

The Important News of the Week for the Saturday Subscribers

Editorial

MONDAY ABOUT POTATOES.

The Dominion Government publishes from time to time the Census and Statistics Monthly, and the November issue gives the yield and values of potatoes, field roots and fodder crops by Provinces. Among other things it shows the crop of potatoes in Prince Edward Island to have been this year 7,325,400 bushels, or more than one tenth of the potato crop of the entire Dominion. But it also quotes the value per bushel in Prince Edward Island at 25 cents per bushel, while in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick the value is set down at 42 cents and in the Dominion generally 48.7 cents.

Probably no one who knows will dispute that our potatoes are better than those grown in Canada. Why then are they worth 27 cents less than the potatoes of Ontario, 31 cents less than those of Quebec and 17 cents less than those of New Brunswick and Nova Scotia? Yet such is the fact if the Census Monthly is correct in its estimates. The reason is that for want of winter transportation our farmers are forced to sell their potatoes in the fall on a glutted market for what they will fetch, while the farmers of the mainland can and do hold their potatoes till prices are higher.

It follows that if we had the Tunnel and could ship our potatoes when we chose they would be worth as much as those of the Provinces across the Straits. Out loss is therefore 17 cents per bushel, if we reckon at Nova Scotia prices, or 31 cents per bushel if we compare with Quebec prices. Reckoned at 17 cents on our this year's crop of 7,325,400 bushels, the loss is \$1,245,488. This would be about \$70 each for the 15,000 farmers engaged in potato growing. Put in other words, if we had the Tunnel, the potato crop of this year would be worth over \$8,000,000, instead of \$1,831,690, and the average farmer would have \$70 more money.

That is the way the difference figures out on potatoes alone. What would it show if turnips, oats, hay, butter, cheese, eggs and the products of our fisheries were included? Think of it. Over a million two hundred thousand loss on potatoes alone in a single year for want of the long-promised Tunnel.

Take turnips and other roots as another example. The Island crop this year is officially set down at 3,710,100 bushels, valued at 18 cents. New Brunswick turnips are valued at 30 cents. Our loss on turnips for want of the Tunnel is 12 cents per bushel, or \$445,212. Our loss on potatoes and roots together for the year figures out \$1,690,700. Think it over.

LICENSE LOSING GROUND.

The recent municipal election in Boston was again made the occasion for a test vote for and against liquor licensing, as had been the two previous elections. Boston has always been a license city and it is only in recent years that any attempt to make it a "dry" city has been seriously contemplated. In 1906 the majority was brought down to sixteen thousand and this year to eleven thousand nine hundred and eighty-eight, or less than half what it was two years ago.

All over the United States and Canada the fight against the saloon is going on, and in European countries, Australia and New Zealand as well. The southern States are fast becoming a "solid South" against the liquor traffic. Throughout Canada from the Atlantic to the Pacific the conflict is irrepressible. Local option laws in Ontario, Quebec and Manitoba are steadily broadening the area of the "dry" territory, and every contest, like that in Westminster, N. B., the other day, strengthens temperance sentiment and places the moon more and more in its true light as the enemy of the race.

In England where the temperance sentiment of the masses is far behind what it is in America, the agitation takes the form of decreasing the number of licenses and shortening the hours of sale. In Germany Emperor William, having regard for the welfare of his beer-drinking subjects, has just now pledged himself to total abstinence for life. Thus in many countries the great movement goes on toward the goal of prohibition which this Province attained seven years ago. It is no small honor to our little Island Province that it leads the van in a movement at once so beneficent and so world-wide in its sweep.

Toronto has taken a police census and is proud of the fact that the city's population has passed the 300,000 mark. Besides, there are five or six suburbs which make up 30,000 more. That brings Greater Toronto up to the population of the Province of New Brunswick.

TUESDAY

What to do with the Intercolonial is again being considered by certain newspapers, in view of the fact that the expenditures for this year again in excess of the receipts. The Montreal Herald would have the Government road handed over to the Canadian Northern, and so to form a part of the third transcontinental. The Toronto Globe suggests a one-man commission for the management of the Intercolonial, and thus to eliminate the political element. The Globe holds that the country will not consent to the road being handed over to the company. This view is strongly held throughout the Maritime Provinces.

