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FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

MILLTOWN

Milltown, N. B., Jan. 2.—Among the teachers and students who spent the holidays at their respective homes are the Misses Helen Taylor, Martha Osborne, Florence Osborne, Sara McKenzie, Gutchen Laughlin, Gertrude Coughlin, Norman Mungall, John Smiley, Will Whitney.

Miss Mabel Whitney was unable to fill her place in the Presbyterian choir Sunday through illness.

Mrs. Kemp Harmon, who has been ill the past five months, is able to drive out to the delight of her many friends.

Mrs. Frank Parks is ill at her home, Queen street.

Miss Winter McAlister and maid left Thursday morning for Fredericton.

H. F. McLeod, Fredericton, was the guest of friends over Sunday.

Mrs. James Ross entertained her children and grandchildren at her home New Year's day.

Mr. and Mrs. John Hanson announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Sara B., to Jack Dingee, Danforth (Me.)

The Ladies' Aid of Congregational church will be entertained by Mrs. James Smith at her home, Queen street, from 2 to 5 Thursday afternoon, Jan. 3.

Edmund Osborne, who dislocated his shoulder while skating a few days ago, is able to be about.

Mrs. Lucy Noyse died at her home, Boston, Christmas day. Her sister, Mrs. Anna McKenzie, who was called to her bedside some time ago, remained with her to the end.

Miss Gertrude Coughlin, Johnville, is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. Coughlin.

Will Whitney, of New York, spent Christmas with his parents.

Misses Abbie and Mabel Smith, Boston, are guests of their mother during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. John Pinkerton, formerly of Milltown, are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a young heir at their home, Welsford.

Miss Grace Coughlin, who has been suffering with heart trouble for some time, died very suddenly at her home Monday noon.

Miss Ella Alexander, who left a few weeks ago for Boston, where she had a critical operation performed, has returned home and is improving daily.

On Wednesday evening, Dec. 26, a very pleasant occasion in the form of a Christmas tree was enjoyed by the members of the Presbyterian Sunday school. A charming programme of recitations and phonograph selections was rendered by the little ones and toward the end of the evening the superintendent, H. D. Morrison, assisted by Rev. H. W. Rainnie and Dr. W. H. Laughlin, distributed from a well filled stockings containing toys, bags of candy, also little celluloid book marks to each child present, the older ones also receiving remembrances during the evening. A presentation was made to their pastor, Rev. H. W. Rainnie, and wife, of a beautiful painting. Also the organist, Mrs. Fred Smith, with a beautiful crescent pin set with nineteen pearls.

At the Methodist church Friday evening a concert and tree was held by the members of the Sunday school.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, N. B., Jan. 2.—On Friday evening Miss Chrystal, primary teacher, was visited by a number of friends and made the recipient of a very pretty table and rocker, after which the donors spent a very pleasant evening at her home.

On Saturday Mrs. D. Will. Stothart, of Newcastle, came from Moncton, where she had been spending a few days with her sister, Mrs. M. F. Keith; sepnt Sunday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F.Black, and returned to Newcastle on Monday.

T. O. Murray, Robert Phinney and others, yesterday, attended the funeral, at Harcourt, of Harry Wathen, jr., the well known and popular I. C. R. station agent, who died on Sunday of lung trouble.

ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, Jan. 2—On Sunday evening while Mr. and Mrs. Philip McIntyre were driving to church they were surprised to meet a very large male moose on the main street in front of the residence of James Rourke. After barring the progress of the team for a few minutes the animal moved shoreward. Mr. McIntyre, who is much of the time in the forest and who has seen many moose, says this was one of the largest he ever saw.

On Tuesday evening a double wedding anniversary was celebrated by Mr. and Mrs. William Cronk, senior and junior, at the residence of the former. A large company was present and the couples were the recipients of a number of valuable presents.

The division of S. of T. spent New Year's evening very pleasantly in their hall. The following were duly elected and installed as officers for the present quarter: W. P., Miss Annie Mosher; W. A., Miss Annie Osborne; R. S., Miss Margaret Bedford; assistant R. S., Robert Howard; F. S., Hannah Sweet; treasurer, Jas. B. Hodsmyth; chaplain, Michael Kelly; conductor, Miss Sarah Melvin; assistant conductor, Miss Annabella Hodsmyth; I. S., Oscar Whitney; O. S., Miss Lily Wood; organist, Miss Sarah McLean.

Monday evening Miss Mabel Calhoun gave a birthday party to a number of her young friends.

Miss Alice Cochran, who spent Christmas at her home, returned on Monday to Providence (R. I.)

Mrs. H. R. Bristol, who has been visiting her parents at Poughkeepsie (N. Y.), has returned to St, Martins.

Captain and Mrs. W. H. Moran went to the city on Monday.

On Monday the schooner Bluenose,Capt. Colwell, which has been detained here by the bad weather, left for New York.

