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ROUGH SKIN On Face and Hands.

Olive Oil and Cucumber Soap

3 Cakes for 10 cents.

Mackenzie's Medical Hall.

DON'T WAIT

till the days get shorter and the weather colder,

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\$6 ST. JOHN TO BOSTON \$6

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A man to represent "CANADA'S GREATEST NURSERY" in the town of Chatham and surrounding country, and take orders for

OUR HARDY SPECIALTIES

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Capital (all paid up) \$12,000,000

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on sums of \$4.00 and upwards and paid or compounded twice a year, on 30th of June and 31st December.

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made at all points in Canada and the United States at most favorable rates.

SPECIAL NOTICE

The Chatham Bank in Chatham, N. B. and Newcastle N. B. have decided to change the Saturday closing hour to 12 O'CLOCK, NOON, commencing on October 4th next.

THE MARLIN

32 Cal. High-Pressure Smokeless

IN MODEL 1893

WE are prepared to furnish our best line of Model '93

THE MARLIN FIRE ARMS CO.

Miramichi Advance.

CHATHAM, N. B., JANUARY 7, 1904.

Provincial Financial Statement

The accustomed statement, showing the receipts and expenditures of the Province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ending 31st October last, which follows, was published in the Royal Gazette of last week.

It is inevitable that the public expenditure will increase with the development of the country. The world progresses. The Dominion of Canada is leading all other countries in commercial development.

Does it not, therefore, seem strange that a few newspapers of the province should, for political reasons, and ignoring the acts of the people's representatives of a decade ago, comment adversely on the financial statement of the Province as if it were expected that its present-day requirements could be met without cost or resort to the means of meeting them provided by the law?

These supposed authorities would have us believe that the Tweedie government is particularly extravagant because \$125,000 was added to the debt of the Province last year for the construction of steel bridges and similar permanent works.

The old cry about increasing the debt is undergoing its annual resurrection, as is always the case with both the Dominion and Provincial opposition organs. Debts of all progressive young countries increase, and the more progressive they are, the greater are such increases in their earlier periods of upbuilding and development.

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tions of any kind which contain anything of an immoral, scurrilous, disloyal or indecent character, or advertising lotteries or green goods.

A Toronto despatch says that the returns to the province of Ontario from succession duties during the year 1903 have been much greater than in previous years and have exceeded the amount of the estimated receipts by \$89,000.

New Brunswick Finances.

Following is the annual financial statement of the provincial government by Hon. Provincial Secretary Tweedie published in the Royal Gazette, as required by law:

Table with columns: RECEIPTS, EXPENDITURE. Includes items like Administration of Justice, Agriculture, Auditor General, etc.

Public works, permanent expenditure, 3rd Edward 7, Cap. 13, 125,000.00. Redemption debentures, 2nd Edward 7, Cap. 9, 3,000.00. Balance, 2,901.10.

Proceeds of loan, 3rd Edward 7, Cap. 13, 125,000.00. Proceeds of debentures, 2nd Edward 7, Cap. 9, 3,000.00. Deposit Belleville railway, order-in-council, 4,000.00.

The publication of the annual statement of the receipts and expenditures of the Province for the past fiscal year has given the opponents of the Government an opportunity of attacking it for alleged extravagance. This is such an old story, and it is so easy to accuse a Government of extravagance and waste of the public funds, that no one pays any attention to such charges.

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Hon. Mr Blair's Retirement from Active Politics

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 30th.—The following is a copy of the letter of Hon. A. G. Blair announcing his retirement from active politics:

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 26th, 1903. Thomas McAvity, Esq., Chairman of the Liberal Executive Committee, St. John, N. B.

Dear Mr. McAvity: Circumstances attending my resignation from the ministry, coupled with subsequent events, have compelled me to consider my own political position, and having come to a decision on this subject, I feel that I should without further delay make known to my constituents in St. John, and to my friends throughout the province, the conclusion at which I have arrived.

His duty ended with protest. I was also of opinion that my duty as a retiring minister did not demand that I should take part in any controversial discussion which would ensue between the government and the opposition, during the passage of the details of the bill through its committee stage.

Upon the view I acted, and in the light of all that has occurred or the amendments proposed to the bill and the decision which took place after the second reading had been carried by a large majority, I cannot see that I would have strengthened my attitude in opposition to the project, had I participated in subsequent debates.

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My decision, therefore, was to retire from the field of active politics, and having reached this conclusion, which I did about a month before the close of the recent session of parliament, I at once, as I considered it proper to do, informed the prime minister of my determination.

Horrible Fatality!

600 persons killed in a death trap! Criminal carelessness somewhere. Awful struggles for life! Chicago under a great sorrow!

CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—About six hundred persons were burned, suffocated or trampled to death in ten minutes this evening during a fire in the Iroquois theatre, the newest, largest and said to be the finest theatre in Chicago.

Unusually Cold Weather. Daily cold weather has prevailed over the country so far this season. The temperature has been much below the average for the past month, and Monday last was the worst yet.

Woodstock, N. B.—The intense cold spell reached its lowest before daylight this morning, when the thermometer was in one part of the town 44 below zero.

Fredericton, N. B.—34 below 9 a.m.; about 30 below at 10 a.m.; about 28 below at 11 a.m.; about 26 below at 12 noon; about 24 below at 1 p.m.

St. John, N. B.—15 below on Saturday; 9 below on Sunday; 15 below on Monday. This very low temperature in such a moist atmosphere as that of this city made it most trying for those who were obliged to be out of doors.

St. John, N. B.—One degree below zero on Sunday; a mild breeze prevailing; 5 deaths from the cold weather already reported. Nantucket harbor is full of ice.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Don't try cheap cough medicines. Get the best, Ayer's Cherry Pectoral.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Cures! Ask your doctor if he doesn't use it for coughs, colds, bronchitis, and all throat and lung troubles.

Ayer's Cherry Pectoral. Correct any tendency to constipation with small doses of Ayer's Pills.

Do You Want to Fit Yourself out with A Nobby Sleigh, or A Set of Harness or other Seasonable Article?

George Hildebrand, Cunard St. Chatham, N. B.

Canada Eastern Railway.

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1,500 TO 2,000 CORDS SPRUCE AND FIR BOX WOOD delivered on cars on C. E. R. and I. C. R., or at my mill, South Pond. THOS. W. FLETT.

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Warning!

Any person driving faster than a walk over the main road or any other part of the South-West Miramichi Bridge, between New Brunswick and New Brunswick, will be prosecuted according to law. JOHN HATEMAN, Caretaker. Nelson, 20th Oct., 1903.

Our New Term Begins Monday, January 4th.