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FATAL FIRE IN NEW YORK

Several Persons Probably Perished in the Flames

A FIREMAN HURT

Fire Broke Out in Tenement District and Did $200,000 Damage --- Fight in Crowd Watching Fire, Results in Fatal Shooting of a Negro.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—A dozen persons are injured, forty families are homeless, 2,000 persons were driven temporarily from their homes, fifty horses were roasted to death and property valued at $200,000 was destroyed today in the worst early morning fire New York has seen in many months. One big tenement house at 427 West 53rd street, and a large boarding stable, from 429 to 431 West 53rd street, were destroyed.

Seven tenement houses at 425, 428, 430, 432 West 53rd street, and 436 and 438 West 54th street were badly damaged. Lack of adequate water pressure is said to have been largely responsible for the extent of the fire.

Deputy Chief Binns, who had charge of the fire-fighters, declared that for more than twenty minutes there could not be obtained from the hydrants in the vicinity enough water to supply the boiler of the fire engines. Had not one of the big fire boats, which drew its water supply from the Hudson river, come to the rescue, the whole west side might have been swept, for even when the water came to the hydrants the pressure was light and it became necessary to work the engines in pairs and triplet before an effective stream could be obtained.

One of the worst features of the fire was the enormous crowd which gathered in the streets around the burning district, and the attending disorder and lawlessness. So great was the crowd that all the police who had been called to the scene had their hands full in preserving anything like order in the streets, and for a time thieves were given almost a free hand to loot the burning buildings. There were many exciting chases over roofs after thieves caught at work, but none of them was captured. A woman spectator screamed that three negroes had tried to rob her, one negro was seen running away, and a group of white men gave chase, firing as they ran. After a chase of several blocks two detectives joined the pursuers and they too began to fire. Not one of the shots reached the mark, but the negro finally gave up and was hustled away to a police station.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—One of the worst of the fires the fire fighters of the city have been called on to contend with in some time started in the tenement district on West Fifty-third street between Ninth and Tenth avenues, shortly after 1 a. m. today. The fire began in a livery stable at number 439, and spread to another stable next door and had reached four adjacent tenements across the street before it was brought under control. Lack of water pressure was responsible for the extensive spread of the flames according to the fire chiefs. When the pressure was strengthened the firemen quickly controlled the blaze. The loss early today was estimated at $200,000.

Several persons are reported missing and police believe they have perished. Two of these are the husband and four-year-old child of Mrs. Kate Garland, who lived at 428 West 53rd street, across from where the fire started. Mrs. Garland thinks that her husband and child were burned to death, as they were still in the Garland apartments when she fled.

Fireman Alfred Kinsella, while fighting the fire from the roof on No. 427 fell from the fifth to the fourth story when the roof of the building collapsed. He was rescued at great risk by some of his companions, but was so severely injured that he may die. The tenements burned or badly damaged were inhabited by nearly 500 people, most of whom had retired when the fire broke out. Close to the scene of the fire there is a negro settlement and there were many negroes in the big crowd that gathered to watch the progress of the flames.

A quarrel was started between a white and a colored man, and as the races took sides, a general fight was soon under way. During the fight Francis Shannon, a negro, 28 years old, was shot in the head and probably fatally wounded. It took a score of policemen with drawn clubs to stop the fight and disperse the mob.

The firemen were handicapped by low water pressure and were frequently driven back by the flames which, spreading in every direction, soon threatened the whole thickly populated tenement section. A tenement on either side of the block were in flames before the occupants were well out of their homes. Spreading to two tenements in the rear, the fire for a time [illegible]rely headway, while a strong northwind carried burning embers [illegible] two other tenements were pre[illegible]ze. The fireboats from the [illegible]iver assisted. The wildest con[illegible]on followed among the hundreds of tenants who, rudely awakened, rushed to the streets scantily clad and unreasonable with fear. The police had the greatest difficulty in preventing a reckless sacrifice of life among those who wished to return to their homes for their belongings.

