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A special meeting of the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seamen's Mission Society will be held at the Seamen's Institute on Friday afternoon at 3.30.

It is surprising to see so many houses in St. John without the convenience of an electric bell. The Auer Light Co.'s special offer should interest you; installed complete, $2.00. Tele. 873.

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At last night's meeting of the reorganization committee, a letter was read from the city engineer asking that he be allowed to attend a convention of engineers soon to be held in Toronto. It was referred to the Common Council.

A despatch from Toronto says Archbishop Sweatman, who has been seriously ill with bronchial pneumonia, is somewhat better today and is out of danger.

Gilmour announces a final round-up of ready-to-wear overcoats. The cut in prices is unparallelled in goods of equal value. The overcoats are this winter's make but the cash is preferred to carrying any over. See advt. page eight.

Officer Marshall received a telegram last night from his brother-in-law, Wm. H. Wilson, formerly employed with the Dufferin Hotel and now with the C. P. R. dining car service, Winnipeg, stating that his daughter Elsie, aged seven years, died Tuesday, and that Mr. Wilson had left Winnipeg for St. John with the body.

The Exmouths and the Moncton teams will meet at basket ball in the former's rooms on Friday evening. The Exmouths will line up as follows: Corbett, centre; Hipwell and Wright, forwards; Alexander and Lawton, defense. George Emery will referee the match. A return game will be played at Moncton on February 11. The Exmouths' rooms have been remodelled and handsomely furnished. A grand stand has been erected for the game.

A congress to be attended by delegates from all parts of the world will take place at Liverpool in May next. Nursing associations and similar institutions will be represented, the object of the congress being to commemorate the jubilee of the founding of district nursing. An elaborate programme has been prepared, and it is expected that New Brunswick will be represented at the congress.

The death occurred at Hampton on Wednesday of Miss Mary Hendricks, after a long illness. Miss Hendricks was a daughter of the late Conrad J. Hendricks of Norton. Two brothers, Conrad and Charles, and two sisters, Misses Helen and Emma, survive. Elber Hendricks Turnbull, of this city, and C. Percy Turnbull, manager of the Union Bank, Coldbalt, Ont., are nephews. The funeral will be on Friday at two o'clock, from the Lower Norton Episcopal church.

An enjoyable assembly dance was conducted by the members of the Bon Ton Social Club at Spencer's last evening. There were about fifty couples in attendance. An excellent programme of fifteen dances was carried out. Goudie's orchestra furnished the music for the occasion. Refreshments were served at the close. The chaperones were Mrs. William Higgins, Mrs. Wilford Murphy, Mrs. Fred L. Barrett and Mrs. F. J. McInerney The chairman of the committee of management was James Costigan, with D. L. Menahan secretary.

The residence of Miss Maria Beatty, Prince street, West End, was the scene of much enjoyment last evening when J. W. Myles was placed on trial before a mock judge and jury, charged with scuttling the ferry steamer Ludlow. Starr Tait acted as judge with J. F. Brittain, counsel for the defense; Samuel Irons, counsel for prosecution, and Leonard Jenkins, foreman of jury. Five witneses were examined, the principal one being W. A. Doherty. Without leaving their seats the jury brought in a verdict of not guilty, and two of the witnesses were promptly arrested for perjury. Their trial will be held next week.

A special London cable says: Lieut. Governor Fraser, of Nova Scotia, planted two Canadian maple trees in the public park at Peebles today. Mr. Fraser replying after admission to honorary membership in the Kilwinning Lodge A. F. and A. M., said that Masonry was thought a lot of in Canada. In every town, village and hamlet man and now extended all over Canada. In every twn, village and hamlet there were brethren practising the principles of the order in deed as well as in word.

CHARLOTTETOWN TO PLAY HERE TONIGHT

Crack Island Hockey Team to Clash with an All St. John Aggregation

The fast Charlottetown septette will be seen on local ice for the first time this evening, when they will clash with an all-St. John team. The match, which takes place in the Queen's Rink, should be the best seen here for a long time and a bumper house will no doubt attend.

The Charlotteown team made a splendid showing against the crack Moncton players in the Starr trophy contest, but they have a tough proposition to handle in the local line-up, which includes the best material obtainable and it would not be surprising if the locals downed the visitors.

Percy Howard will referee and will call the game at 8.15 o'clock sharp.

The teams will line-up as follows:

All-St. John.	Charlottetown.
Goal.	
T. McAvity	Campbell
Point.	
A. Tully	Davey
Cover point.	
J. Phillips	Cornfoot
Centre.	
J. Kennedy	Redd
Rover.	
H. Clawson	McLean
Left wing.	
G. Paterson	Burns
Right wing.	
W. G. McIntyre	Ramsey

Perry McAvity will be spare man for the locals.