WHY THE CONSERVATIVES FAILED.

Dr. Andrew Macphail in the December number of The University Magazine discusses this question in his usual vigorous and interesting style and the article has attracted widespread and favorable notice. Various reasons are given by him to show that the Conservatives failed because they did not deserve to succeed; that Mr. Borden was more or less insincere and also unpractical in the platform he put forth; that he and his party, in Parliament and in the election campaign made charges of breaches of public morality which they did not fully prove, and which the people did not believe; that Mr. Borden promised if returned to power to give the country a cabinet of high ideals but did not tell of whom it was to be composed, and so on.

This is all beside the greater underlying question of whether or not the Government ought to be turned out of place and power, a question which Dr. Macphail has not clearly answered. It is true that by blaming Mr. Borden and the Opposition for their failure he seems to assume that the Government ought to have been defeated. But it is clearly possible to have a good Government and a capable and worthy Opposition at the same time, or a bad Government and a useless Opposition in the same Parliament. The merits of the Administration must always be a principal factor in keeping it in office.

During Sir Oliver Mowat's long and able administration of the Government in Ontario it could hardly be attributed as a fault to the Opposition of what time that they did not succeed. In New Brunswick less than a year ago, on the other hand, the Opposition succeeded, not so much on the merits of their men or their platform as because of the discredited record of the Government of the day. The Canadian people judge their Governments very leniently; they seldom or never defeat an Administration for minor faults if they have confidence in the ability and integrity of the party leader and his principal lieutenants.

No leader of an Opposition ever gives out in advance the names of the colleagues he intends to take in to his cabinet, but he may be expected to have in sight the men from whom a strong and able cabinet could be formed. But Sir Wilfrid Laurier in 1896 not only did not name his colleagues in advance, as Dr. Macphail seems to blame Mr. Borden for not doing, but they were not in sight in the federal arena, and when he came to form his Government he gathered in five or six men from outside of Parliament. In our judgment the Conservatives failed in the last election mainly because they were pitted against Sir Wilfrid Laurier, with power, patronage, a full treasury and a solid Quebec at his back. It was a strong combination. It was not through Mr. Borden's failure of methods or from defects in his platform that they failed. The Conservative party under any other leader and with any possible platform would have failed at the last election.

VENEZUELA.

President Cipriano Castro, born in 1850, raised a revolution in 1899, drove out President Andrade and has since reigned in his stead as a despot rather than as a constitutional President. For that matter Andrade was little or no better than Castro. He fled from the storm that Castro created, carrying with him the spoils he had stolen and has since lived in luxury in Europe. Now Castro has also gone to Europe, and credible reports say he has carried millions of his ill-gotten gains with him. Before he left he had brought his country several times to the verge of war, and finally to actual war with Holland.

In his eight years of power Castro was a lawless despot. He cowed legislatures, packed courts, multiplied corruption in the civil service and enriched himself at the expense of the people he robbed. The outraged people of Venezuela are now wreaking vengeance as best they can upon what remains of the Government of Castro, while he, like his professor, enjoys his stolen wealth in Europe. Venezuela seems unfitted for self-government. An honest and capable despot to replace the reckless plundering Castro seems about the best that can be hoped for, for years to come until the Venezuelans shall become civilized, orderly and law-abiding.

Five cents a bushel on the Island potato crop of over seven million bushels would pay the yearly interest on the ten millions the Tunnel would cost and \$50,000 more. Think it over.

The political deadlock in Newfoundland still continues. The Legislature stands eighteen to eighteen, and Sir Robert Bond is still in power.

Prince Edward Island is entitled to the best laws and the best administration that is possible. Premier Hazard if well disposed and capable as we think he is, will readily see that some improvements can be made in the existing order of things. The methods of keeping the public accounts should be modernized and the Provincial Auditor made independent of Government control, as is the case in Canada and the Provinces generally. The election law has great and obvious defects. The ballot should be introduced in provincial elections. A policy of progress and reform along these lines would strengthen the Administration and benefit the Province.

Provincial

MONDAY

A Boston despatch says that former Senator, Fred J. McLean, a native of Prince Edward Island, is mentioned as the leading candidate for chairman of the Democratic state committee. He is a resident of Cambridge, and is president of the Intercolonial Club, a well-known organization of Canadians.

