The Short Line.

The agreement entered into be tween the Dominion Government and struction and operation of the Harveylaid before Parliament Monday, and ernment fulfilling its pledges of 1885 in the matter.

The agreement sets forth that th Government agrees to acquire the necessary land and to construct and complete thereon, a railway for fast freight and passenger service between Harvey and Salisbury, the railway to be as short as the physical features of the country will admit. The Goyernment further covenants with the les sees (the Canadian Pacific) and their successors, that as soon as completed they will devise and lease the same to the lessees and successors in perpetuity, and with it shall also demise and lease in perpetuity running powers over the Intercolonial between Salisbury and Moncton, the lessees to pay therefor a rent for the first twenty years of one dollar per year, and thereafter, seventy-three thousand four hundred dollars per year, together with all local taxes, etc. The Government also agrees to demise and lease to the Canadian Pacific in perpetuity, the lease of the present railway bridge or some other efficient bridge at Fredericton, the lessees to pay their due proportion of cost of maintenance and repair of the bridge. The agreement is signed by Sir John and Mr. Van Horne for law in relation to corporal punish- Southern Railways. the Government and Company respectively.

Government on the Short Line mat- who have rendered themselves liable notice of the following resolution :-

work between a point of junction on the New Brunswick Railway, at or near Harvey, and a point of junction with the Interconstruction of said railway."

Some of the St, John papers, feeling very sore over the Short Line matter, charge that Fredericton has united with Halifax to destroy St. John. Nothing is further from the truth. All we want is fair play and when our rights are sought to be taken away, even St. John which benefits much from Fredericton's trade, must stand out of the way. It is not that we love St. John less but, Fredericton more.

A Prospective Appointment.

We hear it rumored in well informed mon Council.

occupied a le ding position in the legislature for nearly twelve years, and for six years has satisfactorily discharged the duties of Solicitor General. In filling the office of Police Magistrate, the first consideration of course should be to secure a man competent in every respect, and this qualification being secure, the party man has claims for recognition that should not be overlooked. Mr. Ritchie has made sacrifies to continue in the representation of St. John in the legislature and Government: he has always faithfully and fully served his constituency, and his appointment to public life, we pay him this tribute. a position, at once lucrative and dignified, would be a graceful act which

Objection is taken in St. John to the discontinuance of Mr. Peters in a dual position, but this ought to have very little weight. His former position was that of Common Clerk, and his appointment to the police magistracy was made to meet certain contingencies in which Mr. Peters himself was an interested party, but which need not now be mentioned. The necessity Nearly Ninety Million of Young for his occupancy of two of the best offices in St. John does not now exist. and while he is all his friends claim him to be—a zealous, faithful, high Dominion gives an interesting account of the shows that both in his and life insurance like consideration on national grounds. The shows that both in his and life insurance like consideration on national grounds. The shows that both in his and life insurance like consideration on national grounds. The mails there has been a large advance over preceding day has passed when Canadian money should and passengers, and the treffic from Nove minded judge, no injustice would be

the country would applaud.

We do not know what Mr. Ritchie's feelings are in the matter, but if he proper comparison with the fish breeding can be procured, lodgings obtained, baggage is \$280,000 less than the previous year. The had spent some of the happiest days of his wants the police magistracy, no living operations in the state of New York as to ex- stored, and where religious services may be increase in the amount of risk is divided as life—a place which he invited Ontario people man has a better right to it, and we Canadian nurseries will have to be taken, and will cost \$10,000. The contracts are let, increase over the previous year of \$10,000,- Halifax—and they could reach Liverpool a trust he may receive a so well deserved whose aggregate expenditure for the year and work will go on at once. reward. There isn't a decenter gen- 1887 will amount to the same as in the one tleman in public life to-day, than the American state. These nine hatcheries are Hon. " Bob " Ritchie.

Chiding Uncle Sam.