Last evening at the Queens the Micmacs' aggregation defeated the Bank of New Brunswick by a score of 5 to 0.

The Tigers defeated the Currie aggregation by a score of 4 to 0.

The league standing is as follows:

	Won.	Lost.
Tigers	2	0
Micmacs	1	1
B. N. B.	1	1
Currie's	0	2

Friday evening at 9.30 o'clock the Brock and Paterson septette will meet the Telegraphers.

Saturday evening Rothesay College and Crescents will play. The teams will present the following line-up:

Rothesay.	Crescents.
Goal.	
Kuhring	Smith
Point.	
Hickman	McKay
Cover.	
Gilbert	Skinner
Rover.	
Clark	McGowan
Centre.	
Alward	Parker
Right wing.	
Sterne	Bates
Left wing.	
MacKay	Finley

INSURANCE TEAM WINS

The insurance team defeated the J. M. Humphrey aggregation on Black's alleys last evening by a score of 1,174 to 1,144. Ritchie made the highest score with 104. The winners secured three points to their opponents' one. The score is as follows:

INSURANCE NO. 7.

Machum	84	92	87	263	87 2-3
Gilmour	83	78	77	238	79 1-3
Wilson	74	71	71	216	72
Ritchie	22	104	87	263	87 2-3
Mahoney	64	66	64	194	64 2-3
				1,174	

J. M. HUMPHREYS, NO. 7.

Crawford	64	78	71	213	71
Crosby	70	66	68	204	68
Cochrane	98	97	73	258	86
Gamblin	70	89	73	232	77 1-3
Roberts	78	95	64	237	79
				1,144	

The Canadian Rubber Company and Electrics will bowl tonight.

INTER-SOCIETY BOWLING LEAGUE

There was a large crowd on the Victoria rink alleys last evening. In the Inter-Society Bowling League the St. Joseph's defeated the St. John the Baptist team by a score of 1,155 to 995. O'Brien of the winners made the highest score. The St. Joseph boys won all four points.

The teams lined up as follows:

St. Joseph.	St. John the B.
Sweeney,	Murphy,
O'Brien,	McNeil,
Finney,	Cregan,
Gale,	Mullins,
Daley.	McManus.

The league is between the Catholic societies. On Friday the Knights of Columbus and C. M. B. A. will bowl.

LOST AT SEA.

GLOUCESTER, Mass., Jan. 20—Captain John Francis, of the fishing schooner Ramona, reported upon his arrival here today the loss of Louis Valent, one of his crew. Valent was assisting to lower a mainsail last night while the schooner was off Thatcher's Island, when he was knocked overboard accidentally. A search of several hours failed to find him. He was a man of twenty-one years and came here from Lisbon, Portugal, a year ago.

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ALGONQUINS HOLD ANNUAL MEETING

Reports Show Club to be in a Flourishing Condition

From reports presented at the annual meeting of the Algonquin Athletic Club held last evening it was shown that the association is in a flourishing condition. The president, Charles Holder, was in the chair and there was a good attendance of members.

There are now about sixty members in the club. S. L. Holder, the financial secretary, reported the finances to be in excellent condition

The basket ball team are planning for trips to Fredericton, Moncton and the border towns. They also expect to have the Moncton aggregation play here on Friday, Jan. 29.

The election of officers resulted as follows: W. H. White, honorary president; Surrey L. Holder, president; A. L. Roberts, vice-president; Charles McIntyre, recording secretary; R. F. Finley, financial secretary; F. L. Grierson, press agent.

Executive committee—W. L. Jones, A. McIntyre and L. Holder.

Finance and audit committee—H. Chase, A. McIntyre and T. M. Morrow.

Senior basket ball—F. L. Grierson, R. Finley and C. Seeley.

Baseball committee—C. McIntyre, F. L. Grierson and A. McIntyre.

Track committee—H. Dobson, T. M. Morrow and F. L. Grierson.

Reception committee—A. McIntyre, L. Holder and C. McIntyre.

Intermediate basket ball committee—W. Jones, L. Holder and F. Chase.

The appointment of a football committee has been deferred until a later date.

ACADIA LOSES TO DALHOUSIE

WOLFVILLE, N. S., Jan. 20.—The first hockey match of the college season was played this evening between the first Dalhousie team and Acadia.

