

THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. TUESDAY DECEMBER 18, 1906.

## CHRISTMAS FURS

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#### EX-AUDITOR GENERAL

##### SERIOUSLY ILL

Little Hope for His Recovery—Clark Case up Today—Hockey Matters

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—The crown case reserved in re William Clark of St. John will be argued tomorrow before the full court. The stenographer, Mr. Devine, filed the transcript of the evidence some days ago. Mr. Baxter, counsel for Clark, arrived on this evening's train from St. John, and the attorney general, representing the crown, is expected in the morning.

A meeting of the creditors of John A. Humble was held this afternoon to consider tenders. It is understood that the only tender submitted was withdrawn, so the meeting adjourned without taking any action.

Ex-Auditor General Beek is reported this evening as being seriously ill. As Mr. Beek is in his ninety-third year there is little hope for his recovery. The aged gentleman is mostly afflicted with his mind.

The Hockey Club has not yet come to an agreement with Manager Hargan of the Arctic rink. The club held a meeting this evening and decided to stand by their terms. The prospect of the parties coming to an agreement is not at all promising if one is to judge from reports.

#### CRIMEAN WAR VETERAN

##### Bennett Franklin Palmer Passed Away Yesterday

Bennett Franklin Palmer, a veteran of the Crimean war, passed to his long rest yesterday. Mr. Palmer was before coming to this country a regular in the British army, and fought at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol. The three medals which signified his participation in these bloody conflicts were the possessions of which he was most proud. Mr. Palmer came to Saint John many years ago and of late years had been a piano salesman. He had been in rather poor health for the past ten years, and about a week ago was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until his death. He is survived by a widow, but no children. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at halfpast two, from his late residence, 97 St. James street.

Loyalist Division, Some of Temperance, No. 131, met last evening in their hall, Simonds street, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Fred M. Hastings, V.P.; Miss Ella Brushatt, W.A.; Chas. L. Hamden, R.S.; Harry W. Stone, A.H.S.; Miss Annie Carson, F.S.; Mrs. Wm. Cronk, Treas.; Miss Lizzie Goulton, Chap.; Robt. Carson, Conductor; Miss Ella Tucker, A. Cond.; James Cooper, I.S.; Allen Daley, O.S.; Mrs. George Thompson, S.F.P.W.; Walter S. Daley, P.W.P.; John Gowland, D.G.W.P.

## VICTORIA RINK

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Largest Indoor Ice Floor in Eastern Canada

A Vic Ticket is the Best Christmas Box

CHILDREN'S TICKETS,	only \$1.50
LADIES' "	2.50
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Popular Music Twice Daily.  
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For All St. John Children Christmas Morning, Races, Etc., Among Those Present.

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## ROTHESAY WANTS MORE TEACHERS

Inspector Finds too Many Pupils for One Instructor

Time for Annual Forage of Sneak Thieves Around Rothesay, Renforth and Riverside

(Special correspondence of The Sun.)  
ROTHESAY, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mattatow of St. John, whose serious illness was noted a few days ago, died at her home in St. John Wednesday morning and was brought here today for burial in the Baptist burial ground at Gondola Point. The funeral was attended by many who knew and esteemed the deceased, who had many relatives in this vicinity.

School Inspector Steeves was visiting Rothesay schools a few days ago and did not hesitate to express his opinion that there were too many children for one teacher, and far too many for the size of the present building. The grounds and building are in splendid condition, but another large school room and another teacher are among the necessities required for a good school. Rothesay is a pretty large enough for a graded school, and the taxation rate is so low now that the addition would be hardly felt.

Green Bros. & Co.'s saw mill has closed down for the winter for want of logs to saw. It is their hope that the railway people will put a siding in soon so that logs can be brought by rail for manufacture. In connection with the power at this mill, which is 120 horse, a gentleman interested in the development and prosperity of Rothesay, said there would be a splendid chance to use their power for electric light purposes from the afternoon until midnight. There are many residents who would welcome the installation of an electric light plant—in fact some of the newest houses have been made ready for its introduction—and it is known that there would be little if any difficulty in the formation of a company. This opportunity of obtaining good and cheap power will make the project easier.

