PROVINCIAL NEWS.

MAUGERVILLE, Sunbury Co., Dec. 6.—Ernest E. Perley and his bride (nee Ollie Clint) returned from a pleasant trip to Boston on Tuesday, and spent a couple of days here, where Mr. Perley spent the first years of his life over twenty years ago. They were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Perley. They left Friday for the west and will visit Montreal, Ottawa, Toronto and Brockville en route to Winnipeg, where Christmas will be spent with the bride's parents, before proceeding to their new home in Wolseley. Mr. and Mrs. Perley carry with them the best wishes of the many friends they made during their short sojourn in New Brunswick. The groom is a nephew of Councillor Geo. A. Perley.

The marriage announcement is made of Mrs. Annie S. Miles, relict of the late H. S. Miles, inspector of fisheries, who died at Belmont, Lincoln, last spring, during her absence in the west, and Byron Jacob Grant, formerly of Mactnoquack, York Co.

Postmaster W. H. Bent is laid up from a strain of the muscles of the heart. Charles Burnes, who has been confined to his room for some time through illness, is no better.

A. R. Miles and R. A. McFadgen are home again. The former will remain home until after Christmas.

Emery Sewell is having the saw mill recently brought from the Nashwaak, re-erected on John Cox's farm at the bank of the river.

Rainsford Colwell, who has been here for several weeks, was suddenly called home yesterday by his wife's illness.

James Harding is spending a few days at his old home.

RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 10.—The funeral of the late James Porteous took place from his former home at Rexton this afternoon. Rev. D. Fraser, pastor of the Presbyterian Church, conducted the services. The remains were taken to the cemetery at Galloway for interment.

Alex. Haines was called to Campbellton on Saturday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Haines, wife of his brother, James Haines, of the I. C. R.

Stephen Cameron is buying smelts at Rexton for W. S. Loggie of Chatham.

The cold snap still continues. The thermometer was 14 below yesterday, and 15 this morning.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. S., Dec. 9.—The advent of winter took most lumbermen by surprise, experiences of the past several years having led them to expect no sledding until late in January. A very unusual occurrence in this valley was the breaking of roads necessitated by drifts thrown up in the highway by the gale.

About 80 invitations were issued and nearly as many guests assembled at Stephen Canning's last Wednesday evening to witness the nuptials of his granddaughter, Hanna Spicer, and Guilford, youngest son of Wm. H. Brown, farmer and lumberman. Rev. D. McKeen performed the ceremony, the reverend gentleman having also officiated at the marriage of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tweedie Spicer, a score of years ago, and likewise that of the grandparents. Miss Fannie Davison was bridesmaid and the groom was attended by his brother Victor. The happy couple will reside in Mapleton.

Messrs. Gilroy and Hunter have purchased the mill, camps, etc., owned by Dr. Jeffers, and now operating in the Harrison settlement. The crew and cook will continue to work under the new company. This firm has purchased from King Pettigrew the finest span of team horses owned in this part of the county.

J. P. Lewis' house, recently destroyed by fire, was not insured. A large quantity of provisions was consumed, but the barns were not burned, as erroneously stated last week. His mill is across the Basin.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 12.—The sudden death occurred last night of Miss Celia Sisson, daughter of the late Heric Sisson, and aunt of Mrs. Julius S. Whitlock of St. Stephen, who is here. She leaves one sister, Miss Maggie. She was stricken with paralysis yesterday and never recovered consciousness.

SUSSEX, N. B., Dec. 12.—Mr. Holmberg of Cleveland, Ohio, and others have taken up a mining lease in the vicinity of the old paper mill at Penobsquis and are prospecting on the Malone farm. They have found a small seam of coal and are now opening it.

John Mills, Thomas Hamilton and John Hamilton spent a week at Little Salmon River, St. John Co., and bagged a caribou.

HAMPTON, Kings Co., Dec. 12.—This has been a week of weddings in this vicinity, and there are still rumors of others in the near future.