In an article on the relations of the United States and Canada, the New York Times directs the attention of the people of that country to the burtful course pursued by Americans in their dealings with Canada. For instance, the Times says :-

"in the language of frankness let it be said that the United States has never treated Canada in a manner to secure her regard. Though living beside her and speaking the same language, Canada has always been regarded as a mere collection of British dependencies, governed in London. No pains have been taken to find out her natural aims and aspirations. A great deal

Looking into the future, the Times further remarks :-

States who will live to see Canada with a population as large as the British Islands, and probably with as much accumulated and probably with a procure and probably and probably with as much accumulated rational remedy for Lung and Broughial Dis- streams. The farmers' Grange organized the wealth. Can the American nation afford to be indifferent to the existence of such a community at its very borders, and sharing the occurry of this great continent of the occurry of this great continent of the occurry of the occurry of the occurry of this great continent of the occurry oc

A Charge Admitted.

The newspaper of which Mr. Gregory is the reputed editor, confesses, without a blush, to having stolen editorials from the New York Sun, as charged by the FARMER. Here is the alleged explanation:-

"During the unavoidable absence of the editor of this paper from the office and from the C. P. R. Co., regarding the con- town last month, an article or two from the cars on their through trains. New York Sun and another foreign paper Salisbury link of the Short Line, was the Gleaner without credit. The articles should certainly not have appeared without due credit being given for them, and that its provisions ought to be satisfactory to those who have insisted on the Govof the person in charge at the time."

The fact that Mr. Gregory happened to be out of town was no excuse for the person who advertises himself as the editor of the Gleaner, to attempt to pass off the product of other men's brains as his own. If Mr. Gregory last year. basn't time to furnish editorial copy while absent from town, he should see day night. to it that the "over zeal" of the 'person" he leaves in charge, does not outrage all the laws of decent journalism. It is no more dishonest for a clergyman to preach another man's sermon, than for a newspaper to appropriate, without credit, the editorial writings of a contemporary. the reputed nor advertised editor of the high code of morals, but for the respect of an honorable profession, they sult of other men's labors.

Whipping is coming into favor in England, says a recent letter. In the appointment. House of Lords a bill has been passed providing for the flogging of burglars found carrying firearms, while in the in September. Commons, Mr. Milvain has introduced a bill to amend and consolidate the Central Railway from the head of Grand of the drive and push and rush and struggle of the raging, tearing, booming nineteenth ment. It gives power to the court to To carry out the pledges of the fenders under sixteen years of age would legalize whipping also in cer-"That it is expedient that a railway should be constructed as a government tain other cases — e. g., high mis-

colonial Railway at or near Salisbury in the ed, in cases of garotting, in cases of Province of New Brunswick, or somewhere between Salisbury and Moncton, and that indecent assault, in cases of abominthe sum of \$500,000 be granted towards the able crime, and in cases where girls under thirteen years of age are made John victims. Not more than 25 strokes are to be given to youthful offenders, nor 50 in any case. The youthful offender is to be birched. Nobody is to be whipped till six months after the in the convict prison. Quarter sessions are to be allowed to order the infliction of not more than twenty strokes.

A wonderful invention has been exhibited for preventing collisions at sea. The motive power is electricity. circles that Hon. R. J. Ritchie, Solici- A small plate, not larger than a cheese der storm. The house was completely tor General, will receive the appoint- plate, is fixed at the side of the vessel, wreck-d. but Mrs. Schofield and three chilment of Police Magistrate of New and the approach of any vessel within St. John, and that Mr. B. Lester Peters two miles immediately causes a bell who at present enjoys the emoluments to sound, and an indicating arrow of both the Police Magistrate's and the shows the direction from whence it Common Clerk's office, will retain the approaches. The idea, of course, is was given \$5 for his honesty. latter which is in the gift of the Com- that waves of sound are carried more quickly by water than air, and if the The appointment of Mr. Ritchie to invention can be perfected the torpedosuch an important position would be a boat will be rendered useless. In the proper recognition of ability and faith- experiments that have been made on fulness to his party as well. He has the Thames the indicator has worked

> During the legislative session just closed, the Attorney General more than ever displayed his great capacity for work, his skill in handling men and measures, his thorough mastery of the art of legislation, and his unrivalled eloquence in public discussion. We have had reason to differ from Mr. Blair on many public matters in the past; we do not see eye to eye with him in all things at the present time, but in all fairness to the distinguished record he is making for himself in

the constitutional prohibition amend- Thursday night. The deceased was very was cut from the nine-foot block vein seam ment-"The manufacture and sale of prominent in Masonic and Pythian circles. intoxicating liquors to be used as a beverage are prohibited,"-and defeated it by a very large majority. In Boston the majority against the down the various streams this spring. The be brought to the bank. Five other blocks, amendment was 30,000, and in the State it was upwards of 40,000.