REXTON

Rexton, N. B., Jan. 1—Miss Bird, who has been visiting Mrs. Thos. Cail, left Monday for Somerville (Mass.)

Little Miss Reah LeBlanc, of Memramcook, is visiting her aunt, Mrs. P. Hebert.

Miss Caulie McInerney returned Saturday from a few days' visit to Richibucto.

Mrs. John Maloney, sr., of Jardineville, who has been seriously ill. is improving.

HAVELOCK

Havelock, Jan. 2—The people of Havelock were shocked this morning to learn of the death of John A. Ritchie, of St. John. His wife, who survives him, was daughter of the late Owens Keith, and is a sister to Mrs. S. Perry and Dr. M. F. Keith, of Moncton.

The roll call of the Baptist church here took place on New Year's night. There was quite a large number attended.

Roy Seeley went to St. John today to resume his studies at business college.

One hundred and nine dollars and seventy-five cents was the result of the offering. On Christmas night there was a concert given and some $46 secured to assist in church work.

Miss Maggie Hicks, with her friends, Miss McNevin and Mr. Snodgrass, of Moncton, were in Havelock over New Year's day, the guests of H. B. Hicks. They returned to Moncton today.

Miss Fannie Alward, after spending her Christmas vacation at home here, returned to St. John today, where she is employed as a stenographer.

Harry Fowler, of Two Harbors (Mich.), is at present visiting his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Fowler.

Miss Augusta E. Priddle, daughter of the late John Priddle, died last week in Everett (Mass.), of la grippe, after three weeks' sickness. She was living at the time with her sister, Mrs. C. R. Russell, chemist, of Everett. Mr. and Mrs. Russell accompanied the body here and on the arrival at Steeves Settlement the funeral service took place from the train to Steeves Settlement cemetery, Rev. E. C. Corey conducting the ceremony. Miss Priddle was thirty-three years of age, and a native of this vicinity. She was much beloved by all who knew her, and is survived by two brothers and five sisters. The brothers are William, of Nova Scotia, and Heber, of Hillsboro (N. B.) The sisters are Mrs. George Sutherland, Mrs. Hart Murry, of Kinnear Settlement; Mrs. Stanley Alward, of Upper Ridge; Mrs. Sharp, of Hampton, and Mrs. Russell, of Everett (Mass.)

CHATHAM

Chatham, Jan. 1—The annual New Year's dinner at the almshouse took place today. There are thirty-one inmates. Pipes and tobacco were supplied to those who like the weed and there is a spread of fruits and confections that would be a credit to any hotel table. The dining room was prettily decorated with flags and potted plants by Keeper Kirby and his wife.

The following rinks of curlers have been made up for the season's play:

A. N. McKay,	M. Fox,
P. J. McIntyre,	C. Munroe,
J. Robinson,	J. Ken Breau,
Arthur Johnson,skip	E. Burke, skip.
A. H. Marquis,	F. E. Neale,
Dr. Loggie,	A. R. Matthews,
James Nicol,	J. J. McNeeley,
Jas. Miller, skip.	R. A. Logie, skip.
James Vanstone,	John Flieger,
Dr. Byrne,	Murray Tweedie,
R. McKnight,	Fred M. Tweedie,
Allen Mann, skip.	Sam McDonald, skip.
A. Dickison,	N. Beveridge,
A. Adams,	Joe Tweedie,
B. McKinnon,	G. Hildebrand,
James Shields, skip.	Wm. Dick, skip.
Donald Fraser,	William Damery,
Robert Gilker,	Robert Murray,
E. S. Peacock,	John Connell,
J. K. Loggie, skip.	Wilmot Strang,
	Peter Archer, skip.
S. Robinowich,	W. S. Loggie,
A. Hoffman,	R. B. Crombie,
Harry Pout,	William Skidd,
J. B. Beveridge,	Wm. Cameron,
Geo. Fisher, skip.	H. McKendy, skip.

Premier Tweedie's horse ran away last night from the Adams House, where it had been left standing and collided with a post in front of the premier's office, damaging the sleigh badly.

R. H. Wing's horse, with Miss Shorey as driver, ran away on Monday, throwing the young lady out but fortunately she received no injuries. It is said that boys snowballing was the cause of the horse taking fright.

Two large bridges under construction at the Ruddock foundry for the provincial government are nearing completion. They are intended for the county of Restigouche and Gloucester. There are several other bridges under construction at this foundry.

Ald. Heckbert sold his fast mare, Millian, to J. R. McKenzie, of Campbellton, and his colt to Wilmot Strang.

There will be a meeting of the Liberal Association of the parish of Chatham on Friday next at 8 o'clock. The election of a president will take place at this meeting.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, Jan. 1—Mrs. J. D. Buckley and children, of Rogersville, are visiting the former's mother, Mrs. Wellwood.

