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# ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, FEB. 23. up and do something. CIRCULATION, 5,000.

#### UNANIMOUS IN SENTIMENT.

The meeting at the. Institute, Thursday, night, gave no uncertain sound of the sentiment of St. John and the maritime provinces on the question of a Canadian policy. The speakers were men who came to the by the name of MIKE ROBE. point briefly and strongly. They spoke from conviction, and with the assurance that they voiced the sentiments cf the people. It was a good meeting, and should have a good result.

There are no two opinions that Canadian trade should be done through the ports of Canada. It is not a debateable question. There should be no difference of behef that St. John should be the chief winter port of the dominion.

Nor was there any diversity of opinion in regard to Mikado Collingwood SCHRIEBER. On the contrary there was a pleasing unanimity in the belief that he is no gentleman. If he were an absolute monarch as he appears to think he is in his own department, he could not have been more independently insulting than he

a state legislature in the neighboring republic. New Brunswickers might note with surprise that there was no opening flummery, no military parade, no cannon fired, and no gubernatorial body in attendance. That's the democratic method of business. The legislature opens at 10 a. later. The New Brunswick assembly opens on the seventh and will probably come to its senses about the seventeenth. We're a luxurious lot.

The BRYDONE-JACK memorial scholarship fund is growing slowly. It would seem that no real effort has been made by any graduate to raise the money. There have been committee meetings called but nothing came of them. Perhaps the only gentleman who is working for the fund is Superintendent of Education CROCKETT, and he has not the time that should be given the solicitation. It is about time for some of the University graduates to wake

All breeders of Irish bulls will have to haul in their horns in the presence of the unconscious humorist who is writing Florida letters to the Charlottetown Examiner. He says .

It is now generally conceded that the epidemic was first brought here from Cuba, via Key West and Tampa, by an Irishman

We trust that when this serious charge is brought to the notice of Mr. ROBE, he may be able to rebut it.

Owing to the pressure of matter, an interesting letter from Rev. GEORGE BRUCE, on Sabbath observance, in reply to A. L. P., is held until next week.

"The glorious climate of California" will please take a back seat after this winter of ours.

#### WHAT A TRAVELLER THINKS.

Some Hints of Matters Which are Not Satisfactory on the I. C. R.

Why do the Intercolonial officials continue to insist on the conductors carrying books of coupon tickets for cash fares? That is something that no one can find



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# SOUTHERN LEGISLATORS.

G. E. F. GIVES HIS IMPRESSIONS OF LEGISLATION

In Tallahassee, Florida-There is no "Grand Opening" - The Members get Down to **Business in Short Order-A Description** of the Senators.

SPECIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

TALLAHASSEE, Fla., Feb. 14 .- As I do not write for pay, but for pastime, I feel under no restraining influence in giving vent to my opinions, but send them to PROGRESS for what they are worth, in an off-hand, perhaps somewhat careless, manner.

The legislature was convened here last Tuesday for a special purpose, to consider a health measure and to make provision for warding off, as far as possible, another

the fact of the percentage rate of deaths in

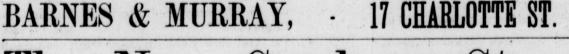
fierce internecine conflict which raged between the North and South for four long years; and it is not surprising, when we look into matters, that the South held out so long, when composed of an army made up of such men as these, whose powers of endurance and dauntless will, directed by mind and courage, seem only capable of yielding to a world combined in arms against them, and this in reality was the case during the war, when every door was closed against the South, by means of the blockade, while the North remained open for munitions of war, commercial replenishments and reinforcements-from whatever quarter of the world these were obtainable, and told with terrible effect in the long run in the exhaustion of the South.

