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NO BANK CLERKS WANTED.

The information comes from the United States that bank clerks are laborers. They may sport canes and monocles, and diamonds, but under the ruling of the United States Department of Commerce they are laborers. In the case of Kenneth Harper, a bank clerk, who went from Canada to take a clerkship in the Bank of British North America, it was decided by the department that imported bank clerks were contract laborers, and Harper was accordingly deported. He suffered the same fate as a Japanese who landed at San Francisco on route to New York, to take a position in the branch there of the Yokohama Specie Bank. If Mr. Harper of Canada and Mr. Miyamoto of Japan had been dynamiters, or could show a stiletto or a fat criminal record, they might have fared better.

TO BOOM RECIPROCITY.

The Times has received the second issue of 'The Inter-Nation,' published in Boston. It is "devoted to the promotion of closer relations between the United States, Great Britain and the British colonies." The following statement appears at the head of the first page:—

"There are, within fifty miles of Boston, according to the latest census, no less than 158,896 people born in Canada and Newfoundland, and 73,481 born in Great Britain, all speaking the English tongue:

- 'Natives of Great Britain, 73,481.
'Natives of Nova Scotia, 46,380.
'Natives of New Brunswick, 19,364.
'Natives of P. E. Island, 10,421.
'Natives of Ontario, 13,721.
'Natives of Quebec, 79,571.
'Natives of Newfoundland, 3,371.'

In this issue, 'The Inter-Nation' prints excellent portraits of Governor Douglas, and Eugene N. Foss, two notable Boston advocates of reciprocity with Canada, and quotes interesting extracts from their speeches on that subject. There is also much other interesting matter of a general character relative to Canada, including a page of poems by Bliss Carman and other Canadian authors.

'The Inter-Nation' announces that it has "taken a three years' lease of its quarters in the magnificent Board of Trade building, on State, Broad, and India streets, where it will be pleased to meet its friends."

THE STOCK MARKET.

The clever financial critic of the New York Globe, in an article on Stock Exchange prospects, says he does not look for any large selling movement while the underlying conditions in money and business are as good as they are now. "Now and then," he says, "there will be a little liquidation by individual speculators who wish to clear up and go away, and within a narrow radius and for brief periods manipulative selling may force down prices. But in the nature of things, reasoning persons may ask what inducement there is for the general run of security owners to sell. Earnings are increasing all the time whether or not the corporations affected see fit to distribute at once a larger share of the profits; and it is the course of earnings much more than immediate dividend action that the movement of market values follows."

The same writer says further regarding the general situation:— "Increasing earnings and the steadily advancing tendency of general business is one of the great supports to the present market; the other is the ability to borrow money in unlimited amount at rates well below the interest yield on securities. If it were possible to have much easier conditions than prevailed already, the money market has developed them during the week. Loans for sixty days to three months can be obtained freely at 2 1/2 per cent., while for much longer periods lenders are frequently glad to accept bids of 3 per cent. What this means is that for the time being—that is, until there appears a more definite prospect of our present money redundancy disappearing—stocks selling on a 4 per cent. basis do not look extravagantly high. They may be high enough if we consider the possibilities of there being later on a more active money market, but for the immediate future the relation between the price level and the money level is not such as to make people holding stocks anxious to sell. Then, besides, there is the other and more strictly speculative aspect of a very easy money market. Speculators are able to obtain on easy terms all the accommodation they want for carrying stocks. They can see no contingency ahead where their supply of credit will be cut off. Consequently they are under no necessity of pressing their stocks for sale. If buyers are few at the moment, they can afford to wait until the time arrives when unloading can be more successfully undertaken. All these, of course, are observations hearing directly upon the "resisting power" of the current market. To them another consideration is to be added—namely, the motives undoubtedly existing in certain individual stocks for their further accumulation in the hands of powerful finan-

cial interests. In some cases the motive for absorption may relate to coming deals, alliances, and new formations in the railway system. In other cases it may be simply "inside knowledge" of values of which the public is not yet aware. But in either event there is no mistaking the persistent buying which goes on in certain quarters on every occasion of weakness, nor the strong force it exerts in favor of stability in the market at large.