Misses Maud, Kathleen and Eileen Barrieau, of Moncton, are visiting their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. James Buckley.

At the regular meeting of the Harcourt S. of T. the following officers were elected for the ensuing quarter: W. P., Miss F. Powell; W. A., Miss Annie Price; R. S., L .E. Ingram; A. R. S., H. Thurber; F. S., M. B. Dunn; treasurer, Miss Wathen; conductor, Miss M. Smallwood; A. conductor, D. Lampkie; I. S. S., Grace Bailey; O. S. S., Charles Hutchinson; organist, Marion Dunn.

Of the same division the following delegates were appointed to attend the District S. of T. here on Jan. 16: Marion Wathen, E. E. Buckerfield, D. Atkinson, S. M. Dunn, M. Keswick, J. P. Dunn, Wm. Cameron, F. A. Powell, L. J. Wathen, M. B. Dunn and L. E. Ingram.

Miss Nellie Forbes, of Moncton, spent New Year's day with Mrs. J. B. Champion.

Fred D. Livingston, who has spent the past few years in western Ontario, returned to his home in Harcourt yesterday.

Mrs. H. H. Stuart went to Newcastle to join her husband.

Wm. Patrick McLeary, of Beersville, returned from Utica (N. Y.), where he has been visiting his sister.

ROTHESAY

Rothesay. Jan. 2—The county lodge of Kings West L. O. L. will meet at Gondola Point Tuesday, Feb. 5. The meeting will be held in Garfield hall. James Mullett is the new master of Kings Own Lodge, No. 83, located here, being elected and installed New Year's eve. Howard Clark was the retiring master. Other officers elected were: O. W. Saunders, deputy master; Ralph Harrison, secretary; Robert Chamberlain, treasurer; A. M. Saunders, chaplain; Jas. H. Saunders, D. of C., and Robert Smith, tyler and chairman of management committee.

Rothesay College for Boys opens for the Easter term Feb. 8.

Miss Mary Harrison returned home yesterday after spending Sunday and Monday in the city. Miss Harrison says she had an unpleasant experience Saturday night, being attacked by a man while near the Free Public Library. She says the street was deserted and she was hurrying to a telephone to tell her friends out here she would remain in the city over Sunday when a man threw his arm around her neck and pressed his hand to her mouth. Miss Harrison is slight but muscular and she managed to shout for help. Her assailant did not wait for the result but coolly walked away without haste. In a few minutes she found a gentleman who kindly escorted her to a busy street. Miss Harrison says she complained to the police magistrate at his residence and was referred to the police office. In her excitement she did not succeed in getting a good description of her assailant.

Yesterday's soft rain again made the ice unsafe, full of air holes and dangerous for a stranger. Ormond Wetmore, of Clifton, however, brought a big load of produce across this morning. Many skaters took advantage of the smooth surface yesterday even in the rain and ice boats made quick trips here and there between Torryburn and Clifton.

The parish collectors are handing in their returns to G. Hudson Flewelling,the county auditor. The collections are somewhat better in this parish than last year but Rothesay has the reputation of having but little bad debts upon its tax list. This year Collector W. S. Saunders says the situation is better than usual.

The school trustees of the village district have about decided in view of what School Inspector Steeves said about the lack of accommodation for the number of pupils, to enlarge the present building and make some other improvements. It is said that the building will be raised four feet, a cellar built and a furnace put in for heating. The high ceiling in the present school room will be lowered and another story added. Two teachers will be engaged and Rothesay will enjoy the privi-

A few Year's dance at James Walton's, Moss Glen, was interrupted by the appearance of two intruders who insisted on being present. This was not agreeable to the host and his friends and they were put out. There was some excitement and some fighting but nobody was hurt.

Mrs. Henry Yandall, of Gondola Point, was kindly remembered by many friends during the Christmastide. Mrs. Yandall will be 84 years of age March 18 and is as bright and cheerful as many a younger woman.

Roy Waddell and Samuel Cronk, while in the woods near Walton's Lake, came upon a large cow moose frozen in Dead Brook, which empties into the lake. The supposition is that some hunter has shot the animal and, fearful of the consequences, left it where it fell.

Mrs. Edgar Vincent, of St. John, spent New Year's at Gondola Point, the guest of her sister, Mrs. W. S. Saunders.

J. Simeon Armstrong, C. E., and Mrs. Armstrong returned from a visit to Fredericton Monday.

INDIAN ISLAND

Indian Island, N. B., Dec. 31—Miss Helen C. Dixon, who has been teaching at Bartlett's Mills, Charlotte county, has accepted the school here for the ensuing term.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. H. V. Chaffey was gladdened on Christmas day by the arrival of a baby girl.

Miss Helen Chaffey, who has been attending school at St. George (N. B.), returned home recently.

Miss Grace Kay, who has been visiting relatives at Eastport (Me.), returned home last week.

William Hurley, of Eastport (Me.), visited relatives here recently.