FISH CULTURE IN CANADA

Fry Distributed Last Year.

The Superintendent of Fish Culture for the killed, 29. fish hatcheries under his control. There are will be a credit to the port. Miss Hutchin- years. In the case of fire insurance the be expended to build up American ports. twelve fish hatcheries in Canada. They were son, a benevolent lady, has been interesting amount of risk at the end of last year was Mr. Kenny of Halifax said this is not a done him were to be retained only in all run and maintained in 1887 for the sum of \$35,114, and the output of young fish viding them with a room to spend their even
The premiums received were \$5,440,000, We should have as excellent a service as any from them was 77,673.000, principally all of ings in innocent amusement. She has now which is about \$250,000 more than last year. that crosses the Atlantic. Far be it for him the salmon family. But in order to make a undertaken to establish a resort where meals In fire risks the losses were \$3,076,000, which to say one word against St. John, where he penditure and productiveness, nine of the held. The building will be 65 by 50 feet, follows: British companies \$433 500.000, an to visit, enjoy themselves and then pass on to all working in the general interests of the inland and Atlantic waters of the Dominion. in the same manner as the New York state nurseries are operating for the Union. The following statement will show the number of young fish of all kinds that were hatched and turned out from the several fish hatcheries in the Dominion of Canada during the year 1888. The quantity will be found to

be in excess of any previous year. The classification and species were as follows :-Atlantic salmon 8.156,000 Pacific salmon...... 5.807.000 Brook trout 176,000 Pickerel25 000,000 Black bass 1,000,000

Whitefish40,650,000 Grand total,......88,109,000 The reports from the several officers harge of the hatcheries give satisfactory accounts of the healthy and active state of the

Your Life in Danger.

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

A Summary of Foreign, Dominion, and Provincial Happenings.

Gathered from every Quarter. The town assessment of Woodstock this year is \$14,000.

The late Hon. Robert Dunsmuir's estate in British Columbia is valued at \$10,000,000. Hon. Mr. Chapleau and Sir George Stephen

arrived in New York Sunday morning from The Dominion Government is to place a clock in the tower of the Woodstock post

The town council of Edinburgh has decided to confer the freedom of the city upon

mental farm, Friday-ten days earlier than lieved them of all responsibility.

law, was captured at Marsden, Quebec, Sun- hered to by temperance speakers. Sir Julian Pauncefoote, the new British minister to Washington, arrived at New

It is reported that cholera is epidemic in he Phillippine Islands, and that out of 1,500 cases 1,000 have proved fatal. An active movement is on foot in Upper Province Orange circles, to test the validity of the Jesuit estates bill in the courts. Hannah R. Lawton has obtained a verdict The FARMER is quite aware that neither for \$20,185 against the Boston and Maine railroad for injuries received in a collision.

The manager of the Great American Tea Gleaner, sets up for himself a very Company at Nebraska City, has disappeared. chewing tobacco, is now pronounced danger-The stock was found to consist of sawdust. A package containing \$15,000 in gold has mysteriously disappeared from the office of ought to cease appropriating the re- the Northern Pacific Express Co. at Brainerd, him, complains that he devoted too much

Henry E. Pearson, postmaster of New a day. York city died Saturday morning. His successor is Van Cott a recent Republican

A match between O'Connor, the Toronto shipped west in carloads and sold at \$2 oarsman, and Searle of Australia, has been apiece arranged to take place in England some time Parliament has revoted the subsidies to the

Lake to the Intercolonial, and to the Albert Warrants have been issued for the arrest

Principal Grant of Queens' University, their holds. ter, Sir John A. Macdonald has given to imprisonment with hard labor. It Kingston, Ont., will be presented with his portrait at the coming convocation. The graduates this year will number over eighty. Josephus McCall, who is at the point of death in Chicago, has confessed to killing his brother Thomas in a quarrel sixteen years ago, and throwing his body into a well. Dr. Thomas Walker of St. John, has been elected Grand Master of the Masonic order

Felice Viart, aged 72, a professional beggar, died in New Orleans the other day of debility and neglect, in an old shanty. The coroner have much pleasure in recommending Dr.

