THE PAPER THE TIMES THE PEOPLE READ

The Evening Times.

THE WEATHER.
Moderate winds fine today. Saturday strong south and southwest winds, milder with rain.

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ERNEST RUPERT MAY BE A MURDER VICTIM

Hampton Man Found in Woods, Thought to Have Been Frozen to Death, Had His Throat Cut—Either Suicide or Murder.

Further particulars received this morning from Sussex about the finding of the body of Ernest Rupert of Hampton, reported to have been frozen to death, indiate that the man may have committed suicide or that there was foul play.

When the body was found, the arms were frozen up around the neck and Dr. Pearson did not see a gash on the right side of the throat or notice that the jugler vein was severed. There was frozen or clotted blood around the neck. In the hip pocket of the trousers was a two-bladded knife with one of the blades broken off. There was a blood stain on the intact blade.

The coroner at first thought that the man was frozen to death, but since the examination, it looks like either a case of suicide or foul play. The face was very red and the upper part of the face and left side indicate that they might have been bruised.

The coroner has since the finding of the body, been called out of town, but has been sent for and an inquest will probably be held.

GEORGE A. PRINCE IN THE POLICE COURT

He Was Arraigned This Morning for Uttering Worthless Cheques and Was Remanded—May be of Unsound Mind.

Before Judge Ritchie this morning George A. Prince, the crippled piano salesman accused of uttering worthless cheques, and obtaining money under false pretenses, was remanded until tomorrow morning, on the request of W. W. Allen, counsel for the prisoner. Mr. Allen said he was in receipt of information this morning, bearing upon the case, and if he succeeded in ascertaining further on a certain point, it would be extremely beneficial to his client. J. A. Sharpe, of L. L. Sharpe, opticians and jewelers, who swore out the warrant for the arrest of Prince, did not object to the postponement. It is believed that Prince is insane, and this belief is borne out by a report that he was arrested in Truro not long ago when acting strangely and was subsequently released.

Shortly after 11 o'clock last night Patrolman James Gosline arrested John Kain, who was staggering along Brittain street. In the police court this morning he pleaded not guilty and was remanded.

Walter Baldwin, Arthur Falconer, John Kelly and Lawrence McGinty, drunks, were sentenced to four dollars or ten days.

A MATTER OF BLANKETS

Deep Gloom on Union Street; Sunshine on Market Square

The purchase of thirty horseblankets with which to cover the aristocratic sides of those blue blooded Kentucky horses, may cost the Hazen government a staunch supporter. The blankets were undoubtedly good value for the money paid, but they were purchased by government order from a gentleman who, though of excellent reputation for business integrity, has so far forgotten himself as to be an adherent of the Liberal party.

Now, there is on Union street, another gentleman who also sells excellent blankets and who had hoped that in the natural order of things he might some day sell some blankets to the government, he being an adherant of the Conservative party and an ardent supporter of Mr. Hazen. When the government imported the Kentucky horses and needed blankets his hopes ran high, but alas, he was over-looked and the blankets purchased from his rival. Now there is anger, resentment and a deep gloom on Union street, but the sun still shines on Market Square.

ANOTHER CRIB HAS BEEN PLACED

The second crib of the new wharf being built for the government by D. C. Clark was towed from the Old Fort to Rodney wharf this morning. This crib is known as No. 2, and will be laced at the end of No. 6 wharf, on the northerly side. It is 243 feet long, 50 feet wide and 10 feet in heighth. Work will be continued on it until it has been built up to 32 feet, when it will be sunk and ballasted. The crib has been ready for some days, but Mr. Clark was waiting for the spring tides to tow it from its resting place. Three tugs were used to tow it—the Lord Kitchener, Lord Roberts and Mildred, and they accomplished their task in about half an hour.

No. 1 crib was sunk on Jan. 20 and it has since been ballasted and is now being filled with mud dredged from the harbor. As soon as No. 2 has been sunk, work will be commenced on the third section. Contractor Clark is rushing the work as quickly as possible.

