

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.
THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY
BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things
of More than Ordinary Interest, Record-
ed in a Short Readable Form—
Notes of The News.

The Mispick pulp mill is closed down for
repairs.

There were two marriages and 23 births
registered in the city last week.

A Christmas present of a season ticket
for Victoria rink is greatly appreciated
by the children.

Rev. Dr. Wilson has accepted an invita-
tion to remain another year pastor of
St. John's Methodist church.

Miss Gertrude McDonald has received
notification of her appointment as special
court stenographer.

Mr. Alex. F. Robb has offered his ser-
vices to the Presbyterian church in
connection with a call for help for the
mission in Corea.

Sydney Duncan, of Murray street, fell
on a slippery sidewalk on Main street
Saturday night and injured his leg. He
was removed to his home.

The I. C. R. is doing a big business in
connection with the winter port. Between
30 and 40 cars of western freight are daily
arriving for shipment to the United King-
dom from the I. C. R. terminals.

Miss Maude Thompson, of the Pitts-
field, Mass., General Public Hospital staff,
is in the city spending the Christmas
holidays with her mother, at 16 Castle
street.

In Sippell vs. Crawford, an action on
a promissory note, judgment for \$21 was
given for the plaintiff, Mr. H. H. Pickett
for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Scott E.
Morrill and H. W. Robertson for the de-
fendant.

There will be a Christmas entertain-
ment in St. Patrick's hall, Carleton, on
the evening of December 27th, by the
young ladies of the parish, assisted by
talent from the east side.

The committee who conducted the North
End Liberal's banquet have presented Mr.
James Boyd and Mr. Benjamin T. Logan
each with an umbrella, in token of their
interest in the work of decorating the
hall.

The board of health issued nine burial
permits last week. The cases of
caused one each by cancer of stomach,
arterio sclerosis, chronic gastritis, inflam-
mation of brain, tuberculosis, heart dis-
ease, congestion of lungs and two by con-
sumption.

The drawing to determine the winner of
the trip to Buffalo ticket in connection
with the recent St. Peter's church high
tea and sale was conducted Thursday
evening in the church basement. Mr. T.
O'Brien, editor of the Monitor, was the
winner.

Mr. O. H. Warwick, the treasurer of the
Protestant Orphan Asylum, acknowl-
edges with thanks the following subscrip-
tions: Charles F. Kinross, \$5; Emerson
& Fisher, \$15; Mrs. Lester, \$5; Miss
Lester, \$1; John E. Irvine, \$5; Miss Lou
Russell, \$5; Friend C. O. D., \$5.

On Saturday morning the members of
the local government, comprising the
Provincial Lunatic Asylum commission,
visited the institution and in the after-
noon they met in the city hall. Mr. H.
McCarthy, clerk of the city, presented
office and transacted routine business in
connection with the asylum.

A man who gave his name as Thomas
McCarthy and having from Nova Scotia,
was arrested Saturday for stealing a
turkey from the door of Robert McDon-
nell's store, Main street. The bird was
McCarthy's possession when he was
arrested.

Prosperity in a general sense prevails
in St. John at present if the volume of
Canadian trade enjoyed by the merchan-
tise is an indication. With little ex-
ception all dealers, whose business natu-
rally increase in the festive season, report
the heaviest business in their history.

The Star Line Company has elected
Messrs. James Manchester, T. P. Taylor,
C. W. Starke, A. H. Harrington and F.
A. Baird directors. A dividend of 15 per
cent was declared. The directors appointed
Mr. James Manchester president; Mr. T.
P. Taylor, vice-president, and Mr. B.
S. Orchard, secretary-manager.

Bristol, Carleton County, Dec. 19.—
The funeral of Mrs. George Hopkins,
place at the Primitive Baptist church this
afternoon, and was largely attended. The
deceased had been in poor health for some
time. She was about 55 years of age and
leaves a husband and one son, besides
brothers and sisters.

Rev. T. Allen Hobson, son of Mr. Thom-
as Hobson, Gibson, superintendent of the
Canada Eastern Railway, was recently or-
dained at Milwaukee, and has assumed
the pastorate of the First Baptist church
in that city. Milwaukee papers mention
that he is engaged to be married to a
daughter of Mr. E. J. Lindsay, a promi-
nent member of his church.

Mr. Hazen Ritchie, a son of the late
chief justice, Sir William Ritchie, has
been appointed superintendent of the Mon-
real branch of the General Electric Co.
He was formerly chief engineer of the
company at Peterborough, and before leav-
ing was entertained at a banquet by the
citizens and presented with a signed ring
and a handsome watch chain.