passing of the sentence, and the whip- had a disagreement with his wife in Paris, matism. ping is to be given in the ordinary not and in a vigorous embrace lost a portion of

John Schofield, residing near Kentville,

. S., and his twelve-year-old son, were killed by lightning during Sunday night's thun- ling, the weighing machine being so con- its merits. Its people felt that their interests

in bills and certified checks. He returned

Probably not one in a thousand realizes the fact that, next to England, little Holland. whose King is at present at death's door, is the greatest Colonial power in the world.

the finish Colonial possessions in the world. at the college on the 25th and 26th days of ship. June next. A grand celebration will be arranged on the 26th June, which is the 25th anniversary of the founding of the col-

make arrangements for entering into a con- duty is to prevent the lives of the firemen Mr. Wood agreed with all Mr. Ellis had tract for a fast service next year. James Adams of St. John, a gentleman ner of Simeon Jones in the brewing business, dropped dead from heart disease in the came. Company's Abercarne Colliery, to be sent to this country and Europe. He had heard further than to state that the River St. John On Monday, Massachusetts voted on dropped dead from heart disease in the ceme-

greater than last year or nearly ten million | company it to Paris.

The total miles of completed railway in the Dominion to June 30th, 1888, were 12,-701. Capital paid, \$727,000,000; Government bonuses paid, \$134,000,000; earnings, \$42,159,152; working expenses, \$30,652,-046; net earnings, \$11,500,000. Passengers carried, 11,416,791; tons of freight carried,

A statement has been published of the fruit prospects of the United States, for the \$56,750,000, an increase of \$440,000. coming season, the reports having been pre-

Mr. William Logan, a well-known and very highly respected business man of St John, died at his home there, Saturday afternoon, after quite a lengthy illness from paralysis. The deceased gentleman was a native of Ireland and came to St. John in 1842, establishing soon afterwards the Atlantic soap works, an industry that prospered under the touch of Mr. Logan's industry

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

If you have catarrh, use the surest remedy -Dr. Sage's.

During the American civil war, 267 Union soldiers were executed for desertion. The estimated cost of the Toronto police

force for the present year is \$195,000 The Grand Trunk intend putting vestibule that so many insist on making it a "full"

> The city of Victoria, B. C., purposes expending \$45,000 on its streets, highways and bridges this year.

rapidly depopulated. In the city of New York there are upwards ess than \$500 per year.

Paradoxical as it may sound, it is still Donald Morrison, the Lake Megantic out- fact that sober argument is not always ad-

> A spelling bee is an abolute necessity i Buffalo. A Judge of the Municipal Court in describing a gun called it a "singel barrell." Five prisoners overpowered the jailer and guard at St. Joseph de Beauce, Quebec, Thursday and got away. Two were re-

"If Bismarck lives five years longer free German editor to prison.

chewing gum, various kinds of candy and ous on account of the lead in it. The wife of Meoses Wenzer, a Wall street coffee broker, in her suit for divorce against

are so plenty there that the cat market has St. John as well as Halifax. gone up, and toms and tabbys are being

Mark Twain decribes bassball as the very symbol, the outward and visible expression of the drive and push and rush and struggle

Father McMahon, the priest of St. Andrew's Church, Duane street, New York, is one of the wealthiest divines in the United States. He is estimated to be worth \$400,-000, a greater part of which has been accumulated in real estate speculation.

Pectoral has been the most popular cough from Halifax have had such slim passenger in New Brunswick, at the annual session of remedy in the world. The constantly in- lists. The fastest steamships in the world the Grand Lodge now being held at St. creasing demand for this remedy proves it to would not tempt the people of Upper Canabe the very best specific for colds, coughs, da to make a winter journey over the Interand all diseases of the throat and lungs. C. A. Livingstone, Plattsville, says :-"

discovered hidden around the shanty \$38,000 | Thomas' Eclectric Oil, from having used it myself, and having sold it for some time. In Clinton P. Ferry, the millionaire lumber- my own case I will say for it that it is the Halifax, and that a steamship leaving Liverman of Tacoma, W. T., is reported to have best preparation I have ever tried for rheu-A new invention to prevent collisions at

