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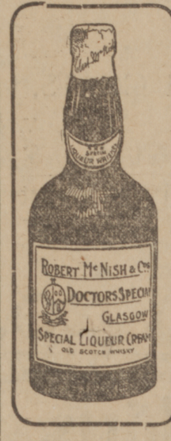
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YORK LOAN HAS ASSETS ENOUGH TO PAY 66 2-3 CENTS

Toronto, Dec. 27—(Special)—A showing of assets that was laid down on paper today will yield to York Loan shareholders a dividend of 66 2-3 cents on the dollar was made today by the staff assisting Examiner Cross, in the special enquiry being held in the office of the York Loan Company.

From the testimony of President Phillips and Miss Hall, the company's bookkeeper, the assets were set down as being $2,040,634, with company liabilities of $3,192,261. Both these figures are mere estimates, although they are official. The assets are placed thus on the contingency that the real estate is worth $1,445,534. The opinion of Joseph Phillips is that the real estate is worth much more than that. The nature of its final liquidation will be the criterion as to its ultimate value as an asset to shareholders.

Long litigation crops up in the combined attitude of Phillips and his counsel today.

The following statement was handed out by the commissioners showing the conditions of the accounts: Amount of liabilities on permanent stock paid for was $8,081,000; amount paid account through withdrawals, maturity to fully paid and forfeited was $5,875,000; liabilities due on terminating stock this date are $2,206,000. This, however, may be reduced somewhat by forfeitures in 1905 which are not charged up.

The books show the loan fund, which represents liabilities of terminating stock less 15 per cent charged expenses fund, $931,108. Amount of loan funds show due is $2,206,000 less 15 per cent, $1,875,000; account is wrong to the extent of about $944,000.

It was shown later that to meet the obligations of the York Loan Company it would have been necessary to earn 17 per cent on the collection from agencies which really were only 78 per cent of the amount of the matured stock. At the same time, while the dividends to be paid would have been nearly $400,000, mortgages held by the company worth $500,000 were paying six per cent while the rental from real estate was swallowed up by the taxes and insurance.

The assets as outlined now may be further increased by the fact that the liquidators in the case of withdrawals will pay only the contract amount while the loan company has been paying 100 cents on the dollar which may mean a saving of some 20 per cent on this one item.

HE WILL LIVE IN MONCTON

A. E. Trites Buys the Oliver Jones Homestead and Will Reside There---The I. C. R. Stamp Theft.

Moncton, Dec. 27—(Special)—A. E. Trites, the well-known railway contractor of Salisbury, was in the city today, and closed with A. H. Jones for the purchase of the Oliver Jones homestead, situated at the corner of Main and Highfield streets, near the I. C. R. depot. The price agreed upon is in the vicinity of $13,000. The Jones place is probably the best residential site in the city, and the price paid is perhaps the largest for a residence and grounds in the history of the city. The place has 100 feet frontage on Main street and 200 on Highfield. The beautiful grounds have been one of the city's attractive spots for years.

The purchaser's intentions with regard to the property is not known, but it is not unlikely that he may take up his residence in Moncton in the near future.

Contractor Trites has been very successful in railway contract work in Maine the last ten years, and it is probable he will shortly retire from active contracting business. He takes charge of the Jones homestead the first of next October. Mrs. Jones, desiring to occupy the place until a new cottage is erected for her.

At the regular meeting of Keith Lodge No. 23 A. F. & A. M. tonight, the following officers were installed by R. W. Bro. Geo. Ackman, D. G. M.; W. M. M. J. Steeves; S. W., G. L. Harris; J. W., G. O. Spencer; Sec. E. W. Givan (P. M.); treasurer, J. W. Whitehead; chaplain, A. Davis (P.M.); S. D., R. H. Munnis; J. D., F. W. S. Colpitts; S. S. Chas. Webb; J. S. Dr. B. F. Reade; guard, Joseph Barton; D. of C., A. J. Tingley; organist, H. G. Perry; tyler, H. A. Johnson.