The Summerside fireman were called out Saturday afternoon, about three o'clock, to the residence of Frank McDonald, Convent Street. They responded promptly but their services were not needed. The cause of the alarm was a fire in the chimney, the smoke of which went through the house from a crack in the flue.

The entertainment and bazaar held at Clyde River on Wednesday evening was a decided success, both financially and otherwise. The program by the children of the Mission Band was excellently rendered. Besides the entertainment given by the children, readings were given by Mrs. Crosby and Miss Murray, also a solo by John Hearty, and a duet by the Misses Barrett.—Pat.

The concert and basket social in Pownal hall on Friday evening last under the auspices of the Alexandra Baptist Church was a grand success, about fifty dollars being realized. After an enjoyable concert the sale of baskets took place. Theo. McLeod of this city acting as auctioneer, and secured a good price for each dainty basket. Rev. Mr. Erb was the chairman of the evening.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Joseph Taylor was very largely attended yesterday afternoon by train to Sherwood Cemetery. The funeral service was conducted by Rev. H. E. Thomas of the First Methodist Church. The pallbearers were S. W. Crabbe, J. P. Nicholson, Charles Dalziel, Harry Worth, Percy Barlow and William Finlay.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Laura Cameron and Charles E. Gilbert of South Bend, Washington, took place in St. Mary's Cathedral, Portland, Oregon, in October, the Rev. George F. Thompson officiating. The happy bride is the only daughter of E. H. and Mrs. Cameron, both natives of P. E. Island, who have for several years past resided in Washington. She is a charming, popular and talented young lady, whose many friends on the coast, as well as on the old Island home, will wish her happiness in her married life. Mr. Gilbert occupies a responsible position with the South Bend Mills and Timber Company, and is a highly respected and popular young man.—Maple Leaf, Okla.

Yesterday was children's day in the First Methodist Church. At the morning service Rev. H. E. Thomas preached his sermon referring specially to the duty of parents to their children and was most attentively listened to. Miss Bremner's solo was most enjoyable. In the afternoon the children brought their gifts for the needy and took part in the service of praise. The solo by Edith Love, the chorus by four girls, and the recitations by Mildred McInnis, Fanny Stanley and Harry Stanley, were exceptionally well given and the entire service impressed upon the children the great message of the Christmas-tide. It is understood the collection taken amounted to about one hundred dollars.

John Sark, arrived in Boston last week from Prince Edward Island. He is chief of the Micmac tribe of Indians. We noticed him as he was walking on the down town streets, covered all over with a headed shoulder piece in bright colors, the emblem of his rank. He also wears a large silver medal presented to his loyal ancestors by Louis XV of France, one by Pope Pius X, one by Archbishop Bruneau of Montreal, and a silver medal by Queen Victoria during the Jubilee. He also carries a silver watch which ticks loud like a typewriter. He is on a month's visit to friends of his tribe, and also his son who is attending college in the Hub. He is making his headquarters with Frank Penhall of 21 Yarmouth Street, a Micmac carpenter and joiner.—New Glasgow Chronicle.

The funeral of the late Douglas McCallum, who died at his residence on Silver Lake Road, Mount View Township, near Minneapolis, Minn., on November 19th, 1908, was held at his residence on Saturday at 11.30 a. m. Mr. McCallum was born on Prince Edward Island, 1863. He came to Minnesota in 1886 and engaged in the farming and dairying business. He was married to Miss Emma B. Grey, of Manston, Wisconsin, in 1891, all of whom survive him. He is also survived by four brothers, in Minneapolis, namely, Daniel, John James and Peter, and three sisters, who still reside in the East. They are: Mrs. George H. Brooks, of Boston; Mrs. John Cudmore, Winsloe, P. E. Island; and Mrs. Henry Ford, of New Glasgow Road, P. E. Island; also a step-mother, Mrs. Douglas McCallum, of Winsloe. The funeral was held under the auspices of American Lodge, No. 187, A. F. & A. M., of Minneapolis, of which he was an honored member. His body was brought to Manston, Wis., and the funeral was held at his wife's old home in Lemon-Weir on Sunday afternoon, Nov. 22nd. Rev. E. Harris acted as the Masonic Officer of this city had charge of the services.—Minneapolis paper.