A general meeting of the ladies of the St. Andrew's Curling Club is to be held at the rink tomorrow, January 3rd., at 12 o'clock, to consider the question of sending rinks to Montreal to participate in the big bonspiel there on February, 5, 6 and 7. A full attendance of the members is requested.

DEATHS

FLEMING—In Fairville, Jan. 1. William Fleming, aged 65 years, leaving a wife, four sons and two daughters to mourn their loss. Notice of funeral hereafter.
—Boston and Chicago papers please copy.

FOUR GREAT NEW STEAMERS

Plans Now Being Prepared for Faster and Larger C. P. R. Steamers.

(Montreal Herald.)

The report is current in well-informed transportation circles that the Canadian Pacific Railway Company has practically decided to build four new steamers for the Atlantic trade, larger and faster than the Empress of Britain and Empress of Ireland, and to transfer the lwo latest greyhounds to the fleet of the Pacific Coast.

A certain amount of official reticence is preserved on the subject, but the fact of J. Gracie, of the Fairfield Company, and another Clyde shipbuilding expert having been here for some days in conference with the C. P. R. management, and with other important interests in the city, has prompted certain inquiries which have elicited the information that there will shortly be steamship developments on the Canadian Atlantic route that will beat the famous New York liners in point of time.

It is understood that Mr. Gracie, when he gets back to the Clyde, will set to work on the preparation of diagrams for the four new steamers.

The extraordinary success and immense popularity of the Empress boats have been the determining factor in the case. That success and popularity have convinced the management that steamers of greater speed will meet with even a larger degree of public appreciation.

Just what speeed the four new greyhounds will be cannot yet be disclosed, but the aim is to have them from twenty to twenty-one knots.

Mr. Gracie, who has been staying at the Windsor, has gone back with the instructions in his pocket, and no time will be lost in setting about the work.

THE ST. JOHN CIRCUIT COURT

Judge Tuck Makes Interesting Address From Bench at Opening This Morning.

The St. John circuit court opened at the court house this morning, His Honor Chief Justice Tuck presiding. After an interesting address from the bench, adjournment was made till 11 o'clock tomorrow morning.

In the course of his remarks his honor referred to the great growth and prosperity of the country, east and west, and spoke of prominent business men of St. John, many of whom he had known sixty years ago. Those of today he said were not a whit behind their predecessors in point of energy and perseverance.

He spoke also of the development of this city as a shipping port. The C. P. R., he added, had also done much for the development of the country. The founders of the C. P. R., as well as such men as the late Sir John A. Macdonald, Sir Leonard Tilley and Mr. Pope, who had pleaded with the country for a loan of thirty million dollars to carry through the enterprise, must also be borne in mind. His honor also made reference to the number of immigrants pouring into the vast Canadian west, and the building up of the country.

When court opens tomorrow morning the case of Thomas vs. the C. P. R. will probably be the case to be dealt with.

GANS WEARS NOT A MARK

He Says He Will Now Meet "Battling" Nelson or Jimmy Britt.

TONOPAH, Nev. Jan. 2—Joe Gans was around town last night and bore not the slightest mark to indicate that he had been through a fight. Gans said that he was ready to meet "Battling" Nelson at once and he will be glad to take on Jimmy Britt.

The Tonopah Club has announced its intention of offering $30,000 for a match between Britt and Gans on March 17th.

Tex. Rickard, of the Goldfield Athletic Club stated that he would guarantee $50,000 for a contest between Gans and Nelson. The receipts of yesterday's fight were $30,835. The officials admit they lost money.

TOOK THE TIP IN TIME

Soldier Disappeared When His Finger Print Was Taken--- Wanted for Murder Now.

COLUMBUS, Ohio., Jan. 2—When Geo. W. Deacon who enlisted in Cleveland a few days ago was being examined at the Columbus barracks yesterday he grew agitated while the imprint of his fingers was being taken. Asking to be excused to get a drink of water he disappeared.

