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LOCAL NEWS

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A. Wilson won the turkey on Black's every day for the highest score in the game.

"Make a good article and tell the people of its goodness and the people will buy it and continue to buy it." The truth of this statement is proved by the success of "Black's".

Beginning Monday next the J. N. Harvey Clothing and Furnishing store in the Opera House Block will close at 6 o'clock until further notice.

Don't forget the big sale of overcoats and suits tonight at the Union Clothing Company, 24-26 Charlotte St., City Market.

"Who are ordained and predestinated to be saved, and who are predestinated to be lost, if any," will be the subject, Sunday evening, 7 p. m., in Foresters Hall, No. 38 Charlotte St. Come and hear what the Bible has to say on this subject. By the pastor.

Ministers of the A. M. E. churches of the Maritime Provinces will convene at Yarmouth on the 12th inst. for the purpose of organizing a mutual benefit association. The Rev. A. Kersey has been named as the presiding officer.

The ministerial circle of King's Daughters will hold a reception service at the Guild Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock. The service will be conducted by the city president and members of other circles are cordially invited to attend.

The dredge Asp is at present doing fine work at No. 6 berth at Sand Point. She has been requested to load boulders weighing from three to twelve tons and many large timber sticks.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
PAZO OINTMENT is guaranteed to cure any case of Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days or money refunded. 10c.

Rev. Samuel Howard and Rev. Eldon Swin, will exchange pulpits to-morrow morning.

Mrs. R. L. Morrison wishes to thank her many friends for kindness and sympathy during her recent and protracted illness.

The Victoria Rink will hold the first skating race of the season this evening, when a big handicap will take place. In which fifteen speed skaters will participate. The race is sanctioned and will take place at 9 o'clock. The band will be present at the rink both afternoon and evening.

All members of the Young Men's Society of St. Joseph are requested to attend a special meeting of the society's dramatic club in the room of St. Michael's hall, Sunday afternoon at four o'clock. Nomination of officers of the society Monday evening at eight o'clock.

A pretty event was solemnized on Christmas afternoon with a big show of fireworks—almost half a ton of fireworks—when Rev. M. S. Thompson united in marriage Miss Bertie Smith to Walter Thompson. Only the immediate friends and relatives of the contracting parties were in attendance. Mr. and Mrs. Thompson will reside at Leggville.

Zion Methodist Church, pastor, Rev. James O'Neil, morning service at 11, subject: "Memories of the Past." Sunday School and Bible Class at 2.30. Evening service at 7, subject: "The Earthquake in Italy." Strangers are cordially invited. Class meeting on Thursday afternoon at 3. Prayer meeting Friday evening at 8.

In Main Street Baptist church the service Sunday evening will be under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. of Acadia University. Address will be given by members of the University Association, and the choir will be composed of students of the Baptist institution at Wolfville. The address will be given by Y. M. C. A. work among the colleges in general and at Acadia in particular. An offering will be received in aid of the work. All are cordially invited to attend.

The great January sale of F. W. Daniel and Company, Charlotte street, started this morning with a big show of winterwear—almost half the rear store downstairs being taken up with tables of all sorts of white garments at prices new to St. John. Then the heavy made goods such as Winter Coats, Costumes and Dress Skirts have been brought downstairs for quick out price sale. Single gowns such as coats, sweaters, pillow slips, etc., at prices twenty five per cent lower than previous season. See advertisement on page five.

CHEAP HARD COAL.
For sale feeders and cooking ranges and small lot which got mixed in vessel and will sell cheap to clear shed for other coal to arrive. Order quick before it is sold. 45 Belmain street, George Quay. Coal, 45 Belmain street, George Quay. Coal, 45 Belmain street, George Quay.

Only One "BROMO QUININE" that is **Laxative Bromo Quinine** on every box, 25c. Cures a Cold in One Day, Grip in 2 Days.

Collars in 1/4 Size
Made in styles to suit the most exacting requirements. Shown in double thickness for strength and wear. Double thickness for strength and wear. Double thickness for strength and wear.
BOULEVARD
Height, 1 1/2 in. back and 2 in. front.
Made in Quarter Sizes.
By the most careful expert workmen. Double thickness for strength and wear. Double thickness for strength and wear. Double thickness for strength and wear.
Makers, Berlin.

DUNLOP COMPANY
PROVE MIGHTIER

In a close and exciting bowling match on the Victoria Athletic Club alleys at the rink, the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company team defeated the St. John's team by a score of 124 to 117. On account of the holiday, large numbers were present all day at the alleys and much interest was shown throughout the entire match.