With reference to legislation affecting financial interests, the Globe writer declares there will be no tariff revision this year. With regard to the regulation of railway rates, he says:—

It now seems quite likely that a bill with this object will pass the lower house before congress adjourns in March. That it will be approved by the Senate and become a law is much more doubtful. If the Senate consents to any action at all it will only be because it wishes to avoid the calling of an extra meeting of congress next autumn. In any event no legislation seems likely to get through the Upper house except some form of compromise measure which will involve no radical change and which can be looked upon by the Wall street community without alarm. This apparently is the true gist of the present situation at Washington. As to what the exact provisions of a railway rate measure will be there is yet no authentic information. If the powers of the interstate commerce commission are enlarged so as to enable it to fix rates, it is desirable that the machinery for revision and appeal should work as rapidly as possible. This could not be if the business of hearing railroad appeals were left to the present circuit courts. Two middle courses have accordingly been suggested, one that new courts be constituted for the special hearing of commerce cases, the other that rates prescribed by the commission shall not be enforced until a stated period say thirty days, which will give the railroad companies time to carry their protest before the present courts. The attitude of the railroads undoubtedly is that the changes which would abolish the obnoxious rebate practice would be welcome, but that this could be accomplished by rigid enforcement of the present laws and that no new legislation is really necessary. If new laws are to pass, however, an arrangement for quick appeal from the decisions of the commission should be guaranteed. This being done the railway interest would not suffer. The encouraging fact from the Wall Street point of view is that all indications now point to this principal being enfolded in whatever legislation congress may be called upon to consider.

Edinburgh, says an exchange, has gone back to hard wood for pavement. Yielding to the popular desire for the abatement, as far as practicable, of the noise arising from traffic on granite-paved streets, the corporation of Edinburgh has resolved in favor of the more general use of hard wood in the leading thoroughfares where the gradients will permit. The committee in charge of street improvement has ordered that in laying new wood paving the blocks shall be dipped in hot pitch, laid close in the joints, and grouted with the pitch. Washing and brushing the wood pavements three times a week is insisted upon.

The Rev. L. A. Hoyt may be a little in advance of the times in urging upon the municipality the importance of having an electric railway between St. John and St. Martins, but the time is certainly coming when in these provinces as in the New England states the electric railway will extend far beyond the bounds of the cities and towns—whether the enterprise be under municipal or private control.

Chicago's experience with a municipal lighting plant was described by Edward B. Ellicott, city electrician of Chicago, at the investigation into the city lighting contracts. He said the venture had passed the experimental stage and had proved so satisfactory that a second plant, with more than double the capacity of the first built, is now in course of erection.

Evidence before the commission of Montreal shows that the Grand Trunk company refused to quote through rates via St. John. It preferred Portland, Maine. There has all along been a suspicion that the Grand Trunk people had no special use for St. John or Halifax. Will the leopard change its spots?

A joint resolution, which passed both houses of the Minneapolis State Legislature, memorializes Congress, urging the passage of a bill advocating the admission into the United States free of duty of Canadian seed wheat.

Toronto, with a population estimated at 293,395, has only 816 vacant buildings, and these include those in course of erection.

The Dawson hockey players had a spectacular start, but their finish is not likely to be so exciting.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL HAS MUCH BUSINESS.

Regular Quarterly Meeting Being Held This Afternoon---To Submit Bill to Regulate Speed of Automobiles---A New Polling District---Finance and Accounts.

The quarterly meeting of the municipal council is being held this afternoon.

The committee on bills for the legislature report that they have under instructions from the council prepared a bill relating to automobiles.

This bill, a synopsis of which has appeared in The Times, will be recommended to the favorable consideration of the council with the view to having it enacted.