A PARLOR CONCERT

Last evening the St. John Y. W. C. T. U., held a very enjoyable parlor concert in their rooms, Germain street. The following programme was carried out:—

Piano duett, Misses. Fox and Nubar; recitation, Hazel Gray; solo, Cora Colwell; reading, Elsie Rogers; piano solo, Miss Fox; dialogue, "A Society for the Suppression of Scandal," Y. W. C. T. U.; mandolin solo, Edwin Davis; reading, Dora Corbett; recitation, Gertrude McGinley; piano solo, Vera Corbett; solo, Robert Myles; piano solo, Myrtle Fox.

Bulgaria has signified its final acceptance of the Russian proposal looking to the settlement of the Turkish claim against Bulgaria for the latter's independence. The terms of the loan in this connection, however, are still under discussion.

UNHAPPINESS IN THEIR HOME

Another Tale of Domestic Infelicity Unfolded in Court This Morning.

Marital infelicities were again exposed to public view in the police court this morning in the examination of Hollingworth Turner, arrested this morning on a warrant sworn out by his wife, alleging assault. H. J. Smith represented the wife, and J. B. M. Baxter the husband.

Mrs. Azora Turner, the informant, in her testimony stated that she was married to Turner two years ago. On Tuesday afternoon he struck her on the face in the kitchen of his mother's home, at 61 Rodney street, west end, where they resided, and subsequently followed the attack by literally kicking her down the rear stairs to the flat below, while she was in negligee attire. He then threw her apparel after her. According to her version of the quarrel, it originated in her refusal to answer a certain query. She said her sister-in-law, in the lower story, saw him kicking her down the stairway, and asked Turner if he was endeavoring to kill her. Her mother-in-law was also present at the time.

Cross-examined by Mr. Baxter, complainant denied that the question her husband asked her was inquiring after the welfare of the baby, asserting that he demanded to know what she was employed at during the morning. She would not reply as she feared blows would be the sequel. She knew that he was ill in bed for three weeks, but did not know from what ailment he was suffering, and in fact had not the faintest idea. She did not entertain the topic except in a trivial sense, for his mother was attending him. He arose from bed at noon, while his mother was scolding her for negligence in washing the dishes. She told her mother-in-law that she would not handle another broom, and at this point he interfered. She was unaware that her father views her as partially insane. She admitted threatening to return to him at Fairville, but never did so. She left him in April, and sued him for non-support. When he returned from the west in the latter part of October a reconciliation was effected, but in three or four weeks he again resumed his abusive treatment. She has one child, 14 months old.

Turner was sworn in his own behalf. He stated that he arose on Tuesday on hearing sounds of verbal combat emanating from the kitchen. The house and child were unclean, and asking her why she did not properly look after the baby, he placed his hand over her mouth to prevent her talking. She then threatened to return to her father, and he commanded her to leave immediately. She sat at the head of the stairs and he attempted to kick her, but she evaded it. He afterward threw her clothes downstairs. He said his feet were enclosed in cloth slippers at the time, and one flew off. On leaving the house she went to a Mrs. Currie's. He said he has been afflicted with a complication of quinsy sore throat and pains in the back for three weeks, and was in bed ten days before his wife deigned to look at him. At that time she entered the room and asked him if he was improving, and he replied in the negative. She then withdrew. Dr. Kenney, who is attending him, gave him a certificate last night, and Acting Sergt. Lee did not, therefore, take him into custody until this morning. Turner gave vent to the opinion that he was convinced that his wife was mentally unbalanced at times. Her father told him and his mother in court this morning that his daughter was not level headed. He said he had always provided for her.

Cross-questioned by Mr. Smith, he said his wife had a practice of remaining out late at nights, and early in their married life she was absent with the baby for several days, and when she returned he refused her admittance. The Brotherhood of Railroad Firemen, however, prevailed upon him to resume marital relations again, though he ascertained her explanation to the effect that she was with her father was a fabrication. In April she disapepared. He said she did not know even the rudiments of cooking or housework, and agreed to be under the tutilage of her mother-in-law.