G. O. Chaffey, of Eastport (Me.), visited Mr. and Mrs. Gilman Chaffey Wednesday.

C. A. Dixon spent Christmas with friends at Cumming's Cove, Deer Island.

Silas Mitchell, Charlie Cline and Eddie Lank, of Welchpool, Campobello, called here Friday.

The Rev. C. F. Stebbings is spending the holidays at his home at Tyron (P. E. I.)

James Hurley and T. Doughty, of Leonardville, Deer Island, visited friends here Sunday.

MONCTON

Moncton, Jan. 1.—Almost steady rain during the day contributed to a very quiet New Year's in Moncton.

The residence of G. P. Bolton was the scene of a pretty wedding at 12 o'clock today when his sister, Miss Grace L. Bolton, formerly superintendent of the Carleton county hospital, was married to Charles D. Richards, principal of the Woodstock grammar school. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Allan A. Rideout, of Fredericton, in the presence of immediate friends. The bride was the recipient of many handsome gifts. The groom's present was a set of mink furs. Mr. and Mrs. Richards left on the C. P. R. for St. John and Fredericton before taking up their residence at Woodstock.

Henry Brunyeat, junior clerk in the Bank of Montreal, left tonight for Montreal, where he has been transferred.

Geo. Hannah, Lorne McFarlane, George Degrace and Jas. Malone, I. C. R. machinists, who leave in a few days for Winnipeg to work for the C. P. R., were given a farewell supper last night by their associates.

Page Carlyle, the well known I. C. R. foreman, was married last night to Miss Rae, daughter of Martin Rae, I. C. R. sectionman. The ceremony was performed by Rev. D. Macodrum.

A maritime amateur hockey league was formed at Truro last night. Three teams —Truro, New Glasgow and Moncton—are in the league and a schedule of games was drawn up, with the first game at New Glasgow, with Truro, Jan. 7.

The total number of arrests made by the police in 1906 was 399.

Teddy Como, an employe of the I. C. R. round house, complained to the police today that he had been robbed of a gold watch, his pocket being picked.

Wm. March, physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A., this afternoon was presented by the gymnasium classes with a gold watch chain and locket, accompanied by an address.

Rev. H. G. Dockrell, who has accepted a call to Moncton First Baptist church,will take charge Feb. 1.

SACKVILLE.

Sackville, Jan. 1—The death of C. H. Spurgeon Kinnear, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lennox Kinnear, occurred very suddenly at Paris, Texas, on Dec. 24. Deceasad was a very promising man, thirty-five years old. and his sudden demise is a great blow to his family. He had been in Texas the past thirteen years and had a good position in the railway employ. Besides his grief stricken parents, he leaves two brothers, Milton, of Middleton (Conn.), and Bliss, of Corkville, and four sisters, Mrs. Wm. G. Craig and Miss Eunice, of Dorchester (Mass.), and Mrs E. E. Ayer and Mrs. Bliss Sears, of Moncton.

The marriage of Miss Annie Robinson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, and Walter R. S. Spence, of Murray's Corner, was solemnized at the Methodist parsonage yesterday. Rev. J. L. Dawson was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Lenora Keith, of Woburn (Mass.), and Joseph R. Wheaton, a former resident of Sackville, were united in marriage on Dec. 19, at the home of Rev. Dr. Williams, Woburn. After the ceremony was performed a reception was held at the bride's home, 7 Chestnut street, after which the happy couple left for a wedding trip to Sackville, the native place of the groom. On their return they will reside at Stoneham (Mass.), where Mr. Wheaton holds an excellent position.

The marriage of Miss Annie L. Tower and Henry Tower, both of Rockport, is announced for the 16th inst.

Invitations have been issued to the marriage of Miss Janet Brownell, of Baie Verte, and Robert Maxwell, of Sydney, to take place on the 9th inst.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Chapman, of Baie Verte, are receiving congratulations upon the arrival of a son.

T. R. Erhardt, head of the electric plating department of the Enterprise foundry, was presented with a handsome gold watch as a Christmas gift by his associate workmen.

C. C. Avard, editor of the Tribune, was suitably remembered during the Christmas tide, being presented by the staff with a sandsome cane suitably engraved. Foreman E. W. McBride also received a souvenir of the joyous season.

Mrs. Wm. Dixon, who recently underwent a serious surgical operation at Moncton, was able to return to her home on Monday.

Albert Grant, of the North Shore, recently discovered about four pounds of ambugris, valued at from $40 to $60 per ounce. He made the discovery while walking on the beach.

GAGETOWN

Gagetown, Dec. 29—Several students are at home for the holidays. Among them are Misses Marian Caswell, Moll.e Otty, Arlie Dickie, Hazen Cooper and Bruce Weston.

Misses Nina Bulyea and Winifred Babbit were here to spend Christmas. Miss Nellie Bulyea is also home from Boston to remain a few weeks.

