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# The Daily Mail

THE WEATHER.  
Maritime — Fair today, then fresh to strong easterly to southerly winds, with snow. Rain by Wednesday morning, rising temperature.

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## Ministerial Association Against Tammany

**Liquor Interests Said to be Dominant-- Support to Candidate to Oppose P. A. Guthrie Promised by Resolution --Association Welcomes Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald Back to New Brunswick**

The Fredericton Ministerial Association held its regular meeting yesterday at St. Paul's Manse. There was a large attendance of clergymen of the city and vicinity. The Association passed a very important resolution with regard to the present political situation in York and practically promised support to a candidate who would oppose P. A. Guthrie, government candidate now in field. The resolution expressed a desire for opposition to "Tammany."

The resolution, which was passed unanimously, was as follows:

"That the Fredericton Ministerial Association views with abhorrence the conditions which have given the liquor interests so dominant a place in the present political situation and would view with satisfaction the nomination of a candidate who would represent that element of the electorate opposed to 'Tammany' rule."

CREATED MUCH COMMENT.

The Association's action in passing the resolution has created much comment about the city. It is generally recognized that it reflects the opinion of the respectable element of the people of this section.

WELCOME DR. MACDONALD.

The Association also passed a resolution welcoming back to this province Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald, former pastor of the Brunswick Street United Baptist church in this city, who has resigned the pastorate of the McPhail Memorial Baptist church, Ottawa, to accept the editorship of The Maritime Baptist at St. John.

The resolution was moved by Rev. Dr. W. H. Smith and seconded by Rev. R. J. Colpitts of Keswick Ridge and was as follows:

"That this Association expresses its appreciation of the acceptance by Rev. Dr. J. H. MacDonald of the editorship of The Maritime Baptist and welcomes him to the work and wishes him every success in his new sphere of labor."

INTERESTING PAPER.

There was also an interesting paper by Rev. A. F. Newcomb, pastor of the Brunswick Street Baptist church, the subject being "Evangelism in the Modern Church."

## B. F. SMITH EX-M. P. P. ON THE POTATO EMBARGO

(Hartland Observer)  
Last week B. F. Smith is reported by the Montreal Star to have told that paper that St. John Valley farmers are not, and will not, be affected at all as regards prices through the American embargo on potatoes. This is the most amazing statement that has come from Mr. Smith since his 1911 campaign speeches. Why, it is barely a month since this gentleman stated at a meeting of potato shippers in Woodstock that the United States was the only market, and at that time he was no less eager for the chance to ship to American consumers than were all the other shippers.

No doubt he will say there is some mistake in the report; and even his worst enemy must be charitable enough to agree Mr. Smith did not intend to convey what the Star says he said. The embargo has not affected prices? No one living in the St. John Valley can believe that

## NARROW ESCAPES WHEN ST. JOHN METROPOLE BURNED

**Eighty Men Occupying the Shelter Barely Escaped With Their Lives--Building Totally Destroyed--Loss Estimated at \$25,000--Adjutant Cummins Had Narrow Escape**

St. John, Feb. 4.—Fire which started at 12.40 last night and burnt out the whole interior structure, mostly woodwork, of the Salvation Army Metropole, turning nearly eighty persons, ill-clad and half smothered with smoke, into the streets, raged furiously till the whole building was destroyed, leaving only the walls standing, in spite of all the force from the hydrants in the vicinity and the whole fire apparatus of the departments.

One man who escaped barely with his life from the flames was seen clothed only in a newspaper and most of the others had miraculous escapes. Many of them turned out into the cold night after being with difficulty awakened from their sleep, found shelter in the police station. Others were taken into neighboring houses. Many were dragged out from the building through the broken windows in a state of semi-consciousness and painfully cut in their passage to safety.

Adjutant Cummins, who was in charge, Mrs. Cummins and their family of four children also escaped narrowly.

WHOLE BUILDING IN FLAMES.

Immediately after the smoke was detected the woodwork of the interior of the shelter at the back caught fire rapidly and flames soon burst from the roof and windows. Later, in spite of the desperate efforts of the firemen, the fire still made strenuous headway till the whole building, rear and front, presented one mass of flame.

Adjutant Cummins lost all he possessed and had even to borrow a pair of socks. There was a heavy insurance.

Although officials of the Army could not estimate the loss accurately this morning, it is believed that the entire loss will amount to between \$20,000 and \$25,000.

### PROBLEM FOR MR. DAGGETT

To the Editor of The Mail:

Dear Sir:—The farming community of the province should have an explanation from The Deputy Minister of Agriculture regarding the present embargo by the United States against the Canadian potatoes which he calls a blessing in disguise. The farmers are at a loss to know what Mr. Daggett means. To the writer it seems that the meaning is that the New Brunswick Farmer will get about half-price for his potatoes during the present year. I would like to ask the Deputy Minister if the government were to cut his salary in half if he would think it a blessing in disguise?