An effort is being made to hush up the recent exposure of the wholesale stamp stealing from the I. C. R. office. The Transcript tonight charges that during the past twenty years sufficiently numerous cases of missing stamps should have suggested a reform and remedy. It intimates that there is little use of suspending or dismissing clerks so long as the present stamp system in the offices is continued. This is taken to be a semi-official statement that no one is to be punished for the extensive thefts of stamps that have occurred of late. Within the past year $10 and $20 worth of stamps have been stolen at a time from different departments, and rooms and desks have been broken into by thieves to get at stamps. Recently the thieves grew so bold that their identity became known to the officials. Stamps were taken in bulk and sold. One clerk, it is stated, has been pocketing $8 or $10 per week from stolen stamps. The names of the clerks who have been carrying on this business are said to be in the possession of Manager Pottinger, who has reported the matter to Ottawa. Less than two weeks ago Mr. Alward, of the justice department, was here and obtained some facts relating to the thefts.

The thieving has been traced to two or three clerks, whom it seems it is proposed shield.

A SUSSEX WEDDING

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 27—(Special)—Sussex had another society wedding this evening at the home of the bride's parents, when Miss Annie I., youngest daughter of Edward White, was united in marriage to H. A. White, insurance agent. Rev. Scovil Neales performed the ceremony.

The bride, who was given away by her father, was beautifully attired in a silver gray chiffon broadcloth, and wore a bouquet of white bridal roses. At the close of the ceremony refreshments were served, when the happy and very popular couple retired to their future home on Church avenue. The bride received many costly gifts, the groom's present being a piano, also a check from her brother Harry, of Springfield, Ohio.

Hon. P. A. Landry passed through the city yesterday en route to Dorchester from Fredericton.

MOSCOW IS CUT OFF FROM THE OUTSIDE WORLD NOW

Last Night Passed Without News From the Other Capital---Very Serious Situation in Baltic Provinces.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27, 11.36 p. m.—There is no further news from Moscow tonight.

The Associated Press correspondent there succeeded in getting the St. Petersburg bureau by telephone this evening, but he had only uttered the words: "I am going to tell you a horrible story," when he was cut off.

Since then nothing has been heard from the correspondent.

The Seminovsky regiment of Guards was despatched to Moscow by train tonight. This is considered ominous.

St. Petersburg, Monday, Dec. 25, via Eydtkhunen, East Prussia, Dec. 27—W. E. Smith, a well-known American resident of St. Petersburg, who arrived here this morning from Berlin, reports that 8,000 armed insurgents from the Baltic provinces have crossed the railroad between Redjitza and Pskoff, and that the whole country is lighted up by fires from burning residences.

He says that the insurgents, who are well armed, and who have a battery of machine guns, announce that they are "annexing" the region of the "Lithunian Republic." Rich landed proprietors and their families boarded the train at Pskoff with nothing but hand satchels. They told Mr. Smith that they were glad to escape alive.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 27—Following the example of the authorities at Moscow, about half the police of St. Petersburg are now armed with rifles, and the unusual spectacle of policemen with bayonets on their rifles, adds to the public alarm. The Novoe Vremya and the Slovo consider the new election law to be fairly satisfactory. The radical papers on the contrary, as expected, bitterly assail the new election law, the Volva declaring that it is merely a patch on the detested Boulignon scheme by which Premier Witte will attempt to perpetuate his power.

The news from the provinces today shows an alarming extension of the strike. Knovo in Lithuania seems to be absolutely in the hands of the Socialists who have summoned the people to an armed rising and the situation is so serious at Krementchug, in South Russia, that the governor has declared martial law. At Saratoff, in East Russia, wholesale arrests have been made but the strike is extending. At Kieff serious collisions have taken place between the collisions and strikers during which about forty persons were killed or wounded.

The employes of the Southwestern Railroad did not report for duty yesterday and were dismissed. At Tiflis, Causasia, peace has been patched up between the Mussulmans and Armenians. The strike, however, is almost general. The Social-Democrats control the railways.

The situation is really far more serious in the Baltic provinces. Caucasia and other non-Russian provinces where the entire populace is hostile. In the case of the Baltic provinces, it is realized that it may be necessary to practically reconquer them. The first divisions of the first army corps which belongs to St. Petersburg province have begun to arrive here from Manchuria, but they are being dispatched to the Baltic provinces without stopping here.

The employes of the Rizan-Ural railroad struck today.

Several satirical papers have been suppressed and their offices sealed up.

The Bourse Gazette announces that Prince Peter Kropotkin, the famous revolutionist leader, is on his way to St. Petersburg, being free under the amnesty decree, to return to Russia.

It is reported that the strikers this afternoon erected barricades in the vicinity of the Marva Gate.