Judge Ebbett was in St. John on Friday attending the Liberal convention.

A little daughter came to the home of H. B. Bridges a few days since.

Fine weather and good traveling aided in having a crowded house at the exceptionally successful concert given in the Temperance hall, Thursday evening, under the auspices of the Methodist Sunday school. Each number on the programme was well rendered, and showed great aptness and diligence on the part of the both performers and instructors. The younger children had been carefully trained by Miss Kirby.

The following programme was rendered:

Opening chorus—Merry, Merry Xmas. Time.
Recitation..Welcome Everybody.....John Palmer
Dialogue—Santa Claus.....Ten Children
Recitation—Xmas. Greetings.....Zerelda Williams
Dialogue—Scene in a Photographer's Sudio.....Percy Babbitt, Arthur Babbitt, Sylvia Allingham.
Solo—The Answer....Miss Louisa Horsman
Recitation.....Lois Horsman
Motion song—Christmas Bells..Eight Children
Dialogue—An Uncomfortable Predicament Misses Nellie Allingham, Laudie Bridges, Dottie Dingee, and Allan and Fred. Dingee.
Chorus—Long Ago.....Children
Recitation—My Doll and I...Eleanor Palmer
Reading—How the La Rouge Stakes Were Lost.....Miss Louisa Horsman
Chorus—The Woodlands Enchanted....Choir Intermission.
Chorus—Away in a Manger.....Children
Recitation—Christmas Stocking.....Richie Palmer
Flag drill.....Sixteen Young Ladies
Recitation.....Mary Horsman
Solo.....Miss Sylvia Allingham
Recitation.....Annie Belyea
Dialogue—Married by the Justice of Peace.....Miss Sylvia Allingham, Martin Fox and Allen Dingee.
Recitation.....Sherman Horsman
Chorus—Medley.....Choir

The flag drill was finely performed under the instruction of Miss Louisa Horsman, and the reading by that young lady was particularly well received and proved her to have marked ability as an elocutionist. The work of those taking part in the dialogues could scarcely be improved upon, as each individual seemed to become the character he or she represented. At the conclusion of the programme the pastor, Rev. Mr. Kirby, completely surprised the organist, Miss Ella Simpson, by presenting to her a generous cash gift from the congregation of the Methodist church. Miss Simpson, in a few words, thanked the donors for their kind recognition of her services.

The proceeds of the concert were upwards of $50, and will be added to the repairing fund of the church.

Horse races were to have taken place on the creek New Year's day, but owing to continued mild weather the ice is not likely to be fit for the sport.

The property of C. L. Scott, on which his house was burned upwards of a year ago, was sold at auction on the 26th, R. F. Davis becoming the purchaser at $195. The mill was also sold at the same time, T. S. Peter's bid taking that.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 2—The annual report of Chief Engineer Rutter, of the fire department, was submitted to the city council at tonight's meeting. The fire losses were the smallest in years, the total for buildings and goods being only $2,404. The department was called out forty-two times during the year. The amount of insurance carried on buildings which caught fire was $13,600, so the loss is less than eighteen per cent. The fire losses here in 1905 were in the vicinity of $5,000. Chief Rutter recommends, among other things, the reorganization of the department.

Three tenders for installing heating apparatus at the water works pumping station were opened by the city council this evening and the contract awarded to D. J. Shea, of this city, for $635.

A resolution was passed protesting against the abolition of the United States consular agency here and requesting the board of trade to take the matter up with the United States authorities.

The state department at Washington has passed an order which, if carried out, will have the effect of transferring all the consular business of the American agencies at Fredericton, St. George and Grand Manan, to St. John. The effect in Fredericton, if the order be not changed, will be a severe blow to the lumber trade between here and the United States.

There was quite a tilt between Ald. Hooper and City Clerk McCready over the gas light company's expressed intention of shutting off the supply of gas in certain sections of the city. Ald. Hooper wanted a legal opinion from the city clerk as to whether or not the company were not exceeding the authority granted by their charter. The city clerk declined to comply with the request on the ground that the matter did not affect the city as a corporation.

Ald. Hooper repeated his request several times, and called upon the council to back him up. The situation looked rather serious for a time, but the city clerk held his ground and declined to give the opinion asked for. The matter was finally allowed to drop.

A letter from Mayor Sears urging the council to send a representative to a meeting to be held in St. John this month to form a municipalities' union, was referred to a committee.

Registrar Coy, of the University, informed the council by letter that the university senate had declined to sell a strip of land off Wilmot athletic field, wanted by the city for street purposes.

The appointment of Joseph A. McPeake, of this city, as special court stenographer, is gazetted.

Tenders for rebuilding Bathurst Station bridge will be received by the department of public works up to Jan. 20.

The receipts at the police court for December were $181, making a total of $2,514 for the year of 1906, while in 1905 they were $2,446.50.

