

SEVEN FISHING VESSELS ADRIFT

St. JOHN'S, Nfld., Feb. 1.—The colonial fisheries department received advice today that seven vessels, hailing from American, Canadian and Newfoundland ports are adrift amid the ice floes in the Gulf of St. Lawrence. It is feared that the crews of some of these boats may perish.

CHAMPAGNE CHRISTENING.

MINNEAPOLIS, Feb. 1.—Champagne at the christening of J. J. Hill's steamship Dakota at New London (Conn.) Feb 6, is not wanted by 3,000 women of North Dakota and South Dakota, who have signed a petition to that effect and forwarded it to Mr. Hill in New York city. The women say the boat is named after two prohibition states and should not be baptized with champagne.

Arc You Nearing The Turn of Life?

Unmistakeable signs of "the change" are Headache, Sleepless Nights, Nervousness, Hysteria and Melancholia—Watch for these Symptoms if past forty-five.

When the turn or change of life makes its appearance you will notice severe pains shooting through the loins. As a rule the change is gradual. In most cases it is marked by irregularity of the menstrual flow. It is most important to maintain as high a degree of vigor as possible. All strength should be conserved, and Ferrozone should be taken three times daily until the crisis is past. Ferrozone not only acts on the blood, giving it purity and richness, but acts directly on the womanly organs in such a way as to lessen the strain and severity of this trying time.

Mrs. Martha M. Macadam, of St. George, writes: "About two years ago I was greatly run down and felt as if I was going to die. I was in a nervous excited state, and had the most dreadful pains every month. Irregularities that I never had before commenced, and I didn't know what was wrong. I consulted the doctor and learned I was approaching a very critical time. I started on a course of Ferrozone, and took one tablet along with every meal for about six months. Ferrozone had a direct action, and helped me immensely. My nervousness went away, and so did all the other worrying symptoms. Ferrozone is a remedy that all women should use, because it insures regularity, freedom from pain, and headache. It is a remarkable re-builder and tonic, and saw me safely through my trouble."

Ferrozone is exactly the remedy you need. Don't believe an unscrupulous dealer who may try to sell you a base substitute that affords him more profit. Insist on Ferrozone. Price 50c per box or six boxes for \$2.50, at all druggists or by mail, from The Ferrozone Company, Kingston, Ont.

ALL HOPE OF PEACE HAS BEEN CAST TO WINDS BY THE BEAR'S ATTITUDE

Russia is For War and Has Mobilized the Manchurian Reserves and is Strengthening Her Entire Army and Navy—A Japanese Diplomat.

St. PETERSBURG, Feb. 1.—In spite of the expressed hope of the British authorities that the present crisis will be passed and that a pacific solution of the Russo-Japanese negotiations will be reached, it is no longer concealed that Russia is practically prepared for eventualities. Today the mobilization of the Manchurian reserves was announced.

It has been well known for months that Russia has been steadily strengthening her army and navy in the far east to meet the preparations which Japan was openly making. The available warships were dispatched to the far east, and the last division, which left the Mediterranean a month ago, is now nearing its destination. It is understood that six or seven military trains daily have been going east over the Siberian railway and the charters of some ship's cargoes for the Pacific route was considered too slow.

Washington, Feb. 1.—At the Korean legation the statement is made by one of the secretaries that Minhai Cho, the minister who has recently been recalled by his government, will be appointed minister to Japan, a post of considerable importance at this time. His successor Yu Klu Shan, is expected here within six weeks.

Chinese coal exclusively has been purchased for the Russian fleet.

The authorities now feel that the situation is secure should Japan reject the offer of the Czar is making to avoid war.

The draft of Russia's reply probably will be submitted to the Czar tomorrow. The Associated Press is assured that it will be pacific and should "lead" to a settlement.

London, Feb. 1.—One of the highest Japanese officials in London, who has been intimately acquainted with every possible detail of the Russo-Japanese negotiations has the following statement to the Associated Press tonight:

"I am convinced that the delay in sending Russia's reply is not for the purpose of enabling the Russian government to make further preparations for war, but that Count Lamsdorff is honestly trying to bring this matter in dispute to an amicable settlement. I hope, and I think I may add that I believe, the peace party will triumph. The crux of the whole matter is Russia's assurance regarding Chinese sovereignty over Manchuria. Japan is sincerely anxious for peace, and if Russia gives the very reasonable assurance asked for there will be no war. Otherwise peace cannot be maintained."

