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YES, WE WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS But allow us to say that Turkey and Geese are not the only things required to make a Christmas Day joyous. Suppose your shoes are ill-fitting and hurt your feet. Or suppose they are well worn and look shabby and spoil the appearance of your best suit. Could you enjoy your Christmas dinner under these conditions? Of course not.

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THIS EVENING Schooner PREFERENCE ABANDONED

Victoria Rink opening tonight. Moving pictures, songs and orchestra at the rink. Pictures and vaudeville at the Lyric. Picture subjects at the Unique. Picture and songs at the Unique. Opening of the Queen's skating rink.

LOCAL NEWS

CRUELTY TO ANIMALS. Teamsters brutally beating horses are too common a spectacle on the streets of St. John. There was a notable instance in Church street this morning.

COURT LA TOUR. Court La Tour, J. D. P. will preside this evening in Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street for initiations and election of officers.

ONLY ONE PRISONER. There was only one prisoner in the police court this morning, Patrick Walsh, aged 58, who was remanded on a charge of drunkenness.

TOOK OATH OF ALLEGIANCE. Frank Walsh and Henry M. Lee, of west St. John, took the oath of allegiance before Judge Ritchie this morning after swearing a special constable doing duty about the warehouse on the west side.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE. The provincial council of the St. John Ambulance Association will meet on Thursday, December 22, to complete organization and plan the work for the future.

THE BATTLE LINE. The steamer Pandora, which left Rio Janeiro, arrived at Rotterdam today. The Trebis, Capt. Starratt, sailed from St. John today for Rotterdam. The Sclavia, Capt. Grady, arrived at Cardiff yesterday from Antwerp, for Buenos Ayres.

THE P. E. I. STEAMERS. Geo. Carvill, of the I. C. B., received the following telegram from Moncton this morning: Moncton, Dec. 20.—Steamers Earl Grey and Minto are now on the P. E. I. route. Town route: Cape Tormentine route closed. One steamer leaves Pictou for Charlottetown 7 o'clock a. m. daily except Sunday.

WANT HIM AS REFEREE. Dan McDonald, a wrestler, who is to meet "Cyclone" Burns, in a wrestling bout here this week, received a telegram last night from J. P. Meaney, of St. John's, Newfoundland, asking him to referee a bout there the first week in January. McDonald would endeavor to go to the island and he will challenge the winner.

A BRIDGE ARGUMENT. There was a fine illustration, at the last night meeting, of the need of a bridge across the harbor. The Lullow-uply hidden teams came off the Lullow-uply on the east side ferry boats. The head of the team got stuck on the west side of the water street. The other team was unhitched and united with the other, and pulled the loads to the top. Horses are continually forced to haul loads that are too heavy, up the ferry incline at low tide.

MAY BE A SEQUEL. Trouble is reported to have broken out on the deck of the steamer Astarte, yesterday and it is possible that some action may be taken before the sailing of the steamer this evening. It is understood that the claims have been put in by the pilot that claims a share of the cargo of the Astarte. Anderson for damages and the tug King for salvage for the cargo of the Astarte. Captain Young of the Astarte, it is said, repudiates any responsibility.

IN THE COURTS TODAY

Matters in Chancery Division—Appeal in Case of Hall vs Donaldson Line

The chancery division December term opened today with His Honor Judge McLeod presiding. D. K. Hazen, in the case of the estate of John W. Nicholson vs. Adam H. Bell and Susan Bell, his wife, and Hudson M. Breen was granted an order and decree for the foreclosure and sale of certain mortgaged premises.

In re Wallace B. Plumber, application was made before His Honor Chief Justice Barker at the last sitting of the court to sell the land. His Honor then ordered service of notice to be made. D. K. Hazen read the affidavit of service and also affidavit of De. Anglin stating he believed Wallace B. Plumber to be incapable. The court considers.

Ralph Freese read an application for the appointment of a guardian in the case of George B. Reid vs. Ada A. Reid et al. James A. Campbell was appointed guardian. Attorney-General vs. St. John Lumber Company stands over until next court.

