, of Centreville occupied the Baptist pulpit on Sunday last.

Mr. James Saunders returned home from U. S. on Wednesday, where he has been working during the winter.

Miss Vera Morehouse entertained a few friends Monday evening. A pleasant time was spent by all present.

Capt. Parker Morehouse returned home Saturday. He intends remaining a week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Morehouse.

Mr. Preston O'Neil of Mink Cove, while in the woods Saturday was taken with a shock of paralysis. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Capt. Daniel Morehouse left Sunday morning in S. S. Markland for Yarmouth, returning Tuesday with Capt. J. H. Morehouse's new boat, the Ida Lue.

Central Grove.

Mrs. M. G. Crocker was the guest of Mrs. Wm. H. Powell last week.

Miss Eva Shortliff spent Saturday and Sunday with her cousin, Mrs. William Tibert.

Mr. and Mrs. Randal Carty, of Freeport, spent last week visiting friends in Central Grove.

Mr. Alfred Cann went to Little River Monday on business, returning via S. S. Westport Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Pyne and Miss Mamie Thomas spent Sunday at Freeport with Mr. and Mrs. Addie Nickerson.

Mrs. Tibert and neice, Miss Bertie Powell, have gone to Little River and Waterford to spend a few weeks with relatives and friends.

Members of General Gordon Division, of the Sons of Temperence, held an open meeting Saturday evening, March 12th. A very interesting programme was rendered, and all present seemed to enjoy the entertainment.

Bay View

Our school opened again this week.

Miss Laura Adams has been visiting relatives in Digby for a few days.

Mr. Maurice Condon, of Digby, spent Sunday and Monday at his home here.

Mr. Alexander Caine, of Clementsport, has been visiting relatives here this week.

There have been two choppings in Bay View this week. The boys report a good time.

The many friends of Miss Eliza Hayden will be pleased to hear that she is recovering.

Service was held in the Presbyterian church last Sabbath morning. Rev. Mr. McKiva officiating.

Mr. Frank Pine, who has been visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Harte Hayden, left on Wednesday for Richibucto via St. John.

Mr. Jasper Pine, of Richibucto, is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. Harte Hayden. We understand he has purchased Mr. Hayden's horse, and will take it to Richibucto next week.

Barton.

Mr. C. A. Abbott, of Digby, is visiting his parents at this place.

Rev. R. Armstrong spent Monday last at this place, making pastoral calls.

Capt. James Abbott is preparing to leave for the Klondyke the first of April.

We understand that Mr. Edgar Jones, of Bloomfield, is about moving here and occupying Mrs. Mary McNeill's house.

Mr. John Southerland has recently put in new and improved machinery in his shingle mill which is doing its work in good style.

Mrs. A. A. Perry entertained quite a number of the lads and lassies of the community on Tuesday evening last. One enjoyable feature of the evening was the unravelling of "Cobwebs" each one finding their fate or fortune at the end of their twine. Refreshments were served late in the evening, after which they all retired to their homes singing the praises of their entertainers and the pleasant evening they had spent.

Tiverton.

Schr. Aradne, Capt. Holland Outhouse, arrived 15th from Bridgewater.

Schr. Bay Queen, Capt. Oscar Outhouse, sailed 15th for Sandy Cove.

Mrs. E. C. Ford is quite ill with La Grippe at the home of Mrs. Catherine Outhouse.

Mr. George Farnsworth, who went fishing yesterday, caught a fine halibut, weighing 114 lbs.

Death has again visited our village, taking this time little Vernon, aged 6 months, son of George and Alice M. Connell.

Brilliant Star Division celebrated their 42nd anniversary Saturday evening, March 12th. A good programme was carried out. After which refreshments were served and a few games were played by the younger members.

Aaacianville

Mr. Frank Gates is home for a short visit.

Mr. H. T. Warne has had sixty tons of ice stored.

Mrs. David Condon is visiting her niece, Mrs. Oscar Middleton.

Mrs. Rita Warne and master Burgess visited friends here this week.

Mr. Albert Nichols, of Roxbury, Mass. made a short trip here this week.

Poison For The Pastor.

ATTEMPT TO KILL NEW YORK CLERGYMAN'S FAMILY.

NEW YORK, March 15.—A mysterious attempt has been made to poison the family of Rev. Essex J. Crudup, the pastor of the Fillmore Baptist church of Plainfield, N. J. The pastor's sister and his six-year-old daughter who are some of a cake sent to the house by an unknown person, were saved by timely medical aid.

The cake was left at a grocery store by an unknown man, who asked that it be delivered to the pastor. A boy was sent to the parsonage with the package. The pastor's sister and the little girl opened it and ate some of the cocoanut frosting. They were at once taken violently ill.

Examination of the cake shows that the frosting had been filled with a deadly poison. Recently there has been trouble in the church resulting in charges against the minister and the matter has been placed before the grand jury. That body dismissed the affair. No trace of the poisoner has been found.

Trials of Speed at Sea.

H. M. S. DRAKE PRACTICALLY BROKE THE WORLD'S RECORD FOR WAR VESSELS.

A Halifax *Mail* reporter had an interview with an officer belonging to H. M. S. Alert, which arrived Friday from Bermuda. The officer stated that great interest was manifested in the trials of speed made by H. M. S. Drake, one of the cruiser squadron, under command of Admiral Parker. The Drake had practically broken the world's record for war vessels. She ran away from the other ships of the squadron. The Drake averaged 24 knots an hour on the run from England to Las Palmas, on the coast of Africa. On another steam trial, from Jamaica to Bermuda, the Drake made another splendid run. She left Jamaica on a Saturday evening and arrived at Bermuda on the morning of the following Monday. While at Bermuda the men of the squadron were given general leave—two watches of 24 hours each. The leave followed pay day, and it is estimated that the men spent $40,000.

Purchased Fromore

THE RANDOLPH HOMESTEAD NOW THE PROPERTY OF A. H. F. RANDOLPH.

Fromore, for many years the home of the late Hon. A. F. Randolph, has been purchased from the estate by his son, Mr. A. H. F. Randolph, who will occupy it, with his family, May 1st. It is one of the most desirable and best appointed private residences in the city, and has extensive and well kept grounds. Mr. Randolph's residence on Waterloo Row, known as Rose Hill, is now for sale. Fromore is at present occupied by Mr. R. F. Randolph, who will shortly remove to his new residence on Brunswick street.—*Fredericton Daily Herald.*

Good Skating at Halifax.

The Halifax *Chronicle* says: "Saturday was probably the best out-door skating day of the season, all conditions considered, and brought out the largest crowd of skaters this year. The ice on the Arm, Basin and Lakes was beautifully smooth, while the sun shone bright and warm. The largest gathering was on the Arm, some spectators estimating the number on the ice as high as 4,000. The ice was good as far south as St. Mary's boat house and the verandas in front of the boat houses looked like big secondhand stores, so large were the piles of clothing and boots left there by skaters. At the Basin there was also a large crowd as well as on the Dartmouth Lakes."

Mr. Gibson Fell Down Stairs.

Alexander Gibson, the New Brunswick lumber king, fell down a flight of stairs at his residence at Maryville on Wednesday evening, and sustained serious injuries. Although all alone he managed to make his way to the telephone and sent a message to Dr. Fisher. The latter found that Mr. Gibson, in addition to receiving a bad shaking up, had fractured his collar bone. Mr. Gibson is in his sixty-fifth year, and has had excellent health. His numerous friends hope to see him around again in a short time.

Pleasant Experience of a Lady in Amherst.

"The most perfect flour for bread and pastry that I have ever used," said an Amherst lady, "is Ogilvie's Royal Household. It is a pleasure to do one's own baking when the flour gives such results as I have obtained with Ogilvie's Royal Household."

The experience of this lady in Amherst is the experience of all who have tried this new brand of the Ogilvie Flour Mills Co.

Opening of Parliament.

OTTAWA, March 11.—Formal opening of parliament took place this afternoon under exceptionally fine weather. The ceremony was on the grandest scale for years and the attendance of ladies was unprecedented. Thousands crowded the approaches to the building.

The Lurcher.

The lightship Lurcher left Yarmouth early Tuesday morning, followed by the Lady Laurier. The former was placed in position during the forenoon, being moored to three immense blocks of granite. It is considered impossible for the vessel again to drag.

Accident in Clare

Joseph Comeau, a well-known mill owner in Clare, slipped on an icy plank in his mill Saturday, and his arm coming in contact with a circular saw was instantly severed. Medical aid was fifteen miles distant.

Possible Senators

OTTAWA, Ont., March 19.—A rumor here assigns the two Nova Scotia senatorships to ex-Premier Williams Thomas Pipes and Hon. Thomas R. Black of Cumberland.

WAR NEWS.

Admiral Makaroff Will Force The Fighting on Sea.

RUSSIAN FLEET OUTSIDE PORT ARTHUR READY TO GIVE BATTLE TO ADMIRAL TOGO—COMPLETE CHANGE IN THE RUSSIAN PLAN OF CAMPAIGN IS EVIDENT.

LONDON, March 15—4 a. m.—It seems most probable that Port Arthur has been neither captured nor evacuated, notwithstanding the recurrence of reports to that effect in some papers. Not a word of confirmation can be obtained from Tokio, while Shanghai reports the receipt of a telegram from Admiral Makaroff absolutely denying the reports.

The idea that Admiral Makaroff will probably take the aggressive as was intimated in these despatches on Saturday, receives confirmation from other sources. The correspondent of the *Daily Mail* at New Chwang reports that since the appointment of Gen. Kuropatkin to the military command in the Far East and the recent councils of war at Mukden it has become evident that the Russians' plan of campaign has undergone a complete change, especially as the Japanese have not followed on their naval successes by active land operations.

READY TO GIVE BATTLE.

He gives statements indicating more vigorous action and quotes M. Murmeric, secretary to the Governor of Dalny, as saying that after the removal of the sunker battleship Retvizan, Admiral Makaroff caused the four steamers, the Harbin, Hailer, Ninguta and Sungari to be anchored in chosen positions at the entrance of the harbor and then sunk, leaving a small channel available and ordered the whole fleet to remain outside with steam up, economy of coal being unnecessary.

Such action is interpreted as indicating his intention to give battle to the Japanese, inasmuch as remaining at anchor outside inactively would imply a repetition of Admiral Stark's tactics and invite fresh disasters. The semi-blocking of the entrance is assumed to have been for the purpose of preventing the Japanese torpedo boat destroyers from entering as they did at Wei Hai Wei in the war with China.

WILL FORCE THE FIGHTING.

That Admiral Makaroff intends to force the fighting is, according to other despatches, the general impression here. The New Chwang correspondent of the *Daily Mail* says that in an interview, M. Murmerin, Secretary to the Governor of Dalny, contended the recent bombardment of Dalny. He said that two Japanese battleships, two cruisers and two torpedo boats approached the mouth of Dalny Bay on Thursday, but were afraid to enter. There are nearly four hundred mines there. They shelled Sansanto Island, destroying the quarantine quarters, hospital and some residences, but, as the place is not fortified and as there is not a soldier there, there was no response. Lady being in the line of fire received a few shells.

M. Murmerin added that some Chinese junks and small steamers are running the blockade with provisions. None of the vessels have been captured yet, but they have had many narrow escapes.

The report that buildings in Dalny had been mined in anticipation of the occupation of the town by the Japanese is untrue. Three Englishmen and Americans were at Port Arthur, it is supposed under arrest, but one of them an engineer named Gilchrist, escaped. It is recalled that Gilchrist was lately reported to be repairing the Retavizan.

PORT ARTHUR STILL STANDS.

TIEN TSIN, March 14.—The reported occupation of Port Arthur by the Japanese is untrue, according to a telegram received here at eleven o'clock, which left Port Arthur at seven o'clock on Sunday evening. Upon inquiry the roit at Chans Shan turns out to have been unimportant.

Dutch Against British.

SITUATION IN SOUTH AFRICA—LABOR QUESTION NOW IS MOST IMPORTANT.

NEW YORK, March 11.—Bishop Hartzell, who with Rev. Wilson S. Naylor, arrived today on the Celtic, said: "The great question in South Africa is the introduction of Chinese labor as a labor question. I believe in Chinese labor as a permanent thing, but I favor it as a temporary expedient. The demand for labor is so great that 250,000 laborers could be used at once, and the lack of them has caused great commercial depression. There has been disappointment in South Africa on account of the expected commercial development and political pacification. The persistency of many of the Dutch leaders to hamper legislation and the liberal English policy is having its effect. The recent victory of the progressives under Dr. Jameson is very significant, and it is to be hoped the Dutch party, which includes many able leaders, will accept the defeat gracefully and co-operate in the advanced policy. Now there will probably be a redistribution bill passed, and this is the key of the whole situation. The representation now is by districts and not by population. The fight down there is only the old fight of the Dutch against the English." Bishop Hartzell will remain here six months. He will speak at the general conference of his church at Los Angeles in May.

Fire in St. John.

The extensive premises and plant of the Maritime Nail Company, Portland street, St. John, N. B., were destroyed by fire early on Friday morning. The loss is a severe one, both to the city and company. The premises consisted of three buildings—10 feet by 50, 2 storeys high; 30x75, 1 storey; and 100x35, 2 storeys high. A new plant and engine for the manufacture of screws had just been installed. The loss is from $75,000 to $90,000 and the insurance as follows: Ottawa, Guardian, Equity, Anglo American, $5,000 each; Sun $3,000; Phoenix of Hartford, Home, and Law Union & Crown $2,000 each. Total $20,000. The works will be rebuilt without delay.

Trans-Canadian S. S. Line.

MONTREAL, March 14.—Montreal is to be made the Canadian terminus of another steamship line and the service will be commenced in April. The line will be known as the trans-Canadian, and will run between Montreal, Bordeaux and Antwerp. Four steamers have been secured and a fortnightly freight service will be operated at first. The steamers already secured are the Ebro, Minho and Lady Stratheona, the later being a new boat. The new line will be run in connection with the Canada Ocean and Inland line, and Thomas Harling will be the Montreal agent.

Father and Children Burned.

ROGERS, Ark., March 14.—Ferdinando Walters and his three eldest children were burned to death yesterday in his home near Garfield. A brother of Mr. Walters, aged 15 years, was so badly burned that his life is despaired of. The house caught fire while all the family were asleep. Walters was a farmer and fruit grower.

Shot His Cousin.

Miss Millie Gee, of Bath, N. B., was fatally shot by her cousin, George Gee, on Sunday morning at 1 o'clock. The latter has been arrested. George had been in love with Millie, but was not favored by her. The young woman was shot in the back and her wound proved fatal. The bullet was fired from a revolver.

Sailed Around the World.

235 DAYS FROM LIVERPOOL TO SAN FRANCISCO.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., March, 14.—After a voyage of nearly eight months, during which her crew mutinied because of short rations and later in a succession of gales, the British four masted barque Falls of Halladale has arrived here, 235 days out from Liverpool from which port she sailed July 22nd. Captain Thompson attempted to round Cape Horn, and failing after battling with tempestuous seas and winds, gave it up and went practically around the world the other way, via the Cape of Good Hope. The vicinity of Cape Horn was reached Sept. 25th. There was a succession of terrific south west and westerly gales encountered which rendered it impossible to work the ship around the Cape and into the Pacific. One of the gales attained a hurricane velocity, October 9th and 10th, in the course of which 19 sails were blown away. After attempting to make the Falklands, the vessel had begun to leak and Capt. Thompson decided to square away for the eastern passage around the Cape of Good Hope.