YORK COUNTY FARMER.

WON SPECIAL PRIZE

Mr. J. E. Giles won the ten dollar gold piece at the Queen Hotel Bowling Alley for the highest string made during the month of January. He had a pin-fall of 122.

Mr. R. P. Allen, editor of The Mail is seriously ill with erysipelas at his home on St. John street. It will be some time before he will be about.

## NEW YORK'S CHARITY BALL

New York, Feb. 3.—In the name of charity, society will don its prettiest frocks and dance to its merriest tunes next Thursday evening at the Waldorf-Astoria. With the comfortable assurance tucked away down in the heart that a worthy deed is to be performed in a manner infinitely agreeable to the dispenser of charity, the average society person will start out for the ball in a heavenly frame of mind of complete satisfaction with himself and his neighbor, which in itself is a sure guarantee of the pleasant evening which invariably is experienced on these occasions.

For upwards of half a century the Charity Ball has been one of the leading features of New York's social season. During the whole of this long period the proceeds of the entertainment have been devoted to the needs of the Nursery and Child's Hospital, one of the oldest organizations in New York. The ball this year promises to be as brilliant as any of its predecessors. It is hoped that the President's wife and daughters will come on from Washington and there will be present officers from Governors Island and the navy yard, who, with their uniforms, always add to the brilliancy of the occasion.

## TO TRY WOMAN FOR KILLING HUSBAND

New London, Mo., Feb. 3.—Preparations are being made for the trial here this month of Mrs. Mary England, who is under indictment on a charge of murdering her husband, Harry England. The case was brought here on change of venue from Hannibal. It is said that the woman's plea will be self defence.

## MEETING OF OKLAHOMA FARMERS

Muskogee, Okla., Feb. 3.—The second annual meeting of the Eastern Oklahoma Agricultural Association began here today with an attendance of delegates from many counties. The proceedings will be continued and concluded tomorrow.

## REACTION IN STOCKS

**Unfavorable Reports Yesterday Caused Appearance of Weakness**

**Moderate Change of Sentiment Would Help Situation to Very Considerable Extent**

New York, Feb. 3.—Yesterday's unfavorable news influences were coincident with an impaired technical position resulting from the heavy short covering and the material expansion of speculative activity in recent sessions. The result was an appearance of greater weakness than had been apparent for a month past. It had long become obvious, however, that the market had reached a plateau of activity where, in the nature of things, reactions would be more frequent. Unfavorable news accompanied by declining prices always shifts attention from the more pleasing to the unfavorable aspect of affairs, so that it is not surprising that there should be talk of unfavorable business and present conditions in the light of the December railway returns and the outcroppings of radical views in congress. A moderate change of sentiment at present should help rather than hurt the market in the long run, as it would check over-speculation and foster a needed short interest.

(Quotations by J. C. Mackintosh & Co., Bankers and Brokers.)

	Open	Close
Copper .....	76 1/2	76 1/2
Smelters .....	68 1/2	68 1/2
Atchafalca .....	99	99
Brooklyn .....	91 1/2	91 1/2
C.P.R. ....	218 1/2	218 1/2
Great Northern .....	132 1/2	132 1/2
Lehigh .....	154 1/2	154 1/2
Pennsylvania .....	113 1/2	113 1/2
Reading .....	168 1/2	168 1/2
St. Paul .....	106 1/2	106 1/2
Union Pacific .....	163	163
U.S. Steel .....	65 1/2	65 1/2
Sales to 11 a.m., 145,000 shares.		

## MEMORIAL OF HEALING MARTYR

New York, Feb. 3.—In St. Patrick's Cathedral and in many other Catholic churches in this city there was observed today a quaint annual custom, which has been handed down through many centuries, commemorating the miracles in healing throat diseases, wrought by St. Blasius, or Blaise, bishop and martyr. St. Blasius was bishop of Sebaste, a city in Lesser Asia, and during his retirement in the hills near the city he attained such a degree of sanctity that he was enabled to cure ailments of the throat merely by the laying on of his hands. He suffered martyrdom in the year 316 in the reign of Diocletian. On his name day the faithful still flock to the church to invoke his aid in securing relief from maladies of the throat. The ceremonies consist usually in holding two lighted candles in the form of an angle about the throat of the afflicted person while the priest repeats a brief ancient Latin formula, in which the aid of the saint is invoked in preventing or curing the malady.