On Wednesday afternoon Miss Margaret A. Bovaird, eldest daughter of William Bovaird, was united in marriage at the residence of her aunt, Miss Lizzie Bovaird, Main street, to Wm. A. Lawrence, by the Rev. J. M. Gladstone, in the presence of some twenty-five or thirty guests, chiefly members of the families of the bride and groom and their near relatives. The bride was dressed in a travelling dress of brown sibeline cloth with cream silk waist, coat and hat to match, and was attended by her sister, Miss Mamie Bovaird, who was becomingly dressed in white. The groom was accomanied by Harry Lawrence as best man. At the close of the ceremony supper was served, and amidst showers of rice and good wishes the bridal couple took the belated C. P. R. train for Moncton. On their return they will take up their residence on the John Kee farm, Passekeag road.

On Thursday evening the Methodist Church was crowded to the doors to witness the marriage of Miss Lillian Carrie Evans, daughter of the Rev. E. E. Evans, D. D., and Mrs. Evans of Everett street, Hampton station, to Dr. Stephen G. Ritchie of Brunswick street, Halifax, N. S. Over one hundred invitations had been issued, but the severe storm and the uncertainty of trains prevented many at a distance from being present. Notwithstanding there was a large gathering of well wishers, who were ushered to the seats reserved for them by Dr. Lee Langstroth and Harold Crawford. Among the earlier arrivals were Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ritchie and Miss Ritchie. Mrs. Ritchie was handsomely gowned in black silk brocade, with velvet and lace bonnet and flowers. Miss Ritchie wore black silk grenadine over black silk, with sequin trimmings, and hat to match.

Mrs. E. E. Evans was accompanied by her son Benton, and wore a rich black silk dress with duchesse lace and sequin trimmings. Among the other members of the respective families were Mrs. Allan W. Hicks, Mrs. E. G. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. Hammond Evans, Miss Maria Evans, Miss Annie Johnson of Charlottetown, P. E. I., and among close friends of the bride, from St. John, Miss Dodge and Miss Lottie Dodge, Miss Ella Jordan, Miss Alice Hea, and numerous others. Shortly after 7 o'clock the bride entered the church leaning on her father's arm, and proceeded to the altar, attended by her sister, Miss Margaret Evans, where the groom and his man, Roy Campbell, and the celebrant, Rev. W. W. Lodge, were in waiting, while the edifice was full of the strains of Wagner's Wedding March from Lohengrin, played on the organ by Miss H. L. M. Lodge. Wtihout a moment's delay the service proceeded to the soft accompaniment of the organ, which seemed to breathe prayer and blessing for and upon those who were pledging their life vows to each other. When the nuptial benediction had been pronounced the party filed off to the vestry, and during their absence the choir sang the hymn beginning, "O Love Divine and Holy." As the procession returned the organist gave another joyous wedding march, and so the party passed out to the waiting vehicles which bore them off to the parental home to receive the greetings of the assembled guests who filled the whole housee. The bride was dressed in a travelling suit of French blue cloth, tailor made, with hat of royal blue velvet, and chiffon trimmings. She carried a beautiful bouquet of white roses relieved by the delicate fronts of asparagus.

The bridesmaid wore a dress of cream serge trimmed with white silk, with picture hat of black velvet.

One room upstairs was devoted to the presents, and a very beautiful sight it was. All the cards had been removed so that the names of the donors did not appear, but this only enhanced the interest of the guests as they gazed at the beautiful display of useful and ornamental articles in chaste designs and skilled workmanship. Although no list of gifts could be obtained a few items were gleaned which may not be omitted. The groom's gift to the bride was a handsome set of black Alaska sable furs, the collar fastened with a gold clasp, and the boa suspended by a gold chain. His gift to the bridesmaid was a handsome gold ring set with opal studded about with nine pearls. William Ritchie's gift to the couple was a certified cheque for $300, and, indeed, all the presents were alike well worthy of mention if it were possible. An elegant supper was served and a social hour or two spent most pleasantly. The newly wedded pair started for their new home at Halifax by the midnight express, accompanied by the best wishes of all their friends.

MAUGERVILLE, Dec. 11.—A number of young cattle that were turned out in the spring on the back lands are yet at large. The extreme cold weather, coming so early in the season, is very hard on them, and the chances are that a number will perish.

Mrs. (Rev.) G. H. Sterling of Morris, N. Y., spent a day or two with friends here on her return home from Nelson, Northumberland Co., where she had been visiting her mother, Mrs. Burchell, who was seriously ill. Mrs. Sterling is a sister of Hon. J. P. Burchell, M. P. P.