On Jan. 1, Foveaux Island, off the south of New Zealand, was reached and there a stop was made for provisions and water, the supply of which was running short. At Foveaux eight men, tired out with battling the elements, refused duty, but, with the exception of the ringleader, they turned too, after the Captain and his Mates were forced to adopt forcible measures with them. The ringleader was ironed and confined for 38 days.

The vessel, after leaving Foveaux, made the run across the Pacific without any unusual event in the way of mishaps or in point of time. The trouble with the men quieted down and all hands were on duty when the anchor was dropped here.

A Fatal Collision.

SHERBROOKE, Que., March 15.—A C. P. R. freight train and a Boston & Maine freight came into collision this morning at the diamond crossing at Lennoxville. John Folsom, engineer, W. E. Cousins, fireman, and J. Berard, front brakeman of the Boston & Maine train, were killed, and R. Plante, engineer of the C. P. R. train, was badly scalded. The two trains approached the diamond at the same time. The watchman on duty signalled a clear way for the C. P. R. train, but the Boston & Maine train failed to stop, and the locomotive crashed into that of the C. P. R. train. It is supposed that the Boston & Maine train approached the crossing under too great headway.

Will Visit Newfoundland.

TORONTO, March 4—The reception and membership committee of the Canadian Manufacturer' Association today decided to arrange for the Association to visit Newfoundland after the annual meeting next autumn. A steamer will be chartered at Montreal for the purpose. The idea in view is to ascertain the feeling in the Island Colony regarding Confederation in order that members of the Association may arrive at an intelligent conclusion. On the return voyage a day will be spent at Halifax and one at Sydney.

BIRTHS.

DILLON—At Digby, on the 11th inst., to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Dillon a son.

BAILEY—At Riverside, Digby County, March 13th, to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Sabine, twin daughters.

MARRIAGES

HEIGHT—DUNBAR—At South Range, March 16th, by Rev. H. A. DeVoe, of Digby, Mr. Frank Herman Height, of North Range, and Miss Grace Dunbar of South Range.

American Currency at Par

BANKS REPORT THAT DOING AWAY WITH THE DISCOUNT BRINGS IN LARGE AMOUNTS.

A week ago the members of the clearing house committee at their regular meeting decided that in the future all American currency would be accepted at par by the city banks. This step was taken for the purpose of putting out from local circulation the American currency, which now hurts to a certain extent the business of banks here In the past the custom had been to receive American money at a discount of one quarter per cent. This was charged to all excepting those old and steady customers of the banks who might naturally be entitled to any such favors. But it was found that when a discount was charged that the majority of persons in making deposits endeavored always to bring Canadian currency, and thus the American money being kept away from the banks, continued in general circulation. The new plan, it is believed, will result in bringing to the banks a greater amount of American currency, and this being secured can be sent by the different banks to their branches and agencies in the United States.

Enquiry at the city banks yesterday showed that there had been a marked increase in the amount of American currency received, but not such an increase as may be expected. Later, when it becomes generally known that American notes and silver are being accepted at their face value, the bank officials expect that much larger amounts will come in.—*St. John Sun.*

Note Your Weight

By noting your increase in weight while using Dr. Chase's Nerve Food you can prove for a certainty that new firm flesh and tissue is being added to the body. This is the severest test you can apply to any treatment and proves the superiority of this great restorative prescription of Dr. A. W. Chase, the famous Receipt Book author.

Can Busy People Keep Lent.

This question is asked in our Chicago contemporary, the *Angelus*, by the Rev. E. A. Larrabee, and that well-known priest proceeds to give his answer, which we reproduce for the benefit of our readers. "Well, if they cannot, we might almost as well give up Lent altogether. Do you ever consider how large an element of failure there is in every Lent? No doubt many persons are helped by Lent, but how many there are who practically derive no benefit at all from this holy season. Individuals here and there observe the requirements of Lent, and receive its blessing, but taking the people as a whole, and leaving out Sundays, which are not reckoned in the forty days, the observance of Lent cannot be said to be general. But it ought to be general, at least as general as the Easter Communion, if Lent is to fulfil its purpose of lifting up the whole church to that devotion of heart and mind requisite for the proper fulfilment of the Easter duty. There is a sense, no doubt, in which the church as a whole derives benefit from the devotions practised by any of her children, but clearly the purpose of Lent is that the whole church, as far as possible, should take an active part in these devotions. That is evidently the meaning of the Scripture selected for the Epistle on Ash Wednesday: 'Sanctify a fast, call a solemn assembly, gather the people, assemble the congregation.'"—*Church Review.*

To Break Up a Cold

Right quickly nothing works so nicely as Nerviline taken real hot. It spreads a glowing warmth all through the body, and when rubbed on the throat and chest loosens up the tough and relives tightness and soreness in the chest. Nerviline is used as a preventive and cure for colds, coughs and winter ills in thousands of homes because it goes right to work and brings relief quickly. There is no remedy in the world with half the power and merit of Nerviline; it's invaluable in every house. In large bottles, price 25c.

Wanted a Pattern.

A ragged Irishman was charged in a London court a short time ago with tendering a counterfeit shillingin payment for a penny loaf.

Though forlorn in aspect, he was not destitute of that shrewdness which is characteristic of his countrymen. He stated that he was sent for the loaf by a person at a public house close by, who gave him the coin to pay for it, and that on discovering it was not good he bought the coin for three halfpence.

The Magistrate—How came you to buy the shilling after you had discovered it was a bad one?

The prisoner, with much apparent gravity, replied:

"Sure, then, your honor, I bought it so that if I should happen to have a bad one offered to me I might know it by looking at the one I had with me!"

There was a burst of laughter, and the fellow was dismissed with a caution.

If You Are Losing Weight

Your system is out of order and Ferrozone is needed to start a re-building process. Ferrozone makes new tissues, forms wholesome blood, strengthens the nerves and keeps your physical condition up to the proper standard. "I lost fifteen pounds thought La Grippe" writes Cyril Lane of Hartford, "but soon regained my former weight and have kept my health by using Ferrozone. It's the best rebuilder and great tonic I ever used." Use Ferrozone—it assures health. Price 50c.

A Royal Line.

A negro preacher, having baptized a colored two-year-old with the name George Washington, solemnly shook the infant by the hand, saying:

"General, I congratulate you on your ancestry."

Twitchy Muscles and Sleeplessness.

—The hopeless heart sickness that settles on a man or woman whose nerves are shattered by diseases can best be pictured in contrast with a patient who has been in the "depths" and has been dragged from them by South American Nervine. George Webster, of Forest, Ont., says: "I owe my life to it. Everything else failed to cure."—44

Her Taste.

"Have you any taste for Thackeray?" asked Mrs. Oldcastle.

"No; I can't say that I have," replied her hostess. "Is that anything like mango paprika they're puttin' in everything now?"

The President a Slave to Catarrh.—D. T. Sample, president of Sample's Instalment Company, Washington, Pa., writes: "For years I was afflicted with Chronic Catarrh. Remedies and treatment by specialists only gave me temporary relief until I was induced to use Dr. Agnew's Catarrhal Powder. It gave almost instant relief. 50 cents.—49

Why, Indeed?

When the English tongue we speak
Why is "break" not rhymed with "freak?"
Will you tell me why it is?
We say "sew," but likewise "few,"
And the maker of a verse
Cannot call his "horse" with "worse?"
"Beard" sounds not the same as "heard,"
"Cord" is different from "word."
"Cow" is cow, but "low" is "lowe;"
"Shoe" is ever rhymed with "foe."
Think of "move" and "dove" and lose;"
Think of "goose" and yet of "choose;"
Think of "comb" and "tomb" and "bomb."
"Doll" and "roll" and "home" and "some."
And since "pay" is rhymed with "say,"
Why not "paid" with "said," I pray?
We have "blood" and "food" and "good;"
"Mould" is not pronounced like "could."
Wherefore "done," but "gone" and "lone?"
Is there any reason known?
And, in short, it seems to me
Sound and letters disagree.

Health's Decalogue.

1. Rise early, retire early, and fill your day with work.

2. Water and bread maintain life; pure air and sunshine are indispensable to health.

3. Frugality and sobriety form the best elixir of longevity.

4. Cleanliness prevents rust; the best cared for machines last the longest.

5. Enough sleep repairs waste and strengthens; too much sleep softens and enfeebles.

6. To be sensibly dressed is to give freedom to one's movements and enough warmth to be protected from sudden changes of temperature.

7. A clean and cheerful house makes a happy home.

8. The mind is refreshed and invigorated by distractions and amusement, but abuse of them leads to dissipation and dissipation to vice.

9. Cheerfulness makes love of life, and love of life is half of health. On the contrary, sadness and discouragement hasten old age.

10. Do you gain your living by your intellect? Then do not allow your arms and legs to grow stiff. Do you earn your bread by your pickaxe. Do not forget to cultivate your mind and to enlarge your thought.—*French Medical Review.*

Better without a Stomach than with one that's got a constant "hurt" to it. Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets stimulate the digestive organs. Let one enjoy the good things of life and leave no bad effects—carry them with you in your vest pocket—60 in box, 35 cents.—48

Children's Reading.

Many mothers fail to realize the importance of carefully supervising their children's reading. They seem to forget that properly selected food for the brain is as necessary as suitable nourishment for the body. If from the beginning only the best books are put into the child's hands a taste for the reading of such will be cultivated that will stand him in good stead through life. Later, when he is left free to browse for himself in libraries stocked with all sorts and conditions of books, he will naturally select the good from the bad.

Books serve many purposes in a child's development aside from the cultivation of good taste in literature and the accumulation of knowledge. The wise mother knows that they are her greatest allies in cultivating patriotism, in quickening the imagination and in developing humor. She also realizes that she can make her child strong morally by means of stories as in no other way.—*Chicago Tribune.*

Itching, Burning, Skin Diseases Cured for Thirty-five Cents.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment relives in one day, and cures Tetter, Salt Rheum, Scald Head, Eczema, Barber's Itch, Ulcers, Blotches and all eruptions of the skin. It is soothing and quieting and acts like magic in the cure of all baby humors. 35c.—47

Value of Massage.

Massage as a treatment for the muscles of the face is without a rival to restore the normal beauty of contour and expression. No matter how many wise resolutions we may make for ourselves not to pucker up the eyebrows, not to allow the horizontal lines to form across the forehead, not to let the corners of the mouth droop down, etc., we will do them all at times in spite of ourselves. Now, massage comes in as a vigorous counter influence to the ravages of time, worry and care. The skilled manipulator can "plump up" more tired looking faces in an hour's treatment a day than most anything else that is known as a restorer of symmetry and good looks. A prolonged course of massage will render the skin more flexible and elastic than it naturally is, and it becomes even finer, softer and more supple under the skilled treatment.

"Regular Practitioner—No Result."—Mrs. Annie L. Chestnut, of Whitby, was for months a rheumatic victim, but South American Rheumatic Cure changed the song from "despair" to "joy." She says: "I suffered unutterable misery from rheumatism, doctors' medicine did me no good—two bottles of South American Rheumatic Cure cured me—relief came two hours after the first dose."—50

Keeping Up Appearances.

You will see plenty of women who will look smart for a few weeks each season and then degenerate into dowdiness. It is not because they do not take good care of their clothing, and its freshness lasts only a short time. Sometimes they are women who have both time and money, but are lacking in good habits, and for them no excuse can be found. A tired body and very little spare time will receive pardon for many omissions of duty, but, truth to tell, not among such surroundings do we find untidiness as a general thing. Business women are compelled to keep up appearances, conform to the rules of the house which commands their services and always by the knowledge that a pleasing appearance is of financial advantage to them in any employment.

A little fellow, looking rather squeamish, went into a Perth chemist's the other day, and asked for a penny worth of salts. During the operation of weighing the article, he said to the chemist—Dinna gi'ee full weeght, for its me that has to tak' them.

Short and Long Days.

The day is longer or shorter as you go north or south of the equator. Off Cape Horn, 56 degrees south latitude, the days in midwinter are about nine hours long. The longest day at London is sixteen hours and a half; at Stockholm, eighteen hours and a half; at Hamburg, seventeen hours; at St. Petersburg the longest day has eighteen hours, and the shortest five; at Tornea, in Finland, the longest day has twenty-one hours and a half, and the shortest two hours and a half; at Spitzbergen, the longest day is three months and a half.

Miss Margaret's Valentine

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whose forgiveness I must ask. Can you guess who? Don't look too hard, Margaret. I sent you a letter—it was on Valentine's Day, ten years ago, but no answer came, and I thought you did not care. I married soon after in a foolish spirit of revenge. Four years later, when my wife died, she confessed to me that the letter was never delivered. I resolved not to betray her faithlessness, and went away to try to make a home for the boy. Now I have come for him to find him here, and he insists that he has promised to live with you always, and that he will not go with me unless I take Miss Margaret, too. So I ask you, not for his sake only, but also for my own—will you come, Margaret?

Five minutes later the bedroom door opened slightly and a voice called 'Papa, have you asked her, and what did she say?'

'Yes, Roy,' was the answer; 'I have asked her, and she said 'Yes'.'—*Hattie Husting Pierson in Ledger Monthly.*

Those Boston Girls

Kitty—For the land's sake, what have you been doing with your finger?

Bessie—Harry Sweetser's coming to see me this evening. Two weeks ago he said he thought every woman ought to know how to sew. For a day or two I've been pricking my forefinger with a needle. One never knows, you know, what might happen at any time.

Manly Strength and Womanly Beauty depend on purity of the blood, and much of that purity depends on perfect kidney filtering. If these organs are diseased and will not perform their functions, man will seek in vain for strength and woman for beauty. South American Kidney Cure drives out all impurities through the body's "filterers"—repairs weak spots.—46

An Irish soldier, returning to barracks one night, says 'V. C.' was challenged by the sentry in the usual way, 'Halt! who goes there?' The soldier, for a lark, replied, 'Earl Roberts.' He was again challenged, and again he replied, 'Earl Roberts.' The sentry then knocked him down insensible. When he came to he saw the doctor bending over him. Said the doctor, 'Now, Pat, why didn't you answer properly when the sentry challenged you?' 'Och!' said Pat, 'if they'd do that to Earl Roberts, what would they do to poor old Flanigin?'

Pill-osophy.—There are pills and pills—but Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills at 10 cents a vial lead in demand. The sale borders on the phenomenal. Sluggish liver, constipation, or regular bowels are the decoys of many physical disorders. These little wonders remove the cause. 40 in a vial for 10 cents.—45

Efficient Housekeepers Rise Early.

"It often surprises me," said the good housekeeper, "to have a woman say that it doesn't matter if she rises late in the morning because she has plenty of servants to look after things. As if a late mistress did not make a late household! The woman with plenty of servants is just the one who ought to rise early to look after them."

After Two Warships.

OTTAWA, March 9.—After the session Hon. Mr. Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, will go to England to confer with the admiralty for the purpose of obtaining two warships on which to train Canadian for the naval reserve. This is in connection with the bill which the minister will introduce during the session, to establish a navy in Canada. One cruiser will be placed on the Pacific and one on the Atlantic coasts.

Dear Sirs,—I have been a great sufferer from rheumatism, and lately have been confined to my bed. Seeing your MINARD'S LINIMENT advertised, I tried it and got immediate relief. I ascribe my restoration to health to the wonderful power of your medicine.

LEWIS S. BUTLER.

Burin, Nfld.

Celebrated Her 20th Birthday.

Mrs. M. H. Crosby, formerly of Pictou, N. S., but now living in Boston, celebrated her 20th birthday on Monday, although she is 80 years of age. Mrs. Crosby is the daughter of Dr. William Henderson, of Edinburgh, Scotland, who was saved from a wreck on the Nova Scotia coast nearly 100 years ago.