Judge Barker presided today at the equity sitting. One motion was made, J. Willard Smith vs. Robert M. Hanson and Mary Hansom, his wife. J. W. McCready moved for an injunction order restraining defendants from cutting and hauling away trees from premises mortgaged by defendants to plaintiff. Order for injunction to restrain any further cutting. Miss Mowatt, stenographer, resumed her duties.

The nisi prius sittings of the circuit court opened this morning, Judge Gregory presiding. Eighteen grand jurors answered to their names. Eben Miller was elected foreman. The only criminal case on the docket was that of William Rowe, charged with rape, which the grand jury dismissed. His honor addressed the jury on the facts of the case. In closing, his honor referred to the investigation into the affairs of the St. John hospital and informed the jury of their own right to make presentments, and said that "a rotten state of affairs" was found to exist there.

The civil docket contains five civil cases, all jury ones.

Joseph P. McPeake, who was appointed special stenographer, was in attendance.

The docket was made up as follows:

Civil jury cases: Timothy Lynch vs. Wm. Richards Company, Limited. Mr. Barry, K. C., files record.

Harris Vineberg vs. M. Fickler, doing business under the firm name of M. Fickler & Co.; Slipp and Hanson file record.

The like; Slipp and Hanson file record.

The Southwest River Driving Company vs. T. Lynch; R. W. McLellan files record.

Bank of Montreal vs. Phillip M. Sullivan; Winslow and Allen files record.

The case of Lynch vs. Richards Lumber Company, an action over river driving contract, is now being tried.

The estimate to date for work done by Contractor McManus on the sewerage work is about $43,200. This amount includes an additional piece of work under draining not in the estimate to the amount of about $1,100. Of the above amount the total, with the exception of fifteen per cent., has been paid to J. B. McManus. Ltd. Contractor McManus has applied to the city to have the entire $43,200 paid over to him, but the sewerage committee decided that $6,480 should be held until all manholes and other work to be done is completed. Five per cent. of the amount of the contract will be held back until six months after the contract is completed to insure that the streets are left in proper shape.

A donation party was held last night at the home of Rev. C. W. Sables, Baptist minister at Maugerville, and $50 and other gifts were presented to the pastor.

AMHERST.

Amherst, N. S.. Jan. 2—The annual meeting of the representatives of the Robb Engineering Company are in session here. Besides the local representatives the following are present: Watson Jack, district manager of the Robb Engineering Company, Montreal; Allister McLean, district engineer, Montreal; William McKay, Ontario representative, Toronto; J. F. Porter, western representative, Winnipeg, and the following representatives of the Robb-Mumford Boiler Company: William Walker, chief salesman, Boston; Joseph Wilde, general superintendent, South Framingham (Mass.); B. E. Atkins, salesman, Boston; Mr. Shepard, stock department Robb-Mumford boiler works, South Framingham (Mass.)

The representatives of both companies, which are now amalgamated, are meeting together to discuss various subjects of interest. Meetings will be held each day, and in the intervening time the works of the Robb Engineering Company will be carefully inspected. On Thursday evening a dinner will be held at the Terrace hotel. On Saturday, after the close of the session ,the Canadian representatives will accompany the Boston men to inspect the South Framingham works.

The citizens of Amherst paid a farewell tribute to John McKeen, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here, today, when a large representation of leading citizens, business and professional men, met at Parish House and presented him with an eulogistic address.

The address was accompanied by a valuable sterling Queen Anne tea service, including tray, suitably engraved.

Mayor Silliker presided, and Chas. R. Smith, K. C., read the address and made the presentation. Mr. McKeen was deeply affected and responded in fitting terms. He spoke of the pleasant relations which had existed between him and his fellow citizens, and said that he would always look back with pleasure to the quarter of a century he had resided here.

Among the other speakers were Rev. D. A. Steele, M. D. Pride, N. A. Rhodes, D. W. Robb, John J. Black and others.

Mr. McKeen and family will leave Friday for Ottawa, where he will in future reside, he having been appointed manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia there.

Rev. S. W. Cummings, pastor of the First Baptist church, was called to his home at Truro today owing to the very sudden death of his father, William Cummings, this morning.

Amherst, Jan. 1—Mrs. John McKeen was on Saturday night presented with a very handsome candelabra, accompanied by an address, from the ladies of St. Stephen's church. Mrs. McKeen has been an earnest worker in the church, especially in the chair and W. F. M. S. Mrs. McKeen will leave the end of the week with her husband for Ottawa.

The pastor's Bible class of the First Baptist church recently presented their teacher, Rev. S. W. Cummings, with a very valuable silver chafing dish.

The following trustees were elected at St. Stephen's church to succeed John McKeen and A. W. Moffat, resigned: C. L. McLeod and W. R. Fitzmaurice. At the close of the service, Rev. George Wood, pastor, was presented on behalf of the congregation with a very valuable fur-lined coat.