—Dr. Murphy, of Tignish, who was at Bonald on the Feast of the Immaculate Conception for the blessing of the memorial window in honor of his mother, assisted at the C. M. B. A. meeting in the afternoon when the new officers of Branch 373 were elected.

—The steamer "Stanley" was supplied with fresh water by the firemen of Summerside on Friday night last. It required a stretch of nearly 2000 feet of hose to reach from the hydrant at the head of the wharf to the steamers tanks. After the work was finished the firemen were given a supper by orders of the chief at the Railway Dining Rooms.

—Daniel McLean, says the Oakland Maple Leaf, carpenter and builder, whose place of business is at No. 5 Richmond street, corner Atlantic avenue, Boston, Mass., is a native of De Gros Marsh. He finds time every summer to visit his birthplace and see the friends of his boyhood days. He is a brother of J. C. McLean, the respected pastor of St. Paul's Church, Summerside.

—The Pioneer announces that the death occurred on the 4th inst. at Spokane, Wash., of Dugald S. Hunt, formerly the youngest son of the Hunt family of St. Eleanors and brother of the late Wm. T. and Richard Hunt. One sister, Mrs. Compton, now visiting in Florida survives. He leaves to mourn, his wife, (nee Miss Emma Haslam), daughter of Robert Haslam Springfield, and one son.

—Word has been received by Mrs. Geo. E. M. Farlow, of Souris of the death of her nephew, Cameron Jenkins, of San Francisco, Calif. He was a son of Henry Jenkins, formerly of Little River, P. E. Island. Mr. Jenkins was stricken with appendicitis on the second inst., and before his aunt, Mrs. Cooper (who lives in Arcata, a nearby town) could reach a call to his bedside, death had claimed him as its own. In Mr. Jenkins' demise the world loses a famous jockey.

—On Monday evening, December the 14th, many friends of D. C. McKay of Souris, assembled in the restaurant parlors of M. A. Paquet, to celebrate his departure from Souris to his new home in Kentville, N. S. After partaking of the excellent repast prepared by Mr. Paquet, a number of toasts were proposed and responded to in a happy manner by the parties assembled. Mr. McKay's departure is much regretted in Souris, where he was always prominent in business and social circles. He left for Kentville on Tuesday, December 15th.

In the First Methodist Church last evening the pastor, Rev. Mr. Thomas preached a temperance sermon from the text, Thy Kingdom Come. In the course of his address he referred to the great temperance wave now sweeping over the world and made a strong plea for prohibition. He quoted official statistics to show that the arrests for drunkenness here were far less in proportion to population than in any other maritime city and said that since living here Charlottetown was the soberest city in which he had ever lived. He urged that the Government should be held responsible for the enforcement of prohibition and all other laws, and gave interesting details of the late Scott Act victory in Westmorland, N. B.

The remains of Mrs. M. Gavin who died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Farral, in Lewiston, Me., were brought over by the Empress yesterday morning and will be forwarded to Alberton this morning in charge of her son who lives in Camden, Me. Mrs. Gavin left this province two years ago to reside with her daughter, and while on a visit in August last to her sons in Alberton she contracted La Grippe from which she never fully recovered. Mrs. Gavin was 72 years of age and leaves four sons and two daughters. Two of the sons live in Alberton, one in Camden, Me., and one in Millbrook, Me., the daughter in Lewiston, Me., and the other in Worcester, Mass. The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock from the residence of her son in Alberton.

J. M. Davison, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Charlottetown, died yesterday morning at his residence, Westview, Pownal Street, after a long illness.

He took sick in February last and went to Montreal in July where he entered the Royal Victoria Hospital for treatment remaining there a month. After leaving the hospital he resided in Montreal, till the first of December when he returned to this city very much improved in health and it was then thought by physicians and friends that he was on a fair road to complete recovery, but last week the Asthma returned and after considerable suffering he passed away.

Mr. Davison entered the employ of the Merchants Bank of Prince Edward Island as accountant a number of years ago when the Bank transacted business on Water Street. By his ability and attentiveness to work he was appointed manager and when that Bank and the Canadian Bank of Commerce amalgamated he still remained manager and held the position until his recent illness.