Mrs. Turner, mother of the prisoner, said the complainant threw dishwater into the soup, thereby ruining the delicacy. She had beaten the baby and in reproving her the prisoner put his hand over her mouth and she ran outside. Mrs. Turner said her daughter-in-law had been creating a hubbub in the house, and the witness had considered the summoning of a policeman.

In announcing his verdict his honor said a husband is entitled to some privileges, and in some cases the penalty is not justifiable. His honor said two kinds of nagging wives exist, to wit silent and talkative. He considered that the wife in this instance was mostly at fault, and dismissed the case, suggesting that she return to her father and prevail upon him to seek another reconciliation with her husband.

Rev. John Williams will meet the committee of the People's Mission this evening at 7.30 o'clock relative to holding a mission in the hall on Waterloo street.

PHILADELPHIA REPORTER BOLDLY TOOK SNAPSHOT OF MR. JUSTICE FORBES

They Said He Looked Just Like King Edward—The Judge Tells the Times About the Great Presbyterian Conference, the New South and the Taft Inauguration.

Hon. J. G. Forbes returned to the city last night after having attended the meeting in Philadelphia of the executive commission of the western (American) section of the world's alliance of the Reformed church, holding the Presbyterian system. The sessions commenced on Tuesday the 9th and adjournment was made on Thursday the 11th. Since the notable gathering Judge Forbes has visited Washington, D. C., and Richmond, Va. To a Times man who called upon him at his home this morning, his honor spoke interestingly of the meeting which was of a preparatory nature for the world's convention which meets in New York city in June. Judge Forbes also told of his visit to the American capital and to Richmond. Judge Forbes was the representative of the Canadian church at the Quaker City gathering. Being asked regarding the comment in the Philadelphia papers of his striking likeness to His Majesty King Edward VII., and of the pictures in some of the dailies, his honor laughed heartily, the whole thing seeming to be particularly amusing to him.

The Pan-American Council, he explained, met every four years, "and," said Judge Forbes, "the first meeting I attended, was in Glasgow in 1876, also that in Washington in 1899, and Rev. Prof. Fraser and myself attended that in Liverpool in 1904. The object of these gatherings," continued his honor, "is to gather together all the Presbyterian churches in the world representing thirty millions of people. The Dominion of Canada, sends to the conference fifteen ministers and fifteen laymen. The work is not legislative, but of a deliberative nature. The discussion is for the working out of matters for the advancement of the interests of the whole, such as public education, etc. In the United States there are ten different branches of the church, in Canada, however, there is but one church. The object also is to read papers of an historical nature, pointing to the best method to pursue in the work of the church. There are also interchanges of views on educational matters, so that the very best methods may be had for conducting the education of the young of the church. The general council is the drawing together of the systems in the church, the world over. In Austria, I might say to you, we have three millions of people. The discussions are also for the unification of methods and allotment of territory, so that there will be no overlapping and consequently no friction."

Judge Forbes spoke also of the strength of the church in Corea and India, and a large part of Central India was assigned to the care of the Canadian Church, and in this territory there were 30 missionaries and thei rwives. "At these world's conferences," continued His Honor, "we have in attendance a large number of missionaries on furlough, which enables us to have a practical illustration of the missionary work of the church in the foreign field. Some of the most notable men of the world are in attendance. The conference in New York takes place in the 5th Avenue Presbyterian Church, and the presiding officer will be Oswald Dilkes, of London, England. Among those to read papers on that occasion are Rev. Dr. McGill, of Halifax, and Rev. Dr. Falconer, of Toronto.

Judge Forbes, in speaking of the Philadelphia meeting, said:—"I felt deeply the honor of representing the Canadian church. There were such men as Rev. Dr. Moore, representing the Southern branch, 3,000 churches; Rev. Dr. Fullerton, the Church of the North, 7,000 congregations; and Rev. Dr. Scouller, representing the United Church, 2,000 congregations."

