

# FINE LIBRARY OF LATE ROBERT HOE TO BE SOLD

## Contains Autograph Letter of Robert Burns, Also Famous Vellum-written Volumes--Books Magnificently Bound.

The announcement of the sale of the world's finest private library, which was founded by the late Robert Hoe, the manufacturer of the printing press brings to mind that among the very few people ever given a chance to inspect the library of Mr. Hoe was O. A. Bierstadt of the Boston Public Library.

### HOE FAMOUS COLLECTION.

Mr. Hoe was an enlightened collector of books, said Mr. Bierstadt, and did not gather his collection as some do, just for the sake of outbidding the less wealthy, but for the reason that he loved books and when he was a young man he often spent his luncheon money at a bookstall and went hungry.

His desires ran mostly to the collection of manuscripts, the only species of books during centuries, the first born of the press and beautiful specimens of binding. As the custodian of his treasures, he repaired the ravages of time and assured their future preservation by robbing them in substantial and beautiful bindings.

Of the 16 volumes making up the catalogue when Mr. Bierstadt was in the library, five were devoted to old English books, three to modern English, two to incunabula and early printed books, one to emblems, four to French and foreign books, and one to manuscripts.

### HIS FAMOUS VELLUM-WRITTEN BOOKS.

When it is remembered that vellum-written books were almost all produced previous to the year 1500, the perfect preservation of those in his collection seems little short of wonderful. It was centuries ago, far back in the Middle Ages, or during the Renaissance, that monkish and lay calligraphers, illuminators and miniaturists labored together to convert leaves of calf or sheep skin into these painted manuscript beauties; but they are as fresh and clean today as when they left their makers' hands.

Notable among the more beautiful manuscripts of the Renaissance in this collection is a volume of more than 900 pages containing St. Jerome's Latin version of the Bible. Historically it is a relic of great interest, since there is some reason to be- reason to believe that this identical Bible was in the possession of St. Louis at Aigues-Mortes in 1248, just before he departed for Egypt and the Holy Land on his first unfortunate crusade.

Another Latin Bible was written at Cremona by Vihiani Cani about 1275. A third Latin Bible is the work of the 15th century. This manuscript was executed for one of the famous Visconti family, who ruled over Milan for a couple of centuries, and it bears the arms with the strange device of a serpent devouring a child.

### THE BOOKS OF JOSHUA

There is also a large quarto vellum manuscript of the books of Joshua, Judges, Samuel and the Kings in Hebrew. It was probably written about 1640, and a former owner had a magnificent silver binding made for it.

The works of the epigrammatist Martial are here in the original Latin. There is also a translation of Ovid's "Heroides" which once belonged to Louis XII and Anne of Brittany. The charming charm of this extensive collection of mediaeval illumination manuscripts is its lovely Missals, Psalters and Books of Hours, the liturgies, hymn and prayer books that inspired the artists to put forth their supreme efforts.

In the collection of early English books there are five Caxtons. One valuable Caxton is Mallory's "Morte d'Arthur," of 1485, the only perfect copy known. There are also innumerable rare volumes of Chaucer, Spenser, Gower, Langland, Heywood and Thomas Moore, a volume of the latter once belonging to John Evelyn. There is also Queen Elizabeth's own copy of her "Prayer Book."

There is a matchless set of the four Shakespearian folios and a number of quartos. One is the edition of 1623, and no larger or finer copy is known.

### LETTER FROM BOBBY BURNS.

The works of every writer in the history of England are represented in the Hoe library. A copy of Burns' "Kilmarnock," 1896, brought \$1025 at a recent sale. In the copy in the Hoe library was discovered an original letter of Burns, undated, and reads:

"To Captain Hamilton, Dumfries:

"Sir—It is even so—you are the only person in Dumfries or in the world to whom I have run in debt, and I took the freedom with you because I believed and still believe that I may do it with more impunity to my feelings than any other person that I ever met with. I will settle with you soon, and I assure you, sir, it is with infinite pain that I have transgressed on your goodness. The unlucky fact for me is that about the beginning of the disastrous times in moment of imprudence I lent my name to a friend who has since been unfortunate, and of course I had a sum to pay which my very limited income and large family could ill afford. God forbid, sir, that anything should ever distress you as much as writing this card has done me. With the sincerest gratitude and most respectful esteem, I have the honor to be, sir, your very humble servant."