BIG OUTPUT OF COAL.

SYDNEY, N. S., Feb. 1.—The Dominion Coal Company's output of coal for the month of January past, was 201,791 tons. The output for January, 1903, was 202,804 tons, and for January, 1901, 189,793 tons.

MARRIED.

At the residence of the bride's mother Summerside, Feb. 3rd, by Rev. A. D. McCully. John Riggs of Charlottetown, to Amy May Day of Summerside.

At the residence of the bride's mother, Feb. 3rd, 1904, by Rev. E. J. Rattee, D. A., Charles E. Sobey of Albany, Lot 27, and Mary Jane, oldest daughter of Mrs. Susan Matthews of Baltic, Lot 18.

DIED.

At St. Peter's Lake, West, on Jan. 29th, 1904, Robert Douglas, aged 62 years.

At Springfield, Ill., on Feb. 3rd, after a brief illness, Anna beloved wife of Rev. H. T. Morrison.

The Bloom of Health.

Little children always need careful attention—but they do not need strong drugs. When any ailment comes they should not be drugged into insensibility with the so-called "soothing" medicines, nor should they be given strong nauseous, griping purgatives. The very best medicine in the world for such troubles as colic, sour stomach, indigestion, constipation, diarrhoea, worms, colds, simple fevers and teething troubles is Baby's Own Tablets. If your little ones suffer from any of these troubles give them the Tablets and see how quickly they will bring back the bloom of health. Give the little ones an occasional dose of the Tablets and you will keep them well. Mrs. Robt. Hanna, Elgin, Ont., has proved the truth of these statements and says:—"I find Baby's Own Tablets the best remedy for indigestion and teething troubles." The Tablets cost 25 cents a box, and may be had from druggists or by mail from The Dr. Williams Medicine Co., Brockville, Ont.

"Changes" of ads must be in not later than 1 p. m. each day to insure insertion following morning and not later than noon Saturday for the "Weeklv."

NORDICA GRANTED A DIVORCE.

New York, Feb. 1.—Madame Nordica, the prima donna, who in private life is Mrs. Lillian M. Deemo was today granted an interlocutory decree of divorce by Justice Bischoff, in the Supreme Court.

RECEIVES MUCH ATTENTION.

MEXICO, Feb. 1.—President Diaz gave a dinner yesterday at the National Palace to Postmaster General Sir William Malcock of Canada. The British Club gave him a banquet Saturday night and social courtesies have been lavished upon the Canadian statesman.

"77" Breaks up Grip and COLDS

Many cases of Grip and Influenza go straight to the liver, producing Jaundice. The skin gets as yellow as a duck's foot. The use of Humphrey's "77" and Specific 10 puts the liver in working order and cures both Grip and Jaundice. The embarrassing yellow skin is gradually absorbed. "77" cures Coughs, Grip, Influenza, Catarrh, Sore Throat and Colds that "hang on."

At Druggists, 25 cents, each or mailed, Humphrey's Med. Co., Cor. William & John Streets, New York.

125 pieces new valenciennes laces, insertions and footings, now ready for your spring sewing.—The newest and daintiest patterns we have ever shown.—Stanley Bros. 6 d 3i

Real bargain in ladies' fine boots, laced or buttoned worth \$1.25 to \$2.50 a pair, your choice now 75c a pair at J. B. McDonald's. 6 d 3i

For your spring sewing. New wash fabrics at Stanley Bros. We have just opened a lot new wash fabrics; print cottons at 7c, 9c, 10c, 12c and 15c per yard; duck suitings at 12c and 14c; white lawns, dimities, organdies, Madras, cambrics and Madraspolams. These goods were all bought at last year's prices, and are worth today ten to fifteen per cent more than we paid for them. You get them at the old prices.—Stanley Bros. 6 d 3i



TWENTY-THIRD Annual Statement

—OF THE— North American Life Assurance Company

—HOME OFFICE— 112-118 King Street West, Toronto.

For the Year Ended 31st December, 1903.

