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NEW YORK STOCKS.

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MONTREAL STOCKS.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists various stocks like Canadian Pacific, Canada Cement, etc.

COTTON

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists cotton prices for various months like December, January, etc.

WHEAT.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists wheat prices for various months like December, January, etc.

POLITICAL MEETING

(Continued from page 1) and buildings. The rest they had borrowed and paid out in mere running expenses. They should have been turned out long ago.

"Briny Deep" serge for men's suits gives the best wear. Every three yards stamped "Briny Deep Serge."

Every gentleman who has had dealings with Jas Callaghan will tell you that he makes the best fitting, clothes in the city. They will tell you also that he puts in the best stock obtainable for a very moderate price.

CHARLOTTETOWN AND QUEEN'S COUNTY

It pays to buy in this Province.

Dr. Gallant, Oyster Bed Bridge, was in the city yesterday.

Wm. McDonald, Tracadie, was among the visitors to the city yesterday.

At the police court in this city yesterday on drunk, Edmund Byers, appeared before His Honor and was discharged.

Any young man with at least a fair education, who desires permanent work with chance of rapid promotion, should write "Q," Guardian Office, at once.

There will be two fast games of basketball at Y.M.C.A. tonight. Abies vs. Vics, and League of the Cross vs. 2nd Abbies. One admission to both games.

The many friends of Mrs. Webster Jowatt, Tryon, who is undergoing treatment in the P. E. Hospital, will be pleased to learn that she is going nicely. Her husband, who has been in the city, returned home yesterday.

The following registered at the Victoria Hotel in this city yesterday: F. L. Howatt, B. C., Alex McPhail, Orwell, John Powers, Newton, J. G. Ryan, Moncton, W. Logan, Moncton, and Rev. and Mrs. A. M. McLeod, Hyde Park, Mass.

Rev. A. M. and Mrs. McLeod, whose marriage took place at New London yesterday afternoon at five o'clock, at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. John Murray, arrived in the city last night by the mail train and registered at the Victoria. They will proceed this morning through points in Nova Scotia before going up their residence in Hyde Park, Mass.

The following registered at the Queen Hotel in this city yesterday: John E. Sinclair, Emerald, J. C. Cousins, Park Corner; John T. McKay, Sea View; Fred McKenzie, Ross Valley; A. G. Murray, Eureka, N. S.; H. Ramsay, Montreal; O. F. Vaughan, Montreal; S. D. Murray, Pictou, N. S.; Russel Cox, Morell; H. Stewart, Pictou, N. S.; and D. S. Walker, Battledore.

The MacKinnon Drug Co. have some special values in Moir's chocolates for Xmas. These are the best assortment the firm turn out and the prices are 35c., 60c. and up. drf.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Regular meeting Court Brighton this evening at 8 o'clock. All members are requested to be present. Election of Officers, M. E. Howatt, Rec. Sec'y.

**Voice Specialist, Prof. H. A. Tanton, teacher of Voice Culture, Piano and Organ. Voice Culture a speciality. Studio 146 Gt. George St. 12-5415rsw6

**The concert and pie social given at the Mt. Abion School last week will be repeated at Hartney Hall on Thursday, 28th, at 7 p.m. Admission ten cents. It is not fine will be held next fine night. 12-26431.

**How many words can you make out of the name "Costello"? Just see for fun, and leave your answer at the box office of the People's Theatre, attend the matinee New Year, and see if you are one of the lucky ones. Only children under fifteen allowed to enter. 12-28411.

had held up the Asylum, jail and poorhouse as monuments of Liberal rule but he considered a growing population, growing industries, improved facilities, increased imports and an improved educational system, higher ideals to maintain. Continuing he dealt with Agriculture, Education, Transportation in turn and referred to Mr. Borden's promises in connection with roads and communication with the mainland. In closing he was sanguine as to the future of the province when the present difficulties were overcome and asked the electors to return the Government candidates to the coming election.

At the conclusion he was most heartily cheered and as the audience rose to leave Mr. Nash attempted to obtain a hearing in reply to some of Mr. Matheson's statements but the noise was so great that for the first few moments nothing could be heard. To those who remained Mr. Nash heartily denounced Mr. Matheson's platform as one of destruction and not of construction—he was a critic and not a constructive statesman such as this province needs, and the speaker asked for British fair play from the electors who should vote for the party who had done things and not merely criticized others.