But, perhaps I am going a little out of the way in these matters, and you may say I am getting off of my subject. I called into the senate chamber the same day. yellow fever attack, although the Jack- What struck me most was the youthful apsonians will not allow that the visitation of pearance of its members. When I visited last autumn was of such a character-from the Dominion senate chamber a few years ago, I was equally struck with the composition of its members. It was the very antithesis of the Florida body, consisting as I thought of all the age, dignity, and wisdom of the country, and I was strikingly reminded of the noble body of Venetians sitting in conclave, when addressed by Othello as "most potent, grave and reverend seignors." But, as was very natural, I discovered no manifestation of a progressive spirit, whether in politics or enterprises of "great pith and moment," but rather strong conservative tendencies and death upon reformers and all sorts of propagandic ideas. Here, in Florida, the oldest member is not much beyond what we call middle life, and the youngest probably about 30-all black heads except the browns, very few streaks of grey. What the members lack, in years, they make up in disposition and business aptitude-a most respectable looking body of men, as well behaved as if in church, no rollicking attitudes, no boisterous language, no by-play, no unseemly interruptions. The president seems the impersonation of all the qualities requisite for an individual occupying a high position. The formula observable about our council chamber,-clerks with gowns and bands, attendants attired in their best black, copying clerks deeply immersed in their occupations with the decorum of vestry clerks, door keepers seeming to feel the weight of their responsibilitiesnone of these things finds place here, as far as a stranger could observe. The only of ficial in attendance that I could see was person who sat behind the entrance door holding a piece of red tape attached to the door which he would pull open as any one went in or out, the said door closing of itself on a spring. The clerks of the house, in plain attire, occupy seats at a plain table, doing their work in a perfunctory manner, regardless of onlookers. It would seem that both branches of th legislature yield their rostrum to any out sider who may have a special claim upon their attention, in the interests of the public at large. The Rev. Wilbur F. Crafts, "Field secretary of the organization of the American Sabbath Union" was permitted to address the house of representatives and the senate, one after the other, with a view of elucidating the principles of his society and obtaining the co-operation of the representative bodies in whatever state assembled. Thus he goes about from one state to another, and wherever large bodies of people can be got together, or operated upon, and delivers addresses, the object of which is abolition of Sunday labor. His at-

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proven himself to be in his answer to the citizens of St. John.

Mr. SCHRIEBER would make an excellent general manager of railways for the czar of Russia. He should go to that country. Canada can spare him. Perhaps through some evolution or revolution he might himself become a czar." It would be a cold day for the Russians when that happened.

Wherever Mr. SCHRIEBER may be fitted to shine, he is not wanted at the head of the Department of Railways of Canada. Men of both parties recognize that fact. With his arbitrary ways and his ignorance of or indifference to the interests of the people of these provinces, he is making a good deal of trouble for the Conservative party in the future.

It is the general opinion that SCHRIEBER must go.

#### A GOOD START.

The enthusiasm that has greeted the mention of a carnival drive, next Wednesday, and the active, eager preparations for it show what St. John people can do at short notice sometimes.

There is no reason why we should not have something of this sort, only on a grander scale, every winter.

Why should St. John not be the Mon-'treal of the maritime provinces? We have willing citizens and plenty of organizations to make such an event a complete success. The dull trade weeks of the winter and the year could not be utilized better than in bringing thousands of sightseers to the city.

Montreal finds that its carnival is a paying speculation. Tens of thousands of Canadians and Americans flock to the great city, to see-What?

A pile of ice blocks no bigger, no prettier than are hauled every day through our streets; a carnival drive, no more complete than many a procession seen in St. John: sports and skating for which we own the champions; illuminations which can be had for money any time; snowshoeing and toboganing that our eminences are splendidly adapted for. In fact it St. John people will go into it with will and energy, there is no possible reason why we could not make St. John so attractive in winter that several large hotels would be required.

But let the people see Wednesday what can be done, and the rest will be easy.

### A GOOD WORK WELL DONE.

Fredericton and the people of York county are just beginning to thoroughly appreciate what was done for them when the Victoria hospital was established.

In a quiet way the hospital has effected much. Suffering and injured persons have

out. The books are an expense, a bother, and of no earthly use.

The system is all right in theory. It is designed to compel passengers to buy their tickets before starting on their journey. Failing to do so, and paying cash fares on the cars, an absent-minded conductor might neglect to account for all that he received. As a check upon him, he is furnished with a book of tickets, having stubs showing the value of each ticket detached. When a cash fare is tendered, he is supposed to exact ten cents more than the usual price, and give the passenger a ticket, on the presentation of which at any station, the ten cents will be refunded. This system has never worked well on

the Intercolonial, and of late it has fallen into innocuous desuetude. The cash fares are tendered without the additional ten cents, and the conductors accept them. They still carry the ticket books, and punch a ticket and stub for every cash fare, but instead of handing the ticket to the passengers they turn it in with their other. tickets. The department understands that this is the only thing to be done.

