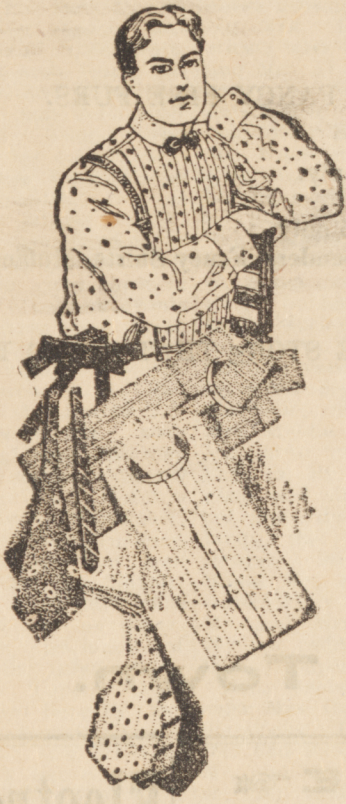


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A Smoking Jacket,
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A Muffler—Scott or Way,
A pair of Suspenders,
A half dozen Handkerchiefs,
A pair of Silk Gaiters,
A pair of Armlets,
A Tie or two,
A suit of Underwear,
A pair of Socks,
A Fur Collar or Cap,
A Felt Hat,
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ST. JOHN ABORTION CASE.

Preston's Preliminary Examination Resumed—Solicitor General Called Camp as Crown Witness.

St. John, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The Preston case was resumed this morning at the police court.

Dr. Roberts was cross examined and Dr. J. H. Scammell told of the operation and Miss Clarke's antemortem statement, saying that Dr. Preston had performed an operation on her and that he warned her that it would be serious.

The solicitor general announced that he would call Howard Camp, who is in prison with Preston, as a crown witness.

Camp's counsel, Dr. A. W. MacRae, objected on the ground that one prisoner could not be called to testify for or against another.

A lengthy argument followed and will be finished this afternoon.

St. John, Dec. 15.—(Special)—In the Preston case this afternoon, Judge Ritchie decided that Camp should go on the stand.

Mr. MacRae, Camp's lawyer, objected and his evidence was taken under protest.

Camp stated that he had known Miss Clarke about five years.

GOVERNMENT INVESTIGATIONS.

Surveyor General Enquiring into Charges in Free Grants and Lumber Law Administration.

Moncton, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Hon. F. J. Sweeney, surveyor general, yesterday held an investigation at the office of the surveyor general, Mr. J. J. Macdonald, against the surveyor general here today as to the returns of sealing of lumber in the counties of Kent, and Northumberland.

The evidence was given under oath. There is no decision yet.

An inquiry is being held by the surveyor general here today as to the returns of sealing of lumber in the counties of Kent, and Northumberland.

C. E. Fish, chief lumber scaler for Northumberland, John Sinclair, lumberman, Cliff Atkinson, lumber scaler of Kent, and others are attending the investigation.

PURE AIR FOR COMMONERS.

Minister of Public Works Taking Measures to Secure Better Ventilation for M. P.'s.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Professor Durlay, of McGill University, and Mr. Kimball, of Boston, have prepared a report on the House of Commons chamber, at the request of Hon. C. S. Hyman.

For many years past members have been complaining of the bad ventilation of the chamber, and the minister of public works determined to remedy this.

It was with this end in view that he called in the experts whose reports show that the exhausts in the chamber are too small. When the exhausts are enlarged, a large fan will be put in as a method of filling the chamber with pure air and when these improvements are put in force, complaints against bad ventilation will disappear.

EMMERSON'S PENSION SCHEME.

Minister Will Put it Through Parliament Next Session—Some of Its Advantages.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Hon. H. R. Emmerson says he intends introducing and putting through a railway pension bill at the next session of parliament.

This will effect a large saving, and will aid in keeping the expenditure

and working expenses within the revenue.

There are 300 old employees who can be placed on the pension list, and it will not be necessary to fill their positions, and when new appointments are made more effective work can be done.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Montreal, Dec. 16.—(Special)—The stock market quotations today were as follows:

Dominion Coal, 75½, 76½.
Dominion Steel, 75½, 76½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, 25½, 25½.
Dominion Iron and Steel, preferred, 73½, 74½.
Nova Scotia Steel, pfd., 67, 67.
Canadian Pacific, 173½, 173½, 173½.
Twin City, 88½, 88½, 88½.
Montreal Power, 70, 89, 89½.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Scott's Town, Que., Dec. 15.—(Special)—Three children were burned to death in a fire at the home of their parents this morning. The parents escaped with the younger children. The victims were aged 11, 8, and 5 years.

St. John, Dec. 15.—(Special)—The strike on the Allan liner Tunisian has no effect, as the work of loading and unloading the ship is going on as usual. Many union men are at work.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Consolidated School at Riverside Inspected by Mr. Kidner.

