

## THE ANNUAL MEETING OF S. P. C. A. HELD TODAY

### Work of the Year Dealt With in Highly Encouraging Report.

#### Society's Officers Vigilant Carrying Out the Principles of the Organization--The President's Annual Address--Outside Branches Reported Vigorous.

The twenty-seventh annual meeting of the New Brunswick Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals was held in the board of trade rooms this morning. Hon. J. V. Ellis, president, was in the chair.

Reports from the officers were received, showing the past year's work. The officers were re-elected.

The officers for this year are as follows: President, Hon. John V. Ellis. Vice-presidents--T. B. Robinson, James H. McAvity, W. L. Hamm, James Manchester, Dr. D. E. Berryman, Geo. Robertson, M. P. P.; Dr. Thomas Walker, Right Rev. J. A. Richardson, W. Frank Hatheway, A. G. Fairweather, James Ready, O. H. Warwick.

Executive committee--T. O'Brien, Henry Gallagher, W. S. Fisher, G. Ernest Fairweather, E. L. Jewett, Geo. O. D. Otty, J. N. Harvey, T. H. Estabrooks, R. T. Worden, Dr. H. S. Bridges.

S. Merritt Wetmore, secretary. Geo. E. Fairweather, treasurer. J. King Kelly, commodore. Dr. James H. Frink, veterinary surgeon.

#### The President's Address

Mr. Ellis, in his annual address, said: The report of the secretary will indicate the line of work which has been followed during the year, and some of the achievements. For the last two years we have been able to employ at

Sand Point a special agent, to watch the shipping of cattle and, the secretary thinks, with good results.

We lost during the year, by the death of A. A. Stockton, M. P., Ph. D., a most excellent and useful member of the executive, one of the original incorporators of the society in 1881, and its legal adviser for many years. An honored and a trusted citizen, Dr. Stockton's death was a loss to our community and indeed to the whole country. The executive by formal resolution, a copy of which was sent to Mrs. Stockton, endeavored to express its appreciation of her husband's services to the cause of humanity, and its sense of the loss which was sustained by his death.

He dealt at length with the discussions taken up by the American Humane Association at its annual meeting in Boston in November last.

He also reviewed the various phases of work of interest to the society as dealt with in the publications, reports, etc., received by the society. He thought the development of parades of working horses an educational work of a practical kind.

He quoted from the last report of the parent society in England how children should be encouraged in acts of kindness; servants should be taught to be more careful of animals, and from the pulpit the platform there should be exhortation and advice along the lines that the society stands for.

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## ST. JOHN COUNTY WILL STAND BY OPPOSITION TO AND GOOD GOVERNMENT

### Tide of Victory Sets Strongly Toward Messrs. Mosher and Clark--Mr. Clark Contradicts a False Canvas Which is Being Vigorously Used Against Him--The Big Rally in the City.

That all kinds of expedients are being resorted to by the government party and their henchmen in St. John county to defeat the opposition candidates Messrs. Mosher and Clark, is shown by the fact that one of the canvasses being used against them, and one that is being worked for all it is worth, is that they are opposed to the building of a new bridge across the falls.

The latter scheme, however, has been nipped in the bud by the following letter from Alfred H. Clark:

Sir--Having in my work of seeing the electors of St. John county come across a canvass that Mr. Mosher and myself were opposed to a new bridge at the falls between the Parish of Lancaster and St. John, I wish, on behalf of Mr. Mosher and myself to say that we are not opposed to such a necessary structure, but will, if elected, use our best efforts to have one erected.

Yours  
A. H. CLARK.  
Lancaster, Feb. 17, '08.

That these small canvasses are tending to boom, rather than injure the cause of the opposition is shown by the splendid reception accorded the county candidates in their tour of the various sections. Everywhere they are met with hearty assurances of support and on one of the county to the other comes the

word that the attorney general and Mr. Lewis in some straits.