An Efficient Testimony for Catarrh—Will first destroy the germs that excite the disease. Then there are secreted some spots in the mucous membrane to be healed. Any requirement of a perfect cure for catarrh is found in fragrant healing Catarrhozone which not only instantly kills the germs but restores the diseased membranes to a normal condition and prevents the relapse which is sure to follow the use of ordinary remedies. Catarrhozone is a scientific cure for catarrh that relieves quicker, is more pleasant, must certain to cure than any other known remedy. Failure is impossible, lasting cure is guaranteed. Use only Catarrhozone. Two months treatment $1.00; trial 25c. Get it to-day.

Unnecessary Emphasis

"Why are you smiling so broadly, Henry?"

"I was just thinking of the good times I had."

"When, Henry, dear?"

"Before we were married, of course."

Lace Summer Gowns

Large gowns are to have bodices showing white chemisettes of lace and lawn, while the stock worn will be of the same material as the gown, prettily trimmed with white linen or colored linens with and without laces. This a change from the match cravat, which is still to be counted upon worn with shirt waist forenoon suits.

Mechanics, Farmers, Sportsmen!

To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains, paint and dirt, etc. use The "Master Mechanic's" Tar Soap. Albert Toilet Soap Co., Mfrs.

Marten—I hear you have left your home and family and become a hermit.

Skunk—Yes, I had to. My eldest boy took to cigarettes and would smoke 'em in the house.

The Only Way

Hix—Did you have your baby's picture taken by a photographer?

Dix—No; by a man who runs the kinetoscope.

Eggmostly.

If the egg corner holds through the next presidential campaign some of our spellbinders will have reason to congratulate themselves on the fact.

To Clean an Invalid's Room.

The best way to clean an invalid's room is to rub the carpet with a cloth wrung out of ammonia, rinsing and turning the cloth as the dust and dirt collect upon it. Change the water frequently. This is far better than sweeping and raising an unpleasant dust.

Reduced Postage.

OTTAWA, March 9.—Sir William Mulock is negotiating with President Diaz, of Mexico, for reduced postage between Canada and Mexico. The Canadian postmaster-general expects that in a short time, letters between both countries will be carried at domestic rates, namely two cents.

Homemade Bluing.

A homemade bluing that will not rust the clothes requires 5 cents' worth of oxalic acid added to two quarts of rainwater. Bottle and keep where it will not freeze. A teaspoonful will blue ten gallons of water.

A Healer.

"Why, Sharpe, I'm glad to see you so lively again. You were quite lame when I last met you."

"Oh, yes; I was awfully lame then. But that was before I got a verdict of $5,000 against the railway company."

—One-third of the college graduates now are women.

In the Supreme Court.

Between—Edward E. Rice, Plaintiff,

—AND—

J. Arthur Grierson, appointed to represent the heirs and persons interested in the estate of John O'Connor, deceased, Defendant

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby at the Court House in Digby, on Wednesday, the 6th day of April, A. D. 1904, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein dated the 16th day of February, A. D. 1904, unless before the day of sale the amount due and costs are paid to the plaintiff or to his solicitor or into court:

ALL the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption, if any is said John O'Connor, at the time he made the mortgage herein foreclosed and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under him since, of, in and to all the following parcels of land, viz:

FIRST—All that farm lot or parcel of land situate at Broad Cove, in the County of Digby, being the homestead farm and premises on which the said John O'Connor resided at the time of his death and including the land occupied by the said John O'Connor's hotel known as the "Bay View Hotel," and bounded as follows:—On the north by the shore of the Bay of Fundy (Broad Cove) on the east by part of the homestead farm of the late Thomas O'Connor, on the south by remaining land owned or occupied by Coleman Vaughan and Jas. Clements Budd, and on the west by land of Thomas Murphy, containing by estimation two hundred acres more or less.

SECOND—Nine certain lots of land situate in the town of Digby, being the first, second, third, fourth, fifth, sixth, seventh, eighth and ninth lots in block letter "L" of said Digby Common and bounded southerly by the Nova Scotia Central Railway, and westerly by land now or formerly of Fulton Tupper, and northerly by land now or formerly of Timothy Titus, said nine lots being those conveyed to said John O'Connor by Jacob R. Gearon, Alma A. Gearon and Ann D. Gearon by deed dated June 28, 1902, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Digby county in Libre 78, folios 66 and 67. Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the above described premises belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TERMS—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed.

E. E. BORDEN, SMITH,
High Sheriff of Digby County.

F. JONES, Bear River, Plaintiff's Solicitor. 36 d

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER.

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Digby Churches and Societies.

CHURCHES.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.—Sunday 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Holy Communion, 8 a. m. Sunday School 3 p. m. Sunday in each month, at 11 a. m., second, fourth and fifth Sundays, 8 a. m.; fifth Sunday, children's service, 2.30 p. m. All seats free. REV. H. A. HARRIS, M. A., Rector.

BAPTIST CHURCH—Hours of service: Sabbath, Preaching services 11 a. m. and 7.00 p. m. Sabbath School 12 m. Prayer meeting, Wednesday prayer meeting at 8.00 p. m. W. M. A. society 1st Thursday in each month at 3 p. m. The Lord's Supper administered 1st Lord's day in each month. Ushers in attendance. REV. A. J. ARCHIBALD, Pastor.

DIGBY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.—Service every Sunday afternoon at 3.15. Prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 7.30. Preaching service and Sabbath school at Bay View every Sabbath morning at eleven o'clock. Strangers will be welcome at all the services.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH.—Sabbath Services: Morning, 11 o'clock; evening, 7.00. Sunday school at the close of the morning service. Prayer and class meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Preaching service at Broad Cove and Smith's Cove every alternate Sabbath at 3 o'clock p. m. Epworth League every Friday evening. Strangers cordially welcomed to all the services. REV. B. HIGGINS Pastor.

SEVENTH DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH, Disciples of Christ—Hours of service: Sabbath preaching service 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Thursday evening prayer meeting at 7 p. m. A Sunday school will be organized as soon as possible. REV. D. ROSS MILLER, Pastor.

SOCIETIES.

I. O. O. F.—St. George Lodge, No.55, meets in I. O. O. F. hall every Friday evening at 8 o'clock. Transient brothers always welcome. H. E. DONAH, N. G.; GEO. H. PARKER, P. G., R. S.

A. F. & A. M.—King Solomon Lodge, No. 81 meets in Masonic Hall on first Tuesday in each month. Royal Arch Chapter meets in every month at 8 p. m. Visiting brethren always welcome. H. L. DENNISON, W. M.; J. M. CURTS Secy.

I. O. F.—Court Admiral Digby, No. 115, meets in Masonic hall last Monday in every month at 8 p. m. W. W. HAYDEN, C. R.; J. A. DEBLOIS Secy.

C. O. F.—Court Sea-View, No. 773, meet in I. O. O. F. hall the last Thursday in every month at 8 p. m. A. H. HOLDSWORTH, C. R.; H. B. BUSHMAN, F. S.

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The Four Leaved Shamrock.

Among the uneducated classes in Ireland any strange or unusual formation in plant or flower is regarded with more or less superstition. A double nut, or unusually large, or oddly shaped fruit of any kind, a leaf of peculiar formation—these things are always plucked when found and kept for luck.

But the superstitious reverence with which the four-leaved shamrock and clover have been regarded for so long a time, that 'the memory of man runneth not back to the contrary,' has a very simple explanation. Its resemblance to the form of a cross is unquestionably the cause of its enslavement in the estimation of the people with many virtues, and especially with the virtue of detecting the presence of evil spirits, and nullifying their power to inflict injury.

The belief respecting the influence of the four-leaved Shamrock, which is prevalent in Ireland, is told by Samuel Lover in the following verses:

'I'll seek a four-leaved Shamrock,
In all the fairy dells;
And if I find the charmed leaf,
Oh, how I'll weave my spells!
I would not waste my magic might,
On diamond, pearl, or gold,
For treasure tires the weary sense—
Such triumph is but cold;
But I will play the enchanter's part,
In casting bliss around;
Oh, not a tear or aching heart,
Should in the world be found!

'To worth, I would give honor;
I'd dry the mourner's tears;
And to the pallid lip recall,
The smile of happier years;
And hearts that had been long estranged,
And friends that had grown cold,
Should meet again like parted streams,
And mingle as of old.
Oh, then I'd play the enchanter's part
In casting bliss around!
Oh, not a tear or aching heart
Should in the world be found!

'The heart that had been mourning,
O'er banished dreams of love,
Should see them all returning,
Like Noah's faithful dove,
And Hope should launch her blessed barque,
On Sorrow's darkening sea,
And Mercy's children have an ark,
And saved from sinking be.
Oh, then I'd play the enchanter's part,
In casting bliss around;
Oh, not a tear or aching heart,
Should in the world be found!'

'Seems to me you're lookin' sort o' blue this mornin,' Liddy. What's the matter?'

Lydia Burns lifted her gloomy eyes to the face of the questioner, a plump, roly-poly little woman. 'Matter enough, I should think,' she burst forth vehemently. 'Ain't the sight o' them trees enough to make any one look blue? pointing a bony finger toward the rows of straight young peach and cherry trees that skirted her small yard. Tufts of brown and withered blossoms and blackened, shriveled foliage clung to their branches, sole remnants of the masses of beautiful pink and snow-white blossoms that clothed them less than four days before.

Mrs. Atwood glanced through the muslin curtained, open window, at the gently swaying boughs. 'Oh, you mean the frost. Yes, 'tis a pity,' she murmured, placidly. 'But then, what can't be cured, must be endured, you know, an' I ain't the least mite o' doubt but that the trees'll bear all the better for restin' up one season,' she added, with characteristic optimism.

But the cheering prophecy quite failed to comfort Lydia. 'I don't see why sich things are allowed to happen,' she protested fretfully.

'Well, I dunno as I do,' her companion answered thoughtfully, though sometimes I think it's done to make folks appreciate the blessings they do enjoy more. Here we go havin' fruit year after year, an no one says a word or thinks a thing about it. Then mebbe once in five or six years the crop fails, and what a growlin' and grumblin' there is. Not but what it's a pity, o' course,' she added in a conciliatory tone, as she suddenly remembered that her listener was one of the grumblers.

Lydia heaved a dismal sigh. 'I don't see what folks is to do,' she declared gloomily. 'Mr. Atwood repeated sharply. 'Why, they'll have to do the best they kin. What does folks do that lives where there ain't a mite o' fruit? There's my sister Esther, that lives in Arizony. Why, I'll presume to say there ain't a fruit tree in a hundred miles o' her place. An yit when I was down there two years ago she had more stuff done up than I did, an' I livin' right in a fruit country, too. She had every can and jar filled.'

'For the land's sake!' What did she put in 'em? Lydia exclaimed, her curiosity getting the better of her despondency.

'Veg'tables,' Mrs. Atwood answered with a smile. 'An' mighty good they was too. Why, Pi's termuter, and melon rind preserves were jest as nice as they could be. I brought home a couple o' cans of 'em, an' our folks thought they never ate anything so good. Why when the fruit crop failed five years ago, there was Mis' Prince with her big family, never put up a can; and there's Mis' Prince, takin' boarders an' all, in Feb'wary, had jest two cans, an' one of them was elderberries. I guess either one of them women would have been glad enough of some of Pi's nice canned and preserved veg'tables. Why, Liddy I' she suddenly exclaimed, as though struck by a new thought, 'you've got a good bit o' ground, why don't you try raisin veg'tables for market? I do believe you could make it pay.'

Soon the callers took their departure, leaving Lydia to meditate in solitude. Never had there been a brighter, balmier, or more promising spring until the frost had swept over the land blighting the delicate blossoms and tender verdure. Lydia, staring dreamily at the denuded trees, wondered what she should do. Her small yard and garden was dotted with thrifty, young trees, that each season yielded a goodly harvest of choicest fruit. The proceeds of the little fruit crop had hitherto eked out a very slender and uncertain income. That there would be no fruit this season, however, was a foregone certainty, and Lydia heaved a despairing sigh as she conjured up a dismal picture of a bare pantry, and a preserve closet minus its customary store of rich, toothsome sweets.

Presently she remembered Mrs. Atwood's suggestion that she try raising vegetables for profit. There surely was no reason why she should not. Her garden plot was very large. There was the pasture lot adjoining—a corner section, intersected by a clear running stream. The soil was good, and would answer admirably for gardening purposes. 'Better than setin' here and thinkin' myself to death, an I shall if I don't do somethin,' Lydia muttered grimly. Then, with a sharp click of the jaws, I'll do it!'

With Lydia, to resolve was to act. The grass never grew under her feet. Moreover, the season was advancing, and it was expedient to make all possible haste. Within four days the ground was thoroughly prepared for the planting, and consignments of seeds and plants had arrived from several reputable dealers. She had also secured in the person of her Uncle Gale Hamlin, a valuable and efficient assistant. Having no garden of his own Uncle Gale had gladly assented to Lydia's proposition, that he assist her with the gardening for a share of the vegetables raised.

Sunshine, showers and balmy breezes quickly succeeded the frost and biting winds. Fine weather could come, now everything was ruined, growled the malcontents. But Lydia's voice was not heard in the dolorous clamor. Her work was all absorbing, and left no time for idle repining. It was decidely a 'growing time.' The quickening influence of sun and showers caused the tender young plants to fairly jump. Of course, the weeds jumped, too, but Lydia really enjoyed pulling the saucy usurpers from the soft, damp soil. After an hour's weeding in the pure morning air, she would bring to her breakfast the keenest of appetites, and food from which she had previously turned with indifference or positive disgust, was now partaken of with zest and relish. Indeed, as time passed, she found to her surprise that 'delving' in Mother Earth was doing what doctors and drugs had hitherto failed to do, curing her of a liver complaint of long standing. Lydia regarded the improved state of her health as little less than a miracle, but Uncle Gale assured her that her ease was by no means exceptional.

The most vexatious thing with which they had to deal was the host of insect pests that infested the melon, cucumber, squash and pumkin vines. Constant and vigorous warfare, however, soon depleted the ranks of the invaders, and resulted ultimately in their total extinction. Thereupon Uncle Gale proudly boasted of the numbers he had slain. Scarcely had they put these enemies to rout, when another appeared, the cabbage worm. Uncle Gale heard Lydia grumbling morning, as she strolled leisurely among the plants. 'I jest can't see how 'tis!' she muttered. 'I'll git these terments all killed off one mornin', an' the very next they'll be thickers'n ever. There, that plant's all cleared of 'em, but I warrant it'll be kivered by termorrer.'

Uncle Gale chuckled softly as he carefully threaded his way among the cabbage rows, and, stooping beside the plant Lydia had triumphantly declared as cleared, turned back the large outer leaves. It was dotted over with tiny green larvae and minute creamy white specks. 'Look here Liddy,' he called, pointing toward the leaf, upon which she gazed in astonishment.

'For the land's sake!' she exclaimed, 'I never once thought o' lookin' underneath them big, out-side leaves.'

'No,' returned Uncle Gale, 'most folks don't. And there's where they git left. See them white specks! Them's eggs; ye want ter, quash every one or they'll be worms. After ye once git 'em all cleared, 'taint sich hard work to keep rid of the varmints. Why, I kep' 200 plants hand-picked once. 'Course 'twas hard work, but didn't I enjoy eatin' of 'em, though. I knowed they'd never be'n dosed with paris green, dirty sads, road dust an' sich like.'