Within a short time a request was received that he be held for authorities at Detroit where he is said to have murdered his wife. Deacon could not be located.

FOUR BOYS KILLED

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—Elmer Dunn, Clarence Bennett, William E. Casey and William Bell, all of Newark, N. J., were killed last night by a Lehigh Valley train at South Plainfield, N. J. The boys were stealing a ride on a freight train and stepped off the train directly in front of the Chicago bound flyer.

A COLLEGE APPOINTMENT

TORONTO, Jan. 2—(Special)—To the department of art in Moulton College, made vacant by the resignation of Miss Hancock to accept a position in Brandon Ladies' College, Miss Annie E. Weaver, who was director of drawing in the public school, has just been appointed.

POMERANIAN AT HALIFAX

HALIFAX, N. S. Jan 2—(Special)—The Allan liner Pomeranian, from London and Havre, arrived this morning. She proceeds to St. John this evening.

THIRTY PEOPLE KILLED IN AWFUL RAILWAY COLLISION

Passenger Trains on Rock Island Road Smash Together

Cars Caught Fire After the Collision and Many Victims Were Roasted to Death--- Horror Due to Carelessness.

TOPEKA, Kans., Jan. 2—Rock Island passenger trains numbers 29 and 30 running between Chicago and El Paso, collided head-on early today at Voland, Kansas, 45 miles west of here.

KANSAS CITY, Jan. 2—A telephone message from Herrington, Kansas, near the scene of the wreck says that the cars caught fire soon after the collision and that they were burned. Several persons are reported killed. One report places the dead at over 30, but there is nothing to confirm this.

A Later Report

TOPEKA, Kansas, Jan. 2—Between 25 and 30 passengers, mostly Mexicans, were killed and as many more seriously injured in a head-on collision at 4.30 o'clock this morning, five miles west of Alta Vista, between passenger trains No. 29, southbound, and 30, northbound, on the Chicago Rock Island and Pacific railway. The wrecked trains run between El Paso and Chicago. Most of the killed and injured were on the southbound. Many of the bodies of the victims were consumed by the flames. The injured are being brought to Topeka on a special train. The early reports stated that the collision was caused by the carelessness of the agent at Voland.

KANSAS CITY, Jan 2—A telephone message from McFarland, Kan., says: 29 Mexicans in one coach on the south bound train were burned to death. No news has been received of the fate of the passengers on the north bound train No. 30.

AFFILIATION OF COLLEGES

Prince of Wales College, P. E. I., May Affiliate With McGill University.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P E I Jan. 2—(Special)—J. A. Nicholson, registrar of McGill University held a conference here with Premier Peters, members of his government, and the board of education respecting the affiliation of Prince of Wales College with McGill. The latter proposes, by a slight extension in the Prince of Wales first year work to accept it for matriculation and, by a further extension, to have Prince of Wales cover McGill's first and second year in arts and, possibly, by a later extension, the first year in science and faculty of agriculture to be formed next year in connection with St Annes. The curriculum of Prince of Wales is to be determined by McGill. Certain subjects are to be eliminated from the former to give the increase in mathematics and classics required by the latter. No definite arrangements have yet been concluded.

THE T. EATON STORY AGAIN

Believed This Time That Big Toronto Firm is After Breeze's Corner Property.

The Times understands that negotiations are in progress for the purchase of the property, known as "Breeze's Corner," on Charlotte street and north side of King square, by T. Eaton & Co., of Toronto, for the erection of a big departmental store. The owners of the property declined to discuss the matter, but intimated that an offer for the property was being considered.

MAGISTRATE RITCHIE AGAIN REFERS TO THE SHEFFIELD ST. DANCES

Sheffield street dances were heavily scored by Judge Ritchie at this morning's session of the police court, when the case against Charles Patterson came up for hearing.