"ROBERT BURNS."

Not the least interesting and valuable part of this remarkable library is the wonderful samples of the bindings. It was Mr. Hoe's belief that a good book should have a good binding, and he carried the idea almost to the extreme.

## GOING TO BE GREAT GATHERING OF SMITHS

### That Famous Family Will Meet at Spokane on April 19--Wedding Feature of Occasion.

Spokane, April 13.—Members of the Smith family in Washington, Idaho, Utah, northern California, Oregon, Montana, Colorado, the Dakotas and the provinces of British Columbia and Alberta have been invited to the Smith day celebration in Spokane April 19, when John Smith and Mary Smith, both of this city, will be married in the state armory.

Attendants, flower girls and the ring bearer have been chosen from the house of Smith and the officiating clergyman will be Rev. Robert A. Smith, pastor of Bethel Presbyterian church. "Philadelphia Tom" Smith 73 years of age, a scion of Delaware Indian stock, will lead the grand march over a broad path strewn with spring blooms and evergreen.

"We expect to have not less than 3000 Smiths at the celebration and we will give them the time of their lives," said Tom Smith, who has been appointed master of ceremonies of the festive occasion. "As this is to be the first genuine Smith day celebration in the northwest, we hope to make a showing of forces, so that April 19 will go down in the annals as an epoch-making event."

"It is not unlikely there will be three or four other weddings among the Smiths on that day. W. P. Edris, postmaster of Spokane, whose forebears were Smiths, who have been named of the general committee of the festival, advises me that it is likely the states of Montana, Idaho and Oregon will have candidates and we are also looking forward to an announcement from Canada."

"Someone with a liking for statistics has made a compilation showing more than 50,000 Smiths in the north west, including the Canadian provinces, and that of these not less than 2000 are residents of Spokane. At that rate there should be about 1,000,000 of them on the continent, or one for every other 100 inhabitants."

## PROMINENT MAINE LUMBERMAN DEAD

Bangor, Me., April 12.—David T. Sanders, a famous lumberman and merchant, of Greenville, died at his home in that town Monday night, aged 74.

Mr. Sanders, who began life as a poor boy on a farm was rated as being worth close to a million dollars, and his fame as a successful business man extended beyond the limits of Maine. He was born in Bath, in 1836 and when 16 years of age, the family having moved to Greenville, he entered the employ of John H. Eveleth at \$50 a year and his board, continuing thus for five years. From the age of 21 his rise was rapid, and his business career was one of steady success in many lines—lumbering, general merchandise, furs and sportsmen's goods. He was a strong Democrat but took very little part in politics.

## SHE "SOLD SENATORS" A STARTLING BOAST

Jackson, Mass., April 11.—"My business is bookkeeping, real estate and selling Mississippi Senators," declared Mrs. C. J. Neil, of Jackson, in testifying on Thursday before the State Senate, after swearing that she arranged a meeting between State Senators Dulaney and Bilbo to vote for Mr. Percy for United States Senator instead of for Governor Vardaman.

Mrs. Neil said that she introduced the State Senators and that the latter told her to feel out "the weak legislators" and see whether they could "be reached." She said she was to be paid "in proportion to the crop," and said that she naturally desired a large crop.

She said she did not know it was a crime to bribe an officer and declared that she "did no wrong, for the men she sought to bribe were already corrupt."

An attempt to get her to name some other Senators was voted down by the Senate, on the ground that the investigation concerned the Bilbo charges only.

