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THE SCHOOL BOOK FARCE

The Tory editors, who have found so much to say in praise of the financial statement recently issued by the Flemming Government seem to have devoted very little attention to the school book department which is presided over by that eminent land dealer, Mr. A. Duncan Thomas of this city. As usual this department shows a balance on the wrong side of the ledger, but is not quite as large as the deficit of last year. In 1911 the expenses were \$18,853.81 and the receipts from the sale of school books amounted to \$16,209.05, leaving a deficit of \$2,644.76. Last year there was paid out the sum of \$17,465.80 while the receipts dropped off to \$15,613.15 making a deficit of \$1,852.65. What proportion of the receipts are in the form of protested drafts will probably not be known until the Auditor General's report is brought down in the House. We will probably be told in explanation of the deficit, that larger quantities of school books remain stowed away in the basement of the departmental building or are in the hands of vendors. This story has been made to duty every year since the school book policy was inaugurated and is getting to be considerable of chestnut. Regardless of whether or not there were school books on hand at the beginning of 1912, the outlay and deficit for the year were nearly as great as during 1911. No one will deny that there has been a reduction in the price of school books but it has been a case of rolling Peter to pay Paul. The outside concerns which supply the book to the government have an easy thing of it, the vendors get along with a starvation profit, and the amount of the yearly deficit is made good from the provincial treasury.

DEVELOPMENT OVER NORTH

The members of the present local government strongly condemned the late administration for granting financial assistance to the International Railway which connects Campbellton with St. Leonards. Now that the road is completed and the predictions made by Hon. Dr. Pugsley in regard to the development of the country to be served by it are being fulfilled, what are the Flemmingites doing? They are hunting up names for the villages that are springing up along the line and would you believe it, three of them have been saddled with such cognomens as Hazen, Flemming and Grimmer! The political jackdaws now in control of the affairs of this province certainly do take delight in strutting about in borrowed feathers. They are anxious to make it appear that they had some hand in opening up the rich northern section of this province when as a matter of fact had they had their way there would have been no International Railway today. The International Railway today. The International Railway is a monument to the foresight of Hon. Dr. Pugsley, the gifted statesman who represents St. John in the Dominion Parliament.

Toronto Globe:—Mr. F. E. Smith, M.P., says he will "fight his battle for Canada." He means that the English Tories will try to impose food taxes on the people of Great Britain on the ground that Canada wants them as a bribe to remain within the empire. There never was a more fantastic mis-statement of Canada's position.

The C.P.R. does not always believe in buying Canadian-made goods. Recently it placed an order with the Lackawanna Steel Company, an American concern, for ten thousand tons of steel rails.

The Canadian Bank of Commerce has outstripped all Canadian banks in growth during the past decade. Ten years ago its stock was quoted at 160 and today it is worth 220.

INTERESTING LAWSUIT
IN SACKVILLEA Young Man Failing to Marry Daughter
Is Sued for Meals and Lodging

The case of Estabrooks vs Campbell, which recently occupied an entire day in the Sackville Police Court, before Police Magistrate Doull and a jury, while being an action for food and lodging supplied defendant, was one in fact throughout a great deal in the nature of a breach of promise suit.

The plaintiff sued the defendant for food and lodging, driving and sundry services furnished at his residence in the Parish of Sackville during periods extending off and on from 1909 to 1911. The evidence developed that the defendant, while a surveyor in a portable saw-mill made the acquaintance of the plaintiff's unmarried daughters and seems to have bestowed his attentions intermittently upon one and then the other, generally visiting the home of the plaintiff on a Saturday evening and remaining over Sunday as the spare chamber guest on these occasions. Either his suit was unsuccessful or his ardour had cooled, since later these two young ladies had become the wives of other parties and the defendant himself has chosen a helpmate elsewhere. But the plaintiff, evidently not satisfied, sued the defendant for board and lodging and other benefits extended to the defendant during the period he was paying his amours.

The evidence of the plaintiff and his wife was attacked and largely met by the defence, through the production of correspondence between the plaintiff and the daughters of the plaintiff during the period of courtship, which went to show that the defendant was at all times an invited and welcome guest at the home. The contents of these letters afforded the spectators considerable amusement, and even the sober-countenanced jurymen relaxed into smiles. "Come home when they are done sawing, dear kid," addressed to the defendant at Harcourt was reckoned by the defence as a fairly pressing invitation, and "Ma says to tell you that she is keeping a duck for you," seemed to indicate that at that date at least, the defendant was not without favor in the eyes of his prospective mother-in-law. "Mother sends her love to you," was another expression of esteem which the plaintiff's wife repudiated in court in no uncertain tones. A picnic dinner at Cape Tormentine, while amounting to only a small charge, received a great deal of attention. The defendant admitted the superior quality of the cookery but he little thought that later the feast was to occupy the attention of a jury.