Capt. C. W. Shields has gone to Grand River to survey lumber for the N. B. Land Co.

Miss Nellie Briggs of Lakeville Corner is staying with Mrs. Rodgers for a few days.

Miss Nellie Strange, who has been teaching the lower school for the past year, will retire at the end of the term.

RICHIBUCTO, Dec. 13.—The smelt business is beginning to boom. The fishermen are getting their nets on the main channel and some catches are beng made. The price is two and one-quarter cents per pound. A lot of fish from the freezers was shipped this week.

A. B. Teakles, D. D. S., of Sussex, is making his usual trip to this town and Rexton.

An engine purchased from the I. C. R. arrived today for the Kent Northern railway.

The severe weather shows no signs of letting up. Thirteen below today.

MILLTOWN, Dec. 11.—Miss Blanche Murphy, daughter of John Murphy of St. Stephen, a speeder in the cotton mill, had one of her thumbs so badly jammed that it had to be amputated.

Miss Winter McAllister has arrived home from Robinston, where she has been spending the summer.

The bazaar in the Presbyterian vestry on Tuesday was largely attended and $107 realized.

Postmaster C. E. Casey will soon be able to move into his beautiful new home on Main street.

Jas. E. Osborne, town treasurer, is confined to his home with illness.

The W. C. R. R. will sell one fare excursion tickets between local points from December 22nd until New Year's day, good to return until January 22nd.

Much sympathy is extended to Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bonness over the recent death of their daughter, Constance, and to Thos. H. Campbell in the bereavement of his wife.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 12.—The semi-annual examination of the Superior School here, taught by H. H. Stuart, was held this afternoon. The pupils were examined in reading, geography, arithmetic, bookkeeping, English grammar and analysis, geometry, English literature, ancient and modern history and French. The scholars acquitted themselves very satisfactorily. A largely increased number of the advanced scholars have taken up the study of French, and the class is making splendid progress.

Universal regret is expressed at the death of Johnston W. McLeod, which occurred this afternoon at his home at Albert. The deceased had been ill for several weeks with heart trouble and complications. Mr. McLeod was for some time manager of the veneering factory at West River, and was held in the highest esteem by all his friends and acquaintances. Deceased leaves a wife and several small children, who will have the deep sympathy of the community in their bereavement.

Dr. and Mrs. H. G. Fairbanks of Alma were called to Halifax this week by the death of the doctor's father.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 11.—The cold weather which has prevailed here since Friday, six days ago, still continues, and tonight is bitterly cold, with a high northwest wind, that adds to the severity and makes going out of doors a matter of considerable discomfort. The frost has been very severe and has reached the cellars in many instances. Two barns belonging to Hon. A. R. McClelan on the Delta marsh blew down in the gale night before last.

The residence of Samuel S. Calhoun at Lower Cape was the scene of a very interesting event last evening, when Mr. Calhoun's daughter, Hattie, was united in marriage to W. Crane Bennett, a prosperous young farmer of Hopewell Cape. The ceremony was performed by Rev. F. D. Davidson, pastor of the Baptist church, in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Among the guests present were Mr. and Mrs. Pierce Dellhunt of Moncton.

Mr. Howard of Parrsboro was at the Cape this week looking after his vessel, the Earl of Aberdeen, which was recently in collision. The schooner has been beached for repairs.

Willard Milton, who had Perley Peck's farm, at this place, leased since last spring, has given up the property for a consideration, and is moving away. Mr. and Mrs. Levi T. Steeves, who formerly occupied the place, are again moving in.

Ice is making fast in the Petitcodiac at Hopewell Cape.

CHIPMAN, Dec. 11.—The cold wave has abated and today the mercury is about zero. On Sunday morning it was 25 below, and up to yesterday afternoon the mercury lingered around 16, when it moderated and snowed. Similar weather was never experienced before in this section for the second week in December.