The members of the Young Men's Guild presented Mr. Wood with a very handsome study chair.

St. Stephen's Young Men's Guild was presented with $20 by Mrs. Thomas Dunlop towards purchasing a library. This is the second generous donation Mrs. Dunlop has given the guild, she having previously given them a set of encyclopedia bound in leather.

SUSSEX ROBBER, SCARED, RETURNED STOLEN SECURITIES

Mrs. George J. Vaughan's Trunk, With Contents Intact, Found Behind Her Barn.

Sussex, N. B., Jan. 1—The trunk which was stolen from the home of Mrs. George J. Vaughan on Friday evening last was today found behind the barn adjoining her residence.

The valuable papers, gold watch and other articles were in the trunk and found to be all right with the exception of being more or less disturbed.

Chief of Police McLeod, who had the case in hand, was close on the track of the guilty party and it was becoming rather uncomfortable for him, so he returned the trunk in the stillness of last night.

It is evident that the party was after money as on Thursday last Mrs. Vaughan was paid $200 and the party, who seemed to be familiar with the surroundings, thought it must be in said trunk, but instead Mrs. Vaughan deposited it in the bank.

WOMAN MISSIONARY DEFENDS THE CHINESE NOW IN CANADA

Dr. Hamilton Tells of Vancouver's "Chinatown"—Former St. John Woman Who Married Mongolian—The Labor Question as a Missionary Sees It.

[The following letter was written by a lady missionary, formerly of Halifax, who has gone to China under the auspices of the Presbyterians. Some of her contentions are rather novel.]

Whilst passing through St. John last summer, I read a statement in the public press to the effect that no one who had seen the filth and wretchedness of the Chinese in Vancouver would want to see them coming into Canada. Being accustomed to misstatements about Chinese, I resolved to find out the truth or falseness of the statement, when I would pass through the city a few weeks later. My opportunities of seeing Chinese life in Vancouver were specially good, considering that I had only four days for investigation, and a statement of what I saw and heard about the Chinese there may help to enlighten your readers. This is all the more important since the repeal of the law which practically prohibits the admission of Chinese into Canada has become a live question.

My inquiries were all made without any limit that any information given would be made public. I asked Mr. Coleman, after he had shown me the Christian missions, and homes, if he would now show me, as a contrast the very worst and dirtest homes in China town. He replied that there were no worst, and no dirtiest. But I repeated, "Will you not show me the worst that there are," and he again told me that there were no such places there. As Mr. Coleman has free access to the Chinese, I believed I had gone to the best place for the required information. However, my former experience has been that I could get more information from the Chinese themselves and without asking questions about anything wrong among them, I also went alone several times to Chinatown, and made inquiries from other people without seeing or hearing of filthy homes.

It would be untruthful to say that there is no wrong doing among them. An opium factory displayed its sign, and a few yards distant appeared a liquor license sign of an hotel not kept by Chinese. The Chinese do not all live pure lives, but near the Chinese quarters, were houses not inhabited by Chinese, devoted to that which is evil, and the police have recently been diligent in clearing out such places. Two of the ladies have come in the latest steamer to Shanghai,as such are considered a necessary part of the social life of the foreign community of Shanghai. It is stated that Chinese who are disposed to wrong doing receive very able Anglo-Saxon support.

But there is another side of Chinese life in Vancouver. The latest mission is the Church of England under the management of Mr. Dzang Haw whose name is Anglicized as James Hall. The Presbyterian missionary is Mr. J. C. Coleman, an American, but one might suppose he was a Chinaman from the fluency with which he speaks the language. The Methodists have the Rev. Mr. Turner as superintendent, but the Rev. Chan Yu Tan, an eloquent speaker, is pastor of the Chinese Methodist church. Each mission has a night school and a Sabbath school and other Sunday service. These churches unite for two street services each Sabbath where they have a good sized Chinese audience to listen to the gospel in their own language. There is a Chinese address each evening at the night school. The interest does not seem to be waning,as the Methodists had a larger attendance at Sunday school, the afternoon I was there, than ever before. The singing is excellent. Though some scholars have only recently become interested, others are good enough English scholars to read well and to speak English correctly. The Methodist communion service in the evening showed the ages of the converts to vary from the man of gray hairs to the little girl of four or five years, but the majority were young men.

There is a Chinese printing office under Christian management. The Wa Ying Yat Po is the only Chinese newspaper published in Canada. The plant for a Chinese publishing house is expensive in comparison with an English plant, owing to each word requiring a separate character. There is an English translator who is a Chinese. One of the compositors is a Chinese lady.

There are also happy Chinese homes. Some of those visited were Christian,some not. I had the pleasure of taking tea with a lady born in St. John, but happily married to one of the wealthiest Chinese in Vancouver. She is an intelligent woman, and was once her husband's Sunday school teacher. From what I heard outside of Chinese circles I would judge that she is respected by the people of the city.