Why should the department go to the expense of supplying these by no means cheap books, or why should the conductors be put to the bother of carrying and punching them? The arrangement looks very much like an entirely needless piece of red tape.

Another thing which causes deep dissatisfaction among the travelling public is the exorbitant charge of \$2 for three hours in a sleeping car between St. John and Moncton. A traveller coming from the north on the odd nights when there is no through Pullman to St. John is thus forced to pay \$4 or ride the latter part of the way in an ordinary car. There should be some arrangement for the transfer of through passengers without this excessive tax for 89 miles of the journey.

Even if a man is coming from Moncton only, he is not inclined to pay \$2 for such a brief ride. As a consequence, many people who would cheerfully pay \$1 refuse to be imposed upon, and "tough it out" in another part of the train. A reduction of the rate would result in an increased patronage quite sufficient to compensate the railway for the concession.

Perhaps the authorities will see their way clear to objuge the public in this mat

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	TO CHARLES G. D. ROBERTS.
	In the sky there is many a star, But the wan West is showing
	That a planet has journeyed afar And is gleaming and glowing

the number of cases reported being so small-400 to 16,000, or thereabouts. There was no ceremony, parade or procession in the opening. Instead of appearing in person, the governor sent down his speech (or message) to be read by the president of the senate before both branches of the legislature in joint convention, after the manner of congress. The number of members of the house is probably 70, and of the senate 30. Each branch occupies opposite ends of the building on the same floor, and the free and easy ways of members evince the real democratic spirit of the times. The Democratic party of the "solid South" being in the ascendant, finds its loudest expression in the legislature of this state. By this it is not intended that the impression shall go abroad that legistive business is conducted here without due observance to parliamentary rules or practices, or that there is a disposition among members to set at naught the amenities and courtesies due by gentlemen in public life toward one another, whether in debate or in the lobbies. Reference is more immediately made to the easy manner of the southern legislator and his bonhommie style of attack or defence, which is perhaps more apparent to the stranger with royal, starched proclivities, where we in the North oftener call a spade an axe than by its real name, while turning sharp angles in debate, or, more vulgarly speaking, in an endeavor to avoid the treading upon our neighbor's corns. I am not quite sure but that the thrust direct is not, after all, the more effective than is the parrying process.

The language in discussion is generally good, and evidences a well stored mind from which it flows, and a complete knowledge of the subject in hand. In fact, my first and only day's experience, so far, in the Florida house of representatives satisfies me that the speaking talents of this branch are equal to any I have anywhere seen or heard, "whether at home or abroad." When a member rises to address the house, the speaker gets up at the same time-I suppose as a mark of deference to vox populi as here represented—but on this occasion I did not remain long enough to see whether or not he remained standing until the orator had finished. I hope notfor to apply such a rule to our colonial legis lature, where members sometimes speak by the yard more than the foot (when put in print), a speaker's supports would be worn out in one session, and have scarcely a leg left to stand upon after it was over.

edition of 24 pages, 15,000 circulation, are tacks are directed chiefly against the United Personally, the southern character is beginning to ask when it will appear. strongly typified in this representative States government, which allows its post For an Idle Hour. offices to be kept open on Sunday, like any body, who individually come from all parts other day, and permits railroad running, Black Blood, a military story, and one of the state. There is the stalwart memof the most entertaining of George Manville ber, largely proportioned, with happy mein so that the employees are not only kept away from their families on the Sabbath. Fenn's novels, has been published in and expression of countenance-the wiry, Bryce's 30 cent library. Fenn's novels but worn out with work-no day of rest for lithe, sinewy member, with vitality in every them but rather the incessant toil of the find a ready sale, especially in the cheap movement-the long-drawn-out member, and attractive form of Bryce's paper series. tread-mill. The government of the nation with uncut, dishevelled hair, running to thus setting the example in one of its most For sale at McMillan's. weeds, whose every stride betokens a purimportant departments (the post office) and The sale of How I Escaped has been pose; then there is the composite member, treading as it were upon the laws of God ingeniously forced by displaying in large neither lean nor fat, short nor tall, swarthy type the fact that it is edited by Archibald and man, other workers of iniquity likewise of countenance, ready for debate or a good value, and the weight of its contributions .- N. Y. ply their peculiar callings on the Sabbath, Clavering Gunter, of Mr. Barnes of New story, while the study of his physiognomy York and Mr. Potter of Texas fame. W. such as the liquor saloon, the billiard hall, betokens a dauntless spirit and an iron the skittle alley, and so forth, all such H. Parkins is the author and Robinson, will. I take these men as the types of the works being carried on under the eye of the Montreal, publisher. Sold by McMillan southern pluck evinced and acknowledged capitol, and merely winked at. It is true for 25 cents. by the world at large during the terrible,