Another message from Moscow says that during the night the artillery worked at destroying the barricades. The revolutionaists, this message says, are divided into three "armies," the first consisting of 800 men armed with rifles and pikes, is operating between Moscow and Perovo, using the railway which it controls. Artillery and cavalry are being employed against this force. The second "army" is armed especially with bombs and revolvers and is composed of 1,000 persons in which ranks are many women who display not only bravery but ferocity. This force is operating in the region between the Sadovia district and the Jewish market, has many barricades to prevent the passage of troops, is operating in small groups and is attacking patrols. When pressed these revolutionists disappear into alleys and houses. Artillery, cavalry and infantry are used against this body. The third and largest "army" is operating in the region between the Brest railroad station and the Triumphal Gate. It also has many barricades and is engaged in guerilla tactics, making it difficult for the troops to enclose it. Some of the barricades were battered down by artillery, but they were re-erected by the survivors.

The school where the Moscow revolutionary committee held its sessions has been destroyed but the committee managed to escape. The engineers union here has just received news from revolutionary sources at Moscow that the Rostoff Regiment has joined the revolutionists.

PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS

Statement of Receipts and Expenditures of New Brunswick for Fiscal Year Ending October 31.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 27—(Special)—The following statement of the receipts and expenditures of the province of New Brunswick for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31 last, is published in this week's Royal Gazette:—

Expenditure, 1905.

Administration of justice	$ 18,559.85
Agriculture	26,776.03
Auditor general	2,700.00
Agent general, London	2,000.00
Boys' Industrial Home	4,500.00
Contingencies	17,852.77
Deaf and Dumb Institution investigation	783.60
Education	214,442.70
University building	1,000.00
Exhibition (provincial)	5,900.00
Elections	1,733.22
Executive government	22,775.31
Fisheries protection	1,896.67
Free grants	1,157.56
Forest protection	1,000.00
Factory commission	2,813.26
Factory inspector	168.39
Game protection	15,000.00
Guarantee bonds—	
Government officials	870.39
Health, public	1,742.15
Health, smallpox	3,165.52
Health, hospitals	9,000.00
Historical Society	125.00
Immigration	759.79
Interest	156,031.07
Legislative assembly	29,581.70
Mining	2,6 3.50
Natural History Societies	400.00
Provincial hospital	57,764.09
Printing	11,502.49
Public works	223,784.62
Refund crown lands	260.00
Revision statutes	4,832.69
Revisors	1,825 68
Surveys and railway inspection	1,311.85
Stumpage collection	10,000.00
Succession duties, expenses collection	535.00
Superannuation	600.00
Tourist Associations	2,000.00
Unforseen expenses	7,136.82
Total expenditure chargeable to ordinary revenue	874,419.75
Debentures redeemed	$ 80,500.00
Special loan for permanent bridges paid	125,000 00
Public works for permanent bridges	175,000.00
Railway subsidies, advance on bonds	35,202.50
Equity court withdrawals 1902, '03, '04 and '05	90,441.36
Balance	167,801.17
Total	$1,548,364.88

Receipts, 1905.

Balance, 31st Oct., 1904	$5,097.14
Dominion subsidies	491,360.96
Territorial revenue	259,908.98
Fees provincial secretary's office	15,096.66
Private and local bills	379.99
Taxes incorporated companies	31,634.19
Succession duties	42,0.8.02
King's printer	1,276.10
Liquor license (provincial share)	21,739.72
Miscellaneous receipts	2,194.43
Total ordinary revenue	865,637.05
Balance brought down as above	5,097.14
Temporary loan Credit Foncier	550,000.00
Deposit Grand Grand Falls Power Company	40,000.00
Deposit United States Fidelity Company	10,000.00
Equity court deposits 1902, '03, '04 and '05	77,630.59
Total	1,548,364.88

This is the auditor-general's summary required by law to be published in the Royal Gazette.

It will be seen that the balance to the credit of the province on current revenue to Oct. 31, 1904, was $5,097.14. The total ordinary revenue for the year to Oct. 31, 1905, was $865,637.05. These two amounts added together make $870,734.19, which may be regarded as the ordinary current revenue. In addition there were special receipts, the largest item being he amount of a temporary loan borrowed by the province from the Credit Foncier on favorable terms. Of this amount $80,500 was applied toward redemption of maturing debentures; $125,000 was for payment of a special loan for permanent bridges, $175,000 being also applied to the public works department for permanent bridges, while $35,202.50 was also expended on capital account, being the amount of railway subsidies advanced against bonds which the government is authorized by the subsidy act to issue.