The jury, after due deliberation, returned through their foreman, Mr. Francis Siddall, a verdict of "no cause of action."

Raleigh Trites appeared for the plaintiff and G. R. McCord for the defendant.

BIG FIRE RAGING IN
SPRINGHILL MINE

Springhill, Sept. 27—Fire broke out in No. 3. slope of the Cumberland Railway and Coal Company at Springhill on Christmas night, and it has been burning since. The management are fighting the fire by walling up the slope by shutting off the air. This work is expected to be completed by tomorrow.

The origin of the fire is a matter of conjecture, but the general opinion is that it started from an overheated revolving drum. It spread with great rapidity. There was no loss of human life, but five horses were burned to death.

The fire throws 150 men engaged in this section of the mine out of work. Operations in other parts of the colliery are progressing as before. When the fire will be extinguished by the wall is not known. It may be a long time but there is no doubt it will eventually be overcome. The company were preparing to open a new slope and the fire may hasten this work.

Mr. H. F. S. Paisley, Ottawa, correspondent of the Regina Leader, is spending a short time at his home at Sackville.

According to a statement published by the Standard the receipts from the sale of game licenses last year totalled \$51,015.09 an increase of \$12,342.42, over the previous year. This is a little puzzling in view of a statement recently made by the deputy surveyor general that fewer licenses were issued in 1912 than in 1911. If fewer licenses were issued how comes it that the receipts increased by more than \$12,000? It certainly looks as if some juggling had been done with the accounts. What explanation has the Standard to offer?

STOCK MARKET

(By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., 550 Queen Street, Fredericton, N.B.)

New York, Dec. 30—Wall Street is beginning to take a somewhat keener interest in the question of the next cabinet but this is largely of an academic kind for the immediate future. It is as well, however, that the financial community should recognize a certainty that politics will soon become an important, even if it does not become a predominating factor in financial affairs. Fundamental conditions affecting business at large remains essentially sound and with only normal political interference the coming year should be a very prosperous one.

The stock market, however, will await developments and the interpretation of these big leading financial leaders. Holiday influences will very largely prevail today and tomorrow and probably during the remainder of the week.

	Open	Noon
Copper,	75½	76
Smelters,	72	72
Atchison,	104½	105
Brooklyn,	91½	91
C.P.R.,	257½	257
Great Northern,	129½	129½
Lehigh Valley,	165½	165½
Northern Pacific,	120½	120½
Reading,	166	166
Union Pacific,	158½	158½
U. S. Steel,	66½	66½

PREPARING FOR THE
PANAMA SHOW

San Francisco, Cal., Dec. 28—The directors of the Panama-Pacific International exposition today opened bids for the construction of Machinery Hall, which it is claimed will be the largest exhibit palace ever built. The structure will have a floor area of more than eight acres and will have a length equal to several ordinary city blocks. Great columns, 60 feet in height and 6 feet in diameter, will face the building on all sides. Surmounting the columns will be allegorical figures representing epochs in mechanical history. It is proposed to break ground for the building next Wednesday, when a program of exercises appropriate to the occasion will be carried out.

GOOD CHRISTMAS TRADE

Speaking of the big Christmas business done last Saturday, Monday and Tuesday, Mr. Alexander Murray told a representative of The Mail that since he has been in business his firm has never handled so much goods as they did in the three above days and that the firm of A. Murray & Co. of which he is head did a splendid trade far surpassed any year since they have been doing business. Mr. Murray said that his clerks worked like beavers and everything was very satisfactory.

The Boston confectionery Store also did a rushing business Christmas eve and the two days previous. It was their second Christmas business in Fredericton and it was much larger than a year ago.

Wanted

WANTED—Two dining room girls Apply to QUEEN HOTEL
6, week, Jan. 4.

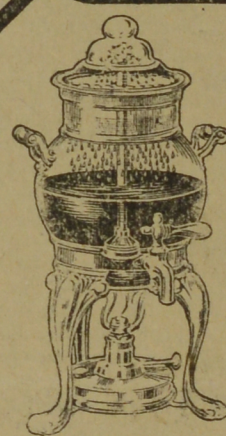
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