IT WAS A FAST GAME
IN MONCTON YESTERDAY

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 1.—The Y. M. C. A. basketball team defeated the Moncton team by a score of 12 to 10. The game was a fast one, the Y. M. C. A. team being the victors. The game was a fast one, the Y. M. C. A. team being the victors.

AMHERST SPORTS
SEE FAST RACES

AMHERST, Jan. 1.—A splendid day's sport was enjoyed at Blue Lake this afternoon and one of the finest aggregations of speed that has come together in Amherst for some time met there. The delightful weather and unusually good sleighing attracted large numbers from Sackville and other sections, and the afternoon passed very pleasantly. There were three races. The first two were finished and the third was finished tomorrow. The results were as follows:

Pro-for-all (6 entries)—William S. Loves, Joe Patchen, 1st; T. Edward Lowther's Guy Norval, 2nd; George Goddard's Guy Norval, 3rd; Rufus Carter's Lady St. Croix, 4th; Murray Jones' Simcoe, 5th.

Among those to visit the institution yesterday was Physical Director Fairly of the capital Y. M. C. A.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County.

Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure.

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Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

DOCK AT SAND POINT
AFTER ROUGH TRIPS

New Year's Day at Sand Point was vastly different from the same day last year. All the sheds were in operation yesterday and the longshoremen were busy engaged. Last year the day was a very quiet one, the men taking a holiday much against the desire of the steamship people.

Two arrivals and one departure were noted among the big liners. The C. P. R. liner Montezuma docked in the morning at Sand Point, after a very stormy passage across. She was sixteen days in making the trip from Antwerp. The steamer brought 183 third class passengers, all from Continental Europe.

The Allan liner Pomeranian reached port about 6 p. m. from London, and having no mail, she brought a general freight, but no passengers here.

The Allan liner Toulon sailed about 5 o'clock for the other side, taking in addition to a general cargo fourteen first class, 25 second class and 97 steerage.

YESTERDAY WAS A BIG DAY FOR LOCAL CURLERS

Matches Played In All the Rinks
PRESIDENTS WIN

Came Out Ahead In Two Clubs, While Vice-Pres. Lead In One

The New Year proved an ideal one for curlers and all the three local rinks were in full blast. The scheduled games were played in two of the rinks. The ice could not have been better and the "roaming game" starts the year 1909 in earnest and with every prospect for a bright season.

The St. Andrew's curlers played an exceedingly close match and not until the last rink had played was the result certain. Here the presidents demonstrated their ability and won by four points.

Three rinks played in the morning, the vice-presidents leading at the end of play by one point. However, in the afternoon, by sharp playing the presidents made a shift and finally won out. Two games were played in the evening. The match between rinks skipped by Dr. J. M. Magee and E. M. Smith resulted in a tie score, 12 to 12, after an exciting battle. Following is the list of the morning:

MORNING.
Presidents. Vice-Presidents.
R. G. Haley, R. P. McGowan,
F. L. Harrison, A. S. Bowman,
P. S. White, A. Watson,
C. B. Allan, Geo. M. Robertson,
skip.....10 skip.....15

Dr. F. E. Smith, C. A. Gray,
R. M. Robertson, W. D. Foster,
R. G. Haley, R. P. McGowan,
F. L. Harrison, A. S. Bowman,
P. S. White, A. Watson,
C. B. Allan, Geo. M. Robertson,
skip.....10 skip.....15

E. T. McCollough, R. T. Leavitt,
R. J. Dibley, Dr. S. B. Smith,
H. F. Rankin, H. F. Rankin,
C. H. McDonald, A. O. Skinner,
skip.....12 skip.....7

AFTERNOON.
H. Kinnear, A. O. Rainnie,
Dr. A. H. Merrill, J. P. Barnes,
J. L. McAlpine, A. S. Bowman,
W. H. Jones, John White,
skip.....14 skip.....6

W. A. Evans, Geo. Dick,
Hugh Watson, F. E. Smith,
J. H. Wilson, G. L. Westmore,
J. L. McAlpine, R. M. Magee,
skip.....9 skip.....10

CARLETON RINK.
Over in the Carleton rink the West curlers entered the sport and played keen matches in the morning, afternoon and night. The presidents won out by a score of 12 to 6.