A vote of thanks to the Chairman and cheers for the candidates closed the meeting.

WELLS COLLEGE GIRL ELOVES WITH HER MOTHER'S CHAUFFEUR

AUBURN, N. Y., Dec 26—Miss Gertrude Loomis Terry, a fourth year student at Wells College, eloped with her mother's chauffeur, Richard J. Probasco. The elopement took place a week ago, but the secret was maintained until the bride was about to start for St. Paul with her mother, Mrs. Alice Terry, when the young woman confessed. It was shortly after 11 o'clock last Friday night when Miss Terry slipped out of the College Inn, was lifted into a buggy and was driven up Main street and out into the country.

The Rev. Mr. Crossly, a Methodist minister, was finally located, after fruitless visits to many pastors. He yielded to entreaties when he saw the town clerk's license and it was a matter of a few minutes to secure two farmers as witnesses. The ceremony then was performed at 2 o'clock in the morning, after which the couple returned to Aurora.

The league series of basketball games starts at Y.M.C.A. tonight.

Miss N. M. Sellar has removed her dressmaking rooms to 292 Grafton St., phone 339-J.

Mrs. (Dr.) Hunt of Malden, Mass., is visiting her mother Mrs. Benjamin Rogers at "Fairholm."

Miss Birdie Stewart, Vernon River, is visiting in this city, the guest of Miss Florrie Winchester.

Mrs. Gordon Webb, who has been visiting her old home at Vernon River, left on return to O'Leary yesterday afternoon.

The funeral of the late James Inman, Victoria, (not Jones Inman, as incorrectly stated in yesterday's issue) took place yesterday afternoon.

Miss Carrie Coyle, teacher at De La Salle who has been spending her Christmas holidays at her home in this city returned yesterday.

The Schofield Paper Co., Ltd. St. John, who always issue something useful as a souvenir, have this Christmas season sent their customers and friends a sanitary drinking cup, folded flat and daintily encased in a black leather purse that fits snugly in the pocket. The souvenir is so useful that it gives the receiver much pleasure as well as help in guarding health.

The charity dance Tuesday night in Smallwood's Hall proved to be one of the most enjoyable of the season. A very large number of young and middle aged folks were in attendance and all enjoyed themselves thoroughly. The chaperones were Mrs. B. C. Browne, Mrs. Byrne and Mrs. John McLeod. The music was furnished by Miss Blanchard, Miss Hood and Mrs. McDonald.

The targets at Kensington range were again in use yesterday afternoon. A full score was fired at 200 and 500 yard ranges. W. K. Rogers won the honors by 65 points. F. R. Newsome, Capt. D. A. McKinnon, E. R. Brown and Isaac Lane followed closely in above order. A possible was made at the 500 yard range. On account of the heavy fall of snow it was impossible for all to finish the shoot at the 600 yard. Among those who finished early was Mr. Rogers, with 32 points, making the magnificent total of 97 over the three ranges.

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THE RICHESON TRIAL MAY BE PRIVATE

BOSTON, December 26—With the coming trial of Rev. C. V. T. Richeson, charged with the murder of his former sweetheart, Miss Avis Linnell, less than two weeks away public interest in the case was increased by to-day's developments. One of these developments was the appearance of Rev. G. E. Horr, D. D., president of the Newton Theological institution, where the accused clergyman prepared for the pulpit, at the office of District Attorney Joseph C. Pelletier. For two hours Dr. Horr was closeted with the district attorney. Richeson is regaining his strength rapidly, as was shown by the announcement that he was allowed to walk about his cell for a few minutes today.

That the government is earnest in its intention to try Rev. Clarence V. T. Richeson, on January 15th, for the murder of his former sweetheart Miss Avis Linnell, the music student of Hyannis, was further shown today when summonses were issued for 300 citizens of Suffolk county to serve on the special jury panel. For a day or two after Richeson had mutilated himself last week, there were rumors that counsel for the defense would ask for a postponement of the day of the trial, and the summonses were withheld until just before the expiration of the legal time for service. It was stated to-day that Richeson's recovery continued satisfactory.