The town of Sydney is asking for a loan
of \$235,000. Of this sum \$35,000 is for
paying the balance due the owners of the
site conveyed by the town to the Domini-
on Iron and Steel Company, Ltd.; \$75,
000 for the extension of water works; \$75,
000 for constructing sewers; \$27,500 for
additional school accommodation; \$12,500

FREE FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Public School Pupils Put Their Books
Away Friday.

The public schools closed Friday and
the pupils are free to enjoy all the
pleasures which attend the Christmas
season. The schools will re-open on Janu-
ary 7. In connection with the closing,
there were exercises in many schools.

At the High School there was a large
gathering of visitors.

Judge Trueman presided and on the
platform with him were Mrs. R. C. Skin-
ner, Mrs. Dever, Mayor Daniel, Dr.
Bridges, Mr. J. V. Ellis, Dr. W. P. Dole,
Dr. James Hannay, Mr. James Manning,
and Mr. N. Skinner, Q. C. In an en-
tertaining programme, Miss Ella Brown,
Miss Robina Burton, George Whittaker,
Miss Florence Evans, Miss Margaret Cum-
mings, Bernard Gallagher and the school
orchestra took part.

Senator Ellis was introduced and un-
veiled a portrait of Governor General
Dundas which the High School Alumnae
Society presented to the school. He
made a pleasing speech. Dr. Bridges, on
behalf of the High School, accepted the
gift with great pleasure.

Mr. Ellis stated that the portrait of
Governor Boyd had been presented by
Mr. Climo and that the ladies had
expressed the desire of framing it. A portrait
of Dr. Patterson could be procured he would
willingly bear the expense of framing and
hanging.

Judge Trueman, as president of the
school board, thanked the alumnae for
their gift. He then called upon Mayor
Daniel to present the Corporation gold
medals.

Miss Ella Smith, the winner, was called
to the platform. Mayor Daniel made the
presentation with many kind words and
good wishes. Dr. Dole then presented the
Parker silver medal, which was also won
by Miss Ella Smith. Miss Smith received
general applause.

The Governor General's medal for work
in grade X, was won by Miss May Per-
kins. Mr. Ellis made the presentation.

The winner of the gold medal awarded
by Mrs. R. C. Skinner and Mrs. Dever,
for proficiency in grade IX, was William
Morrell. Mrs. Dever presented the medal.

The medal awarded by Judge Trueman
for highest standing in the entrance ex-
amination was won by Miss Ida Mc-
Gerple, with the creditable total of 1,000.
Miss Mary Goggin being only a mark or
two behind. Mr. C. N. Skinner had award-
ed her a medal as well. Each gentleman
presented his own medal.

Dr. James Hannay was then called up-
on. His remarks were very brief.

After a few words by Judge Trueman
the gathering broke up with the National
 Anthem.

At the Centennial school, there was a
pleasing programme of recitations, songs
and carols. In Albert Schuchman's
programme, there were many good exer-
cises were given through in the
rooms. In St. Patrick's school, there was
a very good programme after the
usual work before recitation.

At the Mason hall school, Carleton,
in Mr. G. E. Armstrong's room, there
were readings by Harry Macneil, Harris
Armstrong, Florence Tutts, Olive Purdy,
Eva Brown, Edna Clark, Florence Purdy
and others; recitations by George Lee,
James A. Sadler, Marie Morrison, Her-
bert Percy, Alfred Hardy and
most others of the school; short essays
by Harry Macneil, Harry Macneil,
Harris Armstrong, Florence Tutts, Eva
Brown and others; dialogues by Florence
Tutts, Ethel Toole, Florence Purdy, Olive
Purdy, Marie Morrison, Harry Macneil,
Adams and singing by Ethel Toole, Be-
sie Fullerton, Mabel Fullerton, Ada
Cobham and Florence Purdy. The highest
prizes were made by Harry Macneil,
Harris Armstrong and Alex. Amos.

In Miss Emmerson's room no special
programme was arranged, but there were
readings and recitations.

In Miss M. A. Nannery's room an interest-
ing programme was given by Bessie
Craff, Gracie Craff, Louise Currie, Bessie
Smith, Hazel Smith, Lucy Cobham, Ida
McAndrews, Jessie Connolly, Robbie
Beattie, and some Christmas carols were
sung by the school.