but then there is the interstate runningcars passing from one state to another-TWO COMMODIOUS FLATS in the Brick Building on North side of Duke street, opposite th which is beyond local control, and it is to BRICK BUILDING known as Sackville Hotel, meet this condition of things that the organisituate No. 62, on South side of Union street, suit zation is working, for congress alone has able for Hotel or Boarding House. COMMODIOUS AND DESIRABLE STORE, supervision and power over all the states, situate on corner of North Wharf and Smyth streets, at present occupied by Messrs. Outram & where there is an interlacing or clashing of Fielders, (possession given about April 15th. SMALL SHOP on North East corner of Prince interests, and can pass a general act pro-William and Duke streets. hibiting railway traffic on the Sabbath. For terms and particulars apply to R. CAMERON GRANT, Under this society petitions are being signed all over the land, by travellers, the TO LET-Convenient flat, corner City Road and Gilbert's Lane. Apply 115 King street, East. public generally, by railroad operatives and owners, even magnates themselves, to TO LET.—Three desirable self-contained flats, re-fitted and partly new. Hot and cold water; large yard. 24 and 26 Pitt street, corner Elliott be sent into Congress in order that the republic may once again be as regardful of Row. Rent, \$180, \$200 and \$220. Also, large Barn. Inquire of HANINGTON & WILSON, Barristers, or G. J. COULTER WHITE. May be seen Mondays, Wed-nesdays and Saturdays, from 3 to 4 p. m, the Sabbath as its fathers were, when Sabbath-breaking was considered all but a criminal offence. The arguments adduced

by Mr. Crafts before both branches were

not only ably put, but were most convincing :

and as he spoke with great force and

eloquence, I have no doubt he made a most

important impression upon the legislature

of Florida. After listening to him and

facts are brought home to one, it is difficult

to understand how a great God-fearing

nation like the United States can tolerate

for a moment the desecration of the Sabbath

by keeping the post office open on the

Lord's day and thus preventing its em-

ployees from enjoying all the opportunities

which the Christian Sabbath affords. I am

not aware that the Dominion of Canada has

anything to answer for on this score. At

all events Mr. Crafts referred to England

and said that the post offices of the great

city, of London particularly, were closed

on Saturday night and kept so until Mon-

day morning. No government Sabbath

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splendid illustration adorns its first page,

and original poetry is a feature of the issue

The enlargement is probably commemor-

ative of the fact that the Traveller's paid

\$200,000 last month to its fortunate policy

leg-breaking sidewalks, and buildings fes-

tooned with skull-cracking icicles, the

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columns of the Maple Leaf. Peter Duffy

the unfortunate object of his editorial as-

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G. E. F.

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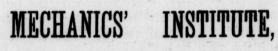
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In the near future there may be another addition erected. When that time arrives the generous and energetic lady who has the credit of the present structure may again rely on the help of the public. A good work is being well done.

Mr. G. E. FENETY's interesting letter on this page contains a graphic description of -Walter L. Sawyer, in The Dominion Illustrated.

Over space out of sweep of our sight, While we grope on resigning Blinded eyes to the need of the night-Since in some sky 'tis shining.

In my heart there is many a song That is born with its beating-But no strain seems transcendently strong When my heart gives a greeting : It is heard-and the silence that falls When it passess sound's portal, Is the sign it surmounted earth's walls And is somewhere immortal.

But I send up my song to the star That is gleaming and glowing-And the woes of my weaknesses are As excuse for its going-To foreshadow to waiters for long One clear star that will never Lose its place in the heaven of song, But will shine on forever!

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