The total amount expended chargeable to ordinary revenue is $874,419.75 or $3,685.56 more than ordinary receipts, including the balance of $5,097.14 on hand on Oct. 31, 1904.

It will be noticed that by far the largest items of expenditure are for education, for which the generous sum of $214,442.70 was paid; and public works, $223,784.62, making a total of upwards of $437,000 for these two important services.

The expenditure in connection with the provincial hospital was upwards of $57,000 and agriculture, including exhibitions, upwards of $32,000.

In addition to ordinary expenditures on public works, which include expenditures on roads and bridges, $300,000 was laid out on permanent bridges, this amount including part of the special loan for this purpose.

The territorial revenue is considerably less than last year, the amount received in 1904 was about $296,000, while for the year just closed it was $259,936.98, or nearly $40,000 less, and was also about $16,000 less than the estimate made by the provincial secretary in his budget speech. This falling off of revenue is the result of the reduced lumber cut, owing, no doubt, to the unfavorable conditions in the lumber market which prevailed last winter.

The game receipts show a gratifying increase, but do not make up the reduction in stumpage. As lumbering operations are being carried on with very considerable activity, there is reason to believe the revenue from this source for the current year will be increased. Had the expectations of the provincial secretary been realized in connection with the territorial revenue, he would have had a considerable surplus on the year's operations and the fact that, notwithstanding his disappointment in this particular, he has been able to keep the ordinary expenditure of the year so close to the ordinary revenue, is gratifying to himself as well as his colleagues in the government.

In this connection it may be noted that the province has still been called on to make considerable expenditure in connection with the smallpox, upwards of $3,000 having been paid out under this item in the last year, while the factory investigation was an extra item of expense, and all the public services have been liberally provided for.

A meeting of the council of the board of trade was held yesterday afternoon, and the usual routine business was transacted. An informal discussion took place on the suggestion that the government should be asked to have as much dredging as possible completed before next season, so that there might be facilities for the new C. P. R. boats to come here. No action was taken. The council will not take further steps in the matter of investigating the power at the falls until after the meeting of the common council, at which it is expected the recommendation of the treasury board to grant $400 for the purpose will be confirmed.

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THE BATHURST LIQUOR CASE

Investigation of Charges Against Gloucester License Commissioners Opened Yesterday.

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 27—The investigation into the charges brought against the liquor license commissioners and inspector for the county of Gloucester by the following clergymen of the county, namely, Rev. William Varrily, Rev. Eloi Martin, Rev. James Wheeler, Rev. J. Hugh Hooper, Rev. Richard Opie, and Rev. John Carter, Rev. J. Theop. Allard, Rev. W. E. Sormany, Rev. S. J. Doucet, six of whom are Roman Catholic priests, one an English church clergyman, and the remaining two Presbyterian and Methodist ministers, was begun at the court house here this morning before Hon. Wendall P. Jones, solicitor-general, royal commissioner, to deal with the matter.

Court opened at 10 o'clock, and was adjourned till 2 o'clock on the application of Mr. Mott, who desired to consult with his clients. The petitioners, several of whom were in court, were represented by George Gilbert and N. A. Landry, and the defence by W. A. Mott, of Campbellton, and John J. Harrington.

The hearing is taking place in the court house and much interest is being manifested, judging by the attendance and also the conversation on the subject about town.

The charges are of quite a serious character, the substance of which is that the act is being openly violated with the full knowledge of the commissioners and the inspector, that the inspector is not a fit person to occupy the position, it being specifically alleged that persons licensed to sell at wholesale were selling by retail; that gambling is allowed on the premises; that the inspector will not prosecute on information unless a deposit is made by the applicant to cover costs.

Nine witnesses were examined this afternoon. It transpired that there are only two wholesale licenses in the county, one in the town and one in the village of Bathurst, kept respectively by Jacob White and Angus Kenney.

Charles Williamson, one witness, said, among other things, that White's place was fitted up as a bar, that he had seen people drink liquor there from a glass, and that money was paid. The same was said of Kenney's.

Edward Baldwin said he saw Albert Stewart, the chairman of the commissioners, taking drinks with one Michael Brophy in a building owned by Kenney, about seventy-five feet from his barroom and connected with his dwelling house, and that this building was practically a barroom, and that this happened on a Saturday night after hours.

Albert T. Hinton testified that he had a drink with Stewart in White's place, and that he has known of liquor being sold there by retail for twenty years past.