Rev. M. P. King and his son Edward came in by train on Monday. Edward has been added to the staff of clerks in the King Lumber Co.'s store. W. B. Evans of the survey staff, H. J. Evans, bookkeeper for the James Barnes Construction Co., and Mrs. H. J. Evans, are attending the wedding of Miss Evans today at Hampton. E. E. Crandall returned yesterday from a business trip to St. John. Mrs. W. E. McIntyre went to St. John this morning, where she will visit Dr. McIntyre and Capt. McIntyre of north end.

The rally day service tonight in the Baptist church was well attended and pronounced a success. A prominent feature was the special music. Addresses on different phases of the young people's work were given by Revs. D. McD. Clarke, W. E. McIntyre and L. H. Jewett and A. C. M. Lawson. Mrs. E. E. Crandall presided.

THE MARKETS.

Revised Every Monday for the Semi-Weekly Sun.

COUNTRY MARKETS.

Canadian beef	0 08	"	0 09
Beef butchers', carcass	0 05	"	0 07
Beef, country quarter	0 06	"	0 08
Lamb, per lb	0 06	"	0 07
Mutton, per lb, carcass	0 04	"	0 05
Veal, per lb	0 07	"	0 09
Pork, fresh, per lb	0 07½	"	0 08
Shoulders, per lb	0 10	"	0 12
Ham, per lb	0 13	"	0 14
Roll butter, per lb	0 20	"	0 22
Tub butter, per lb	0 17	"	0 19
Turkey, per lb	0 13	"	0 15
Eggs, case, per doz	0 20	"	0 00
Fowl, per pair	0 50	"	0 70
Chickens	0 60	"	0 80
Geese	0 70	"	0 90
Carrots, per bbl	0 80	"	0 90
Potatoes, per bbl	1 50	"	1 75
Hides, per lb	0 06	"	0 07
Calfskins, per lb	0 08	"	0 10
Sheepskins, each	0 45	"	0 50
Beets, per bbl	0 80	"	0 90
Turnips, per bbl	0 60	"	0 00
Parsnips, per bbl	1 00	"	1 25

Retail.

Beef, corned, per lb	0 10	"	0 12
Beef tongue, per lb	0 10	"	0 00
Beef, roast, per lb	0 12	"	0 18
Lamb, per lb	0 07	"	0 12
Mutton, per lb	0 06	"	0 10
Veal, per lb	0 10	"	0 14
Pork, per lb., fresh	0 12	"	0 14
Pork, salt, per lb	0 12	"	0 14
Sausages, per lb	0 14	"	0 00
Ham, per lb	0 14	"	0 18
Bacon, per lb	0 18	"	0 20
Tripe, per lb	0 00	"	0 10
Butter (dairy), rolls	0 24	"	0 25
Butter (tubs)	0 18	"	0 22
Lard, per lb	0 16	"	0 18
Eggs, case	0 00	"	0 23
Eggs, henery, per doz	0 35	"	0 00
Onions, per lb	0 05	"	0 00
Beets, per peck	0 25	"	0 00
Carrots, per peck	0 25	"	0 00
Cabbage, each	0 05	"	0 10
Parsnips, per peck	0 00	"	0 25
Squash, per lb	0 03	"	0 04
Turnips, per peck	0 18	"	0 20
Potatoes, per peck	0 20	"	0 25
Fowl, per pair	0 50	"	0 70
Turkeys, per lb	0 17	"	0 00
Chickens	0 60	"	0 80
Ducks, per pair	0 80	"	1 25
Geese	0 80	"	1 00

FISH.

Mackerel, hf bbl	7 00	"	7 50
Large dry cod	3 60	"	3 75
Medium cod	3 50	"	3 60
Small cod	3 50	"	2 60
Finnen haddies	0 00	"	0 05½
Gr. Manan herring, hf-bbl	2 20	"	2 25
Bay herring, hf-bbl	2 00	"	2 10
Cod (fresh)	0 00	"	0 02½
Pollock	1 80	"	1 85
Halibut, per lb	0 12	"	0 15
Canso herring, bbls, new	0 00	"	5 75
Canso herring, hf-bbls new	0 00	"	3 15
Shelburne herring, per bbl	5 00	"	5 25
Herring, smoked, med, old	0 00	"	0 07
Smoked herring	0 11	"	0 12
Frozen herring	0 80	"	1 00

GROCERIES.

