

NEWS OF THE WEEK.

The earnings of the Intercolonial railway have fallen off within the last few weeks. The authorities of the railway department account for it by the fact that other roads in central Canada suffered the depression earlier in the year, and the conditions now prevalent down east are but a continuation.

The startling announcement was made by the Maine state board of cattle commissioners the other day that a herd of fourteen Jersey cows, whose milk the elite of Bangor had fed upon for many months, will be killed on account of being afflicted with tuberculosis. Mayor F. C. Beal, member of the commission, gives out a statement but withholds the name of the owner of the herd. Mayor Beal was called to investigate the herd by the advice of the owner, who said he thought that one of the cows might be affected.

Orders have been issued from Ottawa for the opening of the winter service on the Baies de Chaleur railway. The matter was settled on the 24th. The road will be operated as a branch of the Intercolonial. In former years the company kept it running only in the summer, finding it impossible to give a service in the winter months, on account of the heavy fall of snow. The government does not count on making any money out of it. The service is merely given for the accommodation of the population in Gaspé and the expenses are reduced to the minimum. An I. C. R. official left Moncton on the night of the 25th to take over the accounts and general business management of the road.

Christmas was a very sad day for Springhill and the men were working hard to save the source of their livelihood. About five o'clock on the evening of the 24th, a fire was discovered in the pipe way of the east slope, in the eight hundred feet level. It spread rapidly and gained its way into the thirteen hundred foot level. That level soon was a raging furnace. Government Inspector Gilpin was immediately wired for and arrived on the scene. Manager Cowans being in Montreal. Fire was issuing from every opening to the mine. Two cupolas near by were burned down and the bank head had to be torn

away. The miners toiled hard to prevent air going into the mine by stopping up every way. From this work Mr. Gilpin had to call the men away, as it was incurring great danger to their lives. The flames shot one hundred feet in the air, the reflection from them being visible at Amherst. There is no idea of the extent of the fire and most disastrous consequences are feared.

All last Monday morning there was a crowd of applicants for positions in the employ of the West End street railway at the company's office in Water street, Boston. As early as five o'clock men began to gather, and by 7 o'clock when Supt. Laffin arrived, the number had reached up into hundreds. At noon men were still standing patiently in line, although for more than an hour none had been admitted into the building. Half a dozen patrolmen kept order, and prevented the crowd from blocking the sidewalk. It is believed about 150 men have been given work since the crash began. Among the men who applied for work Monday were several old hands, and in nearly every instance they were re-engaged as extra men.

A few weeks ago a vessel which put in at Lisbon after a trip around Cape Horn reported the destruction by volcanic action of the Juan Fernandez Island, famous as the fabled home of Robinson Crusoe. The master claimed to have seen the catastrophe from the deck of his vessel. The report was not given credence at the time by scientific men, and many denials were printed in papers and magazines. But Captain Powell, of the British ship James Kerr, recently at San Francisco, asserts that the story is generally believed by seafaring men all over the world. The James Kerr recently arrived from Newcastle, N. S. W., where she had laid up for months on account of the coal mine strike. Captain Powell met a large number of master mariners there, and says the destruction of the island was a matter of common gossip among them. The captain himself has not passed within sight of the island since 1889, when he secured an excellent photograph of it from the deck of the ship. He says that some of the Captains who arrived in Newcastle while he was there verified the report that the island was missing.

LOCAL AND OTHER ITEMS.

At midnight, on Sunday last, the thermometer stood at zero in this city.

THERE are at present one hundred and seventy-four patients in the Hospital for the Insane.

QUEEN VICTORIA spent Christmas at Windsor, and received the usual gift of a Boar's Head from the German Emperor.

VANCOUVER parties give notice in the Canadian Gazette for a charter to build a railway through the Crow's Nest Pass.

The sum of \$534.15 was realized at the bazaar held in the Lyceum last week, in aid of the building fund of the new Cathedral.

On Sunday last, in St. Augustine's Church, Russell, Rev. P. C. Gauthier was ordained priest by His Lordship Bishop McDonald.

