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NOTICE OF LEGISLATION—NOTICE IS hereby given that application will be made to the Legislative Assembly of the Province of New Brunswick, at the next Session thereof, for an Act to incorporate "The Congregation of the Hazen Avenue Synagogue." Dated November twenty-first A. D. 1906.
ALEXANDER W. MACRAE,
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FOUND—A GOOD PLACE TO BUY HOSiery. PATTERSON'S DAYLIGHT STORE, corner Duke and Charlotte streets. Store open evenings.

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LOST — TUESDAY NIGHT, BETWEEN Fairville and Welsford, by way of Yorkshire Tavern, a large sheep skin buffalo. Finder please advise 68 City Road. 12-21—2t

LOST — SUNDAY MORNING, ROSARY and crucifix, between Duke street and Lower Cove church. Finder please leave at Times office. 12-20—2t

LOST — MONDAY AFTERNOON, BEtween Chipman Smith's and Macaulay's a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will be rewarded on leaving with MR. EASSON, Bank of Nova Scotia. 12-18- t. f.

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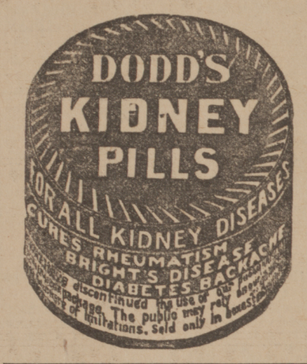
Ottawa, Dec. 21—(Special)—In the supreme court today the arguments in the Cushing Sulphite Company vs. Cushing were concluded, and judgment was reserved. The court then adjourned till the 26th inst., for the purpose of rendering judgments only.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21—The Hotel Brunswick this afternoon was convicted of Scott Act violation and sentenced by Magistrate Kay to pay $200, the alternative being a month in jail. The Hotel Minto comes up before Sitting Magistrate Steeves tomorrow and Hotel Le Blanc, put upon its defence, will also be finished tomorrow.

The invitations are out for the marriage of Miss Sarah Taylor and John Jewett on Thursday, Dec. 27, at the home of the bride, Sheffield (N. B.)

J. L. Eagles, of St. John, M. W. usher Supreme Council, has been invited to attend the annual reunion of the Select Templars of Connecticut at Ansonia (Conn.), on Jan. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Campbell, of 62 Sydney street, were passengers on last night's Montreal express on a visit to Rev. J. Steven at Cote des Vieges, Montreal.



FEMALE HELP WANTED

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSEwork. Apply MRS. LINTON, 7 Wright street. 12-20—6t

WANTED — TWO GIRLS. APPLY AT AMERICAN LAUNDRY. 12-21—2t

WANTED—A FEW GOOD MACHINE sewers; also, a few learners. 107 PRINCE WILLIAM STREET, 2nd. Floor. 12-19-6 t.

WANTED—MEN TO TRAVEL FOR THE International Nurseries. Outfit, including sample case, free. Several good vacancies. New season now commencing. We guarantee best treatment, regular remittances, highest pay. For terms write now. LUKE BROTHERS COMPANY, Montreal.

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WANTED—CAPABLE GIRL FOR GENeral housework. Apply 221 Germain St. 12-17—tf.

WANTED—TWO GIRLS, AT ONCE—ONE neckband ironer (with experience preferred), and one to work on mangle. Apply UNGAR'S LAUNDRY. 12-17—tf.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL WORK. MRS. I. H. NORTHRUP, 197 Charlotte street. 12-1—tf.

WANTED—GIRL FOR GENERAL HOUSE work. Apply MRS. A. J. RUSSELL, 55 Hazen street. 12-5—tf.

WANTED—BOYS' PANTMAKERS. Apply at 141 MILL STREET 11-7-t f.

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TO LET — SEVERAL COMFORTABLY furnished and equipped rooms for light housekeeping, reasonable rent, at METROPOLITAN HOTEL, 103 to 109 Charlotte street.

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We have just opened a very fine assortment of Choice Packages of Perfumes and Toilet Articles of the best makers, and one of the largest and best assortments of XMAS PACKAGES OF HIGH CLASS CONFECTIONERY ever imported, containing the very latest and newest styles and designs, many of them very rich and beautiful, making a very handsome Xmas Gift.

We have them at prices to suit all.

We invite you to call and see them and solicit your favored patronage.

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First Critic—It has put the dialect novel out of business.



GAVE HERSELF AWAY.

Mr. Hooken—They say that microbes are carried about in the clothes.
Mrs. Hooken (absently)—I never found any in your pockets.



MUTUAL.