Patterson was charged with being a frequenter of houses of ill-fame, on Sheffield street, kept by Amelia Francis and others; also with being a common vagrant. He was found guilty and sent in for six months without a fine.

It developed in the evidence of Police Sergt. Baxter that Patterson had at one time lived a very different life, but had fallen.

"You see what you've come to," said his honor, addressing the prisoner. "I would hardly have known you had I not seen your name on the sheet."

His honor then went on to say that these Sheffield street dances, similar to that in which Patterson had participated, were anything but a credit to the city.

These functions had, he added, been freely discussed in court in Judge Peters' time and were common occurrences thirty years ago, and now it seemed that they were being revived. Young men of the city would go down there, he continued, and dance with women who were common; and such a state of affairs seemed to indicate that the city was going backward instead of forward.

His honor expressed the hope that the police would arrest all white men they found in houses of ill fame kept by colored people, and said they might as well be working for the city as closing the shutters of houses of ill fame.

Patrick Quinn, charged with fighting, was remanded.

John McGlone, charged with drunkenness and using abusive language was fined $4 or ten days in jail.

John Keith, also charged with drunkenness, had deposited $8, but got off with a $4 fine.

A man named Connolly who had been drunk and made trouble at the Salvation Army Metropole, forfeited a $36 deposit.

The army authorities, will, it is understood, compel him to pay for the glass he broke, amounting to about $5.

Two other drunks were dealt with as usual.

RETURNS FROM TRADE AGENTS

A. W. Donley Reports on Trade With Mexico and W. T. R. Preston is Heard From in South Africa.

OTTAWA, Ont., Jan. 2. — (Special). — Canada's commercial agent in Mexico, A. W. Donley, reports to the department of trade and commerce that 1905 was Mexico's best year both for exports and imports. There was an increase in the exports of thirty-one million dollars and in the imports of over twenty-one millions. The development of Mexico's trade during the past ten years has been something marvellous. About 66 per cent. of the imports came from the United States and 68 per cent. of the exports found a market in the United States. Germany is the only European country that seems to be making any headway in supplying the Mexican market. Britain has practically withdrawn from the field and in its place the Spaniards are now controlling the importing houses, Germany and France are willing to meet the views of the Mexican market while the British manufacturers think they know what is best for the Mexican. Mr. Donley wants the Canadian manufacturer to cultivate the Mexico market. He will find a good market for articles of good quality.

W. T. R. Preston reports from Cape Town that there is a desire to find a market for South African wines in Canada and negotiation is in progress to induce the Capt Colonies government to subsidize the Canadian South African steamship line to return to Canada direct at least once in six months.

SCHOOL IS PLACARDED

Victoria School Wears Board of Health Card Because of Diphtheria in Janitor's Family

The Victoria School on Duke street has been placarded since Christmas on account of a case of diphtheria. The child of Geo. Oldford, janitor, is the affected one. Mr. Burns, secretary of the board of health, said this morning that if the child had not recovered so that the building could be disinfected in time for the re-opening of the school on Monday next, it would be removed to the hospital and the building then thoroughly disinfected. He did not anticipate that the children need be compelled to miss any of the school days.

The board of health offices were closed today, owing to the fact that a casting is being made for the furnace and there is consequently no heat in the building.

Luckily, it was mild today or other tenants might have been put to considerable inconvenience.

Fair weather prevails this morning over the Dominion, except in Manitoba, where it is snowing, and very cold weather continues in Alberta, Saskatchewan and the greater portion of British Columbia.

NEW LAWS IN FORCE

Reforms in New York Insurance Companies Went in Force on Jan. 1.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—The new Armstrong amendments to the insurance law went into effect yesterday. Under them neither the New York Life, the Mutual or the Equitable can write more than $150,000,000 of new business in any one year. Advances to agents, must also cease and the amount of money a company may spend to acquire new business is also limited and this will decrease the life insurance agents' commissions by twenty or twenty-five per cent. Companies must also file reports of their condition on Dec 31 and must account in detail for all legislative expenses and the nature of collateral bonds. Each policy issued must contain the full contract between insurer and insured so as to guard against trick policies.