He leaves a sorrowing widow and three children and one brother, Mr. Davison was well-known throughout this Province and especially in this City where, by his thorough business qualities and good citizen-ship, he had won the respect and admiration of those with whom he came in contact.

—Hon. John Richards, Summerside shipped a handsome carriage and saddle mare to a gentleman in Halifax on Thursday. She is one of the finest mares in the province, standing sixteen hands and weighing about eleven hundred and fifty and is an ideal combination carriage and saddle mare.—Pioneer.

TUESDAY

Noderick Munn, ex-M. P., of Prince Edward Island, and his daughter, Miss Ella Munn, of Weston, Mass. who are en route to Vancouver, were the guests of Mr. Munn's nephew, W. H. Munn, 595 Jessie Avenue, Fort Rouge, on a few days.—Winnipeg Free Press.

The following is taken from the Chatham Advance. "We understand that the defunct Nova Scotia Carriage Company of Kentville is again to be set running about the first of the year. It has been purchased by McKay Brothers of Prince Edward Island."

Olive Branch Division, Clinton, is still in a flourishing condition. The worthy Patriarch is now Bro. Frank Marks. The members are preparing a debate for the next night of meeting, which is to be, "Which has the most influence, the Pen or the Sword."

A company of about fifteen men and women of the city's active temperance workers and their wives who had been deeply interested in the recent Scott Act campaign in Westmorland, had invited Rev. H. E. Thomas and Mrs. Thomas to dine with them at the Queen Hotel last evening.

The object was largely to do honor to Mr. Thomas as a most energetic temperance worker, to express admiration for his recent work in that line in New Brunswick and to hear from him an account of the campaign and the victory. S. F. Hodgson presided very happily. After an excellent dinner a series of toasts were proposed, beginning with Our Guest, Rev. Mr. Thomas. He spoke very happily in response and told of temperance work in past years not only in Westmorland, but in Restigouche and in York, N. B., where he long ago laid his first pro-secution under the Scott Act.

Other toasts to the Temperance Press, the Grand Division, the Legislative Committee of the Alliance and the Ladies brought out a round of brief but hearty speeches covering many phases of temperance and prohibition work. The speakers were J. E. B. McCready, J. K. Ross, R. C. Goff, George E. Full, David Small, J. A. Lawson, Roland Meikle and S. F. Hodgson, the last-named speaking in response to a hearty proposal of his health. He mentioned that in honoring Mr. Thomas there was a desire to also express hearty sympathy and support for all who were strenuously engaged in the now hopeful battle for prohibition in New Brunswick.

In the course of the speeches made during the evening, feeling tributes were paid to many who had rendered service to the temperance cause in years past who have since gone to their reward. It was a very hearty and happy reunion throughout, and closed with the singing of Auld Lang Syne.

The closing exercises of the Charlottetown Business College were held last evening in the Kindergarten Hall, which was filled.

Principal Miller presided and His Honor the Lieut. Governor addressed the graduating classes. Principals Miller, Trainor and staff were presented with addresses and valuable souvenirs by the students to which happy replies were made. The following excellent program was rendered:

- Vocal duet, Miss Laura Gay and Mr. Ives.
- Vocal solo, Miss Flora Mellish.
- Comedone solo, Mr. Gaudet.
- Reading, Miss Nicholson.
- Instrumental duet, Miss Lillian Earle and Miss Helen Stewart.
- Song, Joe Holroyd.
- Vocal solo, Miss Mary A. Campbell.
- Song, Mr. Ives.
- Duet, vocal, Miss Doakendorf and Miss Crosby.
- Vocal solo, Miss Waye.
- Violin solo, by particular request, Mr. Calder.

The following is a list of the graduates from the Business Training Department.

FULL BUSINESS COURSE.

- J. Mervyn Esseny, Union Road, Lot 33.
- Doris Farquharson, City.
- P. G. Butler, Peters Road.
- Flora Mellish, Montague.
- Mary A. Campbell, Montague.
- Amy L. Jones, Hillsboro.
- Verna White, City.
- Maggie Hughes, City.
- Maragret Campbell, Freevale.
- Ray McDonald, City.

List of graduates in the Short-hand Department.