sea, consisting of a small plate fixed at the Two men named Riley and Brown. while side of the vessel, has been very successfully taking down telegraph wires, were pulled out tried on the Thames. Electricity is the of a window of the St. Omer hotel, New active agent. The approach of another ves-York, Friday morning by the rope attached sel within two miles causes a bell to sound to a falling pole. Both were instantly and an indicating arrow shows the direction A coal dealer in Yorkshire, England, has five times St. John's population. St. John

pure benevolence. But strangely enough his asked the government to note the fact that Frederick H. McMasters, a New York kindness was declared to be illegal by the the ocean steamship business from Halifax stenographer found a wad in the corridor of authorities, who arrested and fined him for bas not been a success in the past, and to conthe post office Friday, containing \$30,375 falsifying an official weight. AMONG THE WARMEST ADVOCATES of the use of Northrop & Lyman's Vegetable Dis-It is understood that the arrangement made in delicate health, whose vigor and bodily then in a few years Whitehaven, for the same covery and Dyspeptic Cure are ladies formerly

by the C. P. R. officials for the running into regularity have been restored by it. Cases reason, must supplant Halifax. St. John St. John of their trains by the Short Line is, of debiliiv of long standing, chronic bilious- based her claims on the broader ground of that they will leave Montreal at 8 30 P. M., ness, weakness of the back and kidneys, femand arrive in St. John about 1 P. M. next inine ailments, and obstinate types of nervous the interior of Canada, and greater nearness In the centre of the gloomy African forest, Stanley cama across the famous dwarf tribes

which have excited the curiosity of civiliza- sense of the people of the Maritime Provinces tion since they were first described by Paul was opposed to the vain attempt to carry the The Dutch Colonies have an area of nearly Du Chaillu. Stanley reports them to be the bulk of Canadian passenger and mail traffic most annoving foes encountered on his whole via Halifax. As this was not a freight line, march. Their custom to hide behind trees Mr. Skinner's contention that the steamship A re-union of the old graduates of St. and shoot at the white men with poisoned were the complement of the Canadian Pacific Joseph's College, Memramcook, will be held arrows. No advances can win their friend- Railway fell to the ground. It would be

A man in New York makes his living by cutting electric light wires at fires, and has The Dominion Government have renewed office of the Brush Electric Light Company, tempted to sail via Halifax or St. John. Mr. are sounded, and whenever a box is rung in Bay of Fundy, read the major portion of the another year on the same terms as the present the district covered by the Brush system he pamphlet issued some time ago by the Board contract. Meanwhile the Andersons are to picks up his tools and starts to the fire. His of Trade.

well known in Fredericton as a former part-ten cwt., has been cut at the Abercarne Coal tion that a Canadian port could never secure the Paris Exhibition as a specimen of the try a few hundred yards from his home, last Welsh mining industry. The block, which measures seven feet six inches in height, five The quantity of lumber of all kinds cut on feet six inches wide, and three feet six inches that even the people of Ontario were the Tobique river during the past winter is deep. It is said that it was hauled for about the Tobique river during the past winter is deep. It is said that it was hauled for about greater than for many years past. It is estimated that 75,000 railway ties will come where it had to be trimmed before it could cut of spruce logs is said to be one-half each weighing two and a half tons, will ac-

FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE.

Record of Business during 1888.

17,172,759; miles run, 37,391,206 passengers issued by the Department of Finance. It and the Canadian Pacific, and now asked a shows that both in fire and life insurance like consideration on national grounds. The 000; Canadian companies \$159,000,000, an day and a half quicker from Halifax than if increase of \$5,000.000; American companies they sailed out of New York.

In life insurance the net amount in force pared by the best informed parties in their on 31st December, last year, was \$212,400,respective States. The peach crop will be 000, an increase of over \$20,750,000. This the largest ever grown. The apple crop will is divided as follows:—British companies In which Fredericton May Play be much smaller than last year, it being the \$30,600,000, an increase of \$2.600,000: off year for a crop. The strawberry crop is Canadian companies, \$114,000,000, an inhardly up to the average, yet much larger crease of \$13,300,000; American companies. than that of 1888, which was the lightest in \$67.750,000, an increase of \$6,000,000. The many years. The pear crop will average light, number of life policies in force was 133,668, of Monday, lets some more light in upon a through their great enemy, the blight. The net amount in force under the assessment last week. system at the end of last year was \$27,366,-000, an increase of \$2.100,000 over the previous year. The number of certificates in which it is understood he asked for his comthe previous year. The total amount paid by and Short Line to Salisbury, co-equal with hon friend that the subject will be short the subject will be members was \$367,740, against \$296,700 those granted to the Canadian Pacific.