Lydia was adding day by day various helpful items to her store of gardening lore, and under Uncle Gale's efficient tutelage, was fast becoming an expert gardener. She also received many valuable suggestions from a tile of old horticultural journals which she had unearthed in the attic. In one of the journals she read an article that extolled the virtues of liquid manure. Therefore, when the cucumber, melon, squash and pumpkin vines yellowed and grew spindling, during a week of protracted drought, she promptly filled an old leach barrel with well-rotted manure, afterward adding water and running it off, in precisely the same manner as does the housewife, when leaching her ashes. A quantity of the liquid fertilizer, thus secured, was judiciously applied to the sickly plants, which immediately put forth a luxuriant growth of dark green foliage dotted over with fruitful yellow blossoms. A receptacle was conveniently placed for receiving soap suds, which Lydia had learned was also a good fertilizing agent.

'You must put up a good lot of green termatter mince, Liddy,' Mrs. Atwood remarked one day. 'Apples is goin' to be turrible scarce—leff be jest plenty enough for mince meat. Green termatter sauce makes a proper good pie—some say they can't tell it from the real mince.'

Lydia gave an incredulous sniff. 'Green termatter mince! indeed! She had never heard of such a thing. She shouldn't like it, she knew. But when she tasted the piece her good natured hostess chanced to have handy her opinion changed. The first mouthful convinced her that it was a very good pie, and before the last toothsome, flaky morsel disappeared she had manfully decided that at least 12 cans of the delectable mince should grace the shelves of her store closet.

Lydia's garden boasted several unique specimens of the vegetable kingdom—named respectively the ground cherry, vegetable peach and garden lemon. Delicious sauces, pickles and preserves can be made from each of these and they are, therefore, a valuable acquisition to any garden when fruit is scarce. They also make excellent pies.

Rows of Rock Red cabbage and creamy hearted cauliflower spanned the length of the larger of Lydia's gardens. These were eagerly snapped up by pickle-loving house-wives, and though Lydia had a large supply of each, she found that she could have profitably disposed of many more. Other green vegetables such as corn, beans, cucumber and the crinkly watercress that lined the banks of the intersecting stream, found quick sales and good prices at a nearby summer resort.

Withal a neat little sum was realized and the lean pocketbook was bulged, and it was decidedly plethoric. However it was not until the summer waned, and the vegetable crop, matured and ripened by the glorious autumn sunshine, had been turned into golden coin, that Lydia realized the full measure of her success—a success that far exceeded her most extravagant dreams. Lydia wondered, indeed, that more women did not turn to gardening as a means of securing that great desideratum of the feminine heart, pin money, and incidentally, good health as well.

Besides, both Uncle Gale's table and her own had been provided with the choicest and freshest vegetables, throughout the summer and their cellars were well filled for the winter. Then her preserve closet! Lydia's eyes glistened with true housewifely pride as she gazed upon its crowded shelves—not an inch of empty space. There were canned corn, peas, asparagus and rhubarb, tomato and melon rind preserves. Lydia used the smaller varieties of tomatoes, both red and yellow, which are specially adapted for preserving, pickling and also drying in sugar. There were canned squash and pumpkin, delicious pumpkin butter and pumpkin chips, thubarb and tomato jelly, pink, ruby tinted and gold. Jars, a round dozen, held green tomato mince. Pickles galore, cucumbers, mustard and mixed pickles, green, red and yellow peppers, stuffed and pickled, mangoes, pickled beets, beans, carrots, red cabbage and the tiny Barletta onion, helped to fill the shelves. Besides there were sacks of dried pumpkin and lima beans and kegs of sauer kraut.

Mrs. Atwood had been ill when tomatoes ripened and had failed to secure a supply of her favorite preserves. Lydia therefore presented to the good woman several jars from her own store. Mrs. Atwood was delighted with the gift, but demurred at the generosity of the donor. But Lydia cut her short. 'You deserve en an' more, too,' she observed curtly. 'If I didn't be'n for the hint you give my bout pickin' vegetables, I'd most likely be right down an' let disappointment eat my heart out.'

It was in February of the following winter that a whole sleighload of uncles aunts and cousins came to pay Lydia an all-day visit. When, during the afternoon, the women began bewailing their lack of canned stuff, pickles, etc., Lydia triumphantly revealed to them the treasures of her store closet. Then she told the story of her successful venture.—*New England Homestead.*

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BEAR RIVER NEWS.

Local and Personal Items From Our Sister Town.

COASTING SCHOONERS LOADING WOOD AND PILING FOR BOSTON—A PLEASANT DRIVE TO LAKE JOLLY—CLARKE BROS. SELL TEN YOKE OF OXEN—BRASS BAND WILL BE REORGANIZED.

Reginald Graham returned home from Tusket last Saturday.

S S. Stephens, of Kingston, was in town on business yesterday.

Mr. Harve Marshall left yesterday on a trip to Annapolis and Bridgetown.

Edward Harris, who has been spending the winter with his parents here, left for Boston last Saturday.

Mrs. Reginald Benson, whose life was some days dispaired of, is, we are pleased to report, much improved.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. McDormand are receiving the congratulations of their friends on the birth of a baby boy.

Miss May Harris arrived home from St. John on Monday, being called home by the illness of her sister, Mrs. Reginald Benson.

Schr. Josephine is loading wood and piling at her owners' wharf, for Boston. She will be ready for sea by the last of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Milledge Armstrong left for Boston Wednesday, to visit their son William.

About a dozen young men left this vicinity Wednesday for the New Brunswick lumber woods.

W. W. Clarke treated his Sunday school class and a number of guests, to a sleigh drive to Lake Jolly on Saturday last.

Roy VanBuskirk was a passenger to St. John Wednesday, where he goes to take a course in the St. John Business College.

Rev. Joseph Hayes, P. P., of Annapolis, made his regular mission to the Church on the Indian Reserve here, on Sunday.

Miss Gladys Clarke entertained about twenty-five of her young friends by a sleigh ride to the lumber camps and lakes out South on Monday.

The schr. Valdare, Capt. Anthony, pulled through the bridge yesterday, with a full cargo of wood and piling for Boston. She will sail the first chance.

Mrs. (Dr.) Lawrence B. Braine and little daughter, arrived yesterday on a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Graham, before going West to join her husband.

We are pleased to learn that Mrs. Fred Dimmas, who has been seriously ill, is much improved, and her little son Voorhels, who was dangerously ill, is also convalescing.

The members of the old Bear River Brass Band are looking forward to resuscitating that organization, and will shortly call a meeting to take steps toward that end.

Ten yoke of oxen were sold last week by Messrs. Clarke Bros., to H. S. Hall, of Smith's Cove, to be delivered as soon as the winter's logging operations are completed.

Mr. Edw. Turnbull, of the Union Bank staff, did not leave for Truro as expected last week, having remained to relieve Manager Strothard, who was confined to the house by a severe cold.

Packet schr. Citizen, Woodworth, towed down the river last Saturday on her first trip of the season to St. John. She has the same crew on as last season, Messrs. Harris, Moore, and George Peck.

Mrs. Reuben Alcorn returned from Halifax on Monday, where she had been visiting her son Harry at the Victoria General Hospital. She reports him doing nicely, it being a false report that he had to have a second operation.

Word has been received here of the death of Mr. Frank Parker, at Denver, Colorado, where he had recently gone for his health. Mr. Parker was the son of Mrs. J. W. Parker, of New York, and her many friends here will sympathize with her in her sad affliction.

Capt. Longmire, of Bridgetown, came down on the Halifax express, yesterday, to haul his schr. Packet off the beach at Harris' Landing, where she has spent the winter, and get her ready to go to Bridgetown as soon as navigation in the Annapolis river opens.

The new drug store was opened for business on Saturday last, and is fitted up with a full stock of drugs, beside an assortment of fancy articles such as usually accompany the drug trade. The store, described in a recent issue, shows to splendid advantage with its shelves filled with nicely arranged goods.

So far as we have heard, Edward Alcorn has hauled the king load of timber this winter. One day last week his team of oxen, driven by Otis Robbins, landed at the mill a load of hemlock which measured scaled 2401 ft. This was hauled three-quarters of a mile, some of the distance being up grade. Who can beat it?

It is reported on good authority that a moose has been killed near Sixth Lake, and the meat brought out of the woods. The fact is known to men who have been hauling hay from the meadows on Sixth Lake stream, as well as others who have been in that vicinity of late. There should be no trouble to locate and prosecute the offender, and for the good reputation of Bear River as a sportsmen's centre, this should be done. Too much effort has been expended to make the game laws respected to allow them to fall into disrespect now.

Troublesome Babies.

Babies are not naturally troublesome—they should be bright, active and happy and a joy to your home. When baby is troublesome you may depend upon it there is some cause of many minor ailments bothering him. These can all be overcome by the use of Baby's Own Tablets. Proof of this is given by Mrs. C. M. Marshall, Falkland Ridge, N. S., who says:—"I am pleased to state that I have used Baby's Own Tablets for my children with great success. I think the Tablets the very best medicine for all the ailments of small children and would recommend them to mothers who have troublesome babies."

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Crew of Twenty Two Lost.

DUBLIN, March 20.—The German barque Mona collided with the English ship Lady Cairns off Dublin Bay this morning. The Lady Cairns sank in a few minutes. Her crew of 22 were drowned. The Mona, which was much damaged, was assisted to Dublin harbor.

The Lady Cairns was a three masted iron ship of 1,186 tons. She was commanded by Captain T. Evans and was bound from Liverpool for Timaru, New Zealand.

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Quieted Them.

There is an old story of Arthur Roberts, an English actor, which illustrates how a little presence of mind may save lives. There had been an alarm of fire in the theatre, and a panic seemed imminent. The actor walked to the footlights and addressed the audience. "Ladies and gentlemen," he said, "if there were any danger do you think I would be here?"

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Twenty Five Horses Burned.

MONTREAL, March 20.—Twenty five horses perished in a fire in the Parker Carting Company stables, Point St. Charles, Saturday night. The fire gained such headway before it was discovered, that six horses were found dead when the firemen reached the scene. There were thirty one in the stables, and nineteen died after they were got out. The loss is $5,500.

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"What! Fell downstairs! How did it happen?"

"Why, you see, I started to go down and my wife said, 'Be careful, John,' and I'm not the man to be dictated to by any woman—and so down I went."

IN THE PINE FORESTS.

Strenuous Life in the Ontario Logging Camps.

LUMBERMEN AT WORK WITH AXE, CANT HOOK AND TEAM FROM DAWN TO DARK—PREPARING FOR THE GREAT SPRING "DRIVE"—HOW THE WORK OF GETTING DOWN THE TIMBER IS DONE.

The white pine forests of Ontario are just now scenes of beelike activity. Great camps of lumbermen are at work from dawn to dark getting the timber ready for the big drive which will come with the melting of the snows, bringing wealth to the forest owner and the jobber and weeks of revelry to the man with the axe. With the introduction of the railroad into the logging industry and the increased scope of operation a good deal of the old time romance has passed from the provincial woods, but there are still many camps where the whistle of the locomotive is unheard and where patient horses drags the cut timber on enormous sleds to the waterways, by which it is floated to market.

The lumberman whose holdings are not large enough to justify the construction of a logging railroad, or whose means are inadequate must rely on the assistance of nature. Next to an available water course snow and ice are his great necessities, and not a minute of the brief winter can be waste. His logs must all be in the stream before the spring thaw swell it into a roaring torrent or his season's work may go for naught. Logs left lying on the banks of creek or river after the freshets are over are practically valueless.

The preliminary work of building roads from the heart of the forest to the stream which he has chosen as his common carrier and directing his camp the lumberjacks can do in the early fall. Snags, rocks and brushwood are cleared from the bed of the stream to prevent the possibility of "jams" during the drive. Then a "banking" place is picked out where the ice which will form on the river will afford a long and firm floor for the great piles of logs which must be there when the ice breaks up. The "banking" place is usually a site where sleds can be driven safely down upon the ice, but where the bank is too steep the logs may be unloaded on the bank and rolled down upon the river.

Then a way is cleared through the trees, usually twenty feet wide, with "switches" every quarter mile where loaded and unloaded teams may pass one another. Rocks and stumps are removed from the road, and hollows are filled up with earth or brush. Bridges are built over gullies, and corduroy is laid over swamps. Transverse roads are cut out to connect with the main highway. The main road requires much engineering skill. The grade must be easy, with long curves, and if possible must be a down grade to the river through all its length.

Where each traverse road empties into the main road, a platform is constructed, on which the logs are so piled that they can be easily rolled on to the sleds.

This work, including the erection of the camps and stable, must be completed before a severe frost comes. In the meantime a horde of choppers has been swarming through the woods as an army of grasshoppers goes through a field of grain, cutting down every tree of size, trimming it of limbs, dividing it into log lengths and carrying it to the skidway. Sometimes the logs are "snaked" out by means of huge tongs attached to the butt ends, to which horses may be hitched. Sometimes they are hound into fagots of two or three and fastened with chains to a primitive chariot made of a single pair of wheels and an axle, which lifts one end of the log pile from the ground so that the load can be readily dragged. After snow falls the logs are either "snaked" in or drawn in singly by means of a single hoisted.

At the skidways they are piled on the big sleds, which holds fifty or sixty logs, laid on in three sections, each section hound separately by a chain running clear around it and under the sleds. The sleds are made deep, parallel grooves in the snowy road, in which the sleds run as easily as car wheels on rails, and one team can drag a load of two or three tons. As the loaded teams arrive at the river bank the logs are rolled off the sleds, piling the logs on the ice, and if no malign influence intervenes the thaw sees the stream filled from bank to bank with the season's cutting, and a "drive" of a few days brings millions of feet of timber to the mills.

The work of the woodsmen is hard and incessant while it lasts and fraught with peril, but the triumphant independence of the pioneer is theirs, and they seem to feel to the full the joy of living.

At the Reception.

"Why is everybody leaving the drawing room? Supper hasn't been announced yet, has it?"

"No. Miss Ella Cutte is going to recite that beautiful poem beginning—"

"Oh, excuse me! See you later."

His Art.

"Why do you say he's a wonderful actor?"

"He sat through an amateur dramatic entertainment and actually made people think he enjoyed it."

THE DIGBY WEEKLY COURIER

Digby, March 25, 1904.

NATIONAL DEFENCE.

The proposed militia law has done wisely in including the boys from twelve to eighteen in its system of national defence. Not that these should be called upon to fight, but that the problem of training the manhood of the country for its defence can be fulfilled at their age in a far more effective and economic manner than later. Indeed, we think the expense of keeping up an active armament might be very much reduced if the business of training the school boys were made not only a liability but a general rule. After such training as should be given to all boys, the country could at any time have an army of any necessary dimensions ready for the field in a month or two. Such a training would be worth all its cost in the manly pose and gait which it would impart to our people, replacing what is too often now a stoop and a slouch. Besides such preparations of the whole people, all that would be necessary would be a skeleton force with thoroughly trained field officers, able to give rapid shape to raw material. With very small contemplated regular force an active volunteer force would probably still be needed for emergencies, but in so far as it can be dispensed with it is, compared with the provision we propose, an expensive luxury. The less of militarism we have in the country the better. It is always an evil spirit. What best eliminates that is the best system for us. We do not want a military caste, but a whole population ready at need. The new law contemplates the calling out of the reserves by conscription. This is a measure which we may well hope the country will never be reduced to. It works very badly indeed, especially if substitutes are permitted. The first effect of a conscription with the permission of substitutes is to put a stop to volunteering. Many a man who would naturally volunteer would hang back in the hope of getting big money for substituting. The country would forfeit with feel the effect of this in the reduction of its volunteer battalions, and it would be forced to offer more and more inducements, as in the case of the heavy bounties paid in the United States government at the time of the war with the South. In fact, the conscription would cost instead of being a cheaper way of getting men, is a much dearer one. Have the population sufficiently ready for duty and there will be no default of Canadians when the drum beats with adequate cause.