- May Power, Charlottetown.
- Bessie M. Davison, Beistel.
- Bessie K. Carter, Charlottetown.
- Ina Campbell, Freevale.
- Emma Duder, Charlottetown.
- L. Miriam Cameron, Charlottetown.
- Minnie Corcoran, Charlottetown.
- Nellie Pitts-Simmons, Charlottetown.
- Muriel V. Hooper, Charlottetown.
- Maie Lounny, Trilby.
- Annie Larabee, Eldon.
- Ella B. Simmet, Bristol.
- Earl C. Young, Charlottetown.
- J. Parker Hooper, Charlottetown.
- George H. Mathieson, Oyster Bed Bridge.

J. Joseph B. Bowman, North Wiltshire, Joseph Holroyd, Charlottetown, Lucy L. Laferty, Charlottetown, Annie Egan, Charlottetown, Sadie Harker, Mount Stewart, Elizabeth McLeod, Little Sands, May Flynn, Farmington.

Telegraphic

CHICAGO, Dec. 20—(Special)

While a group of school children, whom she just dismissed for the Christmas vacation, were loving farewells to Miss Ida Crandal, the young woman stepped in front of an express train and was instantly killed. One arm held a bundle of gifts made by charges the other upraised in a gesture of affection to the little group and the laughing admonition to "be good" was on her lips as the car struck her. The happy farewell never finished and the young woman died without a cry.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 19—The revised returns show that the Scott Act was retained in the Westmorland election with a majority one sort of 700, the exact figures being 639. The city and parish of Moncton gave 829 majority for the act, and the remainder of the county went slightly in favor of license. The results as revised are as follows:—

	Against For.
Moncton City	864 1290
Moncton parish	345 548
Sackville parish	283 602
Shediac parish	792 118
Bathurst parish	353 284
Sallyburg parish	90 48
Westmorland parish	43 285
Dorchester parish	679 317
Totals	3229 3924
Majority for Scott Act 639.	

ST. JOHN, Dec. 20—(Special)—New Brunswick has another murder this one being particularly brutal involving the deliberate killing of an inoffensive man.

Full particulars not obtainable yet. The affair occurred on Saturday afternoon near Plaster Rock.

An Irishman and a Jew, both peddlers, had been selling watches among the Grand Trunk Pacific laborers and Saturday were walking together along the railway.

Suddenly two Italians rushed from the woods bordering the track, on carrying a heavy rifle. He opened fire immediately on the peddlers.

The Irishman pierced by the first bullet fell dead.

The Jew ran and succeeded in escaping.

The Italians approached the victim's body and stole almost a thousand dollars and his jewelry stock. They have disappeared.

The crime was reported by the Jew and sheriff Foster alarmed the surrounding country.

Several parties of constables were immediately organized and started from different centres converging to ward Miramichi in the direction taken by the murderers.

The names of the parties involve are not yet obtainable.

This is the second Italian murder during the past three months in this province.

The third murder was attempted on the victim is recovering.

PARIS, Dec. 20—(Special)—Hon. Mr. Fielding, Canadian Minister of Finance, who has been in this city several days on business connected with Franco-Canadian Commercial Treaty is not particularly encouraged regarding the outlook for the ratification by French Senate, in view of an approaching general tariff revision in France.

French protectionists are manifesting extreme hostility to the treaty and Canada is not ready to offer any further concessions.

Owing to the early reassembling of the Canadian parliament, Fielding does not expect to go to German before his return home and the question of opening negotiations for a new Canadian-German treaty will consequently be postponed for the present.

SYDNEY, Dec. 21—(Special)

The steamer Falco 23 days from Glasgow, arrived here this morning. Capt. Hansen reported a rough trip.

Anxiety was felt for the steamer which was laden with a general cargo for the Steel Company.

Capt. Hansen thinks there is little hope for the Sticklehead which left four and a half days before the Falco and was similarly laden. The Sticklehead had one hundred tons of coal less than the Falco, and the latter had three tons left when she arrived.

LONDON, December 20—The Times publishes the following letter, which King Edward sent to Andrew Carnegie on November 21:—

I have for some time past been anxious to express to you my sense of your generosity for the great public objects which you have presented to this country, the land of your birth. Scarcely less admirable than the gifts themselves is the great care and thought you have taken in gaining against their misuse. I am anxious to tell you how warmly I recognize the great services they are likely to confer on the country. As a mark of recognition I hope you will accept the portrait of myself, which I am sending you."