#### Big Rally in City

The opposition party in St. John city will hold a monster rally in the Opera House on Friday evening, when J. D. Hazen, opposition leader, and J. K. Flemming, of Carleton county, will be among the principal speakers. The city candidates will also be heard and from the interest already evinced, as the feeling in this city in the cause of good government is running high.

## JUDGE BURBIDGE DEAD AT OTTAWA

### Head of the Exchequer Court of Canada Passed Away This Morning.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18 (Special)--Justice Burbidge, of the exchequer court of Canada, died this morning from cancer of the stomach. He had been confined to his room for some weeks.

Judge Burbidge was born in 1847 at Cornwall, N. S. He was educated in New Brunswick, and in 1882 was appointed deputy minister of justice. In 1887, when the exchequer court was created, he was appointed by Sir John Thompson to be judge of that court, a position which he held at the time of his death.

Judge Burbidge leaves a widow and family to mourn his loss.

## HALIFAX MEN HAD A NARROW ESCAPE

### Two Halifax Miners Fell Down Shaft in Cobalt Mine.

COBALT, Ont., Feb. 18 (Special)--W. E. Englehart and H. Evans, both of Halifax, N. S., met with what might have been a fatal accident at the Drummond Mine yesterday by falling 45 feet down the shaft in a bucket. Englehart and Evans were engaged in timbering the shaft when the accident occurred. Both will recover.

## A MYSTERIOUS SHOOTING

DUNVILLE, Ont. Feb. 18 (Special)--A mysterious shooting accident occurred here resulting in the death of Richard McBay, aged 35. The tragedy occurred on the farm, owned by George McBay, a carpenter who lives with his wife in Buffalo. McBay's three sons, aged about 17, 14 and 9 reside on the farm alone. The eldest boy tells the story that Richard was left at the house to get dinner while the others went out to work. When the two elder boys returned they found the dinner partly ready, but Richard was no more to be seen. Searching they found the lad's body still warm in the bedroom where all the boys slept. A revolver was found on the bed some six feet away.

## POPE WILL NOT INTERFERE

MONTREAL, Feb. 18 (Special)--The report given currency here that an order is on the way to America from the Vatican withdrawing the power of the bishops to grant dispensations for mixed marriages was denied by Archbishop Bruchési today. The archbishop states that the Pope believes the bishops understand local conditions best and are best qualified to deal with the matter. Monsignor Bruchési states that he will give dispensations for marriages where requests have been granted and the parties agree to the recent regulations relating thereto laid down by the Pope.

## FLOODS IN ONTARIO

ST. THOMAS, Ont. Feb. 18 (Special)--The recent freshet caused an ice jam in the harbor at Port Stanley, serious floods resulting. Seven or eight families were compelled to leave their homes. No church services were held on Sunday as it was impossible to reach the churches, the traction company's tracks being piled with thousands of tons of ice. The water was six feet above the level.

## MONTREAL STOCKS

MONTREAL, Feb. 18 (Special)--Stocks were very dull today. Canadian Pacific rights sold at 5 1/2 to 7; Dominion Coal pt'd was unchanged at 85 and Rio sold at 25 5/8.

The young ladies of Exmouth street church will hold a concert on Thursday evening, Feb. 27, in the school room of the church. The mandolin orchestra will participate.

Two rinks of St. Stephen curiers arrived in the city on the noon train today and will play the Thistles this evening for the McLellan cup.

Gilbert C. Jordan came in on the Boston train at noon.

## NEWS FROM P. E. ISLAND

### Island Man a Victim in An Ontario Fire -- Boy's Narrow Escape from Death.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Feb. 18 (Special)--James McKinnon, aged forty, a tailor and a native of Forest Hill, P. E. I., was one of two victims burned to death in a fire in a shoemaker's shop at Fort Francis, Ont., recently.

Last night while Fraser McDonald, of Hampton, was attending a temperance meeting, he received the startling news that his dwelling was on fire. He ran a mile to the burning building, entering just in time to save his adopted nine-year-old son, asleep alone in the house. He had just snatched him from the bed when it was buried beneath bricks from a falling chimney. The dwelling was totally destroyed. Loss \$1500.