The Farmer's Advocate, of London, Ont., anticipates that this island will have 800,000 lbs. of creamery butter for export this winter.

The new steamer for the Port aux Basques, Nfld., and Sydney, C. B., service, which R. G. Held has ordered in Glasgow, will cost \$220,000.

The boats stopped running on the Southport ferry on Saturday night. Six teams crossed the river on the last Saturday and on Monday.

A man named McNeill, 19 years of age belonging to this Province, while logging in Albert County, N. B., was accidentally killed on Christmas eve.

MR. DRINKWATER of the C. P. R. is reported to have said that his company is getting ready to tackle the construction of the Crow's Nest Railway.

OTTAWA advises say that twenty-two destitute Canadians have been shipped from Rio Janeiro to Liverpool, thence they will be sent to Canada at the expense of this country.

OTTAWA advises of the 28th announce the death at Syracuse, N. Y., on Christmas eve, of John McNeill, for many years Clerk of the House of Assembly, of this Province, at the age of 55 years.

The London Times says the United States have been respectfully warned that European powers will not remain passive if the Government of the Republic will interfere in Cuban affairs. Germany is said to have given the notice. She sides with Spain.

WE are pleased to learn that Mr. James Smith, for many years steward on the steamer Stanley, has obtained a position on the steamer Monticello of St. John which has been chartered to run on the Nassau-Palm Beach route, during the winter months.

EDWARD M. EDWARDS, of Los Angeles, Cal., passed a successful examination in dentistry, before the Massachusetts state board of examiners for registration in dentistry, in Boston, in the early part of this month. He is a graduate of the Boston Dental College. Congratulations.

WASHINGTON advises of a late date that Secretary Olney and Sir Julian Pauncefote have agreed on the draft treaty for a system of arbitration in future disputes between England and the United States. It is along the lines suggested by Lord Salisbury and will be submitted to Congress immediately after the holidays.

GENERAL Manager Hayes, of the Grand Trunk Railway, who resides in Montreal says his company has indicated to the Dominion and Quebec governments that if they would grant assistance the company would replace the present Victoria tubular bridge across the St. Lawrence at Montreal, with open truss spans for double tracks, with street car tramway and foot-path on each side.

The fire in the east slope of the Springhill mines was on Monday practically under control. All the passages leading from the site of the fire, which is believed by the management to cover only a small area down the slope about 600 feet from the pit's mouth, were sealed up, and the work of sealing had progressed without any mishap beyond five men becoming overpowered by fire famp through the unopening of gas, these five men came around all right. It is fully expected that the men will be able to resume mining coal in a few days.

A BAD wreck occurred on Saturday last on Birmingham Mineral Road, Alabama. The loop goes all over this part of the country taking in mines and furnaces. The wreck occurred at Canada Bridge, 50 miles from Birmingham. The train, which was 1,000 feet long, 100 feet high. Train jumped track from some unknown cause and plunged off the trestle to the rocks below. Reports place number of passengers aboard at thirty to thirty-five, and state that only two escaped. The wreck caught fire and many unfortunate victims were burned to death. The cars were smashed to splinters on the rocks one hundred feet below.

TO THE COUNTRY TRADE.—Weeks & Co. were the spot cash buyers of the big bankrupt stock of J. B. McDonald & Co. We commenced this big bankrupt sale a week ago and crowds of people have and are now shelling in the bargains. We can only give you a small idea of the many bargains that are going by referring to our advertisement. We can only say that in many cases 50c. will buy \$100 worth of goods and in some cases more. Call and see the bankrupt bargains in Fur Jackets, Fur Coats, Muffs, Collars, Caps, Sleigh Robes, Dress Goods, Hats & Caps, Shirts, Lingerie, Drawers, Cardigan Jackets, Corsets, Cloths and general dry goods. Some of the biggest bargains ever offered in Charlottetown at Weeks Big Bankrupt sale.

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like rheumatism, dyspepsia, headache, constipation, indigestion, are promptly cured by Hood's Pills. They do their work easily and thoroughly.