## HONOR VETERAN THEATRICAL MANAGER

Chicago, Ill., Feb. 3.—Despite his protests that February 3 was not the anniversary of his birth and that he was still on the sunny side of threescore and ten, Will J. Davis, the veteran theatrical manager, was showered with congratulations today and tendered a banquet by his friends in honor of his "seventieth birthday." Mr. Davis is a native of Michigan and has been prominent in theatrical circles since 1887. He has controlled a number of leading theatres in Chicago and New York and was one of the owners of the Iroquois Theatre in this city when it was burned during a matinee performance and more than six hundred lives lost.

## GRONDIN CASE BEFORE COURT TODAY

**ROBLIN IS  
BEING BOOMED**

**High Commissioner-ship Believed to be Office For Him**

**Has Been Prominent in Conservative Party For Past Fifteen Years--His Qualifications**

Winnipeg, Man., Feb. 3.—Friends of Sir Rodmond P. Roblin, premier of Manitoba, believe that he will undoubtedly be named to succeed Lord Strathcona as high commissioner in London, providing a provincial premier is to be selected for the honor. Sir Rodmond is regarded as unusually well qualified for the important post. He is a man of wonderful energy and activity and has had years of experience in public affairs.

In his early career in public life Sir Rodmond was identified with the Liberal party, but, becoming dissatisfied, took the other side. In 1899 when the Greenway government was defeated, he was given a place in Hugh J. Macdonald's cabinet and succeeded to the leadership of the party when Mr. Macdonald retired the next year. He has now held the premiership continuously for nearly fourteen years. Since taking office he has had some hard problems to solve. He first took up the transportation problem and handled it in a manner to win popular approval. Again, for years past he attracted the attention of all Canada by his fight for the extension of Manitoba's boundaries, from which campaign he emerged victorious. Premier Roblin was a most determined opponent of reciprocity and delivered a series of speeches against it in the last federal campaign.

## BROTHERS FACE TRIAL FOR MURDER

Scranton, Pa., Feb. 3.—The most important case to come up at the term of court which convened here today is that of Antonio and Frank Viola, who are under indictment for the murder of Philip La Rosa at Nay Aug on December 14 last. Antonio Viola confessed to having killed La Rosa when he was arrested in New York shortly after the crime. It is said that in his confession he implicated his brother, Frank Viola, but the latter maintains that he knows nothing of the crime.

## FISHERMEN FEEL LOSS OF RECIPROCITY

Ottawa, Feb. 2.—The development of the Maritime Provinces through aids to transportation and improvement of facilities for the fishing industry in Nova Scotia, especially, was urged upon the government today by members from the east. Branch lines for the Intercolonial, better shipping connection between the fish ports of the Maritime Provinces and the great American market which has been opened by the Underwood tariff, refrigeration accommodation on boats and railways and the improvement of harbor facilities at fishing ports were all pressed strongly upon the government.

The debate was precipitated by a resolution offered by Mr. Sinclair of Guysboro, asking the House to declare that "the question of improving the means of transportation of fresh fish between the Maritime Provinces and the United States should receive the early attention of the government."

**Poisoning Mystery at Los Angeles Has Reached trial stage --Husband on trial and His Wife who is Dead, Belonged to Waterville, Me. --Suicide Theory Followed at First--Curious Circumstances**

Los Angeles, Cal., Feb. 3.—The Grondin case, one of the most baffling cases of alleged murder with which the police of Los Angeles have had to deal in a long time, was given its first airing in court today, when John H. Grondin was arraigned for a preliminary hearing on a charge of having murdered his wife by poison. The hearing was a necessary formality incidental to holding the accused husband to await the action of the grand jury. Meanwhile both sides are going forward with preparations for what promises to be one of the most sensational and hardest fought legal battles in the court records of this county.

Mrs. Grondin was found dead on October 30 last and it is now learned that an investigation into the circumstances of her death was begun a few weeks later. But it was not until January 24th that the husband was taken into custody and a charge of wife murder laid against him.

NATIVES OF WATERVILLE, ME.

Both the accused and his alleged victim were natives of Waterville, Me., and lived in the State of Maine from the time of their marriage until a year ago, when they removed to Los Angeles because of Mrs. Grondin's health. John H. Grondin attended school in Waterville and for some years was employed by a publishing firm in that city. Later he studied medicine and then attended an embalming school in New York. Mrs. Grondin, who was twenty-one years of age, was the daughter of George A. Daviau, a druggist of Waterville. After their marriage the couple resided for some years in Lewiston, Me. Two children were born, both of whom are now with the parents of the accused husband in Waterville.

MYSTERIOUS NOTE.

When Mrs. Grondin was found dead Grondin made public a note which, he said, had been written by his wife, and left as an explanation of her alleged suicide. It contained an admission of infidelity and the hope that he would be happy with "the woman who truly loved him." The coroner's jury that investigated Mrs. Grondin's death (Continued on page five)