Mr. Kidner, provincial superintendent of manual training, returned home last evening after a visit of inspection to the new consolidated school at Riverside, Albert county. Mr. Kidner says everything is going along nicely at the new school. Notwithstanding the heavy snow storms in that vicinity the work of transporting the children to and from the school has been carried out without delay. In addition to the school vans many private vehicles from outside districts not in the consolidation are daily bringing their quota of pupils.

The manual training department is splendidly equipped in a well lighted and ventilated class room. The work is exceedingly popular with the boys who take great interest in it. Many of the parents also expressed their appreciation of this new feature of the school work.

THE SASKATCHEWAN ELECTIONS.

Returns Still Incomplete but Enough Known to Make a Liberal Victory Certain.

A NEGRO, FIRST IN CANADA, RETURNED TO NEW LEGISLATURE.

Winnipeg, Dec. 14.—The latest figures in the Saskatchewan elections show thirteen government and ten opposition candidates elected, with two seats in doubt.

GOVERNMENT MEMBERS.

Battleford—A. Champagne.
Batoche—Wm Grant.
Humboldt—Dr. Netley (acclamation).
Lumsden—Hon. W. Scott.
Moosejaw District—K. A. Sheppard.
Qu'Appelle, north—Hon. Wm. R. Motherwell.

Prince Albert city—Hon. J. H. Le-mont.
Regina—George Langley.
Regina, south—Hon. J. Calder.
Rosyth—G. Ens.
Saltcoats—Thos. McNutt.
Saskatoon—W. Sutherland.
Yorkton—J. Garry.

OPPOSITION MEMBERS.

Maple Creek—D. J. Wylie.
Grenfell—Dr. Argue.
Moosejaw city—J. H. Wellington.
Moosemin—Dr. Ellis.
Qu'Appelle, south—F. W. G. Haultain.

Regina city—H. W. Laird.
Souris—J. T. Brown.
Whitewood—A. B. Gillies.
Wolsley—Dr. Elliott.
In doubt—Cannington, Kinishno.

NEGRO DOCTOR ELECTED.

Regina, Dec. 14.—One of the surprises of the provincial campaign is the possible election of Dr. Shadd, the opposition candidate in Kishishno.

Dr. Shadd, if elected, is probably the first negro to obtain a seat in a Canadian legislature.

Regina, Dec. 14.—All returns received so far from the constituencies indicate a remarkable close and strenuous battle for supremacy in the first Legislature of Saskatchewan between the Scott Ministry and the Provincial Rights Party, led by Hon. F. G. Haultain. Owing to the vast territory involved and the isolated sections remote from telegraphic communication early in the new year. This work is for girls and special teachers for the line of work are scarce as yet and the work is thereby much hampered. Miss Outerbridge, a graduate of the Normal department of household science at Sackville, has been engaged to teach this work at the Albert school.

Mr. Kidner also visited the Normal manual training and household science department at Sackville and found much interest being taken in the work there and also good progress being made. He says he hopes to find good positions for most of the graduates of this department during the coming year.

Manual training is making rapid progress in all parts of the province so that it will only be a question of a short time when even the most remote country districts will see the benefits of the work and adopt it as part of their school studies.

The Consolidated school idea is also gaining ground in districts where the scheme can be worked, and considering the practical improvements which are held out by the department of Education there is little doubt that this matter will within the next year be favorably considered by such districts as Burt's Corner and Stanley in this county and several others similarly situated.

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THE GUIDES TALKED.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Tourist Association Thursday, Mr. Adam Moore, of Scotch Lake, and Mr. W. H. Allen, of Penniac, were present by invitation and addressed the gathering.

Mr. Moore said that although the government had netted \$100 more he had lost \$500 during the past season. He did not consider the change good business. The season had been unusually good and there would have been an increase of the revenue in any case. He suggested that Sept. 1 should be made the opening of the season, as it would attract extra visitors. He was in favor of stopping the sale of any part of a moose when the animal was shot for the purpose of making money, but not when killed for sport. He said the moose were now more plentiful in the southern part of the province.

Caribou appeared to be decreasing and drifting off into Quebec. Comparing sport in Maine with that in New Brunswick he estimated that one man in twenty secured a moose across the border and two men out of three in this province. Part-ridges had been very plentiful in June but they had all disappeared.

Mr. Allen of Penniac, read letters from former visitors to the province who declined to shoot last season on account of the license. T. J. Horne, of New York, said he and three friends were going elsewhere because they objected to being bled. The difference of \$80 to the government he said, was depriving the guides and stores of about \$1,000.

Mr. Allen said he had eleven sportsmen this year against nineteen the year before. The principal objectors were the old "stand byes." He thought that no doubt new people would come in time. He would prohibit the sale of big game and would place deer on the free list, as they were increasing. He knew of no better way of advertising than placing a good class of literature before people at a sportsman's show. He hoped the government would send a good exhibit to New York.

LIBERATED.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—(Special)—Ot-tavus T. Tenny, station agent at Dorval, was given freedom today in the charge of manslaughter. Tenny was arrested at the time of the collision of a passenger train with a freight near Dorval in which the engineer was killed.

Not a penny's worth of damaged goods is in our store for sale. M. Fickler & Co. Watch this space.