STEAMER BADLY DAMAGED

HALIFAX, N S. Jan. 2—(Special)—The steamer Garibaldi, which was ashore at Langley Island, St. Pierre, and was hauled off Monday by the tug D. H. Thomas, and started for Halifax under her own steam, put into Louisburg last night for shelter. Her bottom is badly damaged. She comes here to go in the dry dock. The place where the Garibaldi struck has been the scene of many disasters and she is only about the fourth ship that was ever floated after striking.

William Cummings

TRURO, N. S. Jan. 2—(Special)—William Cummings, head and founder of the firms of Wm. Cummings & Son, wholesale, and Cummings & Rennie, retail, two of Truro's largest business houses, died suddenly and unexpectedly at noon today. He had been in the house for a few days with a slight attack of jaundice, but nothing serious had been anticipated. He leaves three sons, D. B. and Douglas, of Truro, and Rev. Seldon, of Amherst.

RAISULI NOT CAPTURED

TANGIER, Jan. 2.—There is no truth in the report that Raisuli has been captured. One of his cadies (or chief) was made a prisoner on the charge of sending inflammatory appeals among various tribes inciting them to holy war. This arrest led to the rumor that the bandit chief was in the hands of the government forces.

Factory Inspector McMulkin stated to the Times today that he visited Cushing's mill at Union Point, as a result of a report that James Somerville, of Fairville, had on Monday morning last been caught on the endless chain and had a narrow escape from serious injury. The inspector states that Somerville took ill and was not caught on the chain, which is properly covered by a walk.

NYACK, N. Y. Jan 2—Mrs. Charles Beers, 24 years old, was burned to death yesterday while starting a fire at her home at Sparkill to cook New Year's dinner. She leaves a husband and two small children.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

JAMESEY'S MISFORTUNE.

When our esteemed fellow citizen, Mr. Jamesey Jones, left his residence this morning, his feelings toward his fellow man were mellowed by the memory of a Happy New Year, and warmed by certain generous New Year resolutions. This mood prevailed until he came to the first street crossing, when his resolution not to indulge in any profane remarks received a severe wrench. At the next crossing he gave way to a feeling of mild wrath, and at the third one he said things. At the fourth he slipped and fell, and his garments when he rose would adorn a stable—but not the dignified person of Mr. Jamesey Jones.



It was at this stage that his New Year resolutions went temporarily to the bad, and if Jamesey had met an alderman it is to be feared there would have been a pugilistic encounter and great damage to civic dignity and authority.

The experience of Jamesey was most unfortunate, occurring at such a time. He has the sincere sympathy of over 40,000 people.

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IMPORTANT NEWS ITEM.

The ferry steamer Ludlow will be put on the route this year. She will also be taken off again this year.

Off Again
On Again
(Repeat).

TEDDY'S TROUBLES.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 2, 1907 (Special) —After having shaken hands with 8,500 people yesterday, President Roosevelt finds this morning that despite his previous training in physical exercises the swelling has moved from his head to his right arm and hand, and there seems little likelihood that he will be able to deliver either a message or an upper cut for some days to come. The president had a very strenuous New Year's, and it fagged him a little.

Later.

If it should be found on revision that the president shook hands with any more than 8,500 people yesterday the record will be amended, in the interests of historic accuracy, and for the benefit of posterity.

THIEVING AT SAND POINT

Case Against William Estey Taken up in Police Court This Morning.

The case against Wm. Estey, who was arrested recently charged with stealing a quantity of gin from a C. P. R. car in No. 1 shed at Sand Point, also, some nuts from a bag in the shed, came up in the police court before Judge Ritchie this morning, and after hearing of evidence, was adjourned till 2 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

Col. H. H. McLean conducted the prosecution and J. King Kelley appeared for the defence. The witnesses were Arnold Rolston, C. P. R. checker; Duncan Sword, C. P. R. foreman; Detective Cook and Fred Carvell, a sealer, also of the C. P. R. and Police Sergeant Hastings.

