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THE SPINDLE LEGGERS.

St. John Sun.—The fiery steeds recently purchased by Peter Clinch for the provincial government are still chewing the blue grass of Kentucky, oblivious of the efforts being made to effect their transportation here.

It is understood that the scheme to bring them on via Winnipeg has been abandoned owing to the enormous expenditure that such a course would

entail. They are unable of being shipped through the state of New York owing to the rigid embargo that is in force along the borders of that state so that whether a special dispensation is obtained from the federal government or not, difficulty will be experienced in landing the animals here. Indeed the only hope now held out to those interested in the scheme is that owing to the reported dying out of the disease the embargo will be lifted sooner than expected.

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STAGGERED BY THE BLOW.

One Half of the Population of Sicily is Dead and the other half in Mourning.

Estimated Number of Lives Lost from 50,000 to 100,000.

ROME, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Half the population of Calabria and the eastern part of Sicily are dead and the other half is weeping.

As the great extent of the terrific seismic disturbances become apparent it becomes impossible to exaggerate the horror which have followed them.

The calamity which has overwhelmed Italy is almost beyond the grasp of the imagination not only because of the dead now known to number tens of thousands, but because of the innumerable wounded buried in the ruins, many of whom will perish because it is impossible to rescue them from the wreck of their former homes.

The whole of Italy is absolutely stunned. The bulk of the people are literally demented with the suddenness and extent of the blow.

The total number of victims is variously estimated from 50,000 to 100,000.

When the King and Queen arrived at Messina today touching scenes were enacted as their majesties made their way into the ruined town. The scene of disaster and horror was too much for the Queen, who almost swooned. Crowds of terror-stricken persons, swarmed about the royal party, throwing themselves in the mud and screaming for pity and aid.

Rescuers had to contend with the superstition so deeply rooted in the Sicilian mind that in many instances injured men and women clung to crumbling walls refusing to let go and seek safety.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—Matin's, Naples correspondent says that several torpedo boats were destroyed in the harbor of Messina by the tidal wave incident to the earthquake disaster. The Matin estimates the total number of earthquake victims at 75,000.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The latest news concerning the earthquake disaster from Reggio says that several hundred soldiers and members of the police perished while many others are injured. At Palmi, three hundred bodies have been taken from the ruins, while several hundred more are buried at Segnara.

PALERMO, Dec. 30.—A wrecking train dispatched towards Messina in the hope of aiding the earthquake sufferers, was forced to return here being unable to get further than within 20 kilometres of the stricken city on account of the demolished tracks. The engineer said that all houses along the route showed effects of the earthquake.

PALERMO, Dec. 30.—There was a slight earthquake last evening and it caused a terrible panic. The people invaded the churches and carried out the images of the Saints and sacred vessels and then marched in a procession through the streets, imploring a cessation of the earthquake scourge.

Many are in a state of starvation in Messina. All trains bring refugees by the hundreds from the devastated city.

CONDITIONS AT MESSINA

ROME, Dec. 30.—The Premier has received a telegram from Signor Felice, a deputy of Messina, summing up the situation as follows: "Messina is completely destroyed and razed to the ground. The victims may be numbered by tens of thousands. The conflagration which is still raging is completing the destruction of the city. Salvage implements, firemen and soldiers must be sent instantly. The disaster exceeds the wildest imagination."

News reaching Catanzaro from the outlying districts in Calabria indicate that 35 towns and villages have been wiped out with the number of dead in that district alone exceeding 50,000. The few survivors are mad with terror and have fled to the forest and mountain slopes where they are subsisting on roots and the bark of trees.

The volcano Stromboli, is active and the seas around the island are very dangerous to navigation.

The Pope has telegraphed the archbishop of Palermo, a large sum of money and instructed him to proceed to Messina immediately to help the survivors.

From the latest estimates today it is feared that the total number of victims in Sicily and Calabria will reach more than one hundred thousand, while the damage to property will be several hundred millions.

The flames are still making way slowly over the devastated area in an inexorable advance. Imprisoned human beings unable to extricate themselves are being burned alive, others are dying of their injuries while still others are starving.

CATANZARO, Calabria, Dec. 3.—A report received here early this morning says that the town of Baglioni on the coast to the north of Reggio has been completely wiped out. Fire completed the work of destruction. The report says that all the inhabitants of Baglioni are dead.

McLEOD-MERSEREAU.

Well-known Young People Joined in Matrimony this Afternoon.

