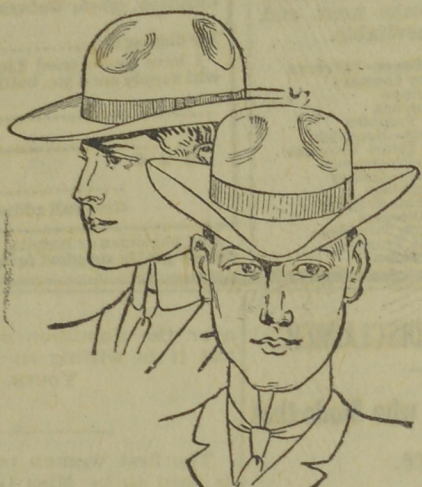
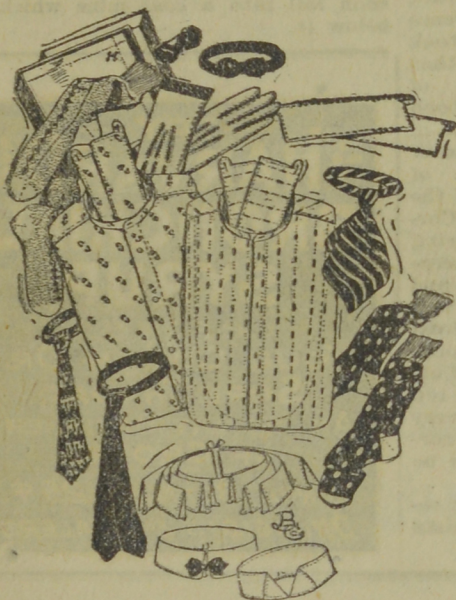


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DRUNKENNESS AT TRURO.

Clergymen and Others Putting up Agitation Against Liquor Interests,

AND WANT BETTER ENFORCEMENT OF THE LAW.

Truro, April 17.—(Special.)—There will probably be a big fight here against the liquor interests. All the city clergymen spoke last night of what they had seen of drunkenness on Truro streets. They claimed they saw sixty drunken men a few nights ago, and they demand an investigation. An agitation has been begun for better enforcement of the law. At a mass meeting the ministers denounced Premier Murray for appointing Mr. Walters as inspector, alleging that he favors liquor men. Five hundred people have signed a petition asking for better enforcement of the law.

MR. ROGERS IS RETICENT.

Nothing to Say About Repeal of School Settlement

Winnipeg, April 17.—(Special.)—Hon. Mr. Rogers was asked today if there was anything in the report that the legislature would be called to repeal the schools legislation of 1897. He replied that he had no answer to make at present. It seems to be taken for granted in government circles that the house will be called, and, as one close follower of the government said, "If Laurier and his friends want a further bout with Manitoba, give it to them, and see who will come out second best. The idea, I understand, is to repeal the legislation and then appeal to the country, forcing the hand of the lieutenant governor in the matter of dissolution." There is said to be considerable difference of opinion between Messrs. Rogers and Roblin on the question of dissolution. Mr. Rogers is now sole dictator of The Winnipeg Telegram, which has recently voiced editorial opinion very much at variance with Premier Roblin's previous utterances and actions on school matters.

JAPS CAPTURED COLLIERS.

Watchful Togo Making it Unpleasant for Russian Fleet.

HEALTH OF ROJESVENTSKY'S MEN IS EXCELLENT.

Saigon, French Cochinchina, April 17.—(Special.)—The Japanese have captured a large number of colliers off the coast of Cochinchina. Six men, supposed to be Japanese, landed some days ago at Cape St. James, near here, from a junk, and after a brief stay re-embarked. A number of Russian warships are anchored in Kamranh Bay, where they are re-equipping. The Steamer Eridon, which was purchased by a local French firm, sailed yesterday evening with a full cargo of provisions for the Russian squadron. The health of the Russians is good. Only eight deaths from disease have occurred since their departure from Europe, the effective force totalling 18,000 men. Russian officers suffering from beri beri, are in hospital here. Other sick men who were brought here were removed to the hospital ship, Orel. The report that there were men on board is unfounded, there has been fighting.

AN OLD JAIL BIRD.

Burglar Sent to Penitentiary Has Spent 12 of Last 18 Years Behind the Bars.

London, Ont., April 17.—(Special.)—Police Magistrate Love this morning sentenced John Doyle, burglar of two weeks ago, to a term of seven years in Kingston Penitentiary. He was sentenced on two charges, for house breaking and also for carrying a loaded revolver, which he drew upon a police constable. Down to the time of his last arrest, of the last eighteen years, Doyle has spent twelve years in jail.

THE STOCK MARKET. FINANCES REORGANIZED.

Not Much Change in Leading Lines Since Saturday.