## WOMAN SUED FOR BREACH OF PROMISE

Toronto, April 12.—Miss Agnes G. Boyer, of Winnipeg, who treats the suit as a joke, may have to pay damages for breach of promise to Frank C. Ellis, a Toronto salesman. An interlocutory judgment was given in Ellis' favor this morning by the court here, and the case will go to trial, to assess damages. No defence was offered.

**BATTLE OF THE FUTURE.**  
"Why doesn't the general order a charge?"  
"He will in a moment. Just now he is busy cranking his auto."

## ELECTRIC CURRENT PASSED THROUGH BODY

### As Experiment Providence Man Voluntarily Withstood Current Which had Killed Another.

Bridgeport, Conn., April 13.—While Coroner Clifford B. Wilson and his staff gazed spellbound, expecting to see a man electrocute himself voluntarily, G. S. Lawler of Providence, R. I., grasped an electric switch at the plant of the Union Metallic Cartridge Company, here Monday afternoon, and let pass through his body a current that two weeks before had apparently instantly killed Francis Marin.

Coroner Wilson last week held an inquest upon the body of Marin and a verdict was returned holding the Cartridge Company criminally negligent in leaving non-insulated electric fixtures where the workmen might come in contact with them. Supt. Finney at once notified the Factory Mutual Insurance Company, expecting the family of the victim would claim damages.

G. S. Lawler, an electrical expert and inspector of the insurance company, who had approved the equipment of the cartridge company, reached the city today and, on ascertaining the circumstances of Marin's death, declared it impossible for the electric current alone to have killed the workman. To prove it, he declared himself ready to undergo the experience that was said to have killed Marin.

The cartridge company invited Wilson to witness the test. He and his staff arrived at the plant at 3 P. M. and made a careful scrutiny of the fixtures that there might be no deception. When it was found that the current was the same as on the day of Marin's death, the inspector mounted a step-ladder just as Marin had done to reach a broken pulley, placed one hand on the open switch and the other on an iron pipe. The current passed through his body, and save for a slight twitching he maintained his hold unmoved for more than a minute by the coroner's watch. Then he released his grip and descended, apparently none the worse for his experience.

## UNCLE SAM PAINED BY QUEBEC'S ACTION

Washington, April 13.—The announcement that the province of Quebec by an order in council would almost immediately prohibit the exportation of pulpwood from that province to the United States was received here with surprise and regret.

At the state department it was said that the prospect of closer commercial relations and of a trade treaty with the dominion were thought to be sufficiently encouraging to deter any of the provinces from imposing prohibitory restrictions now. The result of such summary action as proposed, would interfere seriously, it is felt with the realization of the suggested trade treaty and might in a measure nullify the good that was accomplished by the closer friendly relations into which the governments of the United States and the Dominion of Canada have recently been brought.

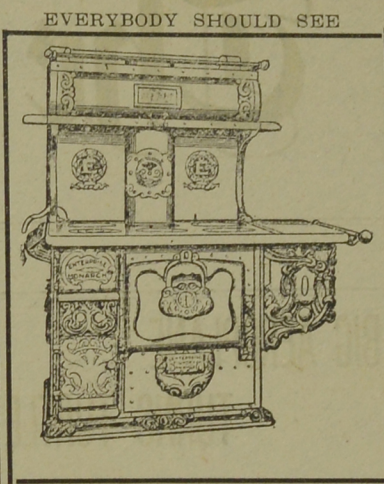
The proposed increase of stumpage dues and license fees for the sake of insuring increased revenue is not questioned, but the intention to prohibit the exportation of pulp wood is regarded in some quarters as closely approaching an unfriendly act. During the tariff negotiations in Ottawa and subsequently at Albany and Washington, there was some discussion of the pulp wood question, but that matter is understood to have been left for further discussion when the proposed reciprocity between this country and the dominion, the initial steps of which it was believed, would be taken during the coming month.