In Canada, Judge Forbes represents 1,500 congregations. Speaking of the Philadelphia newspapers and his likeness to King Edward, His Honor said that it had not previously occurred to him that he had any particular likeness to the king, "when in the Weatherspoon building with Dr. Roberts," said his Honor, "I thought I heard some whispering behind me, and as I came to the door of the office some one touched me on the shoulder and said, "may I speak to you?" and turning round I heard a click, and a group of newspaper men had taken a snap." Here the judge laughed heartily as he produced a clipping from the Philadelphia Inquirer, showing his picture, a snap-shot. An examination of the same certainly shows a likeness to Britain's ruler. Also there was a request from F. Gulekunot & Co. photographers, for a sitting which judge Forbes said he acceded to.

The whole affair, too, had its enbarrosing side, for His Honor told that on one or two occasions when in a street car, he would hear somebody pointing him out as "the man that looked like the king."

In Washington, Judge Forbes said great preparations were being made for the inauguration of President-elect Taft. The streets were lined with platforms, and for a front seat on the platform near the White house, they were charging $20, and then it was only possible to witness the procession. He also visited Congress, and heard the celebrated Senator Tillman in a speech berateing the President. In Richmond, Judge Forbes said everything looks beautiful, nature had arrayed the laws and grass plots in the richest green, "and," said he, "I went to church on Sunday without any overcoat." The South, he believed, in a few years would take the place of the New England States as a manufacturing centre. "They have everything there on the ground, "said his Honor,"—minerals, lumber and cotton," in fact, everything essential for manufacture is there. Of the wealth of the South since the war, Judge Forbes said that it had increased enormously till last year, it had reached the gigantic figure of two billion, seven hundred millions. Labor there was cheap and the country was not effected by strikes, while the cleavage between the North and South was healing, there will was a feeling among the Southerners that dated from the time of adjustment of differences and liberties to blacks after the war.

Judge Forbes said that at some, not distant date, that St. Andrew's Church might have the privilege of hearing Rev. Dr. Burril of the Reformed Marble Memorial Church, New York, who he described as the most eloquent man he had ever heard.

WELL KNOWN MAN IS AMONG THE MISSING

F. De S. Henwood, Well Known in Musical Circles and a Popular Club Man Left City Suddenly on Tuesday.

There is much speculation in St. John today as to the whereabouts of F. deS. Henwood.

As far as can be learned Mr. Henwood left the city on Tuesday. He has not since been seen. It is not known whether he will return.

Mr. Henwood was employed by the firm of J. Clark & Son, of Germain street, agents for agricultural implements and carriages. He also did a small business as a piano salesman and was well known in musical circles through his activity in the promotion of several recent musical events. His latest venture in this line was in connection with the appearance here on Monday next of Miss Marie Hall, the famous violinist. Miss Hall's concert is being advertised as presented by Miss Helen E. Darling, the well known operatic artiste, but much of the business has been done by Mr. Henwood, whose present address is, as the algebraic X—an unknown quantity.

When Mr. Henwood first came to St. John he at once became popular with a large circle. He joined the Union Club and entertained at dinner parties there on several occasions. The list of guests at these pleasant little events would if published disclose the names of a number of St. John's "solid" men. These gentlemen found Mr. Henwood a most delightful host possessed of all the sound qualities that make for success. His popularity grew and very soon he was a welcome visitor at a number of St. John homes, usually regarded as exclusive. Consequently his sudden and unadvertised departure is the more generally regretted.

Mr. Henwood, it is understood, leaves a number of creditors behind him. Among these is a livery bill of $45 and a tailor's bill, much larger in size. Several of his friends are also said to be regretting the loss of money loaned.

Mr. Henwood has been in St. John about seven months. He came here from New York, although it is believed that his home was originally in the West. Little was known of him when he made his debut in this city, but his social qualities soon overcame that difficulty and, as stated, he was received with open arms. While here he had rooms on Germain street and took his meals at the Union Club. His sudden departure at this time is a rude shock to a number of his club friends. Of course, Mr. Henwood may return to explain his absence, but there are many who doubt this possibility. Enquiry at J. Clark & Son's elicited the fact that on Tuesday afternoon they learned that Mr. Henwood had left the city. They have not seen him since nor have they any knowledge of his whereabouts.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Feb. 19—Cotton futures opened steady March, 9.47 to 9.48; May, 9.46; July, 9.44; August, 9.26 bid; October, 9.32; December, 9.28; January, 9.24 bid.