The Dalhousies arrived on the evening train from Halifax and at eight o'clock both teams appeared on the ice. The game was called at 8.10, and within one minute of face off Dalhousie scored a goal. After this play was pretty much in the centre of the ice, when Eaton made a pretty rush and found the net for Acadia. Then Dalhousie scored after a few minutes of fast playing. John Bates again found Acadia's net. Immediately after the face off Huntington made another goal for Acadia. Huntington shot the fourth goal for Acadia after some swift playing in the centre of the ice. Now play was for several minutes round Acadia's goal, during which time Sleep made some splendid stops. Eaton then made a quick rush up the ice and scored the fifth goal for Acadia. Play now consisted in quick rushes from one goal to another, when Dalhousie scored the third goal and within a few seconds scored the fourth. Thus the 1st half ended with the score 5 to 4 in favor of Acadia.

Two minutes after the second half started Dalhousie found the net again, thus making the score 5 to 5. After the face-off the Dalhousie boys kept the puck around Acadia's goal and succeeded in finding the net again and within a very few minutes repeated the trick, which was closely followed by another score for Acadia. Within a few minutes John Bates succeeded in bagging the puck again. Play was now fast and furious and Delanay was put on the boards for tripping. Dalhousie shot another goal, but it is accounted for by Delaney's absence. Both teams were playing furiously when McGrath of the Dalhousie team was knocked out for a few minutes with a nasty crack across the nose, but was on the ice again in no time. McGrath is certainly a mighty swift little player. In the last few minutes of the game Acadia scored one, Dalhousie three. Thus the game ended to the tune of 10 to 8 for Dalhousie.

MONCTON WINS SECOND GAME

MONCTON, N. B., Jan. 20.—By a score of 7 to 2 Moncton defeated the Charlottetown hockey team in the second game for the Starr trophy tonight before one of the smallest crowds seen at a hockey match for some years. Last night's game so clearly demonstrated that the cup challengers were outclassed that the followers of the game tonight remained away.

Charlottetown tonight however showed better form, but the game was never in doubt. In the first half the score stood four to nothing in Moncton's favor. In the second half the visitors managed to score two, while the Vics made their total seven.

The game was fast at times, but the cup defenders showed much superiority in combination play, stick handling and goal shooting. The visitors lost good chances to score by not being able to shot accurately. The goals for Moncton were made by Kennedy (2), Gregory, Norman, Crockett (3), while McLean and Ramsey tallied for Charlottetown.

Both teams played a clean game, the only penalty was five minutes to Norman for tripping. The Charlottetown team is composed of a gentlemanly lot of players, and while they were unable to win against Moncton they are calculated to give any of the provincial teams a hard game.

Percy Howard, St. John, refereed very satisfactorily.

LORD AMHERST COULD NOT BEAR LOSS OF HIS TREASURES

Famous Collector Survived Sale of His Collection Just Six Weeks.

LONDON, Jan. 20.—The sudden death of Lord Amherst, of Hackney, brings to a tragic end the story of pathetic misfortunes that overwhelmed his last days. He was past seventy when he learned that through the rascality of a solicitor to whom he committed the entire management, his own great estates, as well as trust funds, had entirely disappeared. For upwards of half a century Lord Amherst was a collector of books, manuscripts and tapestries, and Diblington Hall was a storehouse of historic treasures of Gobelins. Sevres, Scarabs, Limoges and Majolicas the most complete collection in the world, and books and manuscripts illustrating the history of printing from the earliest times. These books and manuscripts were estimated to be worth three-quarters of a million pounds, but no figures could represent the living care Lord Amherst spent in gathering them. When the crash came nothing could be done but sell, and Lord Amherst saw the art treasures he had spent a lifetime in bringing from the ends of the earth go under the hammer.

Lord Amherst's sale was a tragedy, the selling of his heart's blood," said a collector who was present.

Not a book, manuscript, print or vase but was dear to his heart. A satisfaction to him was that seventeen magnificent Caxtons was not scattered; they go to America it is believed, to Mr. Morgan, but when the auctioneer's hammer fell on the last lot all reason for living ceased for Lord Amherst of Hackney, and he suffered just six weeks.

A couple of weeks ago book collectors all over the world were astonished by the announcement that the magnificent library of Lord Amherst, of Hackney, one of the finest in the world, would be sold at public auction. When the most inquisitive looked around for a reason for this extraordinary action on the part of the famous English peer who had devoted the best years of his life and a considerable part of his great fortune to the collection of his library, they were told that the noble lord was compelled to realize immediately a sum approaching $500,000 to cover a debt of honor incurred through the dishonest solicitor.

LOST OVER A MILLION.

A recent action against Lord Amherst in the English courts brought forth the official announcement that the amount which he had lost was not a mere $500,000, but more than $1,250,000, and the sale of his books took place some weeks at Sotheby's.