The committee on finance and accounts, reported as follows:— The committee recommend payment of the following amounts, such payments to be made out of the contingent fund:—

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Provincial Hospital-Board of pauper lunatics for quarter ending Dec. 31st (\$107.85), A. O. Skinner-Oil cloth, Registry (3.00), W. H. Bowman-Repairs to Registry office and Court House (20.97), R. P. & W. F. Starrs-Coal Registry office (37.39), Coal Court House (70.38), John A. Wilson-Repairs to Registry office (30.11), C. & E. Blake, Repairs to Registry Office (15.30), Repairs to furnace etc. Court House (10.40), John Magee, cleaning pipe, Registry office (60), St. John Iron works, grate bars to fall (31.28), City Fuel Company, wood, Court House (2.50), John B. Jones-Repairs to Births, marriages, and deaths, registration fees as per certificate of Deputy Receiver General (120.50), Barnes & Co., printing, Registrar's list (43.04), Goods supplied treasurer (52.35), Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., repairing chair, secretary's office (1.00), J. & A. McMillan, supplies sec.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes retary's office (34.39), Blanks supplied registrar, births, deaths and marriages (20.00), Henderson & Hunt, clothing supplied jail prisoners (54.39), A. Secord, hauling stone on road, Kane's corner (5.00), W. H. Thorne & Co., 1 doz. mops (1.30), Courthouse (4.81), A. M. Rowan, dynamite and caps (50.60), High Sheriff, revising list of voters (11.00), Samuel C. Osborne, conveying in same person from St. Martins to the Provincial Hospital (4.50), County treasurer, 3 months care of office (50), Postage stamps (50), County Secretary, making up revisor's list of voters (23.00), Stamps (9.25), Half cost care of offices, 3 months (5.25), F. A. Dykeman & Co., clothing etc., supplied jail prisoners (16.45), George A. Rodell, printing 12 assessment books (12.00), Matthew McFarland, M. D., coroner, holding 5 views and one inquest (24.40).

The committee also recommended that the county secretary be authorized to take any proceedings he may deem necessary to enforce a more prompt collection of rates and taxes by the collectors and constables in the several parishes.

The committee further recommended that an additional polling district be established in the parish of Lancaster, and for that purpose No. 1 district in said parish, shall be divided into two districts. The committee also recommended that the additional polling district shall be numbered 3, and shall include school districts numbers 3, 13, 14, 15, and 16, and the outer boundaries of said school districts shall be the boundaries of said polling district number 3.

PAULINE A WONDER.

The Hypnotist Produced Several Startling Effects at York Theatre Last Night.

Pauline, the hypnotist, delivered the goods at the York Theatre last evening before a packed house. Beyond a doubt he gives the best exhibition of his kind ever seen in this city. St. John has seen many hypnotists and most of them, notably McEwan, were well up in their profession but even McEwan, must yield the palm to the gentleman who will continue to entertain and mystify at the York Theatre this week. At least this was the opinion of last night's audience.

Pauline opens his entertainment with an exhibition of telepathy—not mind reading. He secured a committee from the audience to assist him and to investigate, as far as possible, his demonstrations.

The committee was composed of O. F. Wintermute, W. J. Dickson, G. Gordon Boyne, W. E. Mundy and J. M. W. Roche. After a number of minor tests Pauline proceeded to give two very remarkable ones. Mr. Wintermute took a piece of chalk and marked a cross in a certain portion of the theatre, and hid a hammer in another place. Pauline was in one of the wings blindfolded. The hammer was found first. Pauline preceded the member of the committee and without any hesitation walked down the aisle and located the hammer. He then in the same manner, still blindfolded, located the cross and drove a nail in the centre of it, and then returned to the stage. His success was warmly applauded by the audience.

For a second demonstration three members of the committee walked through the audience and each fixed his mind on a ring on a lady's hand. Pauline located them all. The ladies then changed their seats, going to other parts of the building. Pauline, of course where he could not see them. He then returned each lady her ring without having contact with anyone.