The relations of the Chinese to the labor question in British Columbia form an interesting subject for investigation. From British Columbia laborers came the agitation against admitting Chinese laborers, but it is a great mistake to think that all British Columbians are satisfied with prohibiting the entrance of Chinese. It will soon be found that this law has seriously crippled the industries and general prosperity of British Columbia. It was said that the Chinese cut down wages. The error was in supposing that it was because these men were Chinese that they wanted to work for nothing. An influx of laborers of any nationality will cheapen labor in the particular line in which they engage. As a matter of fact Chinese are exceedingly fond of money, and are taking advantage of the law to its fullest extent in demanding higher wages.

A lady told me that one came to her to saw her wood. He offered to do it for $12.50. She knew she could get a white man to do it for $5.00.

I have also seen statements in New Brunswick papers speaking disparagingly of the quality of Chinese labor in British Columbia, which were at variance with my own knowledge. An employer of labor told me that it depended altogether upon the individual. He had hired a Japanese who was worth two Chinese whom he discharged, and he had seen other Chinese who were excellent workmen. The best edger he ever saw was a Chinese, and one employed to carry pieces of lumber, could always manage to get the right size and kind of piece in a remarkable manner. From his statements about their wages, I thought that instead of working cheaply they were faulty in being exorbitant in their demands.

One of the ways in which the dominion parliament can undo the wrong done to the commerce and industrial life of Canada by excluding Chinese laborers, and at the same time not cause such an influx of labor as to make it unduly cheap, is to take steps to bring farmers,offering special inducements when accompanied by their families. I was favorably impressed with the few Chinese farmers whom I met. But, perhaps, the Chinese was right who told me that he did not think many Chinese would come if the law was repealed as they were needed to work on their own railroads.

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CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY AND CHILD LABOR

N. Y. American's Christmas Indictment of American Conditions Contrasted With American Professions.

(N. Y. Sunday American; Dec. 23).

This is the last Sunday before Christmas. Until the last moment we were unable to decide what should be discussed this year on this day.

We had one cartoon made showing the happiness of a little girl with her doll, a reflection in her face of that happiness, too rare, which Christ sought to spread throughout all men and women and children.

But there came a letter from a very poor mother, in which she said, after telling of her husband's sickness, describing the ages of her very young children and her anxiety because of the almost immediate arrival of a new baby:

"Wont you please help me to get a Christmas dinner and a little toy, or some clothes, for my babies? My little girl is constantly asking me to tell Santa Claus to bring her something, and it makes my heart ache to hear her asking, when I know she will not even have any Christmas dinner or any fire."

So the letter went on, with other sad details. It ended as follows:

"Perhaps some kind lady will have some infants' clothes that she does not want, which will be gladly received."

A world in which such letters are written, and in which hundreds of thousands of such letters remain unwritten is not to be congratulated upon its interpretation of the teachings of Christ. And on this Sunday which precedes the beautiful holiday we are not inclined to write platitudes about happiness, virtue or charity, but a few disagreeable, brutal truths about the conditions of the children for whom Christ died.

(In order to avoid adding unnecessary discomfort to your minds we will mention that one of the reporters of this newspaper sent to the poor woman whose letter we quote money enough to give her children some pleasure and excitement on Christmas Day, and also some clothes for that child unborn.)

What is to be the destiny of that child and of the thousands upon thousands of others like it, that come fluttering into life among us so-called "civilized beings"? This picture tells you.

Shameful love of money builds wide open and eager money-making machines, factories, mills and mines in which the poor children can quickly be changed into dollars and stunted failures

There are men in this country today ransacking the stores for the most beautiful gifts for their wives and their children, and every dollar that they spend is stained with the blood of helpless little creatures worked to death to make them rich.

This is the richest country in the world. But it is not rich enough to give the poor child a right to its own childhood.

The nation owns millions upon millions of acres of land blessed with sunlight and fresh air. The money-making instinct of the nation takes the children, shuts them away from the air and the sunlight, makes slaves of their bodies, dwarfs their brains, sacrifices the life of a child for a dollar, and then with brutal hypocrisy goes to church and prays in the name of Jesus Christ, who gave His life for the very children that are destroyed in our factories.

That is the civilization of America. That is the triumphant result of nineteen centuries of "Christianity."

On this page there is the true picture of our American brand of Christianity. A pretty picture, isn't it? A pleasant picture for Christmas Day!

But look at it, whether you like it or not.

You are individually innocent of the national crime of child labor, of child destruction.

But you are responsible as a citizen of the nation. Your responsibility is as great as that of any other man.

We brag of our prosperity, our power, our intelligence. But we have not as a nation the manhood or the conscience to shield helpless children.

Can you not imagine the mournful figure of Christ walking unseen among the children as they enter that factory in the gray dawn and as they leave again when the sun which should have warmed them has gone down