I. O. O. F.

THREE NEW LODGES INSTITUTED IN NOVA SCOTIA THIS WEEK.

It appears that the Independent Order of Oddfellows is not only flourishing in Digby during the present winter, but that the same interest in the order prevails throughout the entire province. Three lodges have been instituted this week and anniversaries are being celebrated with great success throughout the maritime provinces.

Wednesday evening a new lodge was organized at Mount Harbor, Shelburne county. Delegations from Diamond, Yarmouth; Orion, Port Maitland, who went down by special train to initiate the new members, returned home yesterday morning and report a good time.

Tuesday evening, St. Edulie Rebekah Lodge, No. 27, was instituted in Kentville, by Mrs. Minnie B. Robinson, of St. Stephen, N. B., President of the Rebekah Assembly of the Maritime Provinces. There were six charter members and twenty-one initiates. The degree team of Diamond Rebekah Lodge, No. 15, of Truro, conferred the degree in a highly pleasing and skilful manner under the guidance of Mrs. McDowall, the degree captain. Visiting members from Amapolis, Port Maitland, Lunenburg, Truro, Windsor and others were present. The following are the officers of the new Lodge,

N. G.—Mrs. W. E. Porter.
V. G.—Mrs. Emma Lockhart.
Secy.—Sister A. C. Moore.
Fin. Secty.—Mrs R. B. Harris.
Treas.—Mrs. A. S. Killam.
Warden—Sister Jennie McRae.
Conductor.—Sister Rose I. G.—Sister Fraser.
R. S. N. G.—Bro. Rockwell.
L. S. N. G.—Bro. Shaw.
R. S. V. G.—Sister White.
L. S. N. A.—Bro. Lockhart.

After the ceremonies of the evening were ended refreshments were served, and a social time was spent. Everything points to a useful and progressive life for the new lodge.

Grand Master Weir, of Charlottetown, P. E. I., was present, also the Grand Warden. The lodge, however, was instituted by Mrs. Robinson, assisted by Mrs. Hayes and others of Hiawatha Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., of Kentville, is also said to be in a flourishing condition this winter.

Last night, a new lodge was organized in Wolfville. A special train left Middleton at six o'clock p. m., returning about five o'clock this morning. The degrees were conferred by teams from Halifax, Kentville, Kingston and Middleton. The visiting brethren were royally entertained while in Wolfville.

The following is taken from the *British Whig* published in Kingston, Ont., will show how Oddfellowship is progressing in that province.

Cataraqui Lodge, No. 10, I. O. O. F., one of the leading and most successful fraternity organizations in Canada, had a "Red Letter Day" on Tuesday. The occasion was the initiation of twenty-five new members, bringing its membership strength to 600. The ceremonies took place last night in the presence of a large assemblage of Oddfellows, and were conducted by past-noble grands of the order. Afterwards, a social hour was spent, when refreshments were served followed by a good programme. Cataraqui lodge is certainly a flourishing institution, having assets of $11,000, of which over $6,000 is invested in municipal debentures.

At a meeting of the above lodge four weeks ago, twenty-three young men were initiated.

Pay More and Save More.

There is no more perfect flour for bread and pastry than Ogilvie's Royal Household. If you have not already tried it just buy a barrel and see how satisfied you will be with the results. The price is higher than ordinary flours but you will say that never before have you been able to make as good bread nor with so small an amount of flour. You pay more at one end but you save more than the extra cost at the other.

Arrived in St. John.

Schr. Jessie Lena, Capt. Hogan, which loaded lumber at Bear River for Cienfuegos, was towed down to Digby by the St. John tug Lillie the other day. The vessel sailed from Digby Tuesday, but encountering bad weather, put into St. John for shelter. As some repairs were needed forward, they will be made at Rankin's wharf, where she lies, before the Jessie Lena leaves St. John.

Wanted in New Brunswick.

A Weymouth, N. S., letter says: "The pulp company has failed to make the business pay, and has been shut down since June last, and quite a few men have been out of employment, but they soon found a place that wanted able bodied men at Westfield, or Musquash, N. B., where they have a large number of men cutting what the fire run through last summer in order to save the timber.

A Well Known Firm Dissolved.

MESSRS. C. A. AND H. W. DAKIN OF DIGBY, WILL DO BUSINESS IN TWO STORES.

As will be noticed in our advertising columns, the well-known firm of Dakin Bros., tinsmiths, plumbers and kitchen furnishers, have dissolved partnership, after doing business together for more than twenty-five years.

They will both continue in business in this town, but in such a way there will be little, if any, opposition between the two establishments.

Mr. C. A. Dakin, the senior member of the old firm, will occupy the old stand and carry on a hardware store and tinsmith business under the name of Dakin Bros. He will devote special attention to all kinds of hardware. With his long and successful experience in this branch of the business and his recognized ability as a close buyer and a good salesman, we feel assured that he will receive a continuance of the large patronage which has been given the old firm during the past quarter of a century, and especially the last few years.

Mr. H. W. Dakin, the junior member of the firm, has leased Capt. James Dillon's block and will devote his attention to plumbing, hot water and hot air furnaces, tinware, etc. He will do business in his own name, but will have with him, besides his son Harold, who has for several years been employed by the old firm, a good staff of workmen, who will be capable of giving his patrons a satisfactory job. Mr. H. W. Dakin has for years devoted his whole attention to plumbing, hot water and hot air heating. His good workmanship has been frequently mentioned in these columns. His new stand is a good one and we think he will be well patronized not only by the town people, but by the residents throughout the county who are contemplating building improvements.

Both gentlemen believe in the use of printer's ink and their ads. will appear regularly in our columns. We wish them success.

Another Promotion.

CAPT. H. A. HENSHAW IS NOW COMMANDER OF THE S. S. WATSON.

There are few shipmasters who have met with better success or received more rapid promotion than Capt. H. A. Henshaw, son of Mr. John E. Henshaw, of Bear River. Capt. Henshaw has been with the United Fruit Company for nine years, and has during that time received continued promotion from their smallest to their best steamships, having commanded five of them.

His latest promotion places him in command of the S. S. Watson, named after the manager of the Philadelphia division. Her dimensions are as follows: Length of keel, 254 feet, length overall, 265, breadth 38.4, depth 25.9, net tonage 1237, gross 1820, speed 12½ knots.

She was built by the Craig Steamship Co. of Toledo, Ohio, nearly two years ago. Her owners are the Wheeler S. S. Co., of New York. She was built expressly for the Banana business for the United Fruit Co. and carries a cargo of 31,000 bunches. She has accommodations for 26 first-class passengers. The dining salon is on the main deck. The state rooms, smoking room, and a large elegantly fitted social hall with music room combined, are on the saloon deck. Captain's quarters are aft the pilot house on the hurricane deck. She is nicely fitted and arranged throughout with electric lights and fans. The rooms are large and well ventilated. She carries a crew of 38. Capt. Henshaw has just returned from Cuba with a cargo of bag sugar, and will sail on the 27th inst. for Boca del Toro, Panama Province, to load bananas back for Philadelphia. A little later he expects to run between Philadelphia and Jamaica.

Captain Wilmer Davison, of Hantsport, who has been first officer with Capt. Henshaw for the past two and a half years on the S. S. Barnstable, is now master of that boat.

Elsie Williams Found.

The body of Elsie Williams, better known as Elsie Bush, was found on the shore near the head of the Little Joggin about five o'clock Monday evening. An inquest was held before Coroner Daley Tuesday morning. The following is an exact copy of the verdict:

"We, the jury impanelled to enquire into the death of Elsie Williams, colored, who had been missing since March 13 days, after viewing the body and also the locality where she was found, are unanimous that she, while on her way home, wandered from the main road across the Samuel Bacon field to the edge of the bank; the head of the Little Joggin (so called), where she stumbled and fell on the ice, going over a bank of some thirty feet to the soft mud below, where she stuck fast, and perished there from cold and exposure.

John Daley, Coroner.

A. D. Daley, foreman. Chas. A. Bmar, F. A. Brannan. Robt. Woodman. Jas. Woodman. H. H. Brown. Peter Butler. Wilson Francis. Albert Bishop, sr. Wilkins Miller. Wm. Kimball. Frank Edam.

The Digby Central Agricultural Society

The semi-annual meeting of the Digby Central Agricultural Society, held in the town hall, Digby, last Saturday afternoon, was largely attended. We are pleased to state there appears to be more interest taken in this society this year than any since its organization.

Considerable business of importance was transacted at the meeting. Among other things a committee was appointed to enquire into the advisability of holding an agricultural exhibition in Digby next autumn.

This is a move in the right direction. Nearly every county in the province holds an exhibition occasionally and it is nearly ten years since one was held in Digby. That one was a success, but would have been far more successful had it been properly advertised.

Death of Gilbert Watson Dakin

Word has reached here of the death of Gilbert Watson Dakin who died at Fernecroft, Danvers, Mass., March 17th. The deceased was a son of Jacob Dakin and May Vieth and was born in Digby, Nov. 1st 1820. He married Eliza Parker by whom he had five children, four of whom survive him. His eldest daughter Gertrude, wife of A. Digby Bonnell, died in Brooklyn, N. Y., in April, 1903. Lillian R. Leaden and Laura D. Johnston, daughters, reside at Fernecroft. His son Fenuel resides in Boston. The eldest son of his eldest son, Parker A. Dakin, is at present unknown. Two brothers, Botsford W., of Digby, and Charles Dakin, of Pugwash, and two sisters, Mrs. Quigley, of Boston and Mrs. Gibson, of Bridgetown, also survive him.

His last years were full of great suffering, but now "he sleeps at peace with God."

Write to Mr. Harding.

The man who likes a nice pie crust and a good loaf of bread should insist on his wife using Ogilvie's Royal Household Flour. It is probably the best flour in the world today and, although a little high in price it is still the most economical for household use. J. S. Harding of St. John is the agent of this flour in the Maritime Provinces and any inquiries regarding it will have his immediate attention.

Died in Montreal.

The death occured on Thursday, the 17th inst., at Westmount, Montreal, of Eileen, only child of Rev. George F. Dakin formerly of St. Johns. The little daughter was a year and nine months old and had been ill only a week. Mrs. Johnstone is the second daughter of Mr. A. Hobrecker of Halifax. Mr. Johnstone was formerly pastor of the Digby Presbyterian church. Much sympathy is expressed for the bereaved ones.

OF A LOCAL NATURE.

Little Paragraphs Which Tell of the News Around Town.

NEWS GATHERED DURING THE WEEK AND RECORDED IN BRIEF FOR THE BENEFIT OF THE PUBLIC.

—Steamer Boston took 202 crates of live lobsters to Boston on Saturday. They are selling at 18cts a figure.

—Stuart Muirhead, field secretary of the Sunday School work in this province, will be present at the Annapolis and Digby District S. S. Convention which will be held in Bear River, April 6th.

—Mr. F. M. Steadman, proprietor of The Digby Furniture Store, has purchased a new delivery team which appears to be kept busy.

—The Eastern S. S. Co.'s reduced rates between St. John, Portland and Boston commence next Friday, May 1st.

—The fare from St. John to Portland is $3.00 and from St. John to Boston only $3.50.

—See adv. on fourth page of next issue.

—The Digby Cornet Band will give another public dance in the I. O. O. F. hall Easter Monday.

—The Insular Steamship Co., will begin their regular spring service on St. Mary's Bay, April 1st, on which day their new steamer, Westport III, will leave St. John for St. Mary's Bay ports. The new time table will appear in next issue of COURIER. Look out for it!

Foresters' Banquet.

A Freeport correspondent writes: Court "Widow's Friend," I. O. F., held a tea followed by an entertainment, on the evening of March 4th.

The whole affair was of such an exceptionally high order, that, though some little time has passed, it seems the right thing to do to make mention of it in your columns, for the benefit of friends and members of the order living in other places. Supper had been amply provided for upwards of two hundred people, each Forester inviting a companion, and after the wants of the inneman had been well attended to, the whole company assembled in the Lodge room upstairs, to listen to a programme which proved to be as well prepared and quite as digestible as that offered below.

Bro. Wm. Finigan, Chief Ranger, occupied the chair, and called first for the "Foresters' Anthem," and how those Foresters did sing! It was really a grand sight, that platform filled with noble young men, children in regalia and singing in the spirit of it—"Always ready to help a needy brother," etc.

Bro. Wm. Brooks gave the introductory remarks, and as he spoke of the work of the order generally, and of Court "Widow's Friend" in particular with its desires and its opportunities for helping others, it brought to mind that even as in higher things, "By their fruits ye shall know them." The remainder of the evening passed pleasantly in listening to songs by Bro. Lyman Haines, B. S. Bishop, M. C. Crocker and J. A. Crocker, interspersed with dialogues by some young brothers, and a stump speech by Bro. Bertie Brooks. Bros. George Lent, F. S. Lent, M. G. Crocker and J. A. Crocker sang several of their favorite quartets, the last named brothers also entertaining with banjo and guitar music.

Court "Widow's Friend" is to be congratulated on the steady growth which it has maintained during the years since its organization, in members and otherwise, and also on possessing so much Court talent.

At a suitable hour the Court members sang their "Good Night," and the company dispersed fully satisfied with their pleasant evening.

Original Policy More Than Doubled

The Mutual Life Insurance Company, of New York, has recently paid policy 21,509 on the life of Thomas S. Whitman, of Annapolis, Nova Scotia, and the policy returned over a year before value. The policy taken out was for $5,000, and the final settlements amounted to $10,533.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, the Company's representative for this region, has received the following letter relative to the settlement:

COLLAS WHITMAN & CO.,
FINE EXPORTERS
AND
GENERAL COMMISSION MERCHANTS.
Halifax, N. S., March 2, 1904.

Mr. J. A. Johnson, Manager, The Mutual Life Insurance Co., of N. Y., Halifax, N. S.

DEAR SIR,—Enclosed we hand you draft of check on the Bank of Montreal for $4556.00 being balance of value of policy No. 21,509 in Mutual Life insurance Company of New York, dated February 15, 1893, on the life of the late Mr. Thomas S. Whitman of Annapolis Royal. This makes the total amount received on this claim $10,533, the original face value of $5,000 being more than doubled although some of the dividends were used.

Thanking you for the prompt settlement, I remain,

Yours sincerely,
A. HANDFIELD WHITMAN.

Following is an exact statement of the policy:

Face of Policy	$5,000
Additions to Policy	5,533
Value on Death Claim	$10,533.00
15 Premiums paid less Cash drawn	4,879.32
Profits over cost	$ 5,653.68

A Surprise Party

Great was the surprise of Mrs. O. M. Merritt, of 16 Prescott St., Somerville, when she returned from visiting friends on Friday evening, of the 18th, to find that some thirty of her friends had taken possession of her home, the occasion being her birthday.

Upon her arrival she was presented with a handsome mahogany table and rocker, the presentation speech being made by Mr. Wallace of Cambridge.

The evening was very pleasantly spent with vocal and instrumental music and games, refreshments then being served, after which dancing was indulged in until the wee hours of the morning. All wended their way home cherishing the memory of a very pleasantly spent evening and wishing Mrs. Merritt many happy birthdays.

ONE PRESENT.

Won in Harvey N. B.

The picture of the wreck of the schr. Hitchcock was drawn by ticket No. 398, held by Armon Wilbur, of Harvey, Albert Co., N. B. Twenty-one ticket sets had been sold and the drawing was held on Monday night, March 21st, in the Dufferin Hotel in the presence of seven witnesses. Mr. G. A. Laurie, of Toronto, and Judge Holdsworth, of Digby, acting as referees. Mr. Brayley the artist, wishes to apologize to all those who purchased tickets, for the long delay. But he could not hold the drawing until all the returns were in. He crossed the Bay for the closing of the contest as soon as the last ticket was beard from. The picture was expressed to the lucky winner the following day. Harvey is the home of most of the crew of the ill-fated vessel.