Cheese, per lb	0 12½	"	0 12¾
Rice, per lb	0 3¼	"	0 03¼
Cream of tartar, pure, bbls	0 19	"	0 19½
Cream Tartar, pure, bxs	0 22	"	0 25
Bicarb soda, per keg	1 70	"	1 75
Sal soda, per lb	0 00½	"	0 01½
Molasses—			
Porto Rico, new	0 31	"	0 34
Barbados	0 24	"	0 25
New Orleans (Herces)	0 29	"	0 38
Sugar.			
Standard granulated, yellow bright, yellow, equalized rates.			
Barbados, per lb	0 03⅝	"	0 3⅝
Paris lumps, per box	0 00	"	0 00
Pulverized sugar	0 05⅝	"	0 06
Coffee—			
Java, per lb., green	0 24	"	0 26
Jamaica, per lb	0 24	"	0 25
Salt—			
Liverpool, ex vessel	0 00	"	0 00
Liverpool, per sack, ex store	0 56	"	0 58
Liverpool butter salt, per bag, factory filled	0 90	"	1 00
Spices—			
Nutmegs, per lb	0 50	"	0 70
Cassia, per lb, ground	0 18	"	0 20
Cloves, whole	0 13	"	0 15
Cloves, ground	0 18	"	0 20
Ginger, ground	0 15	"	0 20
Pepper, ground	0 18	"	0 21
Tea—			
Congou, per lb, finest	0 22	"	0 23
Congou, per lb, common	0 15	"	0 50
Oolong, per lb	0 30	"	0 40
Tobacco—			
Black chewing	0 45	"	0 52
Bright, chewing	0 45	"	0 74
Smoking	0 45	"	0 74

FRUITS, ETC.

Currants, per lb	0 06	"	0 06½
Currants, per lb, cleaned	0 07	"	0 07½
Dried apples	0 05½	"	0 06
Grenoble walnuts	0 12	"	0 13
Almonds	0 13½	"	0 14
California prunes	0 05	"	0 08
Filberts	0 10	"	0 12
Brazils	0 14	"	0 15
Pecans	0 14	"	0 15
Dates, lb. pkg	0 06½	"	0 07
Dates, new	0 04½	"	0 05
Peanuts, roasted	0 10	"	0 12½
New figs	0 12	"	0 13
Malaga London layers	1 90	"	3 00
Malaga clusters	2 75	"	4 00
Malaga, black, baskets	2 15	"	2 25
Malaga, Connoiseur, clusters	2 10	"	2 25
Malaga grapes	5 00	"	7 50
Jamaica oranges, per bbl	0 00	"	6 00
Jamaica oranges, box	2 75	"	3 00
Onions, Canadian, per bbl	2 25	"	2 50
Raisins, Sultana, new	0 00	"	0 00
Raisins, Valencia, new	0 00	"	0 00
Bananas	1 00	"	2 25
Lemons, Messina, per box	4 50	"	5 00
Cocoanuts, per sack	3 25	"	3 50
Cocoanuts, per doz	0 00	"	0 60
Evaporated apricots	0 12	"	0 13
Evaporated peaches (new)	0 10	"	0 12
Apples, evaporated	0 07	"	0 07½
Apples, American Baldwin	2 50	"	3 25
Canadian Spyes	3 00	"	3 50
Gravensteins	2 75	"	3 25

PROVISIONS.

American clear pork	24 00	"	26 00
American mess pork	23 00	"	24 00
Pork, domestic	23 00	"	24 00
Canadian plate beef	13 50	"	15 50
American plate beef	15 00	"	16 00
Lard, compound	0 10½	"	0 11
Lard, pure	0 12	"	0 12½

FLOUR, ETC.

Cornmeal	3 00	"	3 05
Manitoba	4 80	"	4 85
Canadian high grade	4 20	"	4 25
Medium patents	4 10	"	4 15
Oatmeal	4 65	"	4 74
Middlings, small lots, bag'd	24 00	"	25 00
Bran, car lots	21 00	"	22 00
Bran, small lots, bag'd	22 00	"	23 00

GRAIN, ETC.