At a meeting of the directors of the Prince Edward Island Exhibition Association, Hon. F. L. Hazard, lately appointed premier, resigned as president of the association and will be succeeded by Judge Fitzgerald. The provincial exhibition is to be held this year Sept. 22nd to 25th inclusive.

In the supreme court, yesterday, an order was made suspending E. O. Brown, recently declared insane by a jury, from practicing as an attorney and barrister, until further orders. Premier Hazard said that Brown had not been sent to an asylum because it was considered it not safe to place him in the jail, and that he thought it best to have him kept in the jail until suitable quarters be made ready at the asylum.

A leather purse and a necktie, also a sack coat, stolen from the Royal and not yet reclaimed.

A striped woollen vest, the property of J. A. McKay, and stolen from the Royal Hotel.

A pipe, a brown silk handkerchief and a necktie, belonging to G. Sinibaldi, stolen from Clark's Hotel.

A leather purse and a necktie taken from Ogden Smith's room in Clark's Hotel.

An overcoat, valued at \$15, and a pair of brown kid gloves, belonging to J. H. Jeans of Clark's Hotel.

An overcoat belonging to C. S. Goggin, proprietor of the Metropolitan Hotel.

A watch, the property of Miss Gladys L. Stammers, stolen from her room in Elliott's Hotel.

A pocket knife and a tape measure, belonging to Wallace Hill of the Victoria Hotel.

A fur collar, also Mr. Hill's property, valued at \$12.

An overcoat belonging to Angus Winchester, baggage master of D. A. R. Street, Boston.

A razor, the property of Walter Cunningham.

A watch identified by Daniel Doherty, and the prisoner traded a gold watch and chain, receiving also \$5 in cash from Mr. Doherty. The gold watch, which is valued at \$25, belongs to Marie McNab of Clark's Hotel, and the chain, valued at \$4, has been identified by one of the witnesses.

Other articles were, a cigar holder, in case, a watch box, a pair of scissors, a pearl-handled knife, a large safety pin, five keys and a quantity of tobacco, a razor belonging to Dr. Fitzmaurice of the St. John Hotel, and sold by the prisoner to T. Wasson.

A razor also the property of Dr. Fitzmaurice, and sold by Thompson to Edward O'Brien.

A razor sold to T. H. Pitt, and identified by Gabriel Sinibaldi.

A razor, sold to Mr. Garrity, and owned by Dr. Fitzmaurice.

A razor left with Wm. A. Cooper, and as yet undrained.

A pair of gloves, also unclaimed.

A card case containing a ticket from Fredericton Junction to St. John, dated Feb. 1, 1908.

A pair of pants and two razors sold by Thompson to John Scott. These, too, are unclaimed.

A grey overcoat.

The articles on which his honor questioned the prisoner are, an overcoat, tape measure and knife belonging to J. H. Jeans, and valued at \$16; an overcoat valued at \$15, and Mrs. McNab's watch, valued at \$25.

His honor told the prisoner that he could be sent up on any of these charges, and if tried by him would fare no better than he would in another court.

Robert Wilkes, arrested on a warrant charging him with assaulting and beating Albert E. Cox, a street car conductor, on the 15th inst., was adjudged guilty and fined \$20 or thirty days in jail. The trouble arose over a transfer ticket.

## RESCUED ALIVE

### Twenty-seven of the Twenty-eight Miners Buried in Pottsville Colliery Taken Out Alive

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Feb. 18--All but one of the 28 miners who were entombed yesterday in the Mid-Valley Colliery, were rescued alive early this morning. One of the miners was killed, following the accident which entombed the men, and two were injured.

## THE MOONEY CASE

### Settlement Will Be Announced in Court This Afternoon

This afternoon will see the last act in the case of Mooney vs. the City of St. John. The circuit court will meet at four p. m. when the counsel for Messrs. Mooney and the city will report to the judge that a basis of settlement has been reached, whereby the city will pay the contractors \$20,000 in settlement of all claims and the suit will be withdrawn. The jury has already been discharged.