## WON MARATHON DANCE CLIP-5 MILES AN HOUR

New York, April 13.—The band in a Brooklyn dance hall struck up a speedy tune at an early hour today and seventeen couples started in a mad waltz, which was announced for the Marathon dancing championship of the world. Time keepers, scorers and seconds were stationed along the hall. Jos. Morrissey and Alice Dunn took the lead at the start. Some of the dancers went down at the corners early in the contest. In fifteen minutes the seconds began to revive the weary dancers by throwing sponges soaked in water. In half an hour most of the dancers had quit the floor, bedraggled wet and very tired.

The last five minutes of the hours race was very close, but Morrissey and Miss Dunn passed under the wire a half a lap ahead. They had covered five miles in the hour.

Candles will last much longer if they are kept on ice twenty-four hours before using.

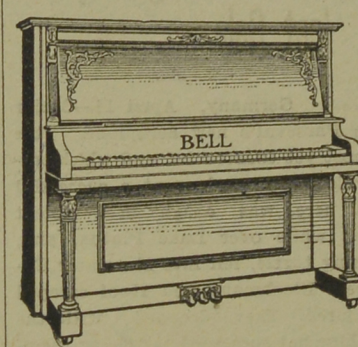


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### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE

To Albert E. Everett of the City of Fredericton in the County of York an Province of New Brunswick, Hotel Keeper, and all others whom it may in any wise concern:—

NOTICE is hereby given that by virtue of a Power of sale contained in a certain Indenture of Mortgage bearing date the twenty-sixth day of May, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and ninety-nine, and made between the said Albert E. Everett, of the One Part, and me, the undersigned E. S. Ranney Murray of the City of Saint John in the County and County of Saint John, Millman, of the Other Part registered in the York County Records in Book J-5, pages 201, 302, 303, and 304, there will for the purpose of satisfying the moneys secured by the said Indenture, default having been made in the payment thereof, contrary to the Provisions of the said Indenture, be sold at Public Auction in front of the Post Office in the City of Fredericton, on Saturday the SEVENTH day of MAY NEXT at the hour of twelve o'clock Noon, the leasehold lands and premises described in the said Indenture of Mortgage as follows:—All that certain lot, piece or parcel of land situate, lying and being in Block Number Seventeen in the Town Plat of Fredericton aforesaid and comprising bounded as follows:—Beginning at the point of intersection of the South Western side of Brunswick Street with the North Western side of Westmorland Street in the City of Fredericton, thence from the said point running South Westerly along the North Western side of Westmorland Street aforesaid one hundred and thirteen (113) feet, thence at right angles North Westerly and parallel to Brunswick Street aforesaid one hundred and sixty-four (164) feet three (3) inches, thence North Easterly at right angles and parallel to Westmorland Street aforesaid one hundred and thirteen (113) feet to the South Western side of Brunswick Street aforesaid and thence along the same South Easterly one hundred and sixty-four (164) feet, three (3) inches to the place of beginning, containing one rood and twenty-seven perches more or less, and being part of Lots Number 263, 265 and 267 in said Block Seventeen Town Plat of Fredericton (except as therein excepted).  
Together with all and singular the buildings and improvements thereon and the privileges and appurtenances to the said premises belonging, or in any way appertaining, together with the Indenture of Lease relating to the same and all benefit and advantages thereunder. Dated this thirty-first day of March A. D. 1910.  
(Signed) E. S. RANNEY MURRAY  
Mortgagee. (L. S.)  
A. J. GREGORY, ESQ.,  
Solicitor for Mortgagee.

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TO LET.—Shop to let on corner of Westmorland and George Streets, formerly occupied by W. W. White, who runs a large grocery business in that place. On account of his business increasing he had to remove to a larger shop for Queen Street. Apply to Fred Quartermain, barber, or Alfred Quartermain, on premises. May be seen at any time. April 12—D21.