During the day a petition was filed for consideration by the incoming legislature asking for a new law permitting private trials of cases involving the "decency and morals of the community," and pointing out that need of immediate action exists for the hearing of such cases in private and the exclusion of the public and the press. The petition was filed by Ralph Wardlaw Glog, an attorney. The legislature meets January 3rd, and there would be sufficient time before January 15th to enact such legislation.

Any doubt that C. V. T. Richeson would not go to trial on January 15th, as scheduled, on the charge of murdering Avis Linnell, was dispelled to-day, when his counsel, William A. Morse formally stated he would fight no more for continuance. Morse's statement came just after a visit to Richeson in his cell in murderer's row at Charles street jail shortly before noon.

"Richeson will be well by January 15th," said Mr. Morse. On being asked along what lines defense would be made, Morse refused to answer.

Shippers in this province should write at once to I. Goodman Co., Fulton Market, New York, and arrange to have him handle their smelts and eels as the firm are soliciting large consignments from this Province as will be seen by their ad elsewhere in this paper. They have every facility for handling fish and always sell to the best possible advantage and make prompt returns.

R. W. Sandiford, 38 Fulton Market, New York, gives personal attention to all consignments of smelts and eels from this province as will be seen by his ad which appears elsewhere in this issue. The demand at this season of the year is good for fresh and frozen fish and shippers who want quick sales should make arrangements at once to have their goods handled by Mr. Sandiford.

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PASSENGER TRAFFIC

NEW YORK, December 16—Unless negotiations now being carried on in this city are successful it is possible that passenger traffic for the Canadian west now coming to the port of New York will be diverted to other ports of the United States. The Grand Trunk railway system considers itself aggrieved because it cannot get the same terms for passengers to Winnipeg as are accorded to the Canadian Pacific, through the latter's connection with the New York Central lines.

Charles M. Hayes is pushing the negotiations for his company and he is said to have the backing of the various steamship companies arriving at this port. The railroads west of Chicago are also favorable to the Grand Trunk view and the other roads going out of New York are willing to co-operate, but the New York Central, which so far has through its arrangements with the Canadian Pacific railway, controlled against giving the Grand Trunk system any portion of this trade.

PANAMA CANAL AND COMMERCE.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23—Consul-General Robert P. Skinner, Hamburg, transmits the following:

"The Hansa," the organ of the Hamburg shipowners, after consideration of the probable effect of the opening of the Panama Canal upon steamship routes, states that after the month of June, 1913, should the canal be opened to navigation at that time, steamers proceeding from Europe to San Francisco will no longer go via Cape Horn, a route of 13,621 sea miles, but will save 6,280 sea miles via the canal route. Steamers proceeding from Montreal to Sydney now cover 13,650 sea miles, but in the future will be able to do so over a route of 10,952 sea miles.

It is difficult to predict the effect of the canal upon freight traffic between Europe and the West Indies. Shiloh's Cure quickly stops coughs, cures colds, heals the throat and lungs. 25 cents.

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tween Europe and Valparaiso, the Cape Horn being only 1,100 miles longer than the canal route. Passenger ships probably will pass through the canal, serving the east coast of South America by means of auxiliary ships sailing from West Indian ports.

Trade between Europe and Japan will not be influenced by the canal, as the Panama route will be one thousand miles longer than the one now followed. From New York to Shanghai, on the other hand, the difference in favor of the canal will be 1,400 sea miles. The present route from Europe to Australia is 800 miles longer than the route via the canal, which is scarcely enough to threaten any great change. It is assumed that a part of the business from New Zealand to Europe, which today comes via Cape Horn, will pass through the canal hereafter, saving 1,600 sea miles. The canal route will be selected also by passengers who wish to avoid the rough and stormy rounding of Cape Horn. The chief part of the steadily increasing business between New York and Australia and New Zealand should, therefore, proceed via the canal rather than by the Cape of Good Hope, saving 2,300 sea miles.