## Arthur Kerr

Many citizens will hear with regret of the death of Arthur Kerr, son of Samuel Kerr, of the St. John Business College, which occurred about 1.30 o'clock today after a prolonged illness, at his father's residence, Princess street.

Mr. Kerr was for several years employed at the C. P. offices here, and had reached the position of travelling passenger agent, when his health gave out, and he was compelled about two years ago to resign. He went west and settled in Calgary, but came home again last May on account of ill health. He recovered somewhat, and returned to St. John, but again taking ill he had to be brought home about three weeks ago, and he has been gradually failing since then.

Some few years ago he was a prominent figure in athletic sports, and his friends were legion. He was about 30 years of age, and survived by his father, one brother, Sydney, in Yarmouth, and two sisters, Mrs. D. McLeod, of Sydney, and Mrs. Samuel Milligan, of Andover, Mass.

## FUNERALS

The funeral of Mrs. Herman Ahlborn was held this afternoon from her late residence, 115 St. James street, at 2.30. Service was conducted by Rev. J. E. Hand, and interment was at Fernhill.

The body of Mrs. Phoebe Ann Oettle was taken to Gagetown this morning for interment. Service was conducted last night at 7.30 at her late home, Exmouth street, by Rev. Wellington Camp and Rev. W. W. McMaster.

The funeral of David C. Dorman was held at 2.30 o'clock this afternoon from his late home, Duke street. Service was conducted by Rev. W. W. McMaster and Rev. A. B. Cobbe, and interment was at Fernhill.

R. W. W. Frink came in today on the Boston train.

## COLD BLOODED PLOTS TO KILL

### Chinese Society in Boston Planned Murders to Increase Its Prestige.

BOSTON, Mass., Feb. 17--The first testimony bearing on the inner workings of the mysterious Chinese Society of Hop Sing Tong, a number of alleged members of which are now on trial in the superior criminal court, charged with the shooting up of Boston's China Town last August, when four Chinamen were killed, was given in court today by Shoy Pong, a government witness.

The witness stated that he had been a member of the Hop Sing Tong for four years, and that Warry Charles, one of the defendants, said to be the richest Chinaman in Boston, was president.

Continuing, he said in evidence: "At a meeting last July which was called by Warry Charles, the subject of a raid on China Town was brought up."

"Charles said that we would have to do some killing and make the Chinese business men so afraid that all of them would join our society. He also said that we were getting ready to be dead ones and must kill someone."

"Some members said they would do as Charles liked, and then Charles said the best plan was to send to New York, Philadelphia and Chicago for hatchet-men who were unknown, so they might escape. He said that he would pay the expenses and that if anyone was caught he would hire attorneys for the defense."

## RUSSIA TO BUILD MORE WAR SHIPS

### Fleet Which Japan Destroyed is Gradually Being Rebuilt.

ST. PETERSBURG, Feb. 18--The commission of naval defence has almost finished its discussion of plans for the rebuilding of the fleet. It is rumored that many of the naval officials are advocating the construction of big and small battleships and a mosquito fleet, but the report of the committee will not be made public before its submission to the Duma. The competition of the plans for the battleships, the construction of which is to be begun this year, has been close, the competitors of the Russian firm being Vickers Sons, and Maxim, of England.

Representatives of the firm of the Newport News Shipbuilding Co. visited Russia to investigate the possibilities, but they departed last week, finding, they say, that the conditions were impossible from an American point of view.

The American, however, will be the competitor in the bid for the construction of three large submarines, of 450 tons or more, included in the 1908 programme. An American firm also is a principal bidder in the competition for a big order composed of cartridge belt equipment which closed yesterday.

Capt. F. L. Benson, of the life saving station at Seal Cove, Grand Manan, is in the city on business.