Montreal, April 17.—(Special.)—The stock quotations this morning were: Dominion Coal, 79½, 79, 79½; Dominion Iron and Steel, 24, 24, 24½; Dominion Iron and Steel, pfd, 69, 69, 69½; Nova Scotia Steel, 64, 64 1-8, 64 5-8; C. P. R. 154, 154, 154; Twin City, 118½, 119½, 119½; Montreal Power, 92, 92½, 92; Ontario and Rich. Nav., 76½, 76½, 76½.

Montreal, April 17.—(Special.)—A special meeting of the Dominion Coal Co., was held this morning, and a re-organization plan for the finances was adopted. Under this plan \$7,000,000 of 35 years five percent bonds were authorized to be issued, \$5,000,000 of which will be issued at once. The new bonds are underwritten 35 per cent. by directors, and the remainder by the banks. The bonds may be redeemed out of the sinking fund after 1910, at 105 interest. Preferred stock will be redeemable after five years at \$125.

WELCOME TO THE BISHOP.

Rt. Rev. Dr. Casey Given an Enthusiastic Reception at St. John.

COMPEIMENTARY ADDRESS AND GENEROUS PURSE FOR HIS LORDSHIP.

His Felicitous Reply.

Unbounded enthusiasm on the part of his people, says The St. John Telegraph, marked the reception to His Lordship Bishop Casey, who returned on Saturday evening from his trip to Rome and his tour to the Holy Land and part of Africa and Europe. The public welcome at the railway station, and along the streets was a notable tribute. From the moment that His Lordship stepped from the train, until he entered the palace, prior to the Te Deum in the Cathedral, he was kept busy acknowledging the plaudits. Cheers and band music mingled. The interior of the station was thronged. Outside were thousands more. Up Mill street hill and curving around into Union st., people three and four ranks deep lined the route of the procession.

The various societies were good to look upon, and the bands were pleasant to see and to hear, but it was not until the barouche containing the bishop appeared in sight, that the ovations commenced. He was obviously much touched by the warmth of the demonstration. So dense was the throng, especially near Union street, and so narrow the space left for the procession, that between His Lordship's carriage and the spectators were but a few feet.

The train was scheduled to arrive at 6.40 o'clock, but was delayed about half an hour. As it entered, the band played "Home, Sweet Home," and there was a general movement towards the cars. The bishop's coach was the last one, and it had hardly stopped before the crowds were surging around it, and as His Lordship appeared on the platform, to be greeted by the local Roman clergy, there were cries of "There he is," and a more determined rush towards the car.

Very Rev. Fr. Chapman had met His Lordship with Father White on his left, and Rev. Father Maloney on his right, and escorted by the other clergy, then walked to the front of the station and entered a barouche, after which the procession was made up of the various Catholic societies with the city cornet and 62nd regiment bands.

As the procession neared the cathedral the pealing of the chimes as they rang out Home Sweet Home sounded joyously. As the head of the parade reached the palace, lines were formed to the main door. Then, as the bishop's barouche drew near, the strains of Home Sweet Home were taken up by the City Cornet band and His Lordship, preceded by the Hibernian Knights, drove through the lines of society men, back of whom pressed hundreds of the congregation. To right and left he had been continually acknowledging the people's salutations en route, and so it was to the door of the palace. Here the Hibernian Knights were drawn up as Bishop Casey alighted. Rev. A. W. Meahan, in cassock and surplice, met him at the foot of the steps and escorted him into the palace, where in the great hall the altar boys were drawn up in lines. The societies marched to the church and took seats, and the public followed until the vast space was thronged with people, who took places while Home Sweet Home and Home Again were played by the organist, I. J. D. Landry.

After resting a little in the palace and robing, Bishop Casey and priests preceded by Rev. Father Holland as cross-bearer and the altar boys, marched to the main entrance of the cathedral, and thence to the sanctuary, the bishop bestowing his blessing on the people as he passed. Immediately on entering the sanctuary the bishop led the chanting of the joyous Te Deum, priests and choir taking up the inspiring strains. The Bishop then ascended the throne and was presented with an address of welcome and a purse of \$2,180.

St. John, April 17.—(Special.)—The funeral of the late Thomas P. Pugsley, took place this afternoon, and was very largely attended. Rev. David Long conducted services at the house and grave. The pall bearers were, Alex. McMillan, Percy W. Thomson, Chas. McL. Troop, Dr. S. B. Smith, Jas. U. Thomas Edmund Richie. The Masonic and Orange bodies attended, and there were many floral tributes.

LATE T. P. PUGSLEY.

Funeral this Afternoon Largely Attended.

LACROSSE UNION.

Maritime Association Formed to Include Several Towns.

Moncton, April 17.—(Special.)—A Maritime Lacrosse Union has been organized to include Moncton, Amherst, Truro, Pictou, New Glasgow and Westville. E. M. McDonald, M. P., of Pictou is honorary president.

It will be divided into two sections, the winners to play off for the Maritime championship. Twelve games are to be played.