Moss Glen and Island people have crossed the long stretch to Rothesay and the residents of the latter spot are released once again from their usual fall imprisonment. The mails for Milikish, which have been coming via Clifton, do so no longer, so the ice must be safe near the usual course of the Maggie Miller.

The detection of sneak thieving and its proper punishment is quite difficult in some country districts, and this appears to be one of them. The attorney general once remarked after an epidemic of stealing that a good permanent constable and watchman seemed to be needed in Renforth, Riverside and Rothesay, but ever since then the night prowlers continue their work there to do it openly and boldly, and no one seems to know for certain who the culprits are, though they are sure to be guessed. One gang of thieves work the loose windows of the vacant summer houses on the opposite river bank. Whatever is loose. This may be a timely reminder to some to have an eye to their property, for the time is near when the annual forage is usually made.

But there is another thief, a bad guesser breaks open his houses in the night time, breaks boat locks when the river is open and escapes to his home on the opposite river bank. He has never been caught in the act, but those who followed him home one night arrived only in time to smell the feathers burning. There was a sharp watch kept after that by the residents of Clifton and Wadell town, and the thief changed the scene of his operations but managed to keep out of the law's clutches.

Now the same man is suspected of setting fire to a henery on the Neck, when 150 hens of Austen Wetmore's were destroyed and the house and barns threatened. Mr. Wetmore has his reasons for suspecting the man who is credited with petty thieving not only in Clifton, Moss Glen and Rothesay, but has been caught in St. John and found guilty. Owners of property easily transported would feel easier if this wandering villain was being cared for by the authorities.

The property owned by the estate of W. C. Drury in Rothesay has been purchased by William Pugsley. The open air skating rink built a year or two ago by H. Gilbert is flooded again this winter, and the Rothesay hockeyists are getting their skates ready to put up their usual fight. They have some notable puck chasers in the village who made it hot even for the Rothesay College champions, and they will be glad to get into practice again. The examinations at Netherwood School have begun, and will be finished in one week. Next Thursday is closing day, when the girls will depart for their homes for the Christmas holidays.

The sewing circle of St. Paul's church realized \$180 from the recent sale and supper. This amount represented the gross receipts. The young people of the church are very busy with the Christmas decorations and preparing the Christmas music. The usual Christmas tree will not be got ready until after New Year's, when the home festivities are over.

The Ellinor Home Farm inmates are anticipating a pleasant first Christmas and New Year season in Canada. Miss Dunn proposes not only to make her children happy, but to enhance the pleasure of the young people in the neighborhood, who will be asked to join the merry gatherings.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—After a debate lasting several hours, and on motion of Winston Spencer Churchill, under-secretary for the colonies, the House of Commons today approved the grant of contributions to the Transvaal and Orange River colonies.

## Everybody Eats Them.

## Florida Oranges, Jamaica Oranges, Valencia Oranges, Navel Oranges.

All kinds of Nuts, Dates, Figs, etc., for the Christmas Trade.

**A. L. GOODWIN,**  
Market Building, Germain St.

#### GIFFORD PINCHOT FINDS BRIDGE IN GOOD SHAPE

Premier and Attorney-Gen. Back From Washington

Head of U. S. Forestry Department, and Other Experts, Will Attend Forestry Convention at Fredericton

Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley arrived home yesterday from Washington, where, accompanied by Surveyor General Sweeney, they had gone to confer with experts about forestry matters, chiefly in connection with the coming forestry convention to be held in Fredericton.

When interviewed by a Sun reporter yesterday, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said their trip had proved very successful and that Gifford Pinchot, the head of the U. S. Forestry Department, and his other experts along with him, Mr. Pinchot was pleased with the legislation introduced by the local government last session and had no criticisms to make upon it.