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Prepared by C. L. Hood & Co., Lowell, Mass.
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\$6,000 Spot Cash

Goods are selling in some cases at half price, and in some cases more.

Come and See
LADIES' CLOTH JACKETS

Marked \$1 each
Marked price was from \$4 to \$8, \$2 to \$4 each.
Marked price was \$8 to \$14.
\$2.10 to \$4.75.
Marked price was \$3.45 to \$7.25.

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Bankrupt Astrakhan Jackets
\$25 Jackets for \$18.90
\$30 Jackets for \$23.90
\$35 Jackets for \$25.00

Mens' Fur Coats
\$16.50 Coat for \$11.75
\$18.50 Coat for \$11.95
\$24.50 Coat for \$17.75

—ALSO—
Men's Fur Caps,
Ladies' Fur Muffs,
Ladies' Fur Collars,
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**All Trimmed Hats and Bonnets
AT HALF PRICE.**
\$1.60 Millinery for 80c.
\$2.25 Millinery for \$1.13
\$3.40 Millinery for \$1.70

Untrimmed Felt Hats.
Any hat in the shop for 25c., the regular price was 78c. to \$1.50.
Corsets, 19c., worth 42c.;
Island Tweed, 45c. for 25c.;
60c. Tweed for 35c.;
80c. Tweed for 48c.;
Men's Linen Collars, 4c., 8c. and 9c.;
Shirts, Lingerie and Drawers, 35c. a suit, 65c. quality for 48c.

—ALSO—
Dress Goods,
Sackie Cloths,
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Cardigan Jackets,
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General Dry Goods.

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Valuable Mines are Owned by the Company in all principal mining districts in the West, and include—
Victoria, Daisy, Toronto, Alberta—In the North Fork of the Salmon District:

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And other very important purchases are now under the consideration of the management.
Development work is progressing rapidly on the properties in every district under the superintendence of mining engineers and experienced men. Several hundred feet of work have already been carried out. Cabins and boarding houses for about 35 men are erected. Large contracts for further work are being let as the old ones run out, and every foot of work reveals improved ore, and more strongly defined leads.

Shipping Ore is now on the dump of many of our properties, and the value of ore on the others improves every day.

The Amount of Cash Capital in the Treasury is sufficient to pay for the whole of our properties, also to spend many times cost of each on its development.

The Brokerage Department is all that the Company would wish.
The Western Manager is now in the city, and will be pleased to answer personally all and any questions relating to the Company's properties.

HERBERT COTTEBERT, WESTERN MANAGER.
Dec. 30, 1896—8 mos.

C. B. MURRAY, EASTERN MANAGER.

P. E. Island Railway
Xmas and New Year Holidays.

EXCURSION RETURN TICKETS at one first-class fare will be issued to and from all stations from the 21st inst. to the 1st January, 1897, both inclusive, good for return up to and on the 7th January, 1897. Tickets are not good after date of issue, and are good only for continuous journey in either direction.

A. McDONALD, D. POTTINGER,
Superintendent, Gen. Mgr. Gov't Railways.
Railway Office,
Charlottetown, 15th Dec., 1896.—31

NOTICE OF APPLICATION

NOTICE is hereby given that application will be made to the Parliament of Canada at the next session thereof for an act to incorporate a religious body to be called and known as "The Holy Trinity Movement (or Church)" and to authorize such corporation to meet and adopt frame or repeal constitutions and make regulations for enforcing discipline in said Church and to empower said corporation to acquire, receive and take conveyance of such lands, money, mortgages, securities or other property as may be required for the purposes of a chapel or chapels, college or colleges, school or schools, or other educational purposes connected with the said Church, and for the purpose of a printing and publishing house or houses in connection with the said Church, and for power to undertake and carry on such business of printing and publishing, and for authority and power to acquire and support such chapels, colleges and schools, and such printing and publishing house or houses and a book depository or depositories in connection therewith, and to take and receive the benefit of any gift or devise by will or otherwise in its said corporate name or otherwise and to give said Church all necessary powers connected therewith. Dated at Ottawa this 16th day of November, A. D. 1896.