The nuptials of Hon. Harry Fulton McLeod, solicitor general of New Brunswick, and Miss Ina Florence Mersereau, M. A., second daughter of Mr. George W. Mersereau, school inspector of Doaktown, were celebrated this afternoon at the home of the bride's brother-in-law, Mr. William J. Scott, this city. Rev. Dr. McLeod, father of the bridegroom, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. J. H. MacDonald, in the presence of about forty invited guests, chiefly relatives and immediate friends of the contracting parties. The bride was attended by her sister, Miss Helen Mersereau, and the bridegroom's niece, Miss Ada Boyer of Victoria Corner, acted as flower girl. Mr. John W. Fairley of this city, was best man.

The ceremony was performed in the hall, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion with green leaves and crimson carnations. Similar decorations were also used in the parlor and dining room.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, was charmingly attired in cream silk veil over cream tulle, with souches and lace trimmings, and carried a bouquet of white roses and lilies of the valley. The bridesmaid was becomingly at-

tired in an empire costume of white organdie with dresden ribbon ribbon sash, and carried a bouquet of pink carnations.

The flower girl was costumed in white silk with trimmings of dresden ribbon, and carried a basket of flowers.

Mrs. Mersereau, the bride's mother, wore a gown of heliotrope satin, trimmed with satin of the same shade and cream point lace.

Mrs. W. J. Scott, the bride's sister, wore taupe silk, trimmed with silk braid of the same color and cream colored lace.

Miss Bessie Everett presided at the piano and at the conclusion of the ceremony played Mendelssohn's wedding march. After the happy couple had received the hearty congratulations of the assembled guests they led the way to the dining room, where a sumptuous wedding repast was served.

The bride, who is a very charming and accomplished young lady, is a graduate of the University of New Brunswick, and for several years a member of the teaching staff of the Kingston Consolidated school. Her popularity was attested by a large number of magnificent wedding presents in silverware, chinaware, cut glass, etc. The bridegroom's colleagues in the local government presented her with a silver tea service and she received a similar gift from the Young Men's Conservative Club of this city. The bridegroom's present was a set of mink furs, his g-

PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

Statement for Last Fiscal Year Shows an Alleged Surplus of \$44,000.

The Royal Gazette issued today, contains the following statement of receipts and expenditures for the fiscal year ending October 31st:

EXPENDITURE.

Administration of Justice	19,770 76
Agriculture	21,987 19
Agriculture Com	1,868 21
Auditor General	2,150 00
Agent-General, London	1,000 00
Appeal—Emmerson vs. Madison	500 00
Boys Industrial Home	800 00
Contingencies	14,800 13
Dishonored Notes—Horse purchases	1,043 73
Exhibitions	9,500 00
Elections	11,460 57
Executive government	34,734 14
Education	238,741 70
Education—U. N. B.	16,094 48
Fish, Forest and Game Protection	19,451 69
Free Grants	240 00
Factory Inspection	848 39
Guarantee Bonds, Gov't Officials	924 30
Historical Society	125 00
Immigration	1,993 30
Interest	232,944 91
Legislative Assembly	28,260 20
Legislative Library	750 00
Mining	7,129 41
Natural His. Societies	600 00
N. B. Rifle Association	300 00
Investigation	1,515 99
Portraits of Governors	1,634 45
Printing	11,968 97
Prohibition Commission	1,842 42
Provincial Hos. Grant	61,208 38
Public Works	228,133 71
Public Health—Provincial Board	1,780 47
Public Health—Small-pox	7,701 69
Public Health—Hospitals	9,700 00
Quebec Battlefields	7,500 00
Refund—Crown Lands	1,332 22
Revisors	1,836 74
Stampage Collection	11,972 04
Superannuation	600 00
Surveys and Inspection	6,524 48
School Books	11,588 87
Succession Duties	1,286 93
Tourist Association	2,500 00
Unforeseen Expenses	3,551 02
Expenditure chargeable to ordinary revenue	51,942,196 4
Late Dep. Surveyor General—Defalcation	18,593 35