At the Queen street school an excellent
programme was carried out. The classes
were examined, after which there were
recitations and singing. Prizes were
awarded for the summer term as fol-
lows: Mabel Lee, Elizabeth Sanders,
William Lewis, Ernest Mitchell and Ar-
thur Brandy. For the Christmas term:
James A. Sadler, Arthur Dickson, Wil-
liam Richards, Mabel Lee and Ger-
trude Morrison. There were recitations by
James A. Sadler, Arthur Dickson, Her-
bert, Willie Richards, Arthur Brandy.

Addresses were made by Rev. J. C. O.
Morley, Mr. C. W. Hamilton, Mr. C. E.
Duckett and others. A donation of \$100
from the trustees of the building
was distributed.

The closing exercises in the Madras
school, Miss Carr, principal, were inter-
esting. A large number of pupils of the
Imperial school had a good programme
of songs and recitations.

The closing exercises at Alexandria
school were largely attended. Master S.
McBeath, Gretchen Chapman, Gladys Wat-
son, Masters Crosby and Burke, Hilda
Shaw and others took part in a fitting
programme. An address was given by
Inspector Carter. The principal, Mr.
Hayes, spoke on the necessity of regular
attendance at school.

There was a pleasant gathering at No. 2
of the C. P. R. to this effect on
Nov. 6 and asked him to state
what the company intended to do. A copy
of the letter was read at yesterday's
meeting.

It was contended by Ald. Baxter that
there had been unfairness to the lessee
in letting the matter remain months in
abeyance and expense caused and he
moved that she now be given a renewal
lease for seven years. Some members
thought the C. P. R. should be again not-
ified, attention being called to the former
letter, and it was decided to give the com-
pany 10 days. If, at the end of that time,
there is no response or if one is received
intimating that the company will not take
the property, then the lease will be re-
newed.

The other two cases regarding the
Wilson and McCreary leases of Sand
Point property. It was stated there were
no reports from the arbitrators. There
was also some discussion as to the leases
of Sleigh, Quinlan & Co., and John J.
Gordon of property which it was thought
to take for dry dock purposes.

It was decided to place \$5,000 insur-
ance for four months on street rollers and
other city property stored in machinery
hall and the exhibition building proper.
It was left to the chairman to effect
the insurance.

Ald. Elford spoke of the Road's Point
wharf repairs and it was decided that
the engineer's plans for the work would be
submitted to the next meeting of the
board.

NO MAN'S CITY.

In Peking There Is Variety and
Absence of Law.

A CORRESPONDENT

Who Is Living in a Mandarin's
Palace, Attended by the Man-
darin's Servants, Tells How
Pleasant Life Is in the Chinese
Capital.

Peking, Sept. 7.—Peking has always been
a remarkable city. At the present mo-
ment it is the most remarkable city in all the world.
It belongs to no one. It is divided
into districts under British, American,
Japanese, Russian, and French jurisdic-
tion, and the streets are patrolled and
order, more or less, maintained by troops
of all complexions, from the white Wyom-
ing "cowboys" to the swarthy Sikh. But
the powers of the troops are undefined.
They are agreed only in one point—name-
ly, "that anything without an evident
purpose may be appropriated—anything at
all, from a Chinaman to a "shoe" of sil-
ver, from a house or a horse to a bundle
of rags.

I am living in a mandarin's palace on
the Hai-tan-in road. The mandarin is, I
trust, in heaven. At least, he is not
here. He was a Boxer champion; Box-
ers may parade, and Boxer arms are
stacked in corners of the rooms, and the
house has not been touched either by
Chinese or foreign troops. Very few
houses have thus remained unspoiled.

Soldiers on the Prowl.

Before the siege of the legations placar-
dis were posted up for the direction of
the population as to which were the houses
of friends—that is, Boxer sympathizers--
and which those of enemies, meaning ev-
erybody who in even the remotest way
had anything to do with foreigners.
My mandarin was left alone by the
Chinese, and his house, or my house,
is left alone by foreign troops, except by
occasional patrols who enter courtyard
and peer around inquiringly for loot.

Then the servants at the lodge—the
mandarin's servants at the mandarin's
lodge—that is to say, my servants at the
lodge—run across the three courtyards
into the mandarin's hall to me, and shout
"soldier! soldier!" and enter courtyard,
and inquire what business the soldiers
have here, and they walk slowly to the
gate, explaining in whatever language
they can understand that they were
merely patrolling. I slam the gate sharply
after them, and the servants bar it,
sighing.

All may they sigh, for if they had
been alone here they would probably
have been shot. The women would not
have been shot, but I am not a woman.
I only wish to say this happens almost
daily.

I do not feel free to say under which
of the great civilized powers of Europe
I have my jurisdiction. I am living
I will only say it is not Anglo-Saxon, nor
Japanese.