Mrs. Margaret Ryan, George Windsor, Miller, Frank Melanson, Bennett Hachey and Alfred Doule gave testimony along these lines.

The hearing will be continued tomorrow. A number of witnesses failed to appear, and it was announced by the commissioner that warrants would be issued if they did not turn up tomorrow.

JOHN BURNS' SPEECH

His Ideal is Fewer Workhouses, Smaller Charities, Larger Wages, More Pleasure, Less Drink

London, Dec. 27—John Burns, president of the local government board, made his first public address since his entry into the cabinet, when he opened the election campaign at Battersea tonight. In a characteristically courageous speech, he said his accession to office was the elevation of his constituents to power—the honor was theirs, but the work was for him. He declared that he would pander to no section of the population, but would do his duty for the benefit of the whole community.

Mr. Burns said he had such strong sympathy with all the interests of the working classes that he had no sympathy to spare for the loafers, "cadger," or drunkard. His ideal was fewer workhouses, smaller charities, larger wages, more pleasure and less drink.

He vigorously attacked what he called "Orientalized imperialism," of which Somaliland was the fruit and South Africa the "rotten ripe product." He denounced Chinese labor as being politically dangerous, because it would lead to absolute chattel and slavery.

CHIPMAN

CHIPMAN, Dec. 26—The members of the L. O. L. No. 150 at Briggs' Corner held their annual box social in the Orange Hall, on Christmas evening. Fred H. Fowler acted as auctioneer. The bidding was spirited, some of the boxes realizing $4 and $5 each. The proceeds of the baskets alone amounted to over $37.

The school at Briggs' Corner was taught the last term by Miss Jennie Alward of Havelock. The semi-annual examination was held at close of school. The children were examined in the several branches taught during the term and acquitted themselves in a highly creditable manner. Miss Alward who has tendered her resignation takes with her the good will of the whole community. This school which keeps open the year round is as yet unprovided with a teacher for next term.

The new superior school house erected at Chipman will be opened for the reception of pupils at the commencement of next term.

Mrs. Darrah, the proprietress of the Chipman House, is erecting a very commodious hotel nearby. The building is already boarded in and roof shingled.

Herman Thompson, the young lad of Salmon Creek who got badly kicked in the head by a horse sometime ago, is rapidly recovering and able to walk about the house once more.

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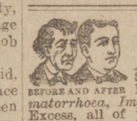
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LECTURE ON PALESTINE

Rev. David Lang Delivered an Illustrated Talk---Santa Claus Came Afterwards.

A very large number of people assembled in the school room of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church last night to enjoy a talk on Palestine by the pastor, Rev. David Lang. It proved most interesting. About sixty views of the scenery of that land with pictures of incidents in the life of our Lord were thrown upon the screen. They were very beautiful and steady. D. R. Jack manipulated the slides.

After the lecture an event of great interest to the teachers and scholars of the Sunday school took place. This was the advent of Santa Claus, who quickly despoiled of their good things the branches of two Christmas trees which were erected on each end of the stage. The presents for the scholars came first. These consisted of toys and bags of candy. There was also a box of candy for each of the teachers and a large one for the pastor. Douglas McRobbie played well the part of the good old saint.

A large number of children and adults gathered last night in St. Mary's church to hear the lecture by the rector, Rev. W. O. Raymond, on scenes in the nativity of our Lord. The lecture, which was illustrated by a large number of slides, was most enjoyable. A number of Christmas carols were sung during the evening and were much appreciated.

ANNAPOLIS

ANNAPOLIS, Dec. 27—The Christmas festival was generally observed by the churches here on Sunday, it being Christmas Eve, special music had been prepared for the occasion, and in some elaborate programmes of music was a special feature of the service. The churches were in most cases tastefully decorated with evergreens and mottoes and presented a very pretty appearance. The sermons were appropriate thoughts connected with the festival.

The Anglican, Methodist and St. Louis Roman Catholic churches also celebrated the festival with a special service on Christmas morning, the latter with high mass and sermon by Rev. Father McKinnon and special music effectively rendered.

On Monday evening an entertainment was given by the Sunday school children of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, assisted by the choir, which drew a large audience, the edifice being filled to overflowing, and all the numbers on the programme successfully carried out.

There were a great many family reunions on Christmas, many arriving from the United States and other points to spend the yuletide among their friends at home.

