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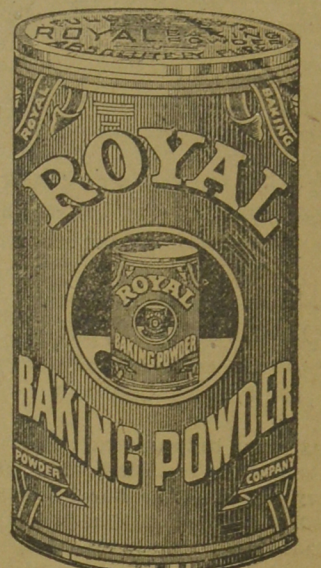
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Cor. King & York Streets, Fredericton, N. B.
Telephone 320 P. O. Box 765**THE DAILY MAIL** is on
Saleat the following places of business
in the city:—
JAS. McGUIRE, 522 King Street.
D. H. CROWLEY, 612 Queen Street
MISS QUINN, 147 West Street.
ALONZO STAPLES, 100 York St.
A. E. EARDLEY, 704 King Street.
A. J. HANLON, 83 Regent Street.
W. GRIEVES, Regent & King Sts.**African Diamond Fields**
Discovered by Accident
Romance of Good FortuneSixty years ago the man who was
bold enough to suggest that solitary
diamond could be found in the whole
of South Africa would have been re-
garded as a lunatic.He could have brought as many
square miles as he pleased of the
barren veldt which today comprises
the De Beers, Dutoitspan, and Bult-
fontein mines for a few shillings an
acre; and every acre, not many years
later, would have been valued in mil-
lions.In the first scene of this drama we
see Van Kirk, a poor Boer farmer,
looking on as one of his children picks
out a pebble from the mud with which
his rough, single-storeyed home was
plastered.Upon looking at it, he found that
it was a tiny crystal, which, in the
sun's rays, emitted vari-colored lights.
An examination of the walls of his
house revealed scores of similar peb-
bles. He consulted an expert and
discovered that his humble walls were
literally encrusted with diamonds.Thus was revealed the secret of one
of outh Africa's richest hidden treas-
ures soon to be famous throughout
the world as the Dutoitspan Mine. For
every tiny pebble in Van Kirk's mud
walls there were diamonds worth
hundreds of thousands of pounds
awaiting discovery beneath the bar-
ren acres of his farm.Not long after Van Kirk had awak-
ened to the discovery that his walls
were sprinkled with diamonds, a
young Englishman named Rawsterne
roaming over the veldt, flung himself
down, exhausted by his tramping and
the fierce heat of the sun, under the
scanty shade of a thorn bush.As he was playing idly, with the
sand by his side, he uncovered a peb-
ble which flashed back the sun's
rays in jets of fire. Even to his un-
trained eye the stone thus accident-
ally brought to light was a diamond
of uncommon lustre as well as size,
and his conviction was confirmed
when, on his return, he showed it to
his host.Thus were revealed the riches of
the famous Kimberley Mine. Within
a few years the mine was yielding an
annual million pounds' worth of dia-
monds.Nor was the tale of romantic dis-
coveries ended. Riding out one day
at sundown to bring in his horses
from the veldt, a Boer farmer saw a
small animal, called a meercat, scrap-
ing earth from its hole. Some pecu-
liarity of the ground thrown up led
the Dutchman to fill his handkerchief
with it, and after he had stabled his
horse he examined the earth. To his
astonishment he found a three-quar-
ter carat diamond.**YOU MAY THINK IT QUEER—BUT**I like the man who thinks it fun
To run the train he bought his son.
I never mind the way he fools
Around with toy mechanics' tools.
And if he doesn't find it tame
To play each little childish game,
Let him do it.I don't object if any man
Eats all the turkey that he can.
I don't see any reason why
He shouldn't gorge on Christmas pie.
And after he has had enough
If he still wants some sweeter stuff,
I say go to it.I like a man who still finds joy
In cutting up like any boy.
But there's one thing I've got to ban:
If any self-respecting man
Who likes to trim a Christmas tree
Should come within a mile of me.
Well—he'll rue it.

DEDE DADA.