over previous year. The guarantee business shows a net amount was not unfavorably considered by the and will be very carefully considered, with in force at end of last year of \$19,500,000. Premier. It is believed the Grand Trunk every desire on the part of the Government until it is now one of the leading manufac- The losses incurred during the year amounted claim that by using the Intercolonial to to do what the people of New Brunswick in Imitation Sandels, Croquet and tories in the province. Mr. Logan was a de- to \$27,553, and the premiums amounted to River Ouelle, thence passing over the Temisvout Presbyterian, a good man and and an \$62,549. The accident business of the year cousta railway and it prolongation to Gibson the matter. that is unfriendly to Great Britain is written in American papers and uttered by American public men. In the fisheries dispute, Canada has always been spoken of costemptuously as a mere offshoot of British ill-will, trying to wreak a puny vengeance upon American fisherman. Such a disposition will alway breed its legitimate impressions."

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Looking into the future the American gapers and uttered by American public men. In the fisheries dispute the into fisher with the several waters select excellent citizen. He leaves behind him one shows a net amount in force at the end of the year of \$31,250.000; losses, \$120,800, and premiums, \$249,130. The Canadian premiums, \$24 more commenced ploughing yesterday, the the premiums were \$33,400. The Canadian by the American Government, the Grand don, Commercial Union of London, and Naearliest on record. Stream driving is about company doing a guarantee business outside Trunk requires an outlet of its own through tional of Dublin, Ireland, are represented Take time by the forelock ere that rasping, to commence. Mr. Gibson's men have been of Canada did last year a business the net the Maritime Provinces, hence a line from here by "That the child is now born in the United hacky cough of yours carries you where so going by the Village en route to the upper amount of which in force at the end of the Edmundston along the river valley to the

Like Half a Dollar. "About 8 years ago my feet and legs bethe occuancy of this great continent of North America?"

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THE ATLANTIC MAIL SERVICE

Debated in Parliament And the Subsidy Voted.

From recess till five minutes of midnight, Saturday, the House of Commons in committee discussed Hon. Mr. Foster's resolution The chief objection to the half holiday is re the fast Atlantic mail service. Finally the resolution was adopted without division. The debate was opened by Mr. Weldon of St. John, who objected to passing the resolution till the government had taken the house into its confidence as to the terminal ports on both sides of the Atlantic, the style of The emigration from the south-west of Ire- steamers, etc. He felt that geographical and is causing alarm. The country is being and physical considerations would prevent much Atlantic passenger traffic going via Halifax. New York yessels in winter take the southern and more comfortable route. of fifty able Methodist preachers who are paid So it was with the mails, which ran almost daily from New York. Years ago we be-Some men are born great; some achieve lieved that when railway connection was Seeding commenced at the Ottawa experi- greatness, and some have fathers who re- made with the United States, Halifax would handle the bulk of the American mails and passengers. History shows that we could avenue. The police reserves were called out

not get them, and Halifax had then the best mail steamers on the Atlantic. But as the attempt was to be made again, St. John should be put on the same level as Halifax. Mr. Weldon showed that from November ability of our port to accommodate the

MONSTER GREY-HOUNDS OF THE OCEAN.

have just come in after a fortnight's cruise being the Atlantic terminus for the ocean structure with a million dollars' worth of seal fat in freight trade of Canada. He took square issue with the remark that geography was gave figures to show that St. John had a decided advantage over Halifax for modern travel, as people now take the ocean passage at the nearest possible point. It was different in old times when the ocean voyage lasted ten or twelve days. This is a reason why for For nearly half a century Ayer's Cherry the past two years the steamships sailing colonial to Halifax. Mr. Skinner then, in telling style, showed that St. John had three great lines of railway centering there and

pool for St. John direct would port by official statistics, showing the tonnage inward and outward last year to be within a shade equal to that of Montreal, a city with been in the habit of giving overweight in sel- had no antagonism to Halifax, but stood on structed as to register about twenty-four had been discriminated against by the Intersider whether or not St. John did not offer the best conditions for the contemplated new order of things. If the shortest ocean passage from Canada was Halifax's only point