MORNING.
Presidents. Vice-Presidents.
No. 1. No. 2.
M. Carmichael, George Scott,
S. B. Wilson, W. Jewett,
W. D. Baskin, J. M. Belyea,
W. M. Riddell, J. A. Kindred,
skip.....8 skip.....16

No. 3. No. 4.
J. McLeod, Wm. Baskin,
J. McLeLellan, M. F. Mooney,
S. Roxborough, J. M. Belyea,
J. S. Belyea, George Jones,
skip.....10 skip.....5

AFTERNOON.
No. 5. No. 6.
R. C. Baskin, Sam. Baskin,
Roy Riddell, Ben. Jewett,
Chas. Carter, Jas. McClelland,
W. O. Dunham, J. W. Driscoll,
skip.....16 skip.....8

No. 7. No. 8.
M. Beattie, F. Tilton,
H. Gardner, George Clark,
J. M. Christopher, C. W. Brown,
B. E. Taylor, S. M. Westmore,
skip.....4 skip.....13

EVENING.
No. 9. No. 10.
C. Gardner, A. E. McInnes,
J. B. M. Baxter, R. C. Allan,
S. D. Wilson, E. R. Taylor,
skip.....21 skip.....7

No. 11. No. 12.
H. P. Clark, Roy Dymally,
W. H. Estabrooks, M. Beattie,
M. F. Mooney, W. E. Scully,
James Scott, skip.....15 skip.....9

THISTLE RINK.
A score of 108 to 79 in favor of the vice-presidents tells the story of the day's play in the Thistle rink. Three matches were played in the morning, three in the afternoon and two in the evening.

MORNING.
Presidents. Vice-Presidents.
Geo. P. Barnes, J. A. Likely,
H. Lingley, Geo. Warwick,
A. P. Patterson, A. B. Holly,
J. P. Chesley, J. W. Cameron,
skip.....5 skip.....16

Jas. Taylor, M. Thornhill,
W. H. Mowatt, P. T. McKean,
K. McDonald, R. H. Gibson,
J. Fred Shaw, D. Willet,
F. A. MacAndrews, H. C. Olive,
skip.....13 skip.....13

W. H. Sharp, N. Bonnell,
R. S. Ritchie, A. C. Rutherford,
W. H. Arnold, J. C. McInnes,
James Mitchell, J. R. Thomson,
J. Walter Holly, J. A. Sinclair,
skip.....13 skip.....24

AFTERNOON.
W. J. Comrie, A. Starkey,
W. B. Robertson, R. I. Cunningham,
W. H. McInnes, J. S. Gregory,
Alex. Macaulay, R. A. Courtney,

THREE CALLS FOR BLAZING XMAS TREES

First Fire In Dr. Roberts' House
SPARKLERS THE CAUSE

Considerable Damage Done—Two Other Fires From Same Cause

Lighted Christmas trees were the cause of three fires in the city last evening, one of them quite serious. The first alarm was rung in from box 127 about 8.30 p. m. for a blaze in the parlor of Dr. W. P. Roberts, corner of Main street and Douglas avenue. In this room there was a large Christmas tree which was decorated with "sparklers." These when lighted made a very pretty effect and are supposed to be safer than candles. About 8.30 o'clock Miss Graville, sister-in-law of Dr. Roberts, entered the room and immediately the cotton-wick placed around the foot of the tree to represent snow, ignited and in an instant the tree was in a blaze. The members of the fire department at No. 5 engine house were at once notified and were on the scene of the fire in a few minutes, but the blaze had gained such headway that it was found necessary to turn the water on. No. 2 chemical was on the spot in a few minutes and the hose from it was taken into the room and in a few minutes the fire was extinguished. Dr. Roberts' loss will be quite heavy, as the furnishings of the room were practically destroyed. Considerable damage was also done to the other rooms by smoke.

While the Salvage Corps and some members of the fire department were still at this fire, an alarm was rung in from box 145 for a blaze in the house of George Connell at 60 Main street. This fire, like the preceding one, was caused by a lighted Christmas tree and was extinguished without the aid of the department. The damage was slight.

The third and last fire occurred about 10.30 p. m. in the residence of Wellington Green, 45 Winter street. In this case the candles on the tree came in contact with some inflammable material. Two alarms were rung in for this fire from box 141. The fire was extinguished by the Salvage Corps and 4 were soon at the scene. Beyond the destruction of the articles on the tree and the inconvenience caused by the smoke the damage was slight.

These fires seem to prove that the supposed non-lighting "sparklers" are as dangerous as the old-fashioned candles and the use of them should take much precaution with one as with the other. In fact the "sparklers" may be considered more dangerous, as the sparks from them are thrown some distance.