Hay, pressed, car lots	9 00	"	10 00
Oats (Ontario, car lots	0 41	"	0 42
Beans (Canadian), h. p.	2 30	"	2 40
Beans, prime	2 20	"	2 30
Beans, yellow eye	3 00	"	3 10
Split peas	5 20	"	5 25
Pot barley	4 50	"	4 60

OILS.

Pratt's Astral	0 00	"	0 22½
"White Rose" and Chester "A"	0 00	"	0 21½
"High Grade Sarnia" and "Arclight"	0 00	"	0 21
"Silver Star"	0 00	"	0 20½
Linseed oil, raw	0 00	"	0 74
Linseed oil, boiled	0 00	"	0 77
Turpentine	0 00	"	0 73
Seal oil (steam refined)	0 50	"	0 55
Seal oil, pale	0 45	"	0 47
Olive oil (commercial)	0 00	"	1 00
Extra No. 1	0 70	"	0 75
Caster oil (com'cial), per lb	0 09½	"	0 10½
Extra lard oil	0 80	"	0 85

WILD STORMS

Reported Along the Massachusetts Coast.

HIGHLAND LIGHT, Mass., Dec. 14.—Yesterday's blizzard on Cape Cod can only be compared for its violence with the great storm of Nov. 27, 1898, but, unlike the latter, it has not left from present indications much maritime destruction in its wake. With scores of vessels anchored in the waters of Cape Cod, the only wreckage reported on the ocean side of the Cape is here, some broken planks, pieces of a cabin and a broken dory coming ashore. There is no certainty that the debris is from a craft which has met disaster since Saturday morning. It may have come from some one of the several vessels which were wrecked along the north shore early last week, the wreckage being brought over here by the storm. Snow fell heavily all yesterday and last night, but clear weather followed today with high winds.

The four-masted schooner Savannah, with a cargo of hard pine from Brunswick, Ga., for Boston, rode out the blizzard at anchor off Wood End. Seven large schooners are in Provincetown harbor, where they have been storm bound since December 6. The four-masted schooner Independent, from Boston for a coal port, is anchored off Long Point.

Off the Chatham, Dennis and Hyannis shores the great fleet of tugs and their tows and coal laden schooners remain tonight, and with the indications pointing to a continuance of high winds, the prospect is not good for many of them rounding the Cape tomorrow.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Dec. 14.—Incoming vessels bring reports of terrific gales and hardships encountered, and state that the weather of the past eight days, and especially of yesterday and last night, has been the most severe ever experienced by them. Nearly every vessel arriving today has thrilling stories to relate of struggles with elements, of narrow escapes from collision and of being run down and foundering; also of disasters to other unknown craft. There are no wrecks reported in this district.

A telegram received today by the owners of the schooner Dreadnaught, Captain Edward Wentzel, stated that the vessel is ashore on Sculpin Ledge, near Lunenburg, N. S., and full of water. The crew is safe.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 14.—The blizzard of yesterday brought a heavy snowfall, and clear weather did not come until noon today. The fleet of steam colliers, tugs and tows, previously reported anchored to the northwest of the Handkerchief, all rode out the blizzard in comparative ease. With a fair wind the fleet will proceed north. Tonight it was difficult to say whether a fair wind will blow tomorrow, as the indications favor high winds.

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NOVA SCOTIA BAPTIST

Pastor of Long Island City Baptist Church,

Admits He Drank Rum and Harks Back at the People Who Temped Him.

The Boston Globe and the New York Sun of recent date devote some space, the former editorially, to the escapades of Rev. G. K. MacDonald of Nova Scotia, who has been for some time pastor of the East Avenue Baptist church, Long Island City, and who preached his farewell sermon last Sunday night. According to the story told by the N. Y. Sun, Rev. Mr. MacDonald is 35 years old, began preaching in Nova Scotia, graduated from Chicago University, and has held pastorates in Kalamazoo, Michigan, and Syracuse, New York.

A Sun reporter asked Rev. Dr. Gates and Rev. Mr. Manning last night if they knew the rev. gentleman, but they said they had never heard of a man of that name in connection with the Maritime Baptists.

Yesterday's Boston Globe editorially remarked:

HOW HE WAS TEMPTED.

A Long Island pastor, maligned beyond the point of endurance at being called a wine bibber by his flock, finally thrust before it his resignation, and accompanied the act with the most scathing rebuke of the brethren.