Insuring Registered Letters.

Under power conferred by statute, the post office has decided to institute a system of insurance of inland registered letters. The maximum amount to be insured will not exceed $25. The insurance fee for $10 will be three cents, for $15 four cents, for $20 five cents and for $25 six cents. In addition, of course, the full postage and registration charges must be paid.

New Ads. This Week

C. F. Godard	Vim and Force
J. Dakin Bros.	Notice of Dissolution
C. F. Dunham	Spring Opening
J. W. Goodman	Stock
H. A. DeVoe	For Sale
Cornet Band	Dance
W. H. Brown	Clothes of Digby
Jas. Dillon	Cheap Sale
A. Marshall	For Sale
Jas. Dillon	Eggs
W. E. VanBlarcom	Eggs
R. Harris & Co.	A Critical Time
Arthur Marshall	Spring Opening
	Notice

A Pleasant Event in Westport

A pleasing event took place at Westport Saturday evening, the 19th, when the teachers and scholars of the S. S. met at the home of Deacon Henry Glaven to celebrate his fifth birthday. W. A. Pugh, present Supt., presented the following address, after which two young men rolled in a handsome Morris chair, much to the surprise of the good deacon:

Westport, March 19, 1904.

DEAR MR. GLAVEN,—In meeting with you on this, your birthday we come to express our appreciation and esteem, in which you are held by your fellow-labourers, nodoubt here assembled. We feel the occasion is a fitting one for the S. School especially, we present you with this chair, as a small token of our good will, and humbly trust you may yet be spared to enjoy many happy hours of comfort and rest. In looking back over years of S. S. history we are reminded that your name stands out prominent as a leader in this field of labor, having been Supt. for 17 years, during which time your influence was so stamped upon the scholars for good—that the years as they have come and gone have brought forth fruit to "the honor and glory of Him" whom we serve. Not only as Supt. have you labored, but also as teacher. Your faithfulness to duty has been an inspiration to greater activity among the rest, to the whole staff of teachers, and to none perhaps more than the undersigned. We have been cheered and encouraged by your wise counsel and advice, many times when the work seemed to go hard.

Finally, brother Glaven, we believe when the time comes to lay off this armour of warfare it will be yours to say with the apostle of old, "I have fought the good fight; I have finished the course; I have kept the faith; henceforth there is laid up for me the crown of life." The good seed you have sown will bring forth fruit to gladden the Master, and many here will rise up and call you blessed.

Mr. Glaven very feelingly responded to the address; said "he was more than thankful that his small services were so appreciated by his fellow-laborers," a reading by Miss Gilliett and music filled the remainder of the time. All present feel that an enjoyable evening had been spent.

Mr. Lovitt's New Yacht.

St. John Sun: Perhaps more interest will be taken in the new Digby boat than in any of the three built at St. John, inasmuch as this one is expected to be a fifer, and comes here from Boston. I. A. Lovitt, of Yarmouth, has secured from the American builders the large sloop, which he has been pleased to name the Hermes II. Mr. Lovitt was here last season with his Hermes I., which yacht is on the register of the Yarmouth Club. But Hermes II. will hail from St. John, and will be an active member of the R. N. V. Club fleet.

Hermes II. is a sloop, fifty-seven feet over all, forty-three feet on the water line and fourteen feet beam. She is an exceptionally handsome boat, fitted most luxuriously, and will prove a notable addition to the fleet. The Hermes is still lying in Boston, but will be brought to St. John early in the spring.

Personal Mention

Mrs. James Brooks, of Westport, was in town this week.

Mr. Martin Comeau was a passenger from Boston Wednesday.

Mr. L. S. Morse, Inspector of Schools, was in Bridgetown this week.

Mr. C. Jameson, town clerk, was a passenger to Windsor Wednesday.

Mr. George Coleman of Brighton was a passenger to Boston Saturday.

Mrs. W. H. Eager, of Barton, is visiting at the home of Dr. and Mrs. DeVeber.

Mrs. W. H. Eldridge, of Sandy Cove, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. E. Joyce.

Mr. Frank Titus, of Westport, was in town last week, and made us a friendly call.

Capt. and Mrs. Hughes, of Westport, are the guests of Mr. J. L. Peters, Montague street.

Mr. Frank R. Fairweather, of St. John, inspector of the Sun Fire Insurance Co., was in town this week.

Mrs. Ruggles, wife of Leafest Ruggles, of Bear River, is visiting her niece, Miss Lena Brown, Bridgetown.

Mr. James Gorham of Boston, brother of the late Arthur Gorham, remained over Sunday and will spend a week in Digby county.

Mr. F. A. Miller, of Bear River, left Tuesday morning for Yarmouth en route to New York, where he has a situation in the state office.

Capt. C. F. Lewis, master of the tug Marine, from Yarmouth, was a passenger to Digby via yesterday's express and will remain a few days.

Capt. Howard and Mrs. Delap of Granville Ferry, have gone to New York, where they will spend several months, after which they will visit the St. Louis Exposition.

D. Gordon Grant, superintendent of the Dominion Atlantic railway, is en route to England to attend the annual meeting of the company in London. He left Kentville on Saturday.

Capts. Howard Anderson and Roland Wormell returned Wednesday from a trip alone the coast of Nova Scotia. They report lumbermen they did not purchase a vessel during their absence, but will probably buy one in the near future.

Mrs. Moore, of Kent Lodge, Wolfville, who for past three months has been visiting her sister, Mrs. Aubrey Brown, Seaside Cottage, left for Annapolis on Monday. After spending a week with friends there she will return to Wolfville.

Capt. Herbert Kendrick, of Shag Harbor, came up to Yarmouth on Monday morning. He proceeded to Meteghan the same morning to take charge of a schooner he has chartered last fall for the coasting trade. He has been engaged for some years in the packing business during the summer months.

Marine and Shipping

Barkt. Baldwin, Capt. Baker, left New York Wednesday night for Annapolis to load lumber for Buenos Ayres.

Tern schr. Golden Rule, Capt. Nickerson, is at Yarmouth and will be towed to St. John by tug Marine to load lumber for the West Indies.

The St. John tug Lillie has made two trips across the Bay recently. Besides towing the tern schr. Jessie Lena, Capt. Hogan, to Bear River, she towed the schr. Arthur M. Gibson from St. John to Annapolis to load lumber for Cienfuegos.

Schr. Glenara, Capt. Starritt, which has been in the Rappahannock since her collision with the schr. Emma Potter several months ago, is being made ready for sea. The schr. Emma Potter sailed from the Rappahannock to Clementsport Tuesday where she is being discharged and repaired.

An Annapolis despatch says: The schooner Ethlyn which we reported blown on the Seven Foot Littlewood, wharf, Lower Granville, has had ways built under her and will be launched in a few days. The schooner Effort sailed from Annapolis with a load of apples for Boston on market via St. John.

Brig Gladiole, Capt. Crane, was wrecked off the Brazil coast, near Pernambuco. Crew saved. She was bound to Barbados for a cargo of molasses. She was formerly the Edward C. Hutchings, built at Tiverton, N. S., in 1882, 299 tons, register and formerly owned by Capt. James J. Warner, of Bridgewater, N. S.

Westport

Schr. Sovereign sailed last week with a cargo of lobster bait.

Mrs. S. Miller is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Powell.

The ladies of the Christian church are to have a tea-meeting Thursday evening.

Schr. I. E. Collins sailed for Grand Manan the 18th inst. for a cargo of lobster bait.

Mr. Edward C. Bowers and wife were passengers to St. John and returned last week.

Schr. Mildred K., Capt. Thompson, arrived last evening from St. John with a general cargo.

Mrs. Chas. Bailey is the guest of her daughter, Mrs. H. B. Churchill, at "The Pines," Digby, N. S.

Schr. Sarah is waiting for a chance to go to Samford with a load of lobster traps for Titus and Webber.

Mrs. George Welsh, who has been confined to her bed for the past week with the Grip, is able to get up again.

Schrs. Curlew and Melrose arrived from the fishing grounds Saturday with small fares, about 500 lbs. halibut and cod.

Miss Maggie Earle, of Pleasant Lake, Yarmouth Co., who has been visiting her friend, Miss Allie Bessar, has returned home.

Schr. A. B. Parker landed 1100 lbs. of fine halibut here today, Capt. Byard Powell being the purchaser at 10 cents per pound.

Schr. Sarah moved Mr. Charles Glavin and family to Cape Cove last week where Mr. Glavin and son Harley intend fishing lobsters the next three months.

The Misses Laura and Bertha Thurber, of Freeport, accompanied by Mr. Edw. Stanwell, of Freeport, Maine, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. Garron on Monday.

Capt. George Denton has purchased the Gull Rock farm from Piper & Durkee. This farm will yield 60 tons of good hay in the ordinary season. Capt. Denton will retire from the fishing business in the future.

Messrs. Chas. Bailey and George Cochran have two small vessels hauled on the blocks for repairs this spring. The weather is very much against their work. Last night we had a snow storm and this morning a big rain and wind storm.

Weymouth

Mr. and Mrs. Little went to Annapolis Saturday.

Rev. J. F. Eaton was in Aylesford a few days last week.

Mrs. Calvaretta Brooks went to Little River Monday for a few weeks.

Mr. Douglass Campbell left for a business trip to New York last Saturday.

Mrs. E. H. Armstrong, of Yarmouth, visited Mrs. Johnson Grant last week.

Miss Belliveau, of W. F. Journeay's millinery department, returned from St. John last week.

The Steamer Ida Lu, owned by Capt. Morehouse, made her first trip of the season Monday. Quite a number of passengers were on board.

The bark Stranger is loading for G. D. Campbell & Co., for Buenos Ayres and the bark Mauna, which docked Tuesday, is loading for Buenos Ayres.

Mrs. Sarah Mullen returned home from Yarmouth Saturday, where she has been with her daughter, Mrs. C. H. Hankinson, who has been very ill, but we are glad to say is now convalescent.

H. L. Brooks returned home from Newfoundland Tuesday. We are also pleased to note that his mother, Mrs. Timothy Brooks, is now convalescent, having been confined to the house with a sore finger since last September.

Centreville

LaGrippe has visited our place.

Miss Carrie Dakin is visiting friends in Digby.

Mr. Benjamin Robbins is among the sick this week.

Mr. McLean is doing business here in the jewelery line.

Mr. and Mrs. Campbell are visiting their friends at Tiddville.

Mr. S. L. Dakin, of Beaver Harbour, N. B., is visiting friends here.

Stmr. Centreville is being overhauled and expects to make her first trip next week.

Rev. Mr. Langille is holding meetings here at present. The meetings are well attended and interest is manifested.

Rev. E. LeRoy Dakin spent two weeks here recently and baptized four converts on Sunday the 13th, Miss Bessie Jones, Dutcher Outhouse, Boyd and Ellery Dakin, his brothers.

Culloden

Mr. Willie Daley has purchased a new horse.

The many friends of Mrs. John Post will be sorry to hear that she is on the sick list.

The congregation of the Methodist church had the pleasure on Sunday of listening to a very eloquent sermon by Rev. Mr. Pickles.

The Battle Line.

Steamer Canaxa, Capt. Journeay, arrived at Leith at 9 o'clock on Friday morning from Hamburg. She loads coal for Rio Janeiro.

Steamer Fylna, Capt. Crossley, arrived at Aarhuus from New Orleans, via Norfolk, at 2 o'clock on Friday morning.

Steamer Pandosia, Capt. Crossley, arrived at Barry on Thursday from Rotterdam.

Steamer Eretria has been chartered for the Pacific trade for 12 months at £1,375 per month.

Steamer Pharsalia, Capt. Foote, sailed from Brisbane at 8 a. m. Sunday for New Caledonia.

Steamer Sellasia, Capt. Purday, sailed Saturday from St. Vincent, C. V., for Hull. She is bound from Sydney, N. S. W., via Montevideo.

Steamer Nemea, Capt. Shaw, arrived at Cardenas on Saturday from Tampico.

Str. Tanagra, Capt. Kehoe, arrived at Rotterdam at 9 a. m. Tuesday from New York and Norfolk.

Str. Cheronea, Capt. Swatridge, reached Buenos Ayres Tuesday from Cardiff.

Str. Leuctra, Capt. Grant, from New Orleans for Antwerp, reached Norfolk Tuesday.

Millionaire Married at Glace Bay.

SYDNEY, N. S., March 22—Frederick R. Strong, a South African mine owner and native of Newfoundland, was married today at Glace Bay, to Miss Mollie R. Newbook, of Tilt Cove, Newfoundland.

Mr. Strong's fortune is estimated at over $2,000,000, a large portion of which he made in the Yukon, he being among the first to go there after the gold discovery. Latterly he has been heavily interested in mines at South Africa. The newly married couple left after the ceremony for St. John to connect with the steamer for Cape Town.

The Irish Question.

MANCHESTER, March 20.—John Redmond, the leader of the Irish party, addressing an Irish demonstration here to-day said that the first business of the party was to strike down the present government and then to see that no government was put into office which would not grant home rule to Ireland. He said it was ridiculous for liberals like Herbert H. Asquith to call home rule an "academic question."

Tourists at Gibraltar

GIBRALTAR, March 19.—The steamer Grosser Kurfurst with 800 delegates to the Sunday School Convention at Jerusalem arrived to-day.

Appointed Collector of Customs

Hon. A. T. Dunn, surveyor-general in the New Brunswick government, has been appointed collector of customs for St. John.

WAR NEWS.

Doubtful Story Comes of Sharp Land Encounter.

THE JAPANESE ARE REPORTED TO HAVE CROSSED ANTUNG PASS AND THE RUSSIANS TO HAVE LOST 600 KILLED IN AN ENGAGEMENT AT CHYONG SYONG—BUT ALL RUMORS ARE POINTING ARE GENERALLY DISCREDITED.

LONDON, March 22.—A despatch to the *Chronicle* from Shanghai states that a Newchang telegram says that the Japanese have crossed Antung Pass. It is reported that fighting has occurred, resulting in clearing the way for the Japanese to advance on Miodtienling, which the Russians hold. Several train loads of Russian wounded are reported to have passed Tashichiao going to Liao Yang.

A despatch to the *Telegraph* from Tokio says that it is reported that a sharp encounter has occurred at Chyong Syong, in which the Russians lost 600 killed and wounded. No date is given.

There are several place names in Northern Korea resembling Chyong Syong, and the place where the fight is said to have occurred cannot be determined.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Tokio correspondent cables a newspaper report of the Japanese occupation of Port Arthur after a combined land and sea attack on Saturday and Sunday. It is asserted that a division of Japanese landed on the Liao Tung Peninsula on Saturday and engaged the Russians near Port Arthur, while the fleet bombarded it on Saturday evening until Sunday evening.

LONDON, March 23.—The only particulars of the reported Japanese attack on Port Arthur are those contained in Admiral Alexieff's despatch to the Czar. Nothing more has been heard of yesterday's rumors of a combined land and sea assault, resulting in the capture of the place.

The New Chwang correspondent of the *Chronicle* reports that there was a bombardment on March 17th which lasted four hours. He says that two Russian guns were dismantled and fifty persons were killed.

The steady if slow Japanese advance in northern Korea does not seem to have resulted in serious fighting anywhere. It is assumed here that Yong Pong, which was occupied by the Japanese on Sunday, according to Gen. Mischenko, is Yong Piong, northeast of Anju. The bombardment of the Russian outposts before the Japanese advance is regarded in St. Petersburg as in accordance with the Russian plan of campaign.