Tom—I told Clara that I couldn't afford to give her a present this Christmas.
Dick—Was she disappointed?
Tom—No; she thanked me for mentioning it, as she had been waiting to say the same thing to me.



JUST CAUSE.

Dusty—I woke up wid er start las' night.
Weary—What wuz de trouble?
Dusty—I dreamed dat I was in er automobile and de blamed thing blew up.



A BURNING SHAME.

Mrs. Hoyle—She heaps coals of fire on her husband's head.
Mrs. Doyle—That's cruel, considering that he is bald.



Fussy Old Lady—Officer, does the boat from Squedunk leave this pier?
Policeman—Yes'm. It has never taken the pier with it yet.

CABINET AGREES TO THE GOVERNMENT RAILWAY'S PENSION BILL CLAUSES

Ottawa, Dec. 21—The Hon. H. R. Emmerson, minister of railways, has at least succeeded in getting the sanction of his colleagues to the establishment of an annuity fund for employes on the I. C. R.



and government railways. Shortly after parliament reassembles Mr. Emmerson will introduce a bill to establish the I. C. R. and Prince Edward Island Railway and employes' provident fund.

By this bill, which will come into force on April 1 next, one and one-half per cent per month of the employes' wages will be contributed towards this fund. All the officers and employes of the road must contribute to the fund. It will be compulsory. The only exceptions will be those on the road who come under the civil service act.

The fund shall be handed over to the crown and interest will be paid on it at three per cent, the same as is given in the savings bank.

The board which will control and administer this fund will consist of five persons—the general manager, two chief officers and two elected by the employes at large. The head office will be at Moncton. The board will make regulations subject to the approval of the minister. The minister will have the appointment of a secretary of the board who will be subject to the board. The fund shall be administered through the minister by the board. The classes to which the fund will be available are divided as follows:

Class A—Those who have attained the age of 70 years and have been fifteen years or more in service.

Class B—Those who have attained the age between 61 and 69 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service, and who have become disabled and mentally or physically incapacitated for work.

Class C—Those who have attained the age of 65 years and have been fifteen years or more in the service and have requested to be retired from the service.

Class D—Those who after having been twenty-five years or more in the service and are permanently disabled from performing their duties.

Class E—Those who previous to the coming into force of the act entered the service at an advanced age and reached 70 years before being fifteen years in the service, but must have been ten years in the service.

There is no annuity for any service less than ten years and no one can join the fund who is over thirty-five years of age. This age limit does not of course apply to those now in the service.

The annuity is computed on the last ten years the employe serves before retiring. The average monthly pay of the ten years is taken and the annuity is so paid. Service over 70 years is not counted. No one shall be paid less than $20 a month and no one shall get more than two-thirds of his average monthly pay for the ten years immediately preceding his retirement.

To qualify for joining the fund six months probation and a medical certificate are necessary. Those who fail will have whatever they contributed refunded.

Those who voluntarily retire or have been discharged for cause cannot participate in the fund. The board with the approval of the minister can contribute one-half of what a contributor paid into the fund to a beneficiary in case of the party dying and who had paid for ten years.

In the case of an employe being discharged for the efficiency of the service the amount he paid in without interest or any cost of medical examination, etc., can be paid back.

There is at present a life insurance and disabled fund in connection with the I. C. R. The employes must drop the disabled fund but can belong to the life insurance.

The monthly allowances under the act shall not be alienated or liable to attachment or seizure by any legal process whatever.

The retired official can enter into any other business he sees fit. The preamble of the act sets forth that it is for the welfare of the employes and the efficiency of the railway service.

The government can contribute to the provident fund out of the gross earnings of the railway to an amount not exceeding $100,000 annually or such sums as the governor-in-council may determine. The full amount will not be necessary. Indeed the operation of the act as it will retire many whose places will not be filled, will effect a saving to the government. The amount which the government will pay to the fund will be more than made up for in the saving of wages.

Invitations are out for the marriage of James McAllister and Miss Ethel Branscombe, both of the Range, Kings county, on Wednesday, Dec. 26, at the residence of the bride's father, Henry Branscombe.

Miss Isobel Creelman has returned from St. John (N. B.) Major Norman Leslie has left Kingston to spend Christmas at St. John (N. B.) with Mrs. Leslie, who is recovering from her recent illness.—Montreal Star.

Ideal Christmas Gifts.

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MORRIS CHAIRS $5.00 to $20.00.
RATTAN CHAIRS, $2.50 up.
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CHILDREN'S TEA TABLES AND CHAIRS, $2.25.
SLEDS AND FRAMERS, 65 cts up.
BABIES' SLEIGHS, $3.50.
Call and examine our goods and prices.

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