A number of young men were then called up from the audience, and in a very short time Pauline had them doing his bidding, whatever it was. The subjects were under perfect control, and their antics kept the audience in roars of laughter.

One of the subjects was placed under hypnotic control, and four members of the committee stood upon his rigid body. Then Pauline stood on him and bent the rigid form down in the centre and up again. He claimed to be the only man in the world able to perform this feat—that is, the latter part of it.

It was Pauline's intention to put a young woman in a hypnotic sleep in a store window today but he was unable to secure the window so the test was not made. He will, however perform this feat as soon as the desired facilities can be obtained. Pauline will continue at the York Theatre all week and should be well patronized. He certainly gives a wonderful exhibition.

PANSIES BLOOMING.

Under the Snow in a Nova Scotia Garden.

WHERE WOOD IS CHEAP

A Society For the Prevention of Tuberculosis---J. C. Gass Promoted---Purse For F. A. Laurance, M. P.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 16.—Although the cost of living is stated to have increased 50 per cent. in the last decade, and flour has now reached \$7.25 per bbl. here, there seems to be a little ease off in the fuel department. Green hard wood, corded, that cost from \$3.75 to \$4.00 per cord three years ago, is now down to \$2.00 and \$3.15 per cord. Then dry cord wood, that ranged up to \$4.50 and \$4.75 is kept down to \$4.00 and under. One energetic farmer with large wood acreages—W. Fraser, has had a railway siding put into his property and is planning on marketing several thousands of cords of wood this season himself. This has tended to reduce the price. Butter is about 30 cents and eggs are up to 40 cents here at present.

Jno. C. Gass, of Shubenacadie, who for years conducted a general store business, started in about two years ago at Life Insurance work and has proved himself so efficient that he has received the appointment of Manager of the Imperial Life Insurance Co., for Nova Scotia. Mr. Gass has sold out his store business.

The Truro fire brigade was called out to answer three fire alarms one evening this week, but did not allow any to gain any headway. Our fire department is a good one. One evicted an alarm of fire was called at the alarm box outside of the church where Crossley and Hunter were holding an evangelistic service. The alarm was false.

Pansies are certainly a hardy little flower, with all the zero weather we have had, even to 22 below zero, a little bunch of pansies in a garden at Shubenacadie have struggled along and were picked as a boutonniere one day this week. They were full bloom and fragrant.

Word comes from Montreal of the success of J. B. Hattie, a former Truro Academy student, who at McGill, led his class of 126 in dynamics and one of only six who secured First Class honors.

The organization of the Local Society for the Convention of the Tuberculosis has been completed. The officers are: President, J. B. Calkin, M. A.; vice-president, Rev. G. B. McLeod; 2nd vice-president, Dr. G. V. Kent; Secretary, Dr. S. L. Walker; Treasurer, J. D. Mackay. F. A. Laurance M. P. and Mrs. Laurance have gone to Ottawa. On his departure Mr. Laurance was made the recipient of \$1500 and an appreciative address. At the end of the present parliamentary term, Mr. Laurance will likely retire from politics.

After Christmas Card FROM W. Tremaine Gard.

Now that the holiday rush is over, and the business of that kind quieted down, I find like most tradesmen quite a lot of LEFT OVERS, that are just as good and as fashionable as what I have sold; and to get a move on them NOW, I am offering them at very low prices and heavy discounts to CLEAR THEM OUT so if you or any of your friends want bargains in WATCHES, CLOCKS, JEWELRY, SILVERWARE, MANTICURE, LEFT OVER SETS, RIGID GLASSES, or such articles, just call and see what I can do for you, at

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POTATOES ARE FROZEN

In Cellars at Grand Falls ---C. C. Snowdon and Paul Michaud Critical-ly Ill.

Grand Falls, Jan. 16.—Saturday night smashed all records for cold, at an early hour in the morning the thermometer registered fifty-three degrees below zero. The mercury in all the smaller thermometers was frozen, and the frost penetrated everywhere. Potatoes were frozen in cellars which heretofore had always been frost proof. The cold continued yesterday, and today there is no change. Last winter's unprecedented cold spell has already been eclipsed this winter.