> to the Atlantic business portions of the United States. Mr. Eilis of St. John, said the common

better to aid a freight line, if aid were to be given at all, than to subsidize attended two thousand fires within the last for the benefit of the rich alone. He did not five years. He stays day and night in the believe the people west of Montreal could be where there is a gong on which all alarms Ellis then, in reply to charges against the

read as to St. John's good qualities, but could railways connected with them? A huge piece of coal, weighing five tons not see its bearing, in the face of his contenthis country and Europe. He had heard divides the population of the Province of with amazement, the statement that the peo- New Brunswick about equally. There are to this subsidy. He believed, on the connational idea as embodied in this resolution. He believed Canada had exceptional facilities to convey ocean mails quicker than via New York, and it was a matter of record that pas-senger and ultimately freight followed the same channel as the fast mails. He held that the respective merits of St. John and Halifax did not enter into the question at

present, and that the government should be left free to do what was best. Genera Laurie of Shelburne, reminded the pposition that the Maritime Provinces did An abstract of the statements of insurance not come up as beggars. They had paid

A GRAND TRUNK SCHEME

Prominent Part. The following Ottawa despatch to the Sun

The Heathen Chinee

Yeast Cakes.

MILLIONS GONE IN FLAMES.

Tremendous Conflagration in the Heart of New York.

The biggest fire New York has witnessed in this generation, swept the east bank of North River clear, on Friday last, from 59th street to 65th street. It destroyed property belonging to the New York Central Railroad; lard, flour, and like belonging to other persons, notably N. K. Fairbanks, the great Chicago lard merchant; two big elevators of the Vanderbilt system; a big brick building stretching from 59th to 60th street. The piers and pier sheds connected with the elevator system were badly damaged and rendered temporarily useless. There were three immense vats containing 200,000 gallons of melted lard and cotton seed oil, and when the flames reached them the mixture exploded, throwing the burning fluid in all directions. At least a quarter of a million of people turned out to watch the brilliant sight from beyond the police lines on Twelfth o preserve order. Every fire engine above Fourteenth street was called out.

The fire originated in the five-storey brick building which occupied the block from to April St. John averaged but nineteen Fifty-ninth to Sixtieth streets facing the hours of fog per month, and that the harbor river front. It was 200 feet in width by 100 was easy of access at all times. He quoted feet in depth. The walls were 20 inches statistics to show the extent of our steamship deep and were constructed of the best matertrade and its freedom from accident, pointing | ials. It was in the engine room of Fairout that St. John was the only port north of banks' refinery, the old establishment of the Baltimore never encumbered with ice. The W. J. Wilcox Co., one of the largest lard press and free speech will be unknown in fact that the Himalaya and other large trans- refining concerns in the country, that the fire Germany," was the paragraph which sent a ports landed troops without accident in St. broke out. Soaked in grease as the old John during the Trent affair and the Great building was, it was aflame in an instant. Republic, the largest sailing vessel that ever | From the ground floor the fire swept upward The tinfoil so commonly used to wrap floated, had loaded in St. John, showed the to the roofs. The men at work in every storey dropped their tools and ran for life.

He then admitted that Halifax was better They flung themselves out by scores head. situated geographically than St. John, so far long and behind them burst the flames. How as ocean voyage was concerned, but argued many were there none could tell. Those that St. John offset that by its shorter land who came out were picked up and carried time to his toilet and took two perfume baths carriage. As the government intended to away by friends. Crying wives and mothers run the steamers from an English to a French | crowded the police lines, shouting for their Here is Dakota with another plague. Mice port they should likewise let them touch at husbands and sons or begging for news of them. The northern section of the building Mr. Skinner of St. John followed. He that extended to Sixtieth street, was occupied forcibly informed the House that St. John by the Rossiter Storage Warehouse company, was greatly worked up to its reasonable In it were stored about 1.000 casks of ale. rights and anticipations which dated back to and in the section occupied by the refining the day the union was formed, and which, company were thousands of barrels of lard after many disappointments, they now ex- material. This was all destroyed. A strong pected to be accomplished, this fast ocean ser- brick wall divided the building in the midvice being the complement of the construc- dle. Upon this wall the firemen hung their entury!