For some reason a British troops of Peking
have been allotted the poorest slums of Peking
as their portion. It is a good thing for
the slum residents, but not for the British.
I have no wish to live in an East
End in a Belgravia mansion, and an
under foreign jurisdiction, and there is
a daily struggle as to whether the United
States is to host over this house or not.
It still stands, and it will continue to
stand.

A Lovely Garden.

As I write, I look out across my gar-
den, the mandarin's garden. He has
good taste, and I wish him well in his
future career. There are three fine trees
in the back garden, with lovely foli-
age, rustling in the cool wind. A fish-
pond lies in the middle, with a rustic
bridge just behind it, and a "willow-
grove" in the foreground. The fish, and
long, reedy grass grows out of
the mud.

There is a curious wooden edifice in one
corner of the garden; it may be meant
for a tea-house or a band-stand—I do
not know. Fruit trees, which I cannot
name, bearing abundance of fruit, which
I have never seen or heard of before,
are trained under the walls, and rock-
eries are artistically arranged here and
there.

In the paddock are about a dozen
ponies and mules, and in the stables a few
more. Some were found straggling over-
grown with grass or in it, and out of
charity I appropriated them, and fed
them on the mandarin's fodder. Others
have been honestly bought, one pony for
a tin of cigarettes, a fine sturdy mule for
half a bottle of Scotch whiskey, and some
were left here by owners who have gone
to see their friends in Manchuria.

One affectionate old mule keeps coming
into the drawing-room to see me; he can
break any rope the stable-boys can tie,
and he persists in leaving his hay and
bran and eating the mandarin's choice
christianities.

Salutes for Khaki.

I go out into the street; most of the
foreign soldiers salute as I pass, for I
am in khaki uniform, which I borrowed
in Tien Tsin. It looks military, hence the
salute. It is the uniform the Tien Tsin
Volunteers, who were disbanded after
the taking of Tien Tsin native city, be-
cause the volunteers got ahead of the
regulars at the looting.

The British troops do it, and out of
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I might have stood their jeers; I do
not want them to pity me in my
ride passively into my courtyard, and
the servants run out to hold the stirrup
as I dismount, take my whip, and bring
me a fan and a light for my cigar. I
feel sorry for my mandarin. If he comes
back I will allow him to sleep on the
band-stand floor.

Employ Your Idle Time.

"Work at home" is an idea that will
spread to those who have a good deal of
spare time during the coming winter. To
secure the services of such the People's
Knitting Machine Co. of Toronto are
offering remunerative home work to
be done with their Automatic Seamless
Knitting Machine. Theirs is work that
is done in an easy, pleasant, and con-
venient manner, and the family
according as they had leisure—a good way
to make the idle minutes pay the rent
and buy the firing. See their announce-
ment in another column.

Bottom, Dec. 21.—Former Governor Rog-
er W. Wilcox died at his home here at 3:30
p. m. today. He had been sick for several
weeks with typhoid fever.

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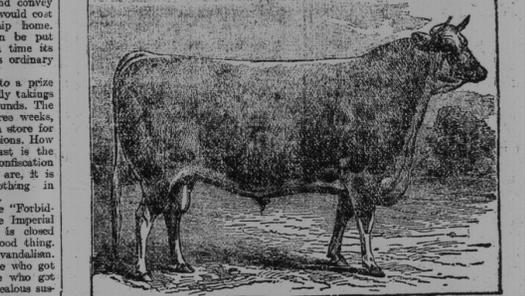
Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Reginald
Wye, an English naval cadet, who was
on the way to Chicago, and had been
spending some weeks in the city, was
found on the street this evening with
a bullet wound through his body. He
was removed to the hospital in a dying
condition. He claims he was attacked
by two colored men, who knocked him
down, shot and robbed him. The police
who are investigating, say the wound
was self-inflicted. Wye is about 23 years
of age. He was a regular attendant at
the Valentine Stock Company's perform-
ance when it was here and was a favorite
with some of the members of the com-
pany.

Very Rev. J. S. Lauder.
Toronto, Dec. 22.—(Special)—The Tele-
gram's special cable from London says
Very Rev. J. S. Lauder, dean of Ottawa,
and chaplain of the Canadian senate,
died today at New Brighton, near Lan-
arook, where he had been lying ill sev-
eral months. He was 71 years of age and
prominent in the Anglican church of
Canada for a great many years.

Dr. James McLeod.
Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 23.—
(Special)—Dr. James McLeod died last
night after a long illness. He was one of
the foremost physicians in the province.
His death is a public loss.

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