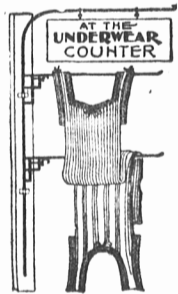
Dec. 31, 1902.—To Net Ledger Assets	\$ 4,755,355.35
RECEIPTS.	
Dec. 31, 1903.—To cash for Premiums	\$ 1,132,016.41
—To Cash on Investments	268,749.78
	\$ 1,400,766.19
DISBURSEMENTS	
Dec. 31, 1903.—By payment for Death Claims, Profits, etc.	\$ 423,217.86
—By all other payments	355,720.43
	\$ 778,938.29
	\$ 621,827.90
ASSETS.	
Dec. 31, 1903.—By Mortgages, etc.	\$ 1,000,000.00
By Stocks, Bonds, and Debentures (market value \$3,170,017.17)	3,170,017.17
By Real Estate, including company's building	374,890.62
By Loans on Policies, etc.	268,999.83
By Loans on Stocks (nearly all on call)	163,310.34
By Cash in Banks and on hand	42,884.22
	\$5,079,212.15
By Premiums outstanding, etc. (less cost of collection)	208,457.14
By Interest and Rents due and accrued	40,652.59
	\$ 5,228,321.78
LIABILITIES.	
Dec. 31, 1903.—To Guarantee Fund	\$ 60,000.00
To Assurance and Annuity Reserve Fund	4,974,197.00
To Death Losses & Waiting Profits, Contingent Expenses, etc.	41,967.02
	\$ 5,076,164.02
Net Surplus	\$550,236.76

Dec. 31, 1903.—To Guarantee Fund To Assurance and Annuity Reserve Fund To Death Losses & Waiting Profits, Contingent Expenses, etc.

Net Surplus Audited and found correct—John N. Lake, Auditor, Wm. T. Standen, Consulting Actuary. \$1,884,896 Insurance in force at end of 1903 (net) \$39,452,977 No monthly or Provident policies were issued—this branch having been discontinued.

PRESIDENT, JOHN L. BLAIKIE. **VICE-PRESIDENTS,** JAMES THORBURN, M.D., Medical Director. HON. SENATOR GOWAN, K.C., LL.D., G.M.G. E. GURNEY, ESQ., L. W. SMITH, ESQ., K.C., D.C.L., J. K. OSBORNE, ESQ. **DIRECTORS,** D. McCRAE, ESQ., GUBLPHI. **MANAGING DIRECTOR,** L. GOLDMAN, A.I.A., F.C.A. **SECRETARY,** W. B. TAYLOR, B.A., LL.B., **SUPERINTENDENT OF AGENCIES,** T. G. McCONKEY.

The report, containing the proceedings of the Annual Meeting, held on Jan. 29th last, showing marked proofs of the continued progress and solid position of the Company, will be sent to policy holders. Pamphlet explanatory of the attractive investment plans of the Company and a copy of the Annual Report, showing its unexcelled financial position, will be furnished on application to the Home Office or any of the Company's Agencies.

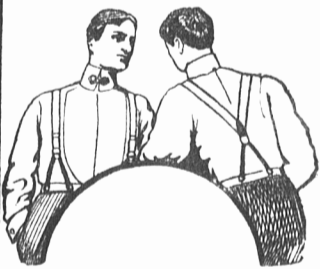


SNAPS FOR SATURDAY SHOPPERS

Here's a list—the very cream of the bargain collection—see if it doesn't suggest a need. Many other bargains on our shelves—but these—to-day to give you a taste of what we offer.

- Two big baskets heavy ribbed woolen Hose, regular 28c and 29c, sizes 9 and 9½, on sale Saturday only 20c pr.
- Ladies' heavy, unshrinkable, ribbed winter Vests, all trimmed fronts—regular 58c, Saturday only 38c.
- Ladies' heavy, warm drawers, an excellent line, regular price 42c, Saturday only 32c.
- Two big boxes Ladies' fine black cashmere, fleece lined Gloves, regular 18c, Saturday only 12c.
- Ladies' fancy, colored, Ringwood, Gloves, all wool, worth up to 38c for Saturday only 19c.

- A lot of ladies' fancy neckwear, collars and ties, being all left in stock, worth up to \$2.35 each—Half Price.
- Ladies' "Pique Royal" French kid Gloves, regular dollar line at 75c.
- A pile of odd lines of underwear, including about 5 dozen pieces—Half Price.
- A lot of colored cotton Shirts, some with stiff bosom, some soft bosom, sizes 14 to 16½, prices \$1.15, \$1.30, \$1.45—Half Price.
- About 8 dozen Lined Kid Gloves, good warm sturdy glove—Special price 50c pr.
- A big line of sample Caps, about 4 dozen, drivers' mostly, line includes all prices 55c to \$1.50 25 per cent off.



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