"Whose fault was it that I touch wine at all?" he asked indignantly. "Who was it gave me my first drink of wine? Who was it led me first to sully my lips with the stuff?"

"It was at the homes of my flock," he continued, "that I first learned to love the accursed stuff. You would not let me go without imbibing, and now you malign me for drinking." He then proceeded to designate his tempters by name and family, and they arose and left the church.

But what is a man a pastor for if not superior to temptation? It would seem to most people that the proper time to upbraid his flock was before he was tempted.

WHAT SEVERAL LADIES SAY.

The New York Sun of the 10th inst. tells the following story under glaring headlines:

The Rev. George K. MacDonald, who resigned the pastorate of the East avenue Baptist church, Long Island City, on Sunday night, because, as he said in his farewell sermon, members of the church had falsely accused him of wine drinking in violation of the covenant of the church, is going to leave the ministry altogether and engage in business.

"I shall remain right in Long Island City," he said yesterday, "and engage in mercantile business."

The pastor would not say what that business was, but several of his congregation said that he was going into the liquor business.

Among those who take it for granted that the Rev. Mr. MacDonald has left the ministry to run a saloon are Mrs. J. C. Nutt of Eleventh street, Long Island City, and Dr. W. J. Burnett of 127 Third street. Dr. Burnett is president of the Long Island City Savings Bank and was the Rev. Mr. MacDonald's first entertainer in Long Island City when the pastor went there as a candidate a year and a half ago.

In his attempt to vindicate himself the clergyman told his congregation from the pulpit that the first wine he ever drank was at the home of Dr. Burnett, where he was a guest at dinner.

Dr. Burnett said last night, without mincing matters at all, that the pastor lied and would have to retract. Dr. Burnett went to Mr. MacDonald's home last night to demand retraction, but got no answer to his ring. He will go again.

In his farewell sermon Mr. MacDonald gave the impression that he had been tempted to drink by almost everybody in the church as he made pastoral calls. The words of his pulpit address on that point as printed in The Sun yesterday and confirmed by the pastor were:

"The first wine I ever tasted was tasted at the home of one of those who traduce me. When I made one of my first visits to a member of the congregation I was led to take wine. Other members of this church induced me to drink their wine. Almost without exception my visits to the members of this church involved the drinking of wine."

But while talking to a Sun reporter yesterday afternoon at the home of a Mrs. Seiderling, one of the church members, the pastor narrowed his drinks down to two.

The sympathy of the neighborhood and the church members seems to be with Mrs. MacDonald and her children. She was referred to yesterday as a broken-hearted woman.

A reporter called at the MacDonald house, 263 Nott avenue, yesterday. Mrs. MacDonald didn't care to talk about her husband, but when asked who was friendly to the minister and would be willing to tell about the case, Mrs. MacDonald mentioned Mrs. Seiderling.

The reporter went direct to Mrs. Seiderling's house in the same block and after about fifteen minutes the Rev. Mr. MacDonald came in. Before he arrived Mrs. Seiderling gave this version of the church trouble:

"There is no truth in these stories about our pastor. Mr. MacDonald is a lovely minister, the best we ever had, and he's very powerful in the pulpit. A month ago he went to Malden, Mass., to take part in a revival and in the week that he was there got twenty-eight young people to join the church. In a year he has broken all records for our church by getting twenty-one to join. The night I joined seven were baptized. The church was packed that night, but only $1.50 was found in the collection. We know of one rich member who put in $5 himself. Nobody has ever found out where the rest of that money went. Instead of falsely accusing our minister some folks would better find out where the money crookedness is."

Just then the pastor came into Mrs. Seiderling's sitting room. He didn't seem to be worried and said that he wasn't. He revised his sermon explanation by saying that he had had only two drinks in his life. He began with a story of his simple boyhood in Nova Scotia.

"When I was a boy," he said, "my mother used to preserve berries every fall and make a syrup from them. The following summer she would thin it and put it on ice for a cool drink. There was no fermentation. Well, I thought I was drinking the same thing at Dr. Burnett's, but it was claret.