The particulars of the case, according to evidence given, are as follows:-

Car No. 57956 was loaded with liquor and merchandise on Friday, Dec. 28, at No. 1 shed, Sand Point. The goods came from the steamer Lake Michigan. The box containing the gin which was stolen, was numbered 52 and addressed to R. W. & Co. It contained fifteen bottles when full, each bottle being labelled "gin."

Checker Rolston had made an entry for the case in his book. Rolston had seen the prisoner working with the C. P. R. gang. He saw next day that the car referred to had been opened and that part of the cover of case 52 had been pried off, and, on counting the contents, found only eight bottles of gin. Shortly after eight o'clock the same day he saw Estey, under the influence of liquor and staggering.

He had called the ship's checker and with him examined the case. A cooper was then called from the vessel and the case refastened.

The car was sealed by Carvell, that evening.

Foreman Swords remembered the car and saw the case of gin. He broke the seal and entered the car from the platform side and found that the opposite door was opened. He noticed the case of gin, counted the contents and reported to Rolston.

C. P. R. Detective Cook had also examined the car and box of gin, having removed a bottle, which was exhibited in court. He described the box and marks upon it. Cook also identified the prisoner, whom he declared he met. Estey admitted to him he had stolen one bottle of gin. The prisoner told him he had gotten the nuts from a bag also in the shed. Cook also told of handing him over to Police Sergt. Ross, and of seeing him later at central station, where he was searched by Sergt. Hastings, who found on him the nuts referred to and $28.05.

Mr. Kelley contended warmly that the sergeant had no right to search the prisoner, but his honor said that these were the orders of the chief of police. Still Mr. Kelley did not agree.

The case stands till 2 o'clock tomorrow to obtain witnesses.

WANT BOXING GAME AGAIN

Mayor Sears Asked to License Three Round Bouts With Big Gloves.

The mayor is in receipt of an application from L. G. McInerney, for permission to hold a series of "three-round" boxing bouts, in this city. Mr. McInerney points out that large gloves would be used and that no contestant would be allowed to weigh more than five pounds more than an opponent. He says that in the case of the tragic ending of the Northrup-Regan bout some time ago, when Regan died, that Northrup was twenty-two pounds heavier than his opponent and this in a large measure caused the fatality.

If permission is granted, he says it is the intention to hold an exhibition some time this month having a number of three round boxing bouts and a wrestling match, on that occasion. Other exhibitions are proposed during the winter.

The mayor said this morning that he had not decided what action he would take, but he thought he had better have nothing to do with it and if the meet was held to let the police grapple with it, and see that all was in order.

STEAMER ON FIRE

Steamer Sairntorr Put Into Halifax With Fire Raging in Main Hold.

HALIFAX, N. S., Jan. 2 (special)—The steamer Sairntorr, Capt. Gibson, from Galveston, bound to Liverpool, G. B., with 12,200 bales of cotton, put in here this morning with fire raging in the main hold. The fire was first discovered on Saturday last when the ship was in lat 37 N., lon 67 W., and every effort was made to subdue it by injecting steam, but without success, so the captain decided to come here for assistance.

WEALTH WILL GO TO HER HUSBAND

Believed That Baroness Burdett-Coutts' Will Does Not Provide Large Bequests to Charity.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2—A despatch from London says the Daily Mail quotes an intimate friend of the late Baroness Burdett-Coutts as saying it is unlikely that her will contains large bequests to charity, and that the bulk of her fortune will go to her husband, William Lehman Ashmead Bartlett Burdett-Coutts, who is a son of the late Ellis Bartlett.

Piety often seems like pretence to those who have not felt the impulse of principle.

The religion that cannot mix with business has no business to meddle with anything.