These outposts, says a St. Petersburg telegram, are merely thrown out to worry and harrass the Japanese outposts. They are instructed not to invite serious combats, but to retreat slowly to strong position on the Yalu River.

The despatch adds that the fifty miles between Anju and Yalu are extremely difficult for movements by a large force. There may be lively skirmishing as the Japanese advance, but the Russians are determined to avoid a decisive engagement until certain of victory.

PORT ARTHUR REPORTED BLOWN UP.

TOKIO, March 22.—A rumor is in circulation in official quarters here that as a result of the attack on Port Arthur yesterday the Japanese succeeded in completely blocking the entrance to the harbor. Inquiry at the war office failed to elicit any confirmation of the report.

Instigated by Russian agents a party of Korean, well armed, attacked the Japanese outposts at Hatu Hoang. They were driven off and soon afterwards were attacked by a detachment of Japanese troops from Wonsan. Sanguinary encounter resulted in which Koreans were defeated and their leaders captured. Korean loss was two killed, twenty wounded, thirty-five captured. An announced imperial order has been issued by the Korean emperor opening Yongampo to foreign trade.

TOKIO, March 23.—(London *Times* Publishers' Press—Special cable)—A correspondent who has had considerable experience with Japanese military officials, and who also passed through the Chinese-Japanese war, sums up the present campaign as follows:

The large number of transports which have sailed from Japanese ports during the past few days, are hardly destined for either Chemulpo or Chinampo, but rather are probably headed for Newchwang. The Japanese can be expected to retain a considerable army in Korea for the purpose of keeping the native under control, but can hardly be expected to fight the Russians south of the Yalu, or even attempt to transport an army over more than 200 miles of the worst mountainous roads in Manchuria in order to reach the country and towns along the Manchurian railway.

Japan knows every minute point of country around Newchwang, having occupied that region for more than a year after the war with China. In operating there she would also have the good will of the natives, who detest Japan highly. Moreover, the country, while admirably suited for operations of infantry, is so much cut up with ditches, dykes and tidal creeks as to be practically impassable for cavalry, to which force Japan is inferior to Russia.

The Japanese force is expected to come in with the flow of the tide, which will sweep up the river as soon as the ice melts, and land troops which will seize the town under the guns of the fleet, which can readily reduce the ancient fort now occupied by the Russians. It is admitted the Russians will do all in their power to stay the Japanese, but their efforts will be handicapped by natives, which, this time, will prove no mean ally of the Japanese.

AT THEIR OWN RISK

YIN FOW, March 21.—The German consul at a meeting of German subjects at New Chwang yesterday, notified them that they remained at New Chwang at their own risk and that in the event of losses the recovery of compensation was doubtful. The consul also notified the Germans that in the event of Russia being defeated the recovery of compensation for losses even if possible, could only occur after the lapse of a long time, and that if Japan was defeated such recovery would be made sooner.

Baby Humors.—Dr. Agnew's Ointment soothes, quiets, and effects quick and effective cures in all skin eruption common to baby during teething time. It is harmless to the hair in cases of Scald Heads, and cures Eczema, Salt Rheum and all Skin Diseases of older people. 35 cents.—55

Fire in Pictou

PICTOU, March 21.—A fire broke out early yesterday morning in a barn at the rear of A. C. Baillie's dry goods store. The barn was burned to the ground, and it was with difficulty that the firemen succeeded in saving the adjoining block of buildings. Between the fire and water a large quantity of new, spring goods just placed in Baillie's store were badly damaged.

Little but Searching.—Dr. Von Stan's Pineapple Tablets are not big nauseous doses that contain injurious drugs or narcotics—they are the pure vegetable pepsin—the medicinal extract from this luscious fruit, and the tablets are prepared in as palatable form as the fruit itself. They cure indigestion. 60 in a box, 35 cents.—56

Boston Apple Exports.

BOSTON, March 21.—The total apple shipments from this port for the week ending March 19 was 7,354 barrels. The Liverpool market is reported as unchanged in the absence of fresh arrivals.

Collided With British Troopship

AMERICAN LINER AND P. AND O. BOAT CLASHED TOGETHER IN THE ENGLISH CHANNEL.

SOUTHAMPTON, March 20.—The American Line steamship New York which left New York on March 12, for Plymouth, Cherbourg and Southampton, met with two mishaps today, grounding off Cape LaHague, France, in the early morning and later coming into collision in the English channel with the Peninsular and Oriental steamship Assaye, under contract to the British Government and used as a troopship, bound for Bombay with 500 troops on board.

The New York grounded while approaching Cherbourg during a fog. The sea was smooth and the tide was rising, and an hour and a half after she grounded, the vessel floated without assistance. Her bottom was damaged and there was water in the hold, but she was able to proceed.

During the voyage up the Channel a dense fog descended. When off Hurst Castle, Eng., the Assaye appeared so suddenly that it was found impossible to avoid a collision. The New York crashed into the Assaye's starboard bow, tearing a great hole in that vessel and carrying away the New York's bowsprit and figurehead.

There was great excitement but no panic on either vessel. The boats of the Assaye were lowered and the troops were mustered, but the bulkhead of the troopship saved her. Both vessels were able to enter Southampton and the New York was docked for temporary repairs. Nobody was injured.

It will be impossible to estimate the damage to the New York until she has been put into drydock. It is believed that both vessels have been somewhat seriously injured. Another troopship will replace the Assaye.

Short Sitting of Commons.

OTTAWA, March 21.—The house of commons was at an hour and a half this afternoon. It was private members' day, and the question paper was pretty well wiped out, although the government asked that several questions stand for the present. Dr. Daniel's inquiry relating to filling up St. John customs collectorship, the premier said, would be answered on Wednesday. Sir Wilfrid Laurier promised R. L. Borden that the auditor general's report would be tabled to-morrow, and that the militia bill would be brought up then, to be followed by furthur consideration of supply.

Replying to Jabez Robinson, the premier said the government had been approached as to legislation for the better observance of the Sabbath, but it was a complicated matter, involving the legislative rights of the provinces and Dominion. The matter had been referred to the law advisers for consideration.

Trouble With Miners Feared

DENVER, Colo., March 21.—The committee representing the miners expelled from Telluride by an organization of business men, have abandoned the attempt to appeal to the governor for protection after trying in vain for five days to obtain an audience from him. The members of the committee have departed for Ouray, where the deported men are making preparations to march to Telluride, accompanied by an armed escort provided by the miners' unions of Ouray, Silverton, Durango and Ophir. As the citizens who drove the miners out of Telluride declare that they will not be permitted to return, a violent clash may occur. In order to avert further hostilities an effort will be made to obtain an injunction from the district court forbidding any interference with members of the miners' union at Telluride.

One Short Puff Clears the Head. Does your head ache? Have you catarrh in your eyes? Is the brain offensive? These are certain symptoms of Catarrh. Dr Agnew's Catarrhal Powder will cure most stubborn cases in a marvellously short time. If you've had Catarrh a week it's a sure cure. If it's of fifty years' standing it's just as effective. 50 cents.—57

Submarine Boat at the Bottom.

PORTSMOUTH, March 20.—Attempts were made today, without success to raise the British submarine boat No. A. 1., which was run down by the Donald Currie Line steamer Berwick Castle on Friday. The principal damage appears to have been done to conning tower, which shows marks of the collision.

HAMBURG, March 20.—The Donald Currie Line steamer Berwick Castle, which ran down the British submarine boat No. A. 1. near Portsmouth on Friday afternoon, arrived here today undamaged. The officers of the vessel refuse to say any information concerning the accident pending an official statement.

Bed-ridden 15 years.—If anybody wants a written guarantee from me personally as to my wonderful cure from rheumatism by South American Rheumatic Cure I will be the gladdest woman in the world to give it," says Mrs. John Redmont, of Elora. "I had despaired of recovery until the time of taking this wonderful remedy. It cured completely."—58

Strikers Hold up A Train.

SYDNEY, N. S., March 22—As a result of a grievance over wages the employes of the Reid-Newfoundland railway at Placentia (Nfld.) went out on strike a few days ago and the latest advices received here report it to be still on.

The strikers have formed themselves into a union and a day or two ago compelled the non union men that were hired to quit work. They also held up one of the trains and a detachment of police were sent down from St John's to maintain order and protect property. The police are still on the ground and will likely remain until the difficulty is adjusted.

Cargo of Supplies Reaches Parrsboro.

PARRSBORO, March 21.—The tug Springhill with barge "No. 6" in tow arrived in port on Friday from St. John. These are the first arrivals for six weeks on account of the Bay being full of ice. The captain of the Springhill reports that he came through large quantities of ice from Isle An Haut up, below that it was clear. The barge has a full cargo of freight for the town and surrounding country. This has been a long time on the way and was much needed, as supplies are getting scarce. She is discharging at the new Government pier which was as far as she could get into the harbor.

Little Girl Scalded.

YARMOUTH, March 23.—The little two year old daughter of Harry Boyd, milk dealer of Arcadia, met with a painful accident while playing about the kitchen. The little one reached up and pulled a pan of boiling fat off the stove spilling it on her, and her neck and shoulders were badly scalded, the flesh peeling off. Dr. Phinney dressed the injuries, but the child is ill from the shock to her nervous system and is suffering greatly.

Got the Money Wanted.

MONTREAL, March 21.—Word was received here to-day that President MacKenzie, of the Great Northern railway, who has been in England looking a bond issue for his road, had been successful, and that the company would have all the money required for extensions during the next two years.

Fire Near St. John.

ST. JOHN, March 22.—A big warehouse owned by A. C. Smith & Co., St. John, west, containing 600 tons of hay, some oats and other stuff, was destroyed by fire this morning; also the warehouse of Graham & Co., Bath, containing some hay.

EARTHQUAKE SHOCK.

It Occurred About Two O'clock Monday Morning.

DISTURBANCE EXTENDED FROM POINTS IN NOVA SCOTIA INTO NEW ENGLAND—NO SERIOUS DAMAGE—REPORTS FROM VARIOUS TOWNS WHICH FELT THE SHOCK.

A shock caused by an earthquake was felt in Digby about 2 o'clock Monday morning. It was followed by another of short duration. No damage resulted beyond the alarm occasioned many of our residents. In some parts of the country it is said people left their houses for fear they would fall.

The following despatches will show how it was felt in other towns:

ANNAPOLIS, March 21.—About two o'clock this morning a shock of earthquake was distinctly felt, shaking the furniture and arousing many from their slumbers. The vibrations lasted several seconds.

BRIDGEWATER, March 21.—There was a very distinct shock of an earthquake felt here at just two o'clock this morning. Several persons were awakened by the trembling motion of the earth which lasted probably about ten seconds. No damage is reported.

WINDSOR, March 21.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here about two o'clock this morning, causing much alarm. It lasted only a few seconds, during which buildings trembled and dishes rattled.

YARMOUTH, March 21.—Many people were awakened early this morning by the shock of an earthquake. It was of short duration, but was plainly felt in different parts of the town and country about two o'clock.

ST. JOHN, March 21.—A rather severe shock of earthquake was felt here at two o'clock this morning. It was sharp enough to wake the greater part of the people and in some houses dishes are said to have been broken.

Despatches from Fredericton says that the shock there was very severe. Many people rushed out into the street and lamps and other things were broken. Woodstock also reports a severe shock.

MONCTON, March 21.—A severe shock of earthquake was felt here ten minutes after two this morning. Houses trembled and furniture rocked, awakening many people from sleep. The vibration continued for ten or fifteen seconds, but no damage was done.

REPORTS FROM THE U. S.

BOSTON, March 21.—An earthquake this morning caused a tremor throughout the eastern portion of New England. Beginning at St. John the seismic vibrations traversed though the State of Maine, causing some damage to buildings in Augusta, Portland and Bangor. The shock was felt plainly as far south as Taunton. Reports from Manchester, N. H., and Springfield, Mass., state that the vibrations were felt distinctly in those two cities. Observers at the Harvard university astronomical observatory in Cambridge felt the shock distinctly. At Augusta, Me., chimneys were shaken down and crockery was smashed. The vibrations lasted several seconds and in nearly every instance occurred about five minutes after one o'clock this morning.

BRUNSWICK, Me., March 21.—Two distinct earthquake shocks were felt here at an early hour this morning. The second shock followed the first closely and was much heavier. Considerable excitement resulted.

AUGUSTA, Me., March 21.—An earthquake struck Augusta about 1:30 this morning and in the southern part of the city there was a terrible jar. Chimneys on lamps were demolished and brie-a-brac broken. No serious damage was done.

PORTLAND, Me., March 21.—At 1:05 this morning a very perceptible earthquake was felt in this city. Rockland also reports having felt it.

MANCHESTER, N. H., March 21.—At 1:05 this morning a very perceptible shock of earthquake was felt here. Several large buildings were jarred and men in various corporate buildings telephoned into the police station reporting the circumstances. The earthquake lasted several seconds.

TAUNTON, Mass., March 21.—A heavy earthquake shock caused buildings to tremble and awakened many residents of this city about 1:05 o'clock. A strong perceptible motion of the earth was felt. The first shock was accompanied by several minor ones.

CAMBRIDGE, Mass., March 21.—The earthquake shock, which were felt throughout New England at an early hour this morning, are said by officials of the Harvard astronomical observatory to be the most severe experienced in this section of the country since the memorable seismic disturbances of 1884. The vibrations were noticed at four minutes and ten seconds after one o'clock and the earth waves were very perceptible. In the photographic dark room of the observatory, the water tanks which were nearly filled, were shaken to such an extent that a considerable quantity of water was precipitated upon the floor.

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

MARRIAGES

HARRY-PEDDLETON—At Hill Grove, March 23rd, by Rev. J. W. Bancroft, John N. Harry and Mrs. Eugenia (Jenie) Peddleton.

Medicine For Men.

SOMETHING THAT WILL BANISH WORRIES AND BRACE UP THE SYSTEM.

Has it ever occurred to you that you need a medicine AS MEN—not as old men or young men, but as men? Are you never conscious that the special wear and tear of life which men sustain need repair? Worry wears a man out quicker than work, but worry is not an accident, it is a symptom—a symptom of nervous exhaustion. Other symptoms are nervous headache; morning laziness, that makes it difficult to get out of bed: a weak feeling in the back; indigestion; breathlessness after slight exertion; irritable temper—perhaps some nerve pain such as neuralgia, sciatica or incipient paralysis. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, as a medicine for men, act directly upon the source of discomfort. They restore manly vigor and energy, improve the appetite and tone up the nerves and the whole system. Mr. Neil H. McDonald, Estmere, N. B., is one of the many men who has proved the value of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. He says: "I am glad to be able to say that I have found Dr. Williams' Pink Pills all that is claimed for them. I was completely run down; my appetite was poor, and I suffered much from severe headaches. Doctors medicine did not give me the needed relief, so I decided to try Dr. Williams' Pink Pills. I used only a few boxes when my former health returned, and now I feel like a new man."

Weak, nervous, broken down men—and women, too—will find new health and happiness in a fair use of Dr. Williams Pink Pills. But be sure that you get the genuine with the full name "Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People" printed on the wrapper around every box. Sold by medicine dealers or sent by mail at 50 cents a box, or six boxes for $2.50, by writing The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

His Latest Request

There is a clever lad who will get his living in this world. For playing truant maternal authority cut off his supper. Casting one fond look at the authoress of his existence, he paused at the door to say:

"Mother, I am going to die, and when I am no more I wish the doctor to cut me open and look at my stomach."

The maternal heart was filled with awful forebodings, and the maternal voice asked what he meant.

"I wish it to be known," he answered, "that I died of starvation."

This was enough. The small boy was triumphant and retired to his little bed gorged to repletion.