### WANTED

WANTED.—A girl for general housework. Must be good plain cook. Apply to MRS. W. J. OSBORNE, Church Street. Mar 30 lw

WANTED.—At once, an experienced saleslady. Apply to G. F. WILKES, Confectionery Store April 6, dtf.

TEACHER WANTED.—Applications will be received by the undersigned, until the 20th instant, for the position of classical instructor in Fredericton High School. Applicant will be male teacher holding grammar school license. Duties to begin next term.  
CHAS. A. SAMPSON, Sec'y.

WANTED.—Three smart boys to sell "The Mail"—D1t

### MUSIC

Miss A. J. Hyde, of Gibson, is ready to instruct pupils in pianoforte organ, violin, mandolin, theory, etc. (Late of Portsmouth, Eng.) April 7, diw.

### FOR SALE

For Sale—House and barn, on aunder St. and property, on King St., known as Hoegg Buildings. Apply to, JOHN PALMER, CO. LTD., Fredericton. d-tf.

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FOR SALE.—House, barn and lot in the Village of Stanley, next below Dr. Moore's residence, also a building lot in Stanley, and one house and two barns and lot in the Village of Gibson, known as the Ruel property, of four acres of land fronting on the main river. This property is a good mill site as there is plenty of land and good shore for rafts of logs in the dry time in summer. Full information by calling on the owner on the premises, Gibson, B. McMeanamin. April 14, diw.

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## FROM THE RURAL DISTRICTS

### UPPER QUEENSBURY.

April 12.—We have had some very chilly weather but so far only a little rain.

Our roads which were in such poor condition for a number of weeks, are now very good again.

D. E. Paum has recently been on a business trip to Fredericton. The maple syrup season was rather short this year, but some of the men engaged in that occupation made quite a lot.

We have had two funerals in this place recently. Mr. Charles Huestis was buried two weeks ago at Bear Island, the funeral service being preached in the Baptist Church here. Mr. Huestis was a highly respected gentleman and is much missed in the community. The remains of the late Mrs. Moses Hallett, of Springfield,

were interred in this place on Sunday last and the funeral sermon preached by our pastor, the Rev. H. A. Rutledge, in the Baptist Church. Miss Hallett was a highly respected lady, and has many friends here who heard of her demise with much sorrow.

Quite a number of our young men left yesterday for Houlton, where they will hire for driving. "We miss the boys very much," the young ladies say.

Mr. Minot Gunter of Millinocket, Me., who has been visiting his many friends in this place and at Bear Island, has returned home again.

Mr. Hanford Watters of Williams-town, Carleton Co., is now a guest of Mr. Ira Hagerman.

Messrs. Ward and Ernest Hagerman have finished sawing wood, and wood-splittings are the order of the day now.

### ODD ITEMS.

During a furious storm in Paris a janitor was struck on the shoulder by a small but heavy tin box which had fallen from an upper story of a house in the Rue de l'Ouest. The box was found to contain \$6000 in gold and notes. It was claimed at the police station by an elderly woman, who said that the money constituted her entire savings, which she had hidden by tying the box to the drain pipe outside her window.

Daniel Moore of London, N. H., has just finished harvesting his 53rd annual crop of maple sugar.

A conductor on the Great Western railroad of England has retired after 50 years of service, and it is estimated that during that time he traveled 3,370,000 miles.

A black cat, probably chasing a mouse, put the big organ of the new Second Reformed Church of Jersey City temporarily out of commission yesterday and as a result there was no organ accompaniment to some of the numbers arranged for the third annual concert of the Hudson City Branch of the Young Women's Christian Association given last night.

The cat was born in the church but this is its first experience in exploring the interior of the organ. It is known to be inside the instruments, for its voice can be heard coming from the organ, whose own voice it has silenced. No one knows how to get it out, and the builder has been sent for to do the work.