McCalligan vs. Willett Fruit Company stands over until next court. In the case of R. Oldfield Mace vs. An. Teresa Hanley et al., Ralph Freese was granted a summons for directions.

Judge McKeown in chambers, heard the argument in the case of Peter Smith vs. the city of St. John in connection with the expropriation of land at Loch Leonard. The case was set over until Thursday. Dr. W. P. Wallace, K. C. and J. A. Sinclair are for the plaintiff and Recorder Baxter, K. C. for the defendant.

In the case of Andrew Hall vs. The Donaldson Line Steamship Company, Judge McKeown having given a verdict in favor of the plaintiff on exceptions, Mr. Taylor gave notice of appeal to the full bench on the exceptions taken. Dr. W. P. Wallace, K. C. and J. A. Barry are for the plaintiff; Weddon & McLean for the defendants. The court adjourned sine die.

OBITUARY

John Woodworth Hopewell Hill, N. B. Dec. 19.—John Woodworth of Albert Mines, who was hurt in the plaster quarry at Hillsboro, Tuesday, died at his home last night, having succumbed to injuries received. He had been unconscious or delirious pretty much all of the time since he was injured.

W. Max Aitken has broken down under the strain of his recent election campaign and is now under the doctor's care in London.

Have you seen the beautiful pictures offered to new cash subscribers by The Telegraph and The Times? The most attractive premium ever offered in the Maritime Provinces.

Schooner PREFERENCE ABANDONED

Capt. Gale and Crew Saved and Taken to Boston—Meagre News of Loss of St. John Vessel Comes from Commander

The St. John schooner Preference has been abandoned at sea and the captain and crew landed at Boston. Particulars are lacking and this meagre intelligence was received today in a telegram from the coast.

The Preference was bound for St. John from New York, with 400 tons of coal for R. P. & W. P. Starr, and it is supposed that she was among the number paying toll in the recent blizzard on the American coast.

The schooner is owned by Gilbert Purdy, John Spahn, Hon. James Holly, Captain George E. Gale, her captain, and others. She was built at Canning, N. S., 1880, and is 213 tons, 120 feet over all, thirty feet beam and ten feet deep.

She sailed from here on November 5, with a cargo of laths and lumber, shipped by Reynolds & Baker to the New York market, and was returning with coal for Starr's here. Captain Gale is a St. John man and resides in the city. It is understood that the vessel is partly insured.

EXTRA CLERKS ON DUTY IN POST OFFICE

Fourteen Are Placed at Work for Holiday Season Rush—Some Hints for Public

The annual Christmas rush is on in the Post Office, and the members of the staffs in each department are very busy in the distribution of the mails, and registered matter, etc., which have increased noticeably during the last week or more, and to do so for some little time.

As has been the custom a number of additional clerks have been added to the regular staff to facilitate the handling of the extra heavy mails.

Fourteen clerks were placed on duty yesterday. Postmaster Edward Sears, to remain at work for about ten days, when the bulk of the rush will have been handled. The new men are: Jeremiah Quinlan, J. L. Eagles, Day Watters, Wm. Bain, W. J. McCann, Andrew T. Casey, Frederick McKee, Arthur P. Delaney, James Kennedy, Jas. McGrath, Arthur Mahoney, Frank McGuire, and Maurice T. Millaney. Edward Hogan has been chosen to arrange for a supply of teams of which there will be three on the east side, and one on the west side.

In speaking with the Times-Star this morning, Postmaster Sears said that a very large quantity of mail was now being received and distributed and people should be ready in facilitating matters by mailing early, and by registering parcels which they valued, or which they wished to reach the destination in regular time. If a parcel were lost, it was far easier, said the postmaster, to trace it if it had been registered, and had been wrapped in a manner so that it can be readily opened, either tied with a string or pasted fastener. If it sealed it will not be shipped.

Some people do not seem to understand how they should send parcels to the United States. Any package going across the border must not be sealed, but must be wrapped in a manner so that it can be readily opened, either tied with a string or pasted fastener. If it sealed it will not be shipped.