YORK COUNTY COURT OPEN

One Criminal Case Claims Attention of the Grand Jury

FREDERICTON'S TRADE

Returns for Last Year Show Good Increase Over 1905--- Year's Business in Police Court---A Presentation to a Veteran Orangeman.

Board of Works 3rdec06

FREDERICTON, N. B., Jan. 2 (Special) Judge Gregory presided at the York circuit court which opened here this morning. In addition to members of the local bar, H. A. Powell, of St. John, and Solicitor General Jones were present.

An indictment was presented to the grand jury in one criminal case, that of the King vs. William Rowe, charged with committing rape on a girl named Maud King. The depositions showed that the girl had given birth to two children, and she claimed Rowe was the father of both, and carnally knew her without her consent. The grand jury is considering the indictment this afternoon.

The following is the civil docket:—

JURY CASES.

Timothy Lynch vs. Wm. Richards Co, Ltd. J. H. Barry, K. C., files record.

Harris Vineberg vs. Moses Fickler, doing business under the firm name of M. Fickler & Co (two cases.) Slipp and Hanson file records.

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The Southwest River Driving Company vs. Timothy Lynch. R. W. McLellan files record.

Bank of Montreal vs. Phillip M. Sullivan. Winslow and Allen file records.

J. A. McPeake, of this city is acting as court stenographer.

The following motion was made in the equity court this morning before Judge Barker:

J. Willard Smith vs. Robert M. Hanson and Mary J. Hanson, his wife. J. W. McCready moves for an injunction restraining the defendants from cutting and pulling away a tree from the premises mortgaged to the plaintiff. An order for an injunction to restrain any further cutting issued.

Howard Segee, who is probably the oldest Orangeman in the province, having been a member of the order for sixty years, was on New Year's Day presented with a purse of thirty dollars by the local lodges.

The imports to Fredericton for the year ending December 31 totalled $533,189, and the duty collected amounted to $53,032.19. In 1905 the imports totalled $446,206 and the duty $44,164.66.

The amount collected in fines at the police court last year totalled $2,541, an increase of $94.50 over the previous year.

GOOD WORDS FOR ST. JOHN

What Secy. Bliss of York County Thinks of Our Future ---Municipal Union Plans.

The mayor has received a number of answers to the circular he sent out a short time ago, in regard to the forming of a union of provincial municipalities.

Mayor W. Snodgrass, of St. Andrews, approves of the idea and thinks it an excellent move.

J. Vroom, town clerk of St. Stephen, writes that Mayor Teed, of that place, has been chosen as delegate from that place.

Fred St. John Bliss, secretary-treasurer of York county, acknowledges the receipt of the circular and thinks the formation of such a union would be of great benefit. He closes his letter by saying:- "Wishing St. John officially and sincerely every prosperity, York may add that we have the same abiding faith as you, in the future of St. John as the Real Atlantic Port of the Dominion."

LEGISLATURE MUST APPOINT GOVERNOR

Unusual Situation Which Faces the Legislature of New Hampshire.

CONCORD, N. H., Jan. 2—The New Hampshire legislature today opened a session of unusual importance, its members being called upon to select a governor and an United States senator to succeed Henry E. Burnham. The failure of any of the candidates for governor at the November election to secure a majority of the popular vote, threw the contest into the legislature. The leading candidates were Charles M. Floyd, the Republican nominee, who led all competitors at the November elections and Nathan C. Jameson, the Democratic standard bearer, who ran a few hundred votes behind Mr. Floyd.

INDIAN MISSIONS

BARILLY, British India, Jan. 2—Yesterday was the last day of the Methodist missionary jubilee celebrations, which began here Dec. 28. The afternoon was devoted to a young people's rally and in the evening a meeting of the Epworth League was held, having been preceded by a procession of 1,600 members with banners and accompanied by music. A consecration service concluded the congress.

The jubilee fund collected in India amounted to $96,000, and that in America totalled $192,000.