tion of the great transcontinental railway hopes for half an hour of desperate efforts, system. Now that the Short Line will be but the flames, fed by melted lard, leaped direct the whipping of youthful of- of thirteen persons charged with bribery and cod fishery proposed as a surplus; the business men of above and around it, and reached across Sixcorruption in connection with legislative cod fishery prospects are good, and her ships St. John naturally look forward to their city tieth street and the slip. The walls of this

shortly before 6.30 o'clock and it was by a the northerly end escaped being buried under so fiercely that grain elevator A, the biggest Central road, which occupied the water front from Sixtieth to Sixty-first street and which under way to be destroyed. Elevator B stood next the union stock yards half a mile of board enclosure and pens equally impassable. Chief Chay telegraphed for the fire boats, for the Charity Commissioners' two boats and that the fourth would soon follow, that it for the police boat patrol. The patrol was was but a few hours travel from Boston and 250 miles nearer Montreal and Toronto than Taey came down with four or five tugs belonging to the railway company and put their pumps to work to throw water on the threatened buildings. Soon every hose was playing than by sailing to Halifax and forwarding and a select company of firemen directed her mails by the Intercolonial. After em- things. It was almost impossible for anyone phasizing these great advantages of St. John but firemen to approach. At this time the over Halifax, as the winter port of Canada, building of the Lard Refining Company and Mr. Skinner illustrated the importance of our the Rossiter storage warehouse was still

BURNING GRANDLY IN THEIR RUINS. and the flames were shooting heavenward from the great grain elevator. The two lower storeys or foundation proper were built of brick, but the five upper storeys were of slate and corrugated iron. When the outer cover- Brussels, ing rolled off a great crackling crust, the flames shot upwards for hundreds of feet, and tions with threatening force. The docks and sheds on the piers from Fifty-eighth street as a mass of flames. The approach of darkness the apparent helplessness of the fireman to check the conflagration, the moment was decidedly tragic. The slaughter house of Mr. Eastman had caught fire and elevator B was wrapped in flames. The fire boats were prevented from rendering efficient aid, owing to danger of taking fire if they came near shore. When elevator B was partially destroyed the fire boats were enabled to run in between the docks and do good work. The damage is estimated at \$3,500,000.

SENATOR WARK'S INQUIRY

Regarding the Railway Bridges. In the Senate Thursday, Hon. Mr. Wark made the following inquiry :-

That in view of the large Government exenditure now going on in railway construction in Nova Scotia, whether the Government will not consider the claim of New Brunswick to have the railway bridges on the Saint John River made free, a reasonable one; and if so, whether they intend to arrange with the oridge companies to take over said bridges and make them free to all the New Brunswick

He said: It is not necessary for me to

make any extended remarks on this subject,

moneys loaned by the Government to companies, and the question that I am about to put is whether the Government would think it an unreasonable request from the people of New Brunswick to ask the Government to make those bridges free. It is not necessary for me to state what moneys have been expended by the Government in Nova Scotia: they know that better than I do. They know that the expenditure which is going on there is very extensive, and that very little is being spent in New Brunswick. The traffic between the population living on both side of the river is very much hampered by the tolls imposed on these bridges. All that comes from the East and arrives at St. John on its way to the United States has to pay toll over the bridge at St. John, or it has to pay toll and passengers, and the traffic from Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island on the way to the United States, I may say, passing over this bridge, show that the New Brunswickers are not the only people that are interested in having the bridge made free. On the other hand, all the traffic from the United States, Nova Scotia and Prince Edward Island, to all the eastern coast of New Brunswick, must pass over this bridge and pay toll. The honmember from St. John informed me that on a carload of oats the charge for crossing the bridge was \$6, and it was found cheaper to truck it over than to take it in the cars across the bridge. If the Government think the request an unreasonable one, the people of New Brunswick expect them to show why it

is so, and if they think it is not unreasonable, then the application ought to be granted. Hon. Mr. Abbott-There has been no application made to the Government on this subject, and the matter has never been brought under their notice, until it was done by the question which my hon. friend has just put in this House. There are a good many quesforce was 12,792, which is 1,400 more than pany running powers over the Intercolonial gated before the Government could come to Sandal Rubbers, Self Acting Rub bon. friend that the subject will be thoroughly There is reason to believe that the request enquired into during the coming vacation.

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