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REWARD. A LIBERAL REWARD WILL BE GIVEN for the recovery of the body of the LATE FREDERICK LEDUC, drowned on Sunday morning, May 17, off the Steamer Fenia, near the head of Howe Island.

NOTICE. THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE ST. LAWRENCE HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY (LIMITED), will be held at the office of the said company, Kingston, Ontario, on the FIRST MONDAY IN JUNE (4th) at 9 o'clock a.m.

Table with 2 columns: Montreal Stock Market and Montreal Produce Markets. Lists various commodities and their prices.

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THE 4 P. M. EDITION. COSTS ARE REDUCED.

Referee's Fees Considered Too High in Thousand Island Case. An important decision was given by Justice Frank H. Hoock, at Watertown, Wednesday, in the injunction suits brought by Walter Brown and other against James Bear, Albert Gurnee, Byron M. Britton and others.

The court corrected the taxation of witnesses' fees by apportioning one set of fees for the three cases. The amount taxed for referee's fees expenses must be reduced in each case to one-third of a per diem of \$10 for twenty-five days certified by the referee, unless the defendants elect to accept the stipulations of the plaintiffs that referee's fees may be allowed and taxed at \$25 per day for twenty-four days and the sum of \$100 allowed and taxed for expenses.

GETTING READY FOR EXAMS. The Number of Candidates So Far Making Application. The annual examinations under the regulations of the Ontario education department will open here in the collegiate institute on July 4th. So far the number of applications received by inspector Kirk was: Form I—51; form II—127; form III—49; form IV—7.

Enjoying An Outing. SHURBURY, May 24.—With frequent showers and warm weather everything in the vegetable kingdom is making vigorous growth. J. McDonald erected a patent road gate a few days ago. J. McBride is very busy. Captain Grego, Salvation Army, now has charge of the village corps. The farmers on Princess street have their planting all finished. Agents of all kinds are canvassing this locality with success.

Movements of Sampson's Fleet. KEY WEST, May 27.—A Spanish ship, thought to be an auxiliary cruiser, was sighted by the United States warships Wilmington and Bancroft, fifteen miles off Key West last night and at last accounts she was being chased by the Bancroft.

Recovered The Purse. Between eleven and twelve o'clock today a lady was walking along Clergy street, near Earl street, with a purse in her hand. She was met by a youth about fifteen years of age, who made a grab at the pocket-book and made away.

Not Officially Confirmed. WASHINGTON, May 27.—Secretary Long said today that he had not received any official confirmation of the report that the Spanish fleet was in Santiago harbor and that Commodore Schley was lying in wait at the entrance. He had, however, no reason to doubt the accuracy of the several reports beyond the fact that several days had passed and it had not yet been officially confirmed.

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Done in View of the Hispano-American War.—Havana Strongly Defended but Early Provisioned.—McKinley Does Not Know How to Act in Regard to Attacking Cuba and Porto Rico.

PARIS, May 27.—The Matin says this morning: "In view of the eventualities of the Spanish-American war, M. Lebon, minister of the colonies, admiral Benard, minister of marine, and Gen. Billot, minister of war, met yesterday under the presidency of M. Faure, to decide upon their respective spheres of responsibility. It was decided that Gen. Billot should be exclusively charged with the defence of France, Algeria and Tunisia, and that admiral Benard should undertake the protection of the coasts of France and of all the colonies. M. Lebon accepted the necessity of military preponderance in colonial matters, and decrees to carry out these decisions will be promulgated immediately."

New York, May 27.—A cable despatch to the World from Madrid says: A report of the Spanish minister of marine, Dago de Cuba is feared by every Spaniard, as all admit in confidence that admiral Cervera is left to fight against forces three times greater in number than his own. Notwithstanding official reports that admiral Cervera's position is secure, public opinion is decidedly against his staying at Santiago.

A special to the Press from Washington says general Schofield, who is giving the department the benefit of his experience and advising him upon military operations holds that Porto Rico is the key to the West Indian situation for the present. He insists that Porto Rico must be taken before Cuba falls or it cannot be occupied at all as the war should end then. The president is said to be undecided in the face of these conflicting views about the line of action to pursue towards Porto Rico.

Now They Are Gone. KEY WEST, May 27.—It is reported on the best authority that Cervera's fleet has escaped to the westward on Saturday. It is believed he intends to attack the Atlantic coast cities. The United States fleet is watching for such a movement. Cervera may possibly go into Porto Rico but he cannot go into Havana.

Afternoon Proceedings. The Evidence Put In at This Afternoon's Session. The Merrick-Hopkirk investigation was reopened after lunch at two o'clock. Mr. Merrick again took his place in the witness box, when the cross-examination by G. M. Macdonnell was continued. He said: "Mr. Hopkirk's inaccuracy in his work had not been any greater during the last year of his service than formerly. His mistakes caused considerable correspondence between the local office and the department at Ottawa."

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