Seasickness Quickly Cured
"Mother's Milk" quickly cures sea and train sickness. Guaranteed perfectly harmless to the most delicate. Money refunded if not satisfactory.
For sale at Drug Stores and First-class Steamers, or Mother's Milk Remedy Co., 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50, 52, 54, 56, 58, 60, 62, 64, 66, 68, 70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82, 84, 86, 88, 90, 92, 94, 96, 98, 100, 102, 104, 106, 108, 110, 112, 114, 116, 118, 120, 122, 124, 126, 128, 130, 132, 134, 136, 138, 140, 142, 144, 146, 148, 150, 152, 154, 156, 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176, 178, 180, 182, 184, 186, 188, 190, 192, 194, 196, 198, 200, 202, 204, 206, 208, 210, 212, 214, 216, 218, 220, 222, 224, 226, 228, 230, 232, 234, 236, 238, 240, 242, 244, 246, 248, 250, 252, 254, 256, 258, 260, 262, 264, 266, 268, 270, 272, 274, 276, 278, 280, 282, 284, 286, 288, 290, 292, 294, 296, 298, 300, 302, 304, 306, 308, 310, 312, 314, 316, 318, 320, 322, 324, 326, 328, 330, 332, 334, 336, 338, 340, 342, 344, 346, 348, 350, 352, 354, 356, 358, 360, 362, 364, 366, 368, 370, 372, 374, 376, 378, 380, 382, 384, 386, 388, 390, 392, 394, 396, 398, 400, 402, 404, 406, 408, 410, 412, 414, 416, 418, 420, 422, 424, 426, 428, 430, 432, 434, 436, 438, 440, 442, 444, 446, 448, 450, 452, 454, 456, 458, 460, 462, 464, 466, 468, 470, 472, 474, 476, 478, 480, 482, 484, 486, 488, 490, 492, 494, 496, 498, 500, 502, 504, 506, 508, 510, 512, 514, 516, 518, 520, 522, 524, 526, 528, 530, 532, 534, 536, 538, 540, 542, 544, 546, 548, 550, 552, 554, 556, 558, 560, 562, 564, 566, 568, 570, 572, 574, 576, 578, 580, 582, 584, 586, 588, 590, 592, 594, 596, 598, 600, 602, 604, 606, 608, 610, 612, 614, 616, 618, 620, 622, 624, 626, 628, 630, 632, 634, 636, 638, 640, 642, 644, 646, 648, 650, 652, 654, 656, 658, 660, 662, 664, 666, 668, 670, 672, 674, 676, 678, 680, 682, 684, 686, 688, 690, 692, 694, 696, 698, 700, 702, 704, 706, 708, 710, 712, 714, 716, 718, 720, 722, 724, 726, 728, 730, 732, 734, 736, 738, 740, 742, 744, 746, 748, 750, 752, 754, 756, 758, 760, 762, 764, 766, 768, 770, 772, 774, 776, 778, 780, 782, 784, 786, 788, 790, 792, 794, 796, 798, 800, 802, 804, 806, 808, 810, 812, 814, 816, 818, 820, 822, 824, 826, 828, 830, 832, 834, 836, 838, 840, 842, 844, 846, 848, 850, 852, 854, 856, 858, 860, 862, 864, 866, 868, 870, 872, 874, 876, 878, 880, 882, 884, 886, 888, 890, 892, 894, 896, 898, 900, 902, 904, 906, 908, 910, 912, 914, 916, 918, 920, 922, 924, 926, 928, 930, 932, 934, 936, 938, 940, 942, 944, 946, 948, 950, 952, 954, 956, 958, 960, 962, 964, 966, 968, 970, 972, 974, 976, 978, 980, 982, 984, 986, 988, 990, 992, 994, 996, 998, 1000.

HIBERNIANS WILL SEND AID TO ITALY
BOSTON, Jan. 1.—An appeal in behalf of Italy to the 200,000 members in the United States and Canada of the Ancient Order of Hibernians was issued today by National President Cummings of this city.

Mr. Cummings also sent a telegram of sympathy to Mar. Dionisio Palladini, the apostolic delegate at Washington, and notified him that the national officers of the order had contributed \$1,000 from the national fund as part of the relief fund.

The appeal for aid was sent to all state and provincial presidents and subscriptions were asked to be sent to James T. McInnes, national secretary of the order. The money will be forwarded by the national chaplain, Archbishop William H. O'Connell.