The probable change in navigation routes will create equally great changes in the distribution of the coal trade, for which English firms have made preparations already. It is stated that English firms are now making arrangements to open coaling stations at Nukulofa, the capital of the Friendly Islands, and upon Pitcairn Islands.

SUDDEN DEATH OF GEORGE MUNROE.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 26—The death occurred Saturday afternoon of George Munroe. Deceased came to town late in the forenoon from Clement Ryan's camp, where for three weeks he had been staying.

About noon he was seen drinking and shortly afterwards went to sleep in the straw in Ryan's stable. Deceased was frequently heard, but nobody thought him ill, but about 5 o'clock Clement Ryan coming to the barn, found Munroe cold and dead.

An inquiry was held by Dr. Desmond, coroner, but an inquest was deemed unnecessary.

Munroe was a native of Scotland, between forty and fifty years of age and unmarried. He had been a resident of Miramichi for three years and was without relatives in this province. He had been employed with Arthur Robinson at Holmes Lake, but frequently came to Newcastle. The funeral was held today.

STRONG AGAINST CHURCH UNION.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 26—The Presbyterians of this town voted on church union yesterday. The total vote cast was 158. Of these 153 voted nay and five, all of them being adherents, voted yea.

The elders and communicants voted unanimously against the proposal. Several congregations in the vicinity of the town, which are now voting, will show figures practically similar to the above. The lack of any reference to prayer in the basis of union and other serious defects, such as the failure to designate the scripture as "The Word of God," accounts largely for the strong opposition. It is felt that if the movement is pushed it will mean the formation of another denominational, as the existing churches will hold to their for-

mer name, doctrine and government, and will refuse to surrender their property to the united body.

BAPTIZED IN FIRE. STUDENT MAY DIE

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 26—Transformed into a living torch through the work of an enemy, who substituted a bottle of alcohol for witch hazel, Henry Bassett, Jr., was probably fatally burned at his initiation into the Alpha Phi Epsilon fraternity. Members of the Greek letter society at the Episcopal Academy, of which Bassett was a student, were terrified at the sight of fire leaping high into the air from their comrade's head, and many of them fled from the room. The next day they met and pledged themselves to secrecy. The accident happened last Friday and the school authorities learned it only yesterday.

Bassett is at his home, with physicians still keeping careful watch over him. The presence of mind of a member of the fraternity saved Bassett from far worse burns than he received, and the blindfold which had been put about his eyes safeguarded his sight.

Bassett is a junior at the academy and long had been sought as a member of the fraternity. His mother opposed his joining the organization and until recently withheld her consent. When the young man finally received permission to join his friends promised him a royal initiation, a baptism in fire being among the prospects laid out to him.

The candidate laughed at the plans for the initiation and the efforts to frighten him.

"Go as far as you like," he announced when he appeared at the appointed spot on the evening of the initiation, and masked youths appeared from behind a fence, bound his hands and put the blind about his eyes. He was led by a devious path to a small room, and there the blindfold was removed while he was garbed in fantastic raiment made of highly inflammable material.

Then the young man was led into a room in which many members of the fraternity were gathered. He was asked if he was prepared to go through a baptism of fire, and again he responded with a laugh and bade his captors go ahead.

The lord high executioner's chief assistant then moved forward and drenched Bassett's head in what was thought to be witch hazel. This had been chosen with the idea of convincing the candidate that he was really going to be subjected to an ordeal. The liquid was rubbed into the hair, and much of it trickled down the neck and on the light material of which his costume was made.

Somewhat lighted a match, held it near the young man's head, and in an instant flames leaped high in the air. Immediately next to Bassett stood T. Judson Myers, now a sophomore at the University of Pennsylvania, but a graduate of the Episcopal Academy. He is a leading spirit in the fraternity, and was acting as master of ceremonies.

While the burning youth frantically tore at his hair and others ran about in circles, Myers pulled a curtain from the wall and wrapped it around Bassett, smothering the flames. The blindfold was thick and saved the young man's eyes.

Bassett was carried to his home by the older members of the fraternity. The following day the fraternity held a meeting and all took a pledge to conceal the affair. Who placed the bottle of alcohol where the bottle of witch hazel had stood is not known, but a rigid investigation has been ordered by the faculty of the academy.