**MAIL CONTRACT**Sealed tenders, addressed to the
Postmaster General, will be received
at Ottawa until noon, on Friday, the
22nd December, for the conveyance
of His Majesty's Mails, on a proposed
Contract for a period not exceeding
four years 3 times per week on the
route: Stanley Rural Route No. 2 from
the 1st April next.Printed notices containing further
information as to conditions of pro-
posed Contract may be seen and blank
forms of tender may be obtained at
the Post Office of Stanley, and at the
office of the District Superintendent
of Postal Service, St. John.H. W. WOODS,
Acting District Superintendent
of Postal Service,
District Superintendent's Office,
Nov. 9th, 1922.Further search at the meercat's
hole revealed other diamonds, and
the secret of the Wesselton Mine was
discovered. A few months later \$500,-
000 was refused for the small farm on
which the Dutchman had made his
accidental discovery; the De Beers
Company was glad to purchase a
quarter of it for \$600,000, and since
that day it has yielded hundreds of
thousands of carats of the purest dia-
monds.De Beers, Dutoitspan, Bultfontein,
Kimberley, and Wesselton—such are
the world-famous mines which have
been discovered within a few miles of
Van Kirk's mud-plastered farm-house.
Within the memory of men who do
not consider themselves very old, a
few hundred pounds at the outside
would have brought the land which
for so long had hidden its treasures
from the world's knowledge.Since that time these mines have
yielded diamonds to the value of be-
tween four and five million pounds in
a single year, and their output so far
has exceeded \$450,000,000. And all
these riches have been the fruit of a
sequence of accidents almost absurd
in their triviality.**APPEAL OF**
THE BIG BRONZE
GOBBLER

Dear Turkey Breeder:

I (the Bronze Tom) am a repre-
sentative of the Bronze Turkeys of
today and a descendant of the same
ancestors as my wild cousins found
so numerous here centuries ago by
your ancestors—the early colonists.It makes me feel of some import-
ance to know that my ancestors were
instrumental in the welfare of your
pioneer settlers who feasted on the
savory carcasses of my wild relatives
and found them a great necessity dur-
ing their early days of privation and
hardship. History has it that one of
your little bands of settlers would
have likely perished had it not been
for a plentiful supply of my kind and
other game.Since my kind, so numerous and
prosperous in their primeval home,
nourished yours in their hour of need
won't you, in turn, in your advanced
stage of progress and power, lend us
a helping hand when conditions are
reversed—we being so few and ex-
termination staring us in the face?
I'll be so grateful to you for any as-
sistance you may give me in my fight
for existence, I'll surely pay you for
this favor and pay you more hand-
somerly than any of my competitive
fowls and continue to be the centre
of attraction at your joyous holiday
festivities, as my cousins and I have
been since you found us in our na-
tive land. Yes, I'll go further than
this. I am good to look at—I am beau-
tiful. I will replenish and ornament
your game preserves, your farms and
your lawns. Watch me in the spring-
time strutting among my mates in all
my gallantry and splendor, yelling my
defiant note and displaying my gor-
geous iridescent colors, and you will
behold a picture, the beauty of which
no artist's brush can follow. Excuse
my boast.In conclusion I will say that I am
proud to have the honor of being a
native of your great country and to
have been domesticated by you, but
beware lest your progress and civili-
zation exterminate me. Your preying
American eagle usurped the honor
that so rightfully belonged to me, but
I will be content if you will help me
to grow and prosper with you. Study
my nature and habits more and learn
better how to rear me.In no way can you help me so much
as by joining the National Bronze
Turkey Club which is an organization
of your friends to foster me.Thanking you in advance for your
careful attention to my welfare, I re-
main,Yours for Profit and Beauty,
THE BIG BRONZE TOM.**WANTED**A Teacher with license in
advance of first class for Fred-
erickton High School. Duties to
begin January First. Apply to
the undersigned.R. D. HANSON,
Sec. School Trustees.**Ask**
AnyoneAsk anyone you know
which is the highest
quality baking powder
and almost invariably
they will tell you ROYAL."My cakes are 100% better
since I bought that can of
Royal," writes one delighted
user, and everywhere—
among your friends, neigh-
bors, relatives—you will
hear similar commendations.**Royal Contains No Alum**
Leaves No Bitter Taste**Picture of English Life**
In Queen Victorias' Day**Lady Palmerston Lifts the Curtain Upon Many Events in Her**
Time—Herself an Adoring Wife and Political Power—
The Queen was "Wild About Free Trade."Lady Airle's "Lady Palmerston
and Her Times" (Hodder and Stough-
ton) is even more fascinating than its
predecessor, "In Whig Society," in
which she revealed through the let-
ters of Lady Melbourne the astound-
ing intrigues of Lord Byron and Lady
Caroline Lamb.She follows the same system in her
new book, which is filled with the
letters that passed between Lady Mel-
bourne's son, Frederick Lamb, and his