BIG FIRE AT BUCTOUCHE

J. D. Irving's Store and That of Patrick Legere Destroyed—Loss $50,000.

Moncton, N. B., Feb. 19 — (Special) — A most disastrous fire occurred at Buctouche last evening when the general store of J. D. Irving was burned to the ground, also the store of Patrick Legere, tinsmith, Buctouche jail and the residence of D. P. Gallant, making a loss of about $50,000. The fire started about half-past nine in the basement of Irving's store, and it is presumed caught from the furnace in some unknown manner. The blaze had gained considerable headway before discovered, it first being noticed by some people next door who were playing cards, who saw a small blaze, but on examination, decided that it was but a lantern. However, another investigation was made a few moments later, when the real truth was learned. An alarm was sent in, and in getting the small engine out of the shed, it broke, rendering it practically useless. However, the fire had gained so that it was next to impossible to save the store of Irving, and an explosion of powder in the store made such a jar that it broke all the windows in Folley's store, across the street.

The insurance on J. D. Irving & Co's building and stock so far as can be ascertained is as follows:—

Sun (on stock)	$2,000
Sun (on building)	1,000
Richmond and Drummond (on stock)	2,500
Yorkshire (on building)	1,000
Total	$6,500

TODAY'S NEWS OF FREDERICTON

Fredericton N.B. Feb. 19—(Special)—The steel shelving for the vaults in the provincial secretary's office has arrived and will be placed in position immediately.

The thermometer registered twenty degrees below zero here last night.

W. W. Hubbard is here working on the report of the agricultural commission for submission to the legislature.

Miss Rose Porter, Stanley Street, is in Boston visiting friends.

THE LAWYERS SETTLED IT

That is What Fredericton Hears About the Ending of the Waterworks Suit.

Fredericton, N. B., Feb. 19—(Special)—When the circuit court met this morning Mr. Powell announced that a settlement had been reached in the McArthur & McVay case, and was permitted to withdraw the record. H. G. Fenety appeared for the defendant, in the absence of Messrs. Skinner and Teed, and gave his consent. Judge White in discharging the jury, thanked them for the careful attention they had given the case and adjourned court sine die.

It is said here that both parties to the suit were opposed to a settlement and that it was brought about through the influence of the respective counsel. Mr. Skinner before returning home arranged on behalf of the city for payment of jurers' fees.

GRAND TRUNK SHOPS WILL EMPLOY 1500

And Are Not Surpassed in Equipment by Any on the Continent.

Stratford, Ont., Feb. 19—(Special)—The recently completed Grand Trunk Railway shops here, acknowledged to be the most up to date and best equipped in Canada, and to be without a superior on the continent, were formally opened yesterday. The buildings cover an area of several acres, and it is estimated that with a full staff, upwards of 1500 men will be employed. The cost of buildings and equipment is in the neighborhood of $1,500,000, in honor of the occasion a banquet was tendered General Manager C. M. Hays, and staff, at Cedar Hall last evening.

TWO MONCTON MEN SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Moncton, Feb. 19—(Special)—Ben LeBlanc and George Cameron this morning were sent up for trial by Magistrate Steeves on a charge of breaking into a bonded warehouse. Three others were dismissed.

WATCH TOMORROW'S TIMES
FOR PARTICULARS OF THE
Grand Baby Contest
OPEN TO ANY AND ALL BABIES IN NEW BRUNSWICK UNDER 3 YEARS OF AGE

CHOKED A CLERK AND STOLE $1,200

Daring Robbery Perpetrated by Unknown Man or Men in T. S. Simms' Office This Afternoon—Thieves Stole Pay Roll Amounting to $1,200.