## SAILORS TELL TALE OF AWFUL HARDSHIP

### Seventy-two Hours in Open Boat Without Food or Water.

#### More Survivors of the Ship Emily Reed--One Man Found Dead--Three Others Barely Alive--A Harrowing Experience

SEATTLE, Wn., Feb. 18--A despatch to the Post Intelligencer from Neah Bay, says:

The crew of the little six ton sloop Teekla, lying at anchor here, were started last night by a feeble hail from a steel lifeboat drawing up slowly in the light breeze. In the boat were the forms of four men, three living and one dead, the survivors of the American ship Emily Reed, wrecked off the mouth of Nehalem River, on the coast of Oregon, 200 miles from Neah Bay.

The men in the boat were First Mate Fred Zube, seaman Ewald Ahlstedt, seaman Arthur Jahunko, and the ship's cook, name unknown.

The dead man was the ship's cook. The three living survivors were in a frightful condition. Their tongues were swollen from thirst, so that at first they could scarcely articulate. They had had no food since last Sunday night, or any water since they left the wreck of the Reed Friday morning.

Mr. Zube said: "Almost the instant the Reed struck the beach she began to break up. In a twinkling one of the lifeboats was smashed by a big wave and the decks were so deep in the boiling water that there was no chance to get aft where Capt. Kersell and his wife with some of the other members of the crew were stationed."

"We jumped into the remaining lifeboat and cut the lashings. Before we had completed the job a big sea broke over the wreck and carried us clear of the decks."

"A strong current swept us toward the stern of the wreck where we could see Capt. Kersell and the rest of the ship's company clinging to the roof of the aft house. We yelled to them to throw us a line as we went under the stern and some one threw one but it fell short of our boat."

"My arm had been broken, when the wreckage from the galley dropped on us, and there was only one good oar as the other had been broken and spare oars washed away. We did our best to get back to the wreck but the set of the undertow carried us away."

"We tried to head for Tillamook Light, but we had no compass to steer us. When morning broke I found we were standing far out to sea. I thought it best to keep the boat well out, hoping to fall into the path of steamships. With this hope I set the course northward along the coast."

"The second night out we saw lights, but it was too dark to venture in. There was neither food nor water, and we suffered terribly from thirst during Saturday. Toward evening the cook declared he could stand it no longer and took a drink of sea water. He soon became delirious."

"At about two o'clock Sunday morning we saw a big steamer. She stopped near us and we all believed we would be saved. But the vessel got under way again and left us. The cook gave up the fight then. He laid down in the water and in a few moments he was dead."

"About seven o'clock Sunday morning we made out Tatoosh Island."

"We were all too tired to manage the boat very well, but along towards Sunday afternoon I got her headed back towards Neah Bay."

"Sunday seemed the worst day we were out. We kept seeing all sorts of vessels passing back and forth, but none of them would answer our hail. We were generally too far off to be made out plainly, I guess."

## TONIGHT'S RACES AND JOSEPH PAGE

### What Manager R. J. Armstrong Says About the Montreal Man.

Robert J. Armstrong, manager of the Victoria rink, in conversation with the Times man today, hands out some hot stuff to one Joe Page. Mr. Armstrong feels strongly on the actions of Page. He says:

"In an attempt to injure the championship meet at the Victoria rink tonight some local skaters, who have allowed themselves to be governed by Joe Page, who is knocking the meet on account of his inability to get a slice of the receipts, handed out a story to two evening papers to the effect that the two Montreal skaters, Wheeler and Pelletier, who are to skate here, are second rates, and not in the class with Finlayson, Aird, Powers, Bulmer, etc."

"Those furnishing the information either did not know or did not wish the public to know the correct state of affairs in connection with Wheeler and Pelletier."

"In the first place, it might be pointed out that Russell Wheeler has defeated Aird, Finlayson, Bulmer and Powers in the indoor meets, and holds the indoor and outdoor backward championships."

## A BIG STRIKE ON THE TYNE

### Unless a Compromise is Arranged in Shipbuilding Strike Many Thousands of Men Will Soon Be Idle.

LONDON, Feb. 18--The shipbuilding strike along the Tyne, which already has lasted a month, is likely to be greatly extended, first by a lockout, which comes into effect at the end of the present week, and second by a strike of the allied trades engineers who have voted by an overwhelming majority against a reduction of wages.