sister Emily, who married, first Lord
Cowper and afterwards Lord Palmers-
ton."The new letters" says Lady Airle
"give a picture of Europe in the same
state of transition as that in which
we ourselves live. . . . The same cries
of despair from the poor—the same
bitter complaints of the so-called rich
at the burden of destructive taxation
Human nature was the same. . . . Aids
to beauty were as necessary then as
now. 'One knows there is a real
crisis,' said Abraham Hayward, 'when
Lady Palmerston forgets her rouge
and Palmerston forgets to dye his whis-
kes.'"**Gay and Coquettish**The picture we get of Lady Pal-
merston through her letters is as clear
cut as a Dutch interior, as full of
character as a portrait by Orpen. In
early life "mad-cap, gay, coquettish,"
and admired; at fifty-two when she
married Palmerston, an adoring wife
and a political power. "When she died
there passed away the last of the
powerful grandes dames of the old
Whig Party."Emily Lamb was born in 1787 the
daughter of that madcap Lady Mel-
bourne who masqueraded in Vauxhall
Gardens with the Duchess of Antas-
ter as Marcaroni, "both looking very
pretty fellows." In 1805 she married
Lord Cowper, who was twenty-seven
handsome, wealthy, and a Whig. She
loved him, and would have been hap-
py had it not been for her mother,
"who had the reputation of being un-
able to see a happy marriage without
trying to spoil it."Lady Cowper in reality was kind
and affectionate; to the world, owing
to her mother's influence, she ap-
peared to be hard, ambitious, and
brilliant. Her brother William was
being made thoroughly miserable ow-
ing to his wife Caroline, who after
her tragic infatuation for Byron had
taken to writing novels which car-
icatured all her friends. In spite of
this we find Emily writing to her
brother Fred: "I think it is better to
give her any life I can—for her dis-
grace only falls more or less on Wil-
liam."The friendship of Lord Melbourne
the Prime Minister, with the young
Queen Victoria set tongues wagging.
Melbourne's brother wrote:Impress upon Wm. (Melbourne) to
be very cautious about communicat-
ing what passes between him and the
Queen only. Some things have come
round to me, good and in a good
sense, but one never knows what use
may be made of such things some day
and he is habitually incautious.He sends suggestions as to the
Queen's future husband:I know but two to choose from, and
neither of them with the years or ex-
perience which would be good. One is
the second son of the Duke of Coburg
(whom she subsequently married. The
other is a Prince Adalbert of Prus-sia—nephew or cousin to the King, of
whom everybody speaks well. Be-
tween the two connections I should
prefer the Prussian.Her Majesty clearly had a fortun-
ate escape.It is odd to find that Queen Vic-
toria, who later became so staunch
a Conservative, was in her early years
"wild about Free Trade."Lady Palmerston's circle had the
prejudice of her time. National edu-
cation her brother describes as "mad-
ness"; the penny post, which now,
alas, we have lost, as "a humbug and
an expensive one." She lived on, sur-
viving two husbands, to 1869, and
died in a calm and beautiful old age.**H.M.S. RENOWN**
TO HAVE NEW
TYPE ARMORLondon, Dec. 26—H. M. S. Renown
"the largest yacht in the world," the
battle cruiser which carried the
Prince of Wales around the world, is
going into dockage for a long period
to renovate its armor in accordance
with the lesson learned at Jutland.
It is but one step in making the navy
effective under the limitations im-
posed by the Washington conference.The Renown is a sister ship to the
Repulse, which already has under-
gone improvements, consisting large-
ly of heavily increased deck armor,
considered necessary to fend off the
plunging fire of high elevation guns,
and universally adopted after the
Germans showed such deadly effec-
tiveness at Jutland.It is also reported in Admiralty
circles that contracts will be let al-
most immediately for two new bat-
tleships, pursuant to the terms of the
Washington treaty, to replace four
that are obsolete. Every yard on the
Admiralty list has made tenders, and
for the first time in history Harland
& Wolff of Belfast have made a bid
for a battleship. In view of the nature
of employment in northern Ireland,
due to disturbances as well as the
position of the Irish Parliament in
general, it would not be surprising if
one ship were allotted to the Belfast
plant. It is believed however, that if
this is done the builders will be re-
quired to give special assurances that
no trouble will arise there and give
a guaranty that no fanatic Irishman
will wreak vengeance.The Belfast yards showed their abil-
ity to handle heavily armored con-
struction in building monitors during
the war.**Tenders For Gravel**Tenders will be received by the un-
der-designed up to Tuesday the 2nd day
of January next, for good road gravel
(800 tons more or less) to be delivered
along the streets in the Town of
Devon. Tender to state price per cubic
yard from the Na-hwaak river up to
and including Neill Street. From Neill
street up to and including St. Mary's
street, and from St. Mary's street to
the Town line. The lowest or any
tender not necessarily accepted.
WM. JAFFREY,
Devon, Dec. 23-22. Town Clerk.