ACCIDENTS TO WORKMEN YOUNG AND OLD
Some two years ago the Mechanical Engineer published a table that tended to cause a revision of certain widely accepted assumptions. The South Metropolitan gas works of London has a record of 6,717 men employed during eight years. The figures published by Sir George Livesey, managing director of the company, cover the accident history of the men where respective incapacity was done for three days and over. During the eight years such accidents numbered 2,114. This is at the rate of 31 per cent, or at a yearly average of 44 per cent. Taking five years periods, that ending at '30 had the highest percentage of accidents, and the one ending at '25 the lowest. A superficial reading of the figures does not add conviction to any belief that the liability to accident increases with advancing age. The figures are here tabulated and speak for themselves:

Per cent of Number Accidents employed per year.
Up to 25..... 398 5.7
25 to 30..... 1,745 6.15

Per cent of Number Accidents employed per year.
30 to 35..... 1,064 4.1
35 to 40..... 616 2.3
40 to 45..... 556 2.8
45 to 50..... 531 2.3
50 to 55..... 251 2.4
55 and over..... 245 2.6

The readers will naturally assume that the lessening ratio of accidents with increasing years is probably due in part to the putting of elderly men on work not nearly so dangerous. That is not at all uncommon where aged men are employed, but it is not the whole story. So much at least is acknowledged by Livesey as well as in fact the latter draws from his researches the moral that no employer is justified in his own interest in refusing to take elderly men into his service or in dismissing them because of the belief that they incur greater liability to accidents than younger men.

AMUSEMENTS

--Monster Matinee Today--

WICKET TO DAY
Earthquake Cities
Messina, Catania and Palermo which are now lying in ruins.

Dramagraph Company in
"THE TRAINER'S DAUGHTER"
A story of the race-track.
Miss Edwards—"I Never Knew What Love Was Till I Met You"
Dangerous Animals—Handling poisonous snakes and lions in Boston's Menagerie
The Electric Hotel—A most laughable trick-photo comedy. An extreme novelty.
"MAGGIE, THE DOCK RAT"
ORCHESTRA

PRINCESS
—Today's Programme—
"The Heart of Oyama"
A Japanese Love Story—Hand Colored
OTHER PICTURES:
"THE VOICE OF THE HEART"—Drama
"POLITICAL SPEECHES"—Comedy
NEW SONGS:
"Lu Lu And Her La La La"—Mrs. Jas. Tufts.
"Annie Laurie Was To Be A Soldier's Bride" by Mr. W. Adams.
Matinee Today at 2 p.m. Sharp
Evening at 7 sharp

TODAY UNIQUE TODAY
CHRISTMAS CAROL.....Dramatic
THE MINER'S DAUGHTER.....Dramatic
CHARITY BEGINS AT HOME.....Comedy
Vocalists:—Miss DOROTHY BREWER, Soprano; MR. WM. DICK, Tenor.
Next Week—Opera House—Next Week
The Cameraphone
IN COMEDY VAUDEVILLE SELECTIONS
Matinees Daily..... 5 & 10c Only

DARING BREAK IN COBURG ST. STORE
IN EARLY EVENING
A. E. Trentowsky, 51 Coburg street, was the victim of petty burglary last evening between 7 and 10 o'clock. Mr. Trentowsky left his store about seven o'clock, intending to return later and work at his books. Entering the store on his return he found that his cash register had been opened and the money, about \$130, taken. On examination he found that a window in the rear of the store opening into the yard had been forced open and that the thieves had made their entry and exit through this. The ground in the rear of the store is quite high and the broken window is about on a level with the yard. A shelf runs along the window inside the store and this was "fitted to the ceiling with canned goods. The thief in entering knocked these goods to the floor and it seems strange that the noise was not heard by the residents over the store or by some of the people passing. From appearances it would seem that the intruder had become frightened and left hastily, as nothing was disturbed except the cash register. On discovering the break, Mr. Trentowsky telephoned the central police station and Night Detective Marshall was dispatched to the scene. The officer made a thorough examination of the store and decided that the break was the work of someone familiar with the premises, but beyond that there is no clue.

Victoria Rink
—Band Afternoon and Evening
BIG RACE TONIGHT
15—STARTERS—15
R. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.
OPERA HOUSE
Second and last week of
JERE McAULIFFE
MATINEE TODAY
HOW BAXTER BUTTED IN
TONIGHT
SHIPWRECKED
Night Prices, 15, 25, 35, 50. Friday and Saturday, 10, 20, 30, 40, 50. New Year's Day Matinee, 25 to 50.

NOTICE—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company will be held in the Opera House on Thursday, January 7, 1909, at 3.30 p. m.
A. O. SKINNER, A. E. MCINNESLEY, President, Secretary.

Letter to the London Times from Sir John Brunner covers an investigation extending over 15 years. The statistics have been similarly tabulated as in the Livesey records, and also show the highest percentage to be the lot of men under 30. Here are the figures:

Per cent of Number Accidents employed per year.
15 to 20..... 638 8.5
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