Scrawny People

People grow thin scrawny, pale and weak when the blood is thin, and watery. What is needed to round off the angles and fill out the form, is not fat but healthy muscular tissue. By enriching the blood and increasing its nourishing qualities Dr. Chase's Nerve food adds new flesh and tissue to the body as well as new vigor and energy. You can prove this by noting your increase in weight while using this great food cure.

His First Shad

Abner Stone had lived "inland" all his days and knew all there was to be known about pork and beef as articles of food. His acquaintance with the products of the sea, on the other hand was very slight. Once, however, when at the seashore he was introduced to shad and asked how he liked it.

"Well," said the old farmer, with a brave attempt at a smile, "I calc'late I shell when I get kinder wonted to it, mebbe, but it does seem, jest at fust, ye know, consid'able like tryin' to eat a paper o' buttered pins!"

Try to Prevent Lung Trouble

It's the dried sputum floating around in the air that gets into your lungs and causes consumption. A sure preventive in fragrant healing Catarrhozone, which is inhaled right into the lungs, kill every germ, heals the sore membranes and cures thoroughly every type of catarrh, bronchitis, asthma and lung trouble. "I caught a severe cold which developed into catarrh and finally settled on my lungs," writes Mr. A. Northrop of Bedford. Catarrhozone relieved quickly and cured me. I recommend Catarrhozone highly. Two months treatment $1.00; trial size 25c.

Bobby's Description.

Bobby was calling with his aunt on the mother of a small boy who was somewhat bowlegged and most unmistakably pigeontoed. It happened that Bobby had seen only straight limbed youngsters before this, though he was familiar, it seemed, with some other ills that flesh is heir to. As Bobby's aunt's friend's little boy made his initial appearance in the doorway, "Oh, auntie," exclaimed the irrepressible, "look at that funny boy what's cross eyed in both feet!"

"My Heart was Thumping my Life out," is the way Mrs. R. H. Wright, of Brockville, Ont., describes her sufferings from smothering, fluttering and palpitation. After trying many remedies without benefit, six bottles of Dr. Agnew's Cure for the Heart restored her to perfect health. The first dose gave almost instant relief and in a day suffering ceased altogether.—51

Only One Thing Lacking.

After years of patient research the scientific experimenter had succeeded in combining several rare chemicals into a new and powerful remedial agency.

"What will it cure?" they asked him.

"I don't know yet. I am hunting for the disease!" he exclaimed, his eye kindling with the enthusiasm of the born inventor.

Biding His Time.

"So he is your worst enemy."

"Yes."

"Don't you yearn for revenge?"

"Certainly. And I know I'm going to have it. That's the beauty of this life. Sooner or later he's bound to have the toothache, and that's worse than anything I could fix for him."

A Bargain.

"But," protested the broker who had advertised for a confidential clerk, "you want too much salary."

"I've had a great deal of experience in the brokerage business," urged the applicant.

"But you ask too much for it."

"My dear sir, I assure you I'm offering it to you for much less than it cost me."

Jurisdiction Increased.

The jurisdiction of the County Courts in matters of contract is increased to $800. In matters of tort it remains at $400, as before.

Her Happiest Age.

At what age is a woman happiest? A writer in the Philadelphia '*Bulletin*' holds that 'a woman's happiest age is always ahead.' When she is a little child she looks forward eagerly to the time when she may wear long dresses, do up her hair, go to parties, and have her own way. To leave off school, and do as she pleases—oh, those will be her happiest days, she is sure.

As a young girl she dreams shyly of the blissful day when Prince Charming shall ride up and choose her out of all the world of women. Just thinking about it makes her eyes sparkle, her cheeks flush and her heart beats fast, for oh, surely that will be the happiest time of a woman's life.

Prince Charming has come, and carried her off to queen his home, and the days have been very happy, indeed. Now two little tots call her 'mother.' Wifehood and motherhood have developed in her gracious womanly charms which more than fulfill the promise of her light-hearted girlhood. But of what does she think now, as she watches that small boy manoeuvring his armies of tin soldiers with a skill beyond his years, and that wee girl dressing her doll with a sweet, miniature motherliness? Why, she is looking ahead to the time when that boy and that girl will be man and woman; and a proud smile curves her lips as she dreams of the days when her daughter shall be a model of glorious beautiful womanhood, and her son a leader of men, swaying them for good—for what mother ever dreamed of aught but good that her children should do? That day, that hoped-for happy day, when the plaudits of the world shall sound in her ears, and people say, 'That is his mother, bless him!' Surely that will be the proudest, happiest moment a woman can ever know!

Her son is a man now, and her daughter a woman, and she herself a grandmother. The little voices of her daughter's children prattle around the house and warm her lonely heart with a strange tenderness. Her son has, perhaps, not realized those extravagant ambitions of the young mother, but he has made her proud and glad. And as she sits alone before the fire, living again in memory her childhood, girlhood, wifehood and motherhood, she smilingly acknowledges that each and all have been perfectly, beautifully happy in their turn. And yet—and yet, her eyes look wistfully into the future and the heart longs for a still happier day when she shall feel once more the touch of a vanished hand and hear once more the sound of a voice that is still and shall know that it will be for always.

Why Some Fail With Incubators

A great many people have an idea that all that is necessary is to get an incubator, put the eggs in, heat it up and let it alone. The advertisements of manufacturers of incubators are somewhat responsible for this. A certain amount of attention at the proper time is absolutely necessary.

A man will become interested in an incubator and will buy one. When it comes his hens are not laying much. He wants to start it up at once, so he goes out to get the required number of eggs. He gets all he can from his friends and gets the balance from the store, no matter what sort of weather they have been through nor how long they have been kept, no matter what sort of hens laid them nor what sort of care the hens had. All he is looking for is eggs. He puts his incubator anywhere, where it will be out of the way, and starts it up. He hatches about 10 per cent of sickly chickens and then says that incubators are worthless and throws the incubator in to a shed and gives it up.—*O. M. Watson in Reliable Poultry Journal.*

The Stomach's "Weal or Woe!"—The stomach is the centre from which, from the standpoint of health, flows "weal or woe." A healthy stomach means perfect digestion—perfect digestion means strong and steady nerve centres—strong nerve centres mean good circulation, rich red blood and good healt. South American Nervine makes and keeps the stomach right.—52

The Mira Again

The bill for an American registry for the steamer Mira, to be renamed Beaumont, passed the House of Representatives at Washington on Monday last. The Mira, on her second voyage between Boston and Louisburg, ran ashore at Chebogue Point where she remained about six months, when she was floated, taken to Halifax and sold. She was partially repaired and proceeded under tow to New York, when she ran ashore on Long Island Sound. She was floated next day and taken to Philadelphia, where she has since remained, being without a flag or a register.

A Dead Tired Feeling

And utter weariness are do to the blood being weakened through faulty action of the kidneys and liver. It's a surplus of energy, lots of red vitalizing blood you need and it can be acquired quickly by using Ferrozone, the greatest strengthening tonic made. "No tonic equals Ferrozone," writes H. E. Jennings of Westport. "Last spring I was tired and depressed, had backache and lacked strength. Ferrozone soon brought me to good health and made me well." Price 50c. at druggists.

He Could Hear

Grandfather (to granddaughter)—I think, dear, my hearing is returning. I fancy I can hear John snoring on the sofa over there. Granddaughter (shrieking through an ear trumpet)—That's not John snoring, grandpa. That's a German band playing in the street. Grandfather (savagely)—Send 'em away. I can't bear the noise.

The Death of the Sailor.

The sailor is homeward bound,
His thoughts are filled with love.
The dreary ocean lies beyond him,
The bright clear sky above.

The little boat which he is in,
Comes striving bravely on;
Amid the shouts of the mighty throng
That stands on the shore so near.

What matter to him, he is a sailor strong,
Willing to battle with his enemy and die.
Alas! he is like a straw tossed by the wave,
He is gradually nearing a seaman's grave.

The people now wring their hands and shout,
Instead of hastening for a boat;
The poor sailor knows his end is near,
And he clasps his hands, as if in prayer.
One moment more, and he is gone,
Nor any trace of him from that day is found.

Composed by Gladys MacNeil, aged 14 years.
March 11th, 1904.

Tonsilitis is Going Around

And everybody is wondering what to do. Here is a simple cure. Use a gargle of Nerviline and water as recommended in the directions, and rub your throat and chest vigorously with Nerviline. This has been tested and proved successful a thousand times. Nerviline is a specific for tonsilitis and in fact we know of nothing half so good for breaking up colds, curing tight chest and all muscular pains. Try a bottle of Nerviline; price 25c.

The Czar

An interesting picture of Nicholas of Russia has been drawn by a writer in the current *Fortnightly Review*. The principal points are as follows:

"The amusements of the Czar are few. He is fond of photography sometimes indulges in a mood for the making of melancholy verse, and is an adept with the cycle. When at Gatchina he is in the habit of cycling every day, but at Peterhof the work brought down from St. Petersburg and the constant interviews with ministers and officials consume the whole of his time, and a light in His Majesty's writing room may been seen far into the night as he labors with the mountains of papers that are despatched to him by cunning ministers, who are resolved to surround the young Czar with a parapet of detail in order to prevent his mastery of the larger questions affecting Russian policy.

'The Czar is a kindly, saddened, overworked and unhappy man. His desire to do his duty compels him to engage in an unceasing struggle with details which are never overtaken. In this struggle he is helped by one of the best and noblest of women, whose virtues are derived through her mother, from our own Queen Victoria. When the Czar was a boy he had an English nurse, who taught him to speak English with accent, and planted in his mind a love of English methods of life and habits which he has never lost. When the Czar is in private costume he has recourse to an English tailor. English family life is his delight, and the English constitutional system he regards with a favorable eye. In character he is more like his grand-father than his father; but, notwithstanding his undoubted abilities and fine disposition, he is too completely in the hands of his ministers and of his mother to exercise serious control over Russian policy.

The Czar Nicholas II. is physically weak; his nerves are shattered, his will feeble. He is amiable where iron-handedness is essential. He is dependent when a strong individuality is required. He is constantly in subjection, first to one influence and then another. He is more than usually amenable to women's control, and the fair sex has on more than one occasion exercised powerful, if not calamitous influence upon his life.

'The atmosphere of suspicion and gloom produced by the constant sense of unpalable danger overshadows the spirits of every one at the Russian court.

The Czar never knows who are his friends and who his enemies. An abiding sense of distrust is the result, and hence the passionate affection that His Majesty feels for his wife, whose faithful counsel and patient sympathy are the bright spots in one of the saddest lives in Europe.'

Pill-Dosed with nauseous, big purgers prejudice people against pills generally. Dr. Agnew's Liver Pills are revolutionizing the pill demand—they're so pleasant and easy to take—the doses are small and so is the price, 10 cents for 40 doses. Biliousness, Sick Headache, Constipation dispelled. Works like a charm.—53

A Japanese Legend

Japanese deities are as kindly and gentle hearted as the people themselves The story of the creation is quaint. Two gods (whose very lengthy names may be shortened to Izanagi and Izanagi), standing upon the bridge of heaven, cast grains of rice abroad to dispel the darkness. They then pushed a spear down into the green plain of the sea and stirred it around. This spear became the axis of the earth, started it revolving and brought about the dry land.

Why William Didn't Have One.

The Boss—Isn't it about time you thought about a new overcoat, William? You seem to have had that one for years and years? William (sadly reminiscent)—Yes, sir—I recollect I bought it on the occasion of my last rise of salary, sir.

Class in Anatomy

Teacher—Wilfred, to what are the teeth fastened?

Wilfred—To the gums.

Teacher—And how many gums have we?

Wilfred—Three — pepsin, wintergreen and blood orange.

Looked that Way

Teacher—All birds are bipeds—that is, they have two feet.

Tommy—The duck ain't.

Teacher—Oh, yes; the duck has two feet.

No, ma'am. I'll bet they're oars.

Didn't Dare to Come In and Ask It.

Mrs Bridges—How long were you in your last place?

Applicant—Two weeks.

Mr. Bridges (from adjoining room)—Mary, ask the lady what delayed her.

On the Wrong Trail.

"It is no more than right that the strong should aid the weak," said the landlady.

"And yet," rejoined the sarcastic boarder, "I fail to see how dropping a hunk of butter in the coffee would benefit it any."

Minard's Liniment Cures Diphtheria

Independent Thought.

One self wrought problem will give more vigor than a thousand worked out for us. It is the constant stretching of the mind over large problems, over large models—it is independent thought—that increases mental power.

A Natural Executor.

"I don't wish to be rude, Banks, but you'd make an excellent executor."

"Why?"

"Well, you see, you have such a natural aptitude for minding other people's business."

Sensible.

Father—But are you sure he is a sensible young man? Daughter—Oh, yes, papa. Why, he's the only one of our amateur theatrical club who hasn't professional aspirations.

A Matter of Surface.

"Mr. Jinxon is a very broad minded man," said the admiring friend.

"Broad minded!" echoed Miss Cayenne. "Possibly that's why so many of his remarks seem flat."

Two Good Rules.

"Why is it," asked Robinson, "that you always appear to be happy and contented?"

"I suppose," replied Barker, "it's because I never borrow trouble or lend money."

Minard's Liniment Cures Garget in Cows.

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In the Supreme Court.

Between—Edward E. Rice, Plaintiff,
—AND—
J. Arthur Grierson, appointed to represent the heirs and persons interested in the estate of John O'Conner, deceased, Defendant.

To be sold at PUBLIC AUCTION

By the Sheriff of the County of Digby at the Court House in Digby, on Wednesday, the 6th day of April, A. D. 1904, at twelve o'clock noon, pursuant to an order of foreclosure and sale made herein dated the 16th day of February, A. D. 1904, unless before the day of sale the amount due and costs are paid to the plaintiff or to his solicitor or into court:

ALL the estate, right, title, interest and equity of redemption of the said John O'Connor, at the time he made the mortgage herein foreclosed and of all persons claiming or entitled by, from or under him since of, in and to all the following parcels of land, viz

FIRST—All that farm lot or parcel of land situate at Broad Cove, in the County of Digby, being the homestead farm and premises on which the said John O'Connor resided at the time of his death (and including the land occupied by the said John O'Connor's hotel known as the "Bay of Fundy House") and bounded as follows: On the north by the shore of the Bay of Fundy (Broad Cove); on the east by part of the homestead farm of the late Thomas O'Connor; on the south by woodland owned or occupied by Coleman VanTassel (formerly by James Budd), and on the west by land of Thomas Murphy, containing by estimation two hundred acres more or less.

SECOND—Nine certain lots of land situate in the town of Digby in said county, the first six being numbered one, two, three, four, five and six in block "H," part of the Digby Common and bounded easterly by land now or lately owned by Charles Campbell; southerly by the Neck road so-called; westerly by a road and northerly by land now or formerly of Benjamin Stark and W. H. Stark, George Wilson and Timothy Titus. Said other three lots being lots seven, eight and nine in block letter "I," of said Digby Common and bounded southerly by the Neck road so-called; easterly by a road, westerly by land now or formerly of Fulton Titus; and northerly by land now or formerly of Timothy Titus, said nine lots being those conveyed to said John O'Conner by James E. Gearon, Alma A. Gearon and Ann D. Gearon by deed dated June 7th, 1894, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for Digby county in Liber 76, folios 58 and 59. Together with all and singular the houses, buildings, easements, privileges and appurtenances to the above described premises belonging or in anywise appertaining.

TERMS—Ten per cent. deposit at time of sale, remainder on delivery of deed.

H. A. P. SMITH,
High Sheriff Digby County.
F. JONES, Bear River, N. S.,
Plaintiff's Solicitor. 26 6i