A daring robbery was perpetrated during the noon hour to day in T. S. Simms & Co's brush factory on Union street when a man or men, unknown, entered the office and after choking the clerk into unconsciousness made away with the company's payroll, amounting to $1,200.

The robbery occurred between 12.40 and 1 o'clock while W. Herbert Downie, the billing clerk was alone in the office.

The office is arranged much after the style of a bank with the desks situated behind a cage to which access could be had by doors at each side at the back. Mr. Downie was sitting at a typewriter desk at the right side of the cage, with his back to the door at the left. Suddenly he heard some one say "hurry up, come on," and was grabbed about the neck and choked. The next thing he knew was when he woke up with a couple of men reviving him.

It is believed the men came through the door at the left of the cage, and that there were two or more, as the words spoken indicate that it was not one man. It is probable that access was gained through the side door of the building, thence through the shipping room, from which a door opens alongside the left door in the cage.

After choking the clerk and leaving him unconscious on the floor, the robbers went to the vault in the rear of the office and a few feet away from where Mr. Downie was sitting, and opened it. The door of the vault was closed, but not locked. The then took from the vault a compartment containing the payroll of the company, amounting to $1,200, which had been made up, and placed in envelopes for the distribution to the hands this afternoon. They also took away a small leather grip, which was used for carrying money to the bank. So far as can be learned no one saw the robbers enter or leave.

Mr. Downie was discovered unconscious on the floor by the teamster, Jeremiah McCann, and G. F. Anderson, a member of the firm, and B. W. Sheppard, an employe, who appeared a few minutes later, helped to revive him. Dr. G. A. B. Addy was also summoned and after assisting in reviving the young man, he was sent to his boarding house, Leinster Hall.

The police were notified and the chief, Detective Killen, and Patrolman Olive and Cavanaugh went to the scene. Inquiries were made from people of the vicinity, but no one appeared to have seen any men going or coming.

Detective Killen, Sergeant Campbell and Patrolman Cavanaugh started out in a sleigh to try and trace the thieves.

The opinion is held that the robbery was committed by someone who was well acquainted with affairs around the factory, as the time chosen was when most of the employes were out or at dinner on the upper floor. Other members of the office staff were present until 12.30 or 12.40, and Downie must have been alone only a few minutes.

DESTITUTION IN STRICKEN REGION

American Relief Expedition Returns From Trip Through Calabria--Prompt Relief Measures

Rome, Feb. 18—The special American relief expedition, headed by Nelson Gay, of Boston, and Earle Dodge, ambassador Griscom's secretary, returned here from Calabria tonight. They remained eleven days in the earthquake region, visiting forty towns and villages and collecting information with regard to thirty others. They covered 400 miles by automobile and much longer distances by train.

Everywhere in the mountain villages they found great destitution. The people refused to receive money, saying that they did not know what to do with it; what they wanted beyond everything else was shelter. The Americans distributed a great quantity of provisions with astonishing rapidity, and a quantity of milk, which they were able to supply was most gratefully received for use among women and children.

After receiving the report of Mr. Gay, the American relief committee in Rome appropriated $30,000 for the erection of wooden barracks, $3,000 for roofing and $24,000 for tent barracks for the devastated territory. This practically exhausts the balance of the fund. Ambassador Griscom has presented to the minister of marine $3,221, which was contributed by the officers and crews of the American Atlantic fleet for the families of the Italian officers and sailors who suffered in the earthquake.

According to the report of the special expedition, the tents and doctors of the Italian Red Cross were found everywhere in Calabria, even in the smallest villages, showing the perfect organization of the institution.

At Palmi, a ward of fifty patients is now ready in the American hospital, and another ward is being prepared, capable of accommodating a similar number.

TROUBLE IN PERSIA

Teheran, Feb. 18—One of the legations here has sent out a circular to all its people warning them of the possibility of disturbances in Teheran, and advising them to hoist their country's flag and seek refuge in the legation in the event of an outbreak. The situation for the moment hardly seems to necessitate such precautions, but the existing tension cannot be prolonged indefinitely. The closing of the bazaars has greatly increased the price of food stuffs and the public unrest is growing. Murders and robbery in the native quarter occur nightly.