Ordinary Expenditure incurred prior to Nov. 1st, 1907, and paid since, charged Funded Debt	215,781 40
Board of Works for permanent bridges, 7 Edw. VII., Cap. 18	172,591 89
Wharves and Grain Elevator, St. John, 56 Vic. Cap. 6	2,500 00
International Railway Subsidy, 54 Vic., Cap. 11	25,000 00
N. B. Coal & Railway repairs, etc., 7 Edw. VII., Cap. 18	28,180 46
Redemption 6 p.c. Deb.	48,000 00
Redemption 4 p.c. Deb.	2,500 00
Treasury Bills due in London 15th Aug., '08	1,387,130 09
Equity Court Withdrawals	9,757 61
Balance	136,956 51
	\$3,089,187 80

RECEIPTS

Balance 31 Oct., 1907	\$65,389 48
Dominion Subsidies	621,360 96
Territorial Revenue	343,292 77
Fees—Prov. Secretary's Office	15,275 41
King's Printer	1,510 80
Liquor Licenses—Province Share	19,689 54
Miscellaneous	3,123 59
Private and Local bills	810,000 00
Probate Court Fees—Surplus	10,000 00
Dominion Government—Refund—Forest Protection G.T. P. Ry.	3,000 00
Succession Duties	32,489 37
Taxes—Incorporated Cos.	34,494 19
School Books	1,691 71
Ordinary Revenue	\$1,086,734 34
London Guarantee & Accident Co., on acct. defalcation late Deputy Surveyor General	5,205 33
Proceeds Treasury Bills, 1908	1,907,888 38
Deposits by Bridge Contractors	3,875 93
Interest—Held to meet payment on Treasury Bills due Feb. 15, 1909	15,798 95
Equity Court Deposits	4,291 39
	\$3,089,187 80

the bridesmaid was a gold locket and chain, to the flower girl he gave ring and to the groomsmen a scarf pin.

The bridegroom is a native of this city and a graduate of the University of New Brunswick. Although young in years, he has already made a name for himself in his chosen profession of the law, and is deservedly popular among his acquaintances. The Herald heartily congratulates him on securing for a life partner such a charming and estimable young lady.

The newly-wedded couple will leave this evening by the nine o'clock train for St. John, and tomorrow they will start on a trip to the Upper Provinces. They will visit Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto, Niagara and Detroit, and will return in about a fortnight, and make their home for the winter with the bridegroom's parents on Charlotte street.

The bride's going away dress is of navy blue broadcloth with hat to match, and she will wear a set of mink furs, the gift of the bridegroom.

THE LAST ROLL CALL.

Homes in City and County Saddened by the Death Messenger.

Mrs. Smith, widow of the late Mr. Moses Smith, died at her home on George street, last night, after one week's illness from paralysis. She was seventy-three years of age, and is survived by a grown up family of two sons and seven daughters. Mr. Samuel, Cook of this city is a brother. The funeral will take place tomorrow at two o'clock, with services by Rev. Canon Cowie. Interment will be made in the Rural cemetery. J. A. McAdam undertaker.

Shore street, died yesterday afternoon after an extended illness. She was at one time employed as a domestic in the family of the late Col. John Allen, grandfather of Mr. T. C. Allen, and was well known and respected. She is survived by one brother, Mr. Henry Grant. The funeral will take place at 3.30 o'clock tomorrow, with services by Rev. Mr. Street, Mr. J. A. McAdam is the officiating undertaker.

The death of Mrs. Gunter, wife of Mr. Charles A. Gunter, occurred at her home at Lower Queensbury, yesterday, aged fifty-three. She is survived by a husband and five children. The funeral will take place on Thursday at two o'clock, J. A. McAdam undertaker.

Mr. George Byn died at his home at Lakeville Corner, on Tuesday after a lingering illness. The funeral will take place at two o'clock on Thursday, with services by Rev. Mr. Peppers. Mr. J. A. McAdam has charge of the arrangements.

Mr. Thos. Hodgson, an aged and respected farmer of New Maryland, died at his home today, Dec. 30th, of the infirmities of old age, aged 79 years. He is survived by a widow, six sons and one daughter, Robin, George, Frederick and Samuel, residing at Fall River, John in Oregon, and Charles in Marysville, and his daughter, Mrs. Chas. Charters, living in New Maryland. The funeral will take place Friday afternoon at one o'clock from his late home, the service being held in the Baptist church, by Rev. A. C. Bell. Interment will be made in Phillips' burial ground. John G. Adams funeral conductor.

Condescending Chappie—I weally can't remember your name, but I've an idea I've met you here before. Nervous Host—O, yes, very likely it's my house.—The Sketch.

The greatest recommendation that can be given the average short story in the magazines is that it isn't very long.—Ohio State Journal.