MARKET CASE HEARD IN THE POLICE COURT

Matter of Tolls on Some Chickens—Judge Ritchie Speaks of Recent Statements

In the police court this morning, Charles Howe, of Norton, was charged with having articles for sale in the market without having paid the fees. The report was made by W. W. Howe, acting clerk, in the case, on sale, but claimed that the fees had been paid by a neighbor of his named Mr. McFarlane, who had been called in hurriedly, and had left them with him.

The market clerk said that Mr. Po had told him on Saturday that the defendant had sold chickens on which he had paid tolls. He was inclined to believe a man's story.

The lessee told the court that the defendant had paid him fees for butter which he had brought to market. He took stand, and the witness noticed later that he had sold chickens, for which he had not paid fees, so he therefore reported the matter to the acting clerk.

The case was postponed until Saturday morning next. Judge Ritchie remarks that it had been said recently that he was responsible, in a measure, for the non-enforcement of the by-laws in the market as it was said that he had stated it was impossible to carry them out. He denied that this was so, saying that cases had come before him, and convictions had been given under those same by-laws which were supposed to be impracticable. "I am at a loss to understand why my name should be mentioned as having been the cause of any loss to the city," he said.

CHRISTMAS PAY AT CITY HALL TODAY

City employees were made happy this morning by the receipt of their Christmas pay. Instead of receiving their salaries for the half month, they were handed a full month's allowance in view of the demands of the festive season. It will be a month from today before another pay day comes around, as the men are now paid up to the first of the year. The payments were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Category and Amount. Market 220.40, Ferry 1,346.20, Public works 816.68, Fire and Salvage Corps 2,288.07, Police 2,988.98, Official 2,068.27, Total \$10,227.80

Men's and Boys' Overcoats REDUCED IN PRICE

This is the proper time for you to buy an Overcoat if you want to get the best that is going and get it at a real generous reduction. We have reduced the price of every man's and boy's Overcoat in this store, in order to give everybody a chance to get an Overcoat during the Christmas season at the lowest possible figure. Just glance at these prices:

Table with 2 columns: Men's Overcoats and Boys' Overcoats. Men's: \$7.50 to \$15.00. Boys': \$2.98 to \$8.75.

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CHRISTMAS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Only four buying days remain after today—that means you'll have to hurry! We have everything for the comfort and convenience of our customers—are handling the large crowds with little trouble—have very largely augmented our force of salespeople—have increased our delivery service. Christmas shopping in this store is made as easy as possible.

MEN'S FURNISHINGS FOR CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

A walk through this department will give you scores of suggestions for acceptable Christmas gifts.

GLOVES. Why they are always welcomed and always acceptable. We can help you in making your selection as our splendidly stocked glove department admits of the widest choice. Prices the lowest in town—\$1.00 to \$5.00, boxed free.

UMBRELLAS. Hundreds of them here, specially selected from the very best makers both this and the other side of the ocean. Your card upon an Umbrella would not be out of the way on Christmas to a friend or relative. \$1.00 to \$7.50.

SHIRTS. Fancy Negligee and Hard Bosom Shirts—new Christmas patterns just to hand in plain and coat style. 75c. to \$2.75.

GIVE CLOTHING! Men's Clothing—to father, brother or husband. It will relieve his personal expense for the remainder of the winter, and the gift will please as much for its thoughtfulness as for its usefulness. Choose from Suits, Overcoats, Raincoats, Dress Suits, Trousers, House Coats, etc.

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Handkerchiefs, hemstitched, in three qualities, 35c. 50c. and 75c. each; small lot to clear at 15 cents each.

Fine White Lawn Initialed Handkerchiefs, Special, 3 in box, for 45c.

Half Hose, new colors, in plain cashmere, and fancy striped cashmere, per pair 35c. to 75c.

Half Hose, in fine silk, black, plain colors and fancy stripes, boxed, just the thing for evening wear, pair, 75c. to \$1.65.

Silk Half Hose, in new colored stripes and checks, in fancy box, special value, per pair 75c.

Noelities in Leather Goods for both Men and Women. Men's Furnishing Dept.

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