The unrest at Teheran follows closely the success of a revolutionary outbreak at Resht and the establishment of a provisional revolutionary government there. Previous to this outcome, the governor of Rhest and several other administrational officials were murdered and the rebels burned the governor's palace and the post and telegraph offices. The outbreak was connected with the national movement.

St. Petersburg, Feb. 18—A special despatch received here from Teheran says the guard before the Russian legation has been increased and that disorders are expected.

WALL STREET

New York, Feb. 19—The opening of the stock market showed liquidation still in force and prices were carried decisively downwards through the whole list. There were 8,000 shares of the first sale of United States Steel at 49 1-4 and 49 compared with 49 3-4 last night and subsequent sales of heavy blocks carried it down to 48 5-8. Southern Pacific, also opened wide on running sales of 5,000 shares at 117 and 116 1-2, compared with 117 1-2 last night.

The gravest news has been received in Belgium of devastation caused by floods in the lower Congo. Posts, factories and villages have been destroyed everywhere. The inhabitants have been ruined and are dying in great numbers.

The many friends of Mrs. G. B. Jones, of Shannon, Queens Co., will be glad to learn that the operation she went through at the hospital has been successful and she is improving slowly.

NO CHOICE YET

Deadlock in Toronto Synod Still Continues—Two Ballots Taken Today and Matter Goes to Committee.

Toronto, Feb. 19—(Special)—There were two ballots taken this morning at the synod meeting, but these were fruitless, and the deadlock continues. A committee of sixteen has been appointed to deal with the situation, and find some way out of the deadlock. The synod adjourned till two o'clock.

WILL CUBA PUT UP THE FENCE?

Rumor That Foreigners Will be Prohibited From Holding Property on the Island.

New York, Feb. 19—According to a special despatch received by the World from Havana there were reports current there last night that a bill would be introduced in the house prohibiting foreigners holding any property in Cuba and that judging from the expression by members of both houses of congress, the bill would be enacted into law.

The property of Americans, English, Spaniards, Germans and French that would be affected, amounts to nearly two billions of dollars in value.

Such action by congress would, it is believed, bring President Gomez face to face with a domestic crisis and entail international complications.

IT WILL BE READY EARLY NEXT WEEK

No. 6 Berth on West Side is Now Almost Fit for Occupancy

Indications now are that No. 6 berth on the west side will be ready for occupancy about Monday or Tuesday of net week. A meeting of the west side improvements committee was held this morning, when the harbor master submitted a report of his examination of the berth. Two boulders have been found, a small one, in about 27 or 28 feet of water, and a larger one covered by 29 or 30 feet of water.

It was decided to have the city hoisting scow sent to the berth at once, and lift the small boulder. This it is thought, can be done in about 24 hours. The dragging of the berth will be continued and unless something else is discovered, the berth will be ready for the steamers early next week. The big boulder, it is thought, will not interefere with the steamers during the high tides at this season, and it will be left until the rush of business is over, when it will likely be taken up by the government.

GIVEN ENTREE TO CLUBS

Colonial Journalists Made Honorary Members of Several in London.

London, Feb. 19—The delegates to the Imperial press conference have been elected temporary members of the National Liberal Club, the Royal Colonial Institute, the Constitutional Ranelagh and Savage clubs during their stay in England.

MONTREAL STOCKS

Montreal, Que., Feb. 19—(Special)—Dominion Steel Common was steadier today at 35 1-4 to 34 7-8, but preferred rose to 107. Bonds sold at 89 1-4. Coal showed little change at 57 and 96 for preferred. Textile was firmer at 69, other features being Mexican 77, Toronto Railway 120, Pacific 172 3-8, Detroit 62, Penman's 46.

A full attendance of the Carleton Cornet and 62nd bands is requested for practice tonight in the 62nd band room.