Unless a compromise can be arranged many thousands of men soon will be idle.

## THE INSURANCE BILL

### J. K. MacDonald Suggests Further Changes in It.

OTTAWA, Ont., Feb. 18 (Special)--At the banking and commerce committee J. K. MacDonald, representing the Canadian Life officers, said that the consent of the democratized business in New York states, He said that there was insurance written in 1904 \$1,147,490,000, and this dropped to \$455,000,000 last year. It was suggested that the financial stringency might affect this. Mr. MacDonald admitted that this might assist, but his main contention was that it was due to the Armstrong law, Mr. MacDonald went on to say that the annual appointment of profits would extinguish some of the younger companies.

In regard to clause 96, which provided that a suit in the interest of the policy holders with the consent of the superintendent of insurance could be instituted in court by the attorney general of the Dominion against the company or directors, trustees or other officers, he asked that it be eliminated. The clause, if maintained, would require a special investigation committee.

## JAPANESE SITUATION IN BRITISH COLUMBIA

OTTAWA, Feb. 18--(Special)--The situation in British Columbia with reference to the Japanese is becoming gradually more interesting. Mr. Oliver was advised yesterday on the arrival of 130 Japanese at Victoria. Most of these are destined for the United States, but as small-pox developed on the vessel on which the Japanese crossed the Pacific, it will be necessary to quarantine all for a period of 14 days. It is understood in connection with the case of two Japs who were arrested, that instructions have been sent to the agents of the department of justice in British Columbia to take habeas corpus proceedings in the event of an attempt being made to enforce the act, and these instructions doubtless will be carried out.

## EVERY DAY CLUB

The Every Day Club orchestra will meet for practice this evening at the residence of Mr. Belding, 270 Germain street. W. J. Stokes, leader, is desirous also of organizing a file and drum band in connection with the club, and would be glad to hear this week from any steady young men who would be willing to join. Last night's business meeting of the club was attended by nearly fifty active members and was the most satisfactory ever held. Important plans for the summer are being perfected.

T. A. Peters, deputy commissioner of agriculture, arrived in the city at noon.

## THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

### AFTER THE BORINGS.

Mr. Cornfield O'Hoo had a most satisfactory conference with Hon. Dr. Pugsley when the minister was in the city, and gave the Times new reporter this morning the first public intimation of the colossal developments which are to follow the borings at Courtenay Bay. The minister's statement is given in his own words, as quoted by Mr. O'Hoo, who is a most reliable citizen and one deeply interested in the well-being of St. John--

"I may say to you, Mr. O'Hoo," said the minister, "knowing as I do your deep interest with myself in all that relates to

the good of the winter port, that I have the most confident assurances, from gentlemen fully competent to pronounce upon the question, that St. John, to whose interests I have always been devoted, will reap enormous advantages from the extension of the pier to Courtenay Bay. I am assured that when the concrete piers with nickel trimmings have been constructed, and are crowded with heavy engines and hundreds upon hundreds of heavily laden cars, as will constantly be the case, the pressure upon the underlying strata of rock will be so great that it will only be necessary to sink artesian wells and a volume of water will be forced up sufficient to supply a city of half a million people, rendering wholly unnecessary the use of Loch Lomond water. Not only so, but the pressure from the piers and loaded trains will be so great that the subterranean waters will escape through the artesian wells with such force as to pro-

vide power for electricity for all purposes, including factories, for a city of two million people. The power will be developed by turbines. We have been accustomed to think of turbines being operated by water falling from above, but they can be set in motion just as easily by pressure from below. I may add," concluded the minister, "that a number of my St. John friends are now talking of organizing a strong turbine company."

Mr. O'Hoo, in giving this information to the Times new reporter, reminded him that it was Dr. Pugsley who built the St. John dry dock, constructed the Valley Railway, sold the Central to the G. T. P., paid off the provincial debt and saved the country. Therefore Premier Robinson should be given another chance at the country roads.

The new reporter said he felt himself that the premier was entitled to a walking ticket--and would probably get it on March 3rd.