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List of Ratepayers for the City of Charlottetown

In default for Assessment due on Real Property for the year ending 31st December, 1896, containing names of all such defaulters, and the amount due from them, respectively, with a statement of the Number of the Town Lot, Water Lot, and Common Lot upon which or any part thereof, such Assessment is in default.

Name of Ratepayer in Default.	Statement or Description of Property upon which such Assessment is made.	Amount of Assessment due & unpaid.
Angus, Rob.	House, Brick, and Land on Town Lot No. 42, 1st hundred	83.75
Bell, J. Flaw	House and Land on Town Lot No. 27, 1st hundred	8.00
Birch, John	House and Land on Town Lot No. 72, 3rd hund	3.37
Brown, Ambrose L.	House and Land on Common Lot No. 28	66.25
Carr, Mary Ann	House and Land on Town Lot No. 29, 2nd hund	6.75
Carmichael, James	House and Land on Town Lot No. 73, 3rd hund	10.12
Campbell, Hugh	House and Land on Common Lot No. 21	7.87
McDonald, Jas. R.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 30, 4th hund	8.89
Dockendorf, Jas. Chas	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 29, 4th hund	1.92
Doye, Andrew, Est. of	House and Land on Town Lot No. 33, 3rd hund	20.27
Edwards, John G.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 11, 1st hund	30.94
Gallant, Angus	House and Land on Town Lot No. 12, 1st hund	7.87
Goslin, Flora	House and Land on Town Lot No. 50, 52 and 53, 4th hundred	10.69
Godfrey, Frank	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 60, 52 and 53, 4th hundred	6.19
Hughes, Peter	House and Land on Common Lot 22	6.75
Hooper, Elise	House and Land on Town Lot No. 78, 5th hund	8.00
Irvine, William H.	House and Land on Town Lot No. 8, 3rd hund	6.75
Kelly, Patrick	House and Land on Common Lot No. 33, 34 and 35, hundred	5.06
Maikie, Mary Theresa	House and Land on Town Lot No. 93, 4th hund	4.50
Marshall, William	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 56 and 37	6.75
Magford, William G.	House and Land on Common Lot 22	8.44
McNeill, Duncan	Vacant Land on Common Lot 22	1.97
Purdie, Jane (W.A.O.)	House & Land on Town Lots No. 97 and 98, 1st hund	32.75
Reese of	House and Land on Common Lot No. 11 and 12	4.50
Ryan, Deborah	House and Land on Town Lots No. 80 and 81, 4th hundred	36.00
Rackham, Henry	House and Land on Common Lot No. 22	19.12
Steele, Robert	House and Land on Town Lot No. 20, 3rd hundred	11.25
Stewart, Allan	Vacant Land on Town Lot No. 65, 3rd hundred	2.25
Stanley, David	House and Land on Common Lot 27	8.37
Trainer, Patrick	House and Land on Town Lot No. 83, 2nd hund	6.75
Thorne, Richard	House and Land on Common Lot 23	2.25
Thorne, Richard	House and Land on Common Lot 23	31.50
Vickerson, Mark A.	Vacant Land on Common Lot 23	4.50
Waggon, George	House and Land on Town Lot No. 83, 2nd hund	8.50
Wilson, Mark	House and Land on Common Lot 22	4.10
Williams, John	Vacant Land on Common Lot 24	4.00
Williams, John	House and Land on Common Lot 24	11.25
Ward, Robert	House and Land on Common Lot 25	5.62

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to the provisions of the Statute 51 Victoria, Cap. 12, Section 91, after 30 days' publication of the above list, being a list of the Ratepayers of the City of Charlottetown who have failed to pay within the time prescribed the Assessment levied upon their Real Property in said City, I will make an application to His Honor, the Honorable Magistrate of said City, for judgment against each and all of the lands above described for the respective amounts so levied against them, and then unpaid, and that upon such judgment being duly entered I will further apply for a warrant for the sale of such lands. Dated this 21st day of December, A. D. 1896.
ROBERT VANDERSTINE, City Collector.