

Dh Last Paej Printd.

...Several cars of peas have been emptied into the grain elevator in Carleton.

...Oscar D. Hanson re-opened on Main St., Fairville, a few days before Christmas.

...On the evening of Dec. 19, a number of the friends of David Burgess, C. T. of the I. O. G. T. Lodge No. 109, called on him and presented him with a number of silver presents, it being the 30th anniversary of his wedding.

JAS. ROBERTSON & Co.— This firm employs about 15 men in St. John, who work 9 hours a day. We have not the space reserved to do justice to this enterprising firm; however their headquarters is at Montreal, and they manufacture saws, lead pipe, and paint. Their office is on Dock St., and their factory on Sheffield St.

...We have been allowing our agents 11 copies of the ARGUS for 20 cents. We have found that this causes confusion in counting, so after this we will give them at the regular rate, a cent on every copy they sell. Advertisers will oblige us and arrange themselves on the side of progress by ordering their advertisements spelled fonetikly.

.. On dh komplashn uv 2 ful volumes of our paper, it would not be out of place for us to thank the Post Office department for their kindness in forwarding our papers through to their destination. Those at a distance who would like to subscribe for our paper should not begrudge the extra postage necessary to send the subscription price through the mail.

...The teachers of St. John County met in the Centennial School Building on Brussels St. on Dec. 21 and 22, Thos. Stothart, a St. John City teacher, in the chair. Some interesting papers were read, and much benefit gained from them and the resultant discussion. John Montgomery, of Carleton, was elected president for the ensuing year.

...There were two literary entertainments in St. John on Christmas afternoon and evening. At the Mechanics' Institute, Price Webber and the Boston Comedy Company gave a popular entertainment. At the Opera House, the Standard Opera Company of New York, performed the Comic play, *Groß-Groß*. Arthur Bell, as staej dr-ektr, and fodhr uv dh twiaz, kept dh audeens in kontinuel latir.

Dh uezuel Krisimis entraenmnt wuz givn at dh Asielm, and past auf very plezntly.— Mrs. G. H. Perley sang sum sanogz in her uezuel skilful munr. Dh tw Misz Vail, from Sussex, aulsq twk port in dh muzik and singag. Sevrl resitaeshnz wer aulsq givn.

...J. R. Bartlett is again taking boarders at the Fairville House. We would direct his attention to our cut of the firemen's regalia.

.. We are in receipt of a letter from an oil merchant in St. John complaining of what he calls, the exorbitant duty on oil. This is the substance of his letter: "A barrel of American Kerosene oil, such as is universally used here, costing \$3.75 in New York, pays a duty and inspection fee when entered in Canada amounting to \$3.50, nearly 100 % on cost of oil and barrel. It is safe to say that fully \$50,000 is collected annually in duties for this article used in St. John and vicinity; and as a moment's consideration will show that the wealthier class burn either gas or electric lights, the largest amount of this enormous tax comes out of the poor man."

...Az dh manijng editr uv dhis paepr thinks dhat in hiz mql uv spelng hee hiz diskuv-erl az graet, az nue anl az xfl an invenshn az dh steem enju, hee wishz t giv hiz reed-erz aul dh laetst diskuvreez hee haz maed. Hee now alowz 29 letz and naemz dhem az folgz, dh ferst wun beeng dh letr:

At, aet, be, de, et, eet, fe, ge, he, it aur yt, iet, je, ce, ke, le, me, ne, ot, qt, pe, re, se, te, ut, uet aur xt, ve, aut, wt, ze.

Sins hee haz just nqtst dhat dh sielnt e mae bee dropt in meny instansz, dhus spaerng dh "e hoks," hee iz now ueznng an e aftr a vowl hwn it shwd bee laung, bqth in printng and in rietng; fer werdz mae hee ritn fonetikly az wel az speld sq. In rietng, hee uezz y, with dh lqer port shaepd liek q, fer laung u; and g, with dh upr port shaepd liek e, fer laung o; au-y fer dh difthaung, oi; and e fer ch, az in printd mat. Propr naemz hee leevz az dhae or.

Hee haz reesntly bin met with tw orgne-mnts igenst hiz mqd uv spelng dhat or priy hord t ansr. Wun iz dhat "ignrnt peepl will not nq how t spel." In replie, hee wd sae dhat dhis methd uv spelng izsq simpl dhat it wd not bee muc stræn on dh memrv fer a persn t lern dhis wae az wel az dh ordinry mqd, hwic izsq wiedspred dhat dher iz lil lieklihd uv its beeng fergotn fer meny yeerz t kum.

Dh seknd objekshn iz dhat "thant kwd bee konvaed with les ekspens, did dhis mqd be- kum ueuniversl, dhus meny printz wd bee thrqn owt uv implaumnnt." Dhis objekshn mae hav bin raezd igenst dh steem enjn; peepl now-a-daez, however, wd bee lqth te port with dhis meenz uv komxnikaeshn.