"I was there to dinner and the red wine was on the table and I drank it, as I said, in my sermon. That was my first drink. Dr. Burnett is the president of the bank. My second and last drink was at the home of Mr. Smedley on Eleventh street, who is also a banker. I had claret there for dinner.

"But I've quit the ministry. I am not dependent on it. I am going into business right here in Long Island City. David Morrison will tell you that I don't drink. I have been to banquets with him where I have been urged to take wine, and have refused."

When the reporter called in, Dr. Burnett, the physician, seemed glad of the opportunity to deny the statements which the minister had made publicly.

"If Mr. MacDonald said that he had wine here," said Dr. Burnett, "he lied. I am not a member of his church, but when he first came here I was asked to entertain him, and I consented. We had red wine on the dinner table, principally for the benefit of a member of the family who was ill. Mr. MacDonald did not touch it. He excused himself by saying that he had heart trouble and could not drink wine. I am going to call on the minister with one of the elders of his church and demand of him a retraction of the statement that he drank wine at my table."

Mr. MacDonald's statement that he had wine at Mr. Smedley's home was not denied, only it was sauterne instead of claret.

At the home of David Morrison, to whom Mr. MacDonald referred the reporter for the truth, Mrs. Morrison said:

"It is true that Mr. MacDonald has always refused wine at our dinner."

The former clergyman is 35 years old. He began preaching in Nova Scotia when he was 20. He was afterward graduated at the University of Chicago. Before coming to Long Island City he preached in Kalamazoo, Mich., and in Syracuse, N. Y.

His salary at the East avenue Baptist church has been $1,200. The church still owes him something. But Mr. MacDonald evidently is not in need of money with which to engage in his mercantile venture. He was in one of the local banks a day or so ago with a one-thousand-dollar bill which he wanted to have changed.

MAD MULLAH'S ALLY.

Africa, the land of the adventurer, has brought few more interesting figures before the world than Karl Inger, the man who figures mysteriously in the war news from Somaliland.

Known to the British foreign office as an "ex-Austrian officer," Karl Inger has moved to and fro on the chessboard of African affairs for the last five or six years, and has come to believe in himself with almost pathetic earnestness as the successor of the Mahdi, who christened him Emir Suleyman on his abandoning Chrisianity for Mahometanism.

Inger has not always been an enemy of England. The truth probably is that he is a daring adventurer, whom the prospect of material fortune attracted to Africa, and who has found, as so many others have found, that it is much easier and more profitable to rule in Africa than to serve in Europe.

The commercial interests which seemed to absorb the Karl Inger of years ago have proved to be but the stepping stone to a career of military glory, and the news that he is hand in hand with the Mullah is not astonishing to those who have followed his movements.

Children Cry for CASTORIA.

BOSTON'S COAL FAMINE.

BOSTON, Dec. 14.—With the streets of the city blocked with snow it was no easy task to supply coal to suffering families today, but much was accomplished. Hundreds of vehicles and thousands of men were at work and a great quantity of coal in the aggregate was distributed in small amounts. Nearly all the city departments used their horses and vehicles in the work of distribution, and if it had not been for this assistance comparatively little would have been accomplished, as the horses and men of the coal companies were exhausted by the trying times of the past week. At no time before during the coal shortage here had private aid been so freely offered as was availed of today by the city fuel committee. It seemed as if nearly everyone who owned a horse and business sleigh volunteered to distribute bags of coal, and in this way the city, especially the down town districts, were supplied with fuel in excellent shape. In East Boston the city distributed 18 tons of Welsh anthracite at 50 cents a hundred. A city official had charge and 14 city teams did the hauling.

While measures such as taken today give temporary relief, the prospects for the coming week are not said to be bright unless favorable weather comes to assist the coal laden fleet off Cape Cod into port. Many of the hospitals of the city report an alarming scarcity of coal, with a larger number than usual of very ill patients, which state of affairs is causing great uneasiness. At the Carney hospital there are some 2,323 persons, the majority of them patients, many of them seriously ill, who know not where the next shovelful of coal is coming from to keep them not only warm but out of danger. Night and day must fires be kept burning there, and while it takes five tons a day to keep the hospital heated, tonight the sister superior says that not enough coal is on hand to last 24 hours. At other hospitals also the situation is regarded as critical.

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