MONCTON, Dec. 21—(Special)—A crusade was started when the Windsor Hoop was today served with papers in three Scott Act cases.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21—(Special)—In the Marine inquiry Auditor General Fraser has examined about the travelling expenses of Commander Spain.

He said that at the present time he had refused to pass these accounts because of gross inaccuracies. Ellis been put in for travelling expenses Ottawa to Quebec and Fort William, when the records showed Commander Spain was sitting as Wreck Commissioner in Montreal, and as the result of getting the attendance book and showing that Commander Spain was in Ottawa.

In other accounts, \$639 was refunded. Spain got \$300 advances at one time and sent in a bill afterwards. In one case he charged \$642 as having been paid to a Quebec lawyer for service, whereas it was not paid until the Auditor made enquiries. Commander Spain denied that he charged an account as paid before it was.

His explanation of charging for travelling expenses when he was really in Montreal was that these were mistakes in dates.

He was asked to produce his time book, but did not have it.

PLASTER ROCKS, N. B., Dec. 21—(Special)—The general opinion is that the Italian murderers of Patrick Green will never be captured.

The first search party having travelled several miles and being unarméd became frightened and returned for guns, wasting valuable time during which the murderers got a good start.

The Swedish laborers, among whom Green was well liked are scouring the country and threaten lynching.

The Italians secured thirty-three hundred dollars and a number of solid gold watches.

All the cheaper watches were discarded and found by the searchers.

CAMPBELLTON, December 20—Robert Nelson, of Richardsonville, two miles from here, was instantly killed by an English mail special on the I. C. R. Saturday. The first intimation was when the fireman of the train saw a horse running away with the shafts trailing. Investigation found Nelson's body lying 20 feet from the railroad crossing. He was 55 years of age and leaves a wife and seven daughters and six sons. An inquest was decided to be unnecessary.

At Gloucester Junction Saturday night a fast freight train ran into an engine switch on the I. C. R. and the engine and several cars were smashed. No one was hurt. The road was cleared this morning.

GRAND RAPIDS, Dec. 21—(Special)—"How low does the looks of this Jim?" said Mrs. J. W. Seales to her husband, as, attended in her night lothing she stood in the bedroom with an automatic colt revolver pressed to her head.

Before he could move to stop her he fell dead, shot through the brain. She had suffered from extreme nervousness for a year.

Seales was the woman's fourth husband.

They had put their two girls in a Toronto convent and had been travelling until six months ago when they bought a beautiful home here.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 21—Fire in a wooden house on Argyle Street is the central part of the city, caused some \$25,000 worth of damage.

The conflagration was caused by a gas falling from the grate and lighting the carpet, which spread to the woodwork. The blaze spread very rapidly.

The building was notable as having been the residence of Sir Charles Tupper, when he was the city medical officer of Halifax—fifty years ago.

WINNIPEG, Dec. 21—Fire started at the Commercial Hotel at Warman, Sask., and destroyed the hotel, Jare & Co's store, Kimpel store. The loss is \$50,000; insurance, \$20,000.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 20—The program of the services in connection with the celebration of the centenary of the old German street Methodist church, which will be observed on Christmas day in Queen Square church, is not yet complete.

The celebration will begin Christmas night and services will be held on the following Sunday. On Christmas night it is expected that Rev. Dr. Stewart, of Sackville, the oldest living ex-pastor, will preach. Dr. Stewart preached at the dedication of the present Queen square church thirty years ago.

It is expected that the choirs of all the Methodist churches in the city will unite to make the musical part of the services a great success. A number of the ex-pastors who are expected to be present are Rev. R. W. Weddell, of Hortonville (N. S.); Rev. Dr. Wilson, Rev. Dr. Campbell, and probably Rev. Dr. Sprague. Messages have been received from a number of other ex-pastors and will be read at the service.

CORNWALL, Ont., Dec. 20—Wm. Bero, a married man, about forty years of age, was on his way to the police court this morning in charge of a policeman to receive sentence for stealing six hides from G. R. Phillips, when he was permitted to enter a meat market.

He was a quiet sort of fellow, and surprised everybody by suddenly seizing a cleaver and chopping four fingers off near the knuckles, remarking that they would steal no more hides.

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