

MARKET IN GALA DRESS

Fine Display of Christmas Viands Now Offered to Prospective Buyers — Fat Beef Feature of Market.

The country market has on its Christmas attire and for the first time this season was seen to an advantage yesterday.

While there is abundance of fine looking turkeys, geese, ducks, chickens and many other varieties, the beef is probably the most attractive and it will glance at a big round dressed pork which is at one stand, one would hardly believe that the big Mrs. Pork could have possibly walked about the pen when she was alive.

This assortment was not held long by the wholesalers, who found ready purchasers and had barely enough to satisfy the demand.

In speaking of the prices paid for this choice beef, Kame and McDonald said quotations are a little higher this year if anything, over last year and purchasers will make but very little profit on their sales.

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THE LADY AND THE STUPID CLERK. "I want some flour, please," said the Lady to the Stupid Clerk.

DIED. KIRK.—In this city, at 41 Marsh Road on the 19th inst., after a lingering illness, Mrs. Eliza A. Kirk, widow of the late Arthur Kirk.

Just Like Grandma Baked. In What Folks Think of WHITE CLOVER BREAD.

SPECIAL NUMBER OF ENGLISH PAPER TELLS OF ST. JOHN

Financial News has Souvenir Edition of Trip of British Manufacturers, with Much About This City.

To commemorate the visit of the British manufacturers to Canada last summer, the London Financial News has issued a special number of a very elaborate description, copies of which have just been received in the city.

LATE SHIPPING.

Arrived. New York—Schr's Unity, Halifax; Sawyer Brothers, St. John; Helen Montague, do; Metinic, Maitland; Hugh De Patens, do.

Sailed. New York—Schr's Anne Lord, St. John; Moonlight, Belfast; W. N. Zwickler, Lunenburg; Stur Dronning Maud Hillsboro.

WEDDINGS.

Pearson-Gambin. At the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gambin, Collins, December 18, at 6 o'clock p. m., their daughter, Ella Agnes, was united in my lake to George Rogers Pearson, of Pearsonville.

THE WEATHER.

Martime—Strong westerly winds; mostly fair, with a little lower temperature. Toronto, Dec. 19.—The disturbance which was in the middle states last night has developed into an important storm.

CANADIANS OWE THEIR SKATES TO EARLY DUTCH

Name of Inventor of Ice Skates Lost in Obscurity, but First Manufacturer was Dutchman, and also First Skater.

(Mail and Empire.) Canadians claim lacrosse and hockey as their national games, but the books tell us that lacrosse was a sport of the Indian long before there was any such name as "Canada" on the map.

The next invention was in the nature of a revolution. It was the Acme skate. Probably the name is copyrighted, and ought to be spelled with capital letters, but we have placed the word acme in the same class as the word kodak.

Early Dutch Skates.

Passing over the days when every skater was the author of his own skates, we find that in the middle of the seventeenth century the Dutch had cornered most of the trade and were admitted to be the best manufacturers of skates in the known world.

Another Invention.

This curve skate with wooden fittings was the standard for many years, and it was due to an American that the next improvement was added. This was the shape of a socket in the heel of the skate, which most of us can remember.

ALBERT NEWS.

Albert, Dec. 18.—The Albert County United Baptist quarterly meeting was held at Hopewell Hill, on Dec. 16th and 17th. Owing to the inclemency of the weather, the meeting on Monday evening was thinly attended, but those held on Tuesday were largely attended.

WESTFIELD NEWS

Westfield Beach, Dec. 17.—Miss Keating, who has been visiting Mrs. Howard Lingley, returned to her home in Randolph, on Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Murray, of St. John, who spent last summer at Ononette, are about to leave for Vancouver to locate.

Miss Vivian Porter spent a few days at Grand Bay, last week, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Caulfield.

Mont Belyea, of Brown's Flats, spent part of last Thursday here.

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lingley's friends are congratulating them on the arrival of a baby boy at their home on the 9th.

Rev. J. K. Curtis, of Newfoundland, gave a very interesting address on Sunday school work in the Methodist church, at Hillandale, on Wednesday evening last.

The funeral of Miss Addie Stevens whose death has already been recorded in this press took place from her late home at Ingleside, on Tuesday.

A number of Westfield residents went to Wolford last Thursday evening to attend a social given under the auspices of the ladies of the Methodist church.

The closing exercises of the public school will take place on Friday afternoon. The teacher, Miss Fulton, has prepared an interesting programme which should prove a source of delight to the many visitors who will probably be present.

Special Christmas music is being rehearsed by the Methodist choir for Sunday evening next.

Preparations are being made for the founding of a Young Peoples Society in this village early in the new year.

The new C. P. R. electric semaphore system is being installed along the railway line here.

There is ice of a considerable thickness in the river here now. On Saturday last it was possible to walk from Belyea's Point across to the other side of the river. The weather remains fine and cold.

Two distinct shocks were felt here as the result of the earthquake which was recently felt in St. John and other parts of this province.

She is all of a charm In her high riding hat, And what is the harm If she wears his cravat? We may witness thereby, In despite of their strife, That there is still one tie Between husband and wife.

SANTA'S FAREWELL AT NICKEL

TODAY AND SATURDAY WIND UP CHRISTMAS SKETCH. A Pretty Holiday Playlet That is Being Immensely Enjoyed.

"THE MAGIC WAND" HOW FLOWERS GROW. A Howl of Christmastide Merriment. The Bud, the Leaf, the Bloom in 15 Seconds.

Mary Pickford's "HER BABY" Another Superb Sweetest Play. Biograph.

FINE VITAGRAPH "Bobby and His Father." MARGARET BRECK In Two Exquisite Songs.

That Clever Singistic and Pianological Pair, FRANCIS and LeMARR. Signor Mario Manetta—Neapolitan Songster.

OPERA HOUSE CHRISTMAS WEEK. NEXT WEEK MATINEES CHRISTMAS. Renowned American Actor SIDNEY TOLER AND HIS COMPANY. Splendid Players.

DRINK Royal Blend Scotch Holiday Festivities. This fine old Scotch Whiskey will grace many a table in the homes of New Brunswickers during the Yuletide season.

TRY THE NEW PHAROAH PANETELA CIGAR. Who was present in the interests of the annuity fund for aged and incapacitated ministers. Friend Jinks—What is a janitor's thermometer? Craftsman—It registers 75 degrees when the thermometer is really only 40.

Will there be a Victrola in your home this Christmas? You can search the whole world over and not find another gift that will bring so much pleasure to every member of the family. \$20 \$32.50 \$52 \$65 \$100 \$135 \$200 \$250. Any "His Master's Voice" dealer in any town or city in Canada will gladly play any music you wish to hear. BERLINER GRAM-O-PHONE CO., LIMITED, MONTREAL.

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