Hon. Mr. Sweeney will go to Ontario to arrange for a number of experts from that province, who will attend the convention. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that at the next meeting of the government the date of the convention would be settled. It will probably be held during the first week of the session of the legislature, and will last for two or three days.

#### BOSTON POLICE LOCATE ALLEGED MURDERER

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—After a search extending over a period of four years, the Boston police have definitely located Giuseppe Malavio, alias Joseph Vito, formerly of New York and this city, an alleged murderer in Massachusetts. France, Chief Inspector William B. Watts today notified Governor Curtis Guild that Malavio had been found and the Washington authorities will be requested immediately to begin proceedings for the extradition of the man.

Malavio is charged with shooting and killing Placido Runko, at 82 Warren St., this city, April 1, 1902. The men quarrelled over money matters.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British Channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$80,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

#### FINDS BRIDGE IN GOOD SHAPE

Engineer Hildenbrand Nearly Through His Work

Cables and Towers in Splendid Condition—Strength Ample for Present Purposes

Mr. Hildenbrand, of New York, the engineer who is inspecting the Suspension bridge, says that with two more days he will be able to finish the work after which he will prepare his report.

In speaking to a Sun reporter last night, Mr. Hildenbrand said that the bridge is in a very fine state of preservation, and he could find no flaw in it. He has not yet made his calculations regarding the weight which can be safely carried by the bridge, but says it is perfectly safe for the weight which it is at present required to bear, but could not say yet whether any alterations would have to be made, in order to strengthen it, in case it was desired to run street cars over it.

Mr. Hildenbrand inspected the towers and found them to be in good condition, and the cables are also in first class shape. It was not necessary to stage a staging from the bridge to the towers, as the engineer was able to make the inspection by climbing a ladder and having a small stand built.

#### JAMES BRYCE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In spite of the fact that no official announcement has been made, it was declared in the lobbies of the House of Commons tonight, that James Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has accepted the post of British ambassador to Washington in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No official announcement is likely pending a re-arrangement of the cabinet, but Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

#### GLAD HE WON'T

Enrichetto (who was having considerable trouble with his ancient history lesson, to his father)—I am glad I won't be living three hundred years from now.

"Why, sonny?"

"Just think, how much more history there will be to learn then!"—La Caricaturista.

Holiday cigars, in boxes of ten, from 40c to 75c and \$1.00, at The Clear Box, 62 Mill street.

#### TWO OFFICERS IN TROUBLE

Hughes and Ward Suspended by Chief Clark

Helped Themselves to Sardines From Jackson's Store, North Wharf, With Proprietor's Permission

Police Officers Ward and Hughes have been suspended for three days by Chief Clark as a result of an unusual report made against the officers on Sunday by Sergt. Baxter.

Week for night duty on the Market square beat, and were on this beat for the first time on Saturday night. On returning to the station on Sunday morning they entered a report on the book that they had found the door of John Jackson's wholesale store on

The two officers were scheduled this North wharf open and had secured it with lock and key.

To Chief Clark, however, there reached information through Sergt. Baxter that when the two officers were in the store they took two boxes of sardines and one or two other articles. The men were at once suspended by the chief and an investigation followed.

The men, it is understood, acknowledged taking the articles from the store, but stated that Mr. Jackson had given them permission to take enough for their night lunch should on any occasion they find the door of his premises unlocked. Mr. Jackson later went to the chief and confirmed the men's statements.

In view of the position taken by Mr. Jackson, Chief Clark only suspended the men for three days for breach of regulations. Officer Orland Ward has been on the force for some time and has been regarded as an efficient officer. Chas. W. Hughes is the latest addition to the force.

Around town last night there seemed to be a tendency to connect the incident with a somewhat similar case not long ago when two officers were honorably acquitted by Chief Clark and an investigation under oath was thought advisable.

This is not the first time that the door of Mr. Jackson's establishment was found open, another officer having made a similar report about a week ago.

## A Lot of Apples For a Little Money.

Everybody eats apples, especially at this time of year when they are fresh and juicy.

Baldwins are Among the Very Best.

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