C. C. Snowdon, a well known Montreal commercial man, is seriously ill at the Curless Hotel with pneumonia. Dr. Puddington, his medical attendant, consider the case critical.

Matthew Burgess, the popular manager for Messrs. Burgess & Sons, is receiving congratulations on the occurrence of a happy domestic event—a boy.

Paul Michaud still continues in a critical condition, and friends have abandoned all hope of his ultimate recovery.

J. D. Palmer, Frank E. Greeny, and E. B. Seeley, St. John, are in town today.

A number of young people have formed a social club, and will hold a public meeting in I. O. F. hall tomorrow, for the purpose of effecting organization. Snow-shoeing, dancing lessons, games, cards, music etc., will be the leading amusements. The club will dispense with chaperons, hence Mother Grundy will probably have lots to say.

THE RING.

Neil's Offer.

San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 16.—Frank Neil, the bantam-weight, has gone on the warpath. Neil declares that he considers himself formidable enough to defeat Harry Forbes, Tommy Moore, Hughie McGovern and Tommy Murphy in the same ring inside of 20 rounds in one night. This is the way Neil figures he can accomplish the trick: Murphy in five rounds, Forbes in four, McGovern in four and Moore with a punch.

Neil's cause for making this statement was the refusal of Tommy Murphy of New York to come West and fight him most it will not take me over 20 rounds to put the entire bunch down and out," said Frankie. "This is no bluff. It's up to the enemy now."

EAST, WEST AND SOUTH

United in One Respect.

There may be difference of opinion regarding some subjects in sections of the country remote from each other, but there is none respecting the best remedy for piles, as witness the letters below.

"I have been feeling so good I could hardly believe it, after suffering with piles for a year, to find that I am once more feeling like myself. I wish you could have seen me before I started using Pyramid Pile Cure and look at me now, and you would say I am not the same man. I have gained 20 pounds, and all on account of Pyramid Pile Cure." Walter Sharkey, 56 Park St., Springfield, Mass.

"I bought a fifty cent box of Pyramid Pile Cure and used as directed with the most unexpected results, a complete cure. I have been troubled with piles for thirty years and was in much distress and passed much blood, but at present am free from any kind of piles." F. McKay, Weaverville, Cal.

"Pyramid Pile Cure has been worth thousands of dollars to me; it cured me after using numbers of other remedies and taking medicines from doctors. It also cured my son, although he could hardly walk, eat or sleep; he is now all right." B. Stringfellow, Postmaster, Elko, S. C.

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HARCOURT.

Harcourt, Jan. 16.—Yesterday morning was the coldest this winter, the mercury going down to about 31 below.

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JAPAN'S PROSPECTS.

The Fall of Port Arthur Helped the Mikado's Credit to a Great Degree.

(Brooklyn Eagle.) The intention of Japan immediately to float a new war loan on the strength of her success at Port Arthur, is reported from several sources. The truth of the report may well be doubted. Japan's position as a borrower has been improved somewhat by the events of the past week. Her credit is undoubtedly higher now in European and American monetary centers than it was before Gen. Stoessel capitulated to Gen. Nogi.

But the Japanese military expenditures are based upon a very modest scale, and the government only lately succeeded in raising \$50,000,000 which is believed to be sufficient for the purpose of the army and navy throughout one more campaign, at least. When that sum shall have been spent Japan has other resources derived from local taxation upon which to draw. In fact, the skill displayed by the government in financing the campaign on land and sea has been fully as remarkable as the skill ex-

Marked Down Sale.

Men's Fine Box Calf, Blucher Bals, with extra heavy bottoms, regular \$2.50. Sale \$2.00.

Men's Fine Box Calf, whole foxed Bals, with extra heavy bottoms, regular \$2.50. Sale \$2.00.

Men's Fine Jersey Cloth Waterproof Overshoes, regular \$2.00. Sale \$1.75.

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