Walter Belding, of St. John, who has held the position of teller in the Branch Agency of the Bank of Nova Scotia here during the past year, has been transferred to the branch at Digby, and left on Tuesday morning to fill the position. Mr. Belding will be much missed in musical circles in Annapolis, and as choir leader of St. Andrew's Presbyterian church, where, through his efforts, the choir have attained a high state of efficiency.

On Christmas morning Father McKinnon of St. Louis church, was the recipient of a generous donation from his parishioners, amounting to over $100.

SUEING THE CITY

As a result of the death of the late Richard Dooley, who lost his life by the caving in of a sewer on the West Side last spring, Mrs. M. Dooley, the administratrix of the estate of the deceased, has entered an action for unstated damages against the city of St. John through her solicitor, D. Mullin, K. C.

A writ for unstated damages has also been issued against the city by Francis E. Haley, who was badly injured by the same cave in. The writ was issued through D. Mullin, K. C.

It will be remembered Messrs. Dooley and Haley were in the employ of Henry Crawford, who was in charge of laying a water pipe for the city when the accident occurred. At the coroner's inquest, however, it was shown that Crawford had not signed the contract for the work, and the plaintiff in each case claims that the city is responsible.

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450 Central Fish Store, Sydney street.

1568 Crown Life Insur. Co., Robertson & Burleigh, managers, Prince Wm.

1579B Cosman, Miss J. E., residence, Peter street.

1141b Dewitt Bros., produce dealers, Fairville.

1425 Ketchum, Miss A, residence, King street, East.

1494 Lake, J. G., grocer, cor. Elliott Row and Pitt street.

1674 Mowry Safety Nut Co., office Prince Wm. St.

1057 McKechnie Jas., residence, High street.

1151 Watrbury & Rising, office and wholesale, King street.

A. W. McMACKIN, Local Manager.

NOTICE OF ASSIGNMENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, THAT SAMUEL ROMANOFF, doing business in the City of Saint John, in the City and County of Saint John and Province of New Brunswick, dry goods merchant, made an assignment to the undersigned, JOHN A. SINCLAIR, of the City of Saint John, in the Province of New Brunswick, barrister-at-law, on the seventh day of December instant, of all the estate, property and effects and credits of the said Samuel Romanoff, for the benefit of his creditors, without preference, under the provisions of Chapter 141, of the Consolidated Statutes of New Brunswick, 1903, and a meeting of the creditors of the said Samuel Romanoff will be held at the offices of MACRAE & SINCLAIR, the Pugsley Building, Princess street, in said City of Saint John, on Wednesday the twentieth day of December, A. D. 1905, at three o'clock in the afternoon, for the appointment of inspectors, and the giving directions with reference to disposal of said estate, and for the transaction of such other business as shall properly come before such meeting.

And further, take notice, that all creditors are required to file their claims, duly proven, with the undersigned assignee within three months from the date of this notice, unless further time be allowed by a Judge of the Supreme or County Court, and that all claims not filed within the time limited or such further time, if any, as may be allowed by any such judge, shall be wholly barred of any right to share in the proceeds of the estate, and the assignee shall be at liberty to distribute the proceeds of the estate as if no such claim existed, but without prejudice to the liabilities of the debtors therefor.

Dated at St. John, this ninth day of December, A. D. 1905.

JOHN A. SINCLAIR
Assignee.

OBITUARY

Mrs. Lewis R. Mead

Mrs. Lewis R. Mead died Tuesday after a short illness at Byron Hot Springs (Cal.) Mrs. Mead was a cousin of Mrs. W. H. Purdy, of this city, and daughter of the late William Durant, who was quite prominent in the early history of St. John. Deceased left St. John when quite young, but had been here on frequent visits since. Besides Mrs. Purdy there are several more relatives in St. John.

THE SAILORS' TREAT

The annual distribution of comfort bags to the sailors by the ladies' auxiliary of the Seamen's Institute will take place in the Congregational church tonight. All subscribers and friends of the mission are invited to attend. The following programme will be given by the concert party of R. M. S. Parisian: Pianoforte solo, Miss McGaffigan; song, In the Deep, W. Conroy; song (humorous), W. Kerr; song, There's a Land, T. Sanctuary; recitation, Miss Greaney; banjo solo, T. Gittins; bugle calls, Mr. Batty; song, Old Apple Tree, T. Brady; song, Star of Bethelhem, Mr. Jessop; mandolin solo, Miss McGaffigan; song (selected), T. Gittins; selection, by the band; God Save the King.

The chair will be taken by H. C. Tilley and T. Walton will be the accompanist.