Although Lord Amherst was known to be an immensely wealthy man, owning as he did, a large part of Hackney, a suburb of London, the fact that he was compelled to sell his library to meet his big obligations occasioned little or no surprise in England. There are few Englishmen, even among the richest, who would not have to do a deal of chasing around and scraping to raise $1,250,000. Most of them owe their wealth to enormous landed interests, and, entailed and tied up as their property is under the English law, they would find it extremely difficult, if not impossible to convert any part of it into gold. So it was with Lord Amherst, and although it was much like parting with his life's blond, he was compelled to take a last fond look at his almost priceless Caxtons and his first folio Shakespeareas, lovingly handled for the last time his historical bindings, and tearfully send them off to the auction room to be eagerly bid for by representatives of all the great collectors of the world

A FAMOUS COLLECTION.

Lord Amherst began his collection half a century ago, before the multi-millionaire American purchaser with the bottomless purse entered the field. Thus he was able to buy at extraordinarily low prices. To enumerate the unique books that composed the collection is a task beyond the writer's power. His seventeen famous Caxtons formed by one item in the long list. The collection of books and tracts on the Reformation and the Church of England had no rival outside of the British Museum, including as it did Queen Elizabeth's copy of the 1568 Bishop's Bible and Charles I's copy of the "Authorized Version." One of the Caxtons is reputed to be the only copy in existence of the first book printed in the English language.

Evidently Lord Amherst felt that it was necessary to pay the debts incurred through his solicitor immediately, for if he had had a few year's grace he could undoubtedly have liquidated them without sacrificing his library. His income was comemonly and openly quoted at $500,000 a year and for many years past he has probably lived up to it, entertaining lavishly at his Norfolk estate, Didlington Hall. Both he and his wife, however, eschewed the so-called "Smart Set." He had no son but no less than six daughters and his title will go by special remainder to the eldest, Lady William Cecil. Although there is not much likelihood of their being called upon to do so, each of the daughters is able to get out into the world and earn her own living, having learnad some useful profession. For instance, Lady William Cecil is interested in horticulture; one of her sisters has taken up bookbinding; another is successful in poultry farming; and so on.

Lord Amherst was raised to the peerage as a baron in 1892 by Lord Salisbury. He is not to be confused with Earl Amherst.

The sale of Lord Amherst's books was shorn of some iteraest by the purchase by a private bidder of the seventeen Caxtons, of which eleven were perfect specimens. Some of these were shown in the Caxton Exhibition in 1877, and one assessment has been a value of $30,000. There had been an openly expressed desire that the library, complete as it was, should go to the national collection, but the announcement of the private purhcase dispelled any such hope.

Needless to say there were bibliographers and collectors present from all parts, and where they were unable to attend dealers with heavy commissions were able to act in their absence. The "Apocalysis S. Joannis," which came from the Crawford sale in 1887, created the first sensation. Without any difficulty the auctioneer secured an opening bid of £300. This was taken to £900, and by hundreds the estimated result of £1,500 was soon passed. However, there was a halt at £2,000, but the auctioneer demurred to this as being under the book's real value, but with no further result, and the hammer fell to Mr. Maskew for £2,000.

A rare edition of "Balbus de Janua Catholicon" sold for £580. It is attributed to the press of Gutenberg. The purchaser was Mr. Baer.

£2,050 FOR THE MAZARIN BIBLE.

When the first volume of the celebrated Mazarin Bible was submitted for sale, the auctioneer expressed the opinion that it was the finest copy extant. The book includes the four books of Esdras and the Books of Tobit and Judith. It came from the Gosford Library, and in 1884 it realized £500. The bidding started at £100, and a total of £2,050 was quickly secured, the purchaser being Mr. Quaritch. In the Syston Park sale some years ago a complete copy of the Bible realized £3,900. A second edition copy of Dame Juliana Barnes's treatise on hawking, hunting and fishing was acquired by Mr. Quaritch for £600. It was printed at Westminster by Wynkyn de Worde in 1496. An exceptionally rare first edition copy of Tyndale's translation of the Pentateuch was appraised at £190. This is not only the first edition of the English Pentateuch, but also the first edition of any part of the Old Testament in English, and only a very few copies are in existence. A Coverdale Bible (1535) sold for £385. So good a copy has not been sold by auction since the Ashburnham sale a decade ago. A very rare second edition of the "Great" or Cranmer Bible, the first published with Cranmer's sanction, realized £406; a "Breches" Bible was knocked down for £26.

King Charles' own copy of the celebrated Cambridge Bible was well competed for. It was a splendid specimen of Royal binding, and, according to the auctioneer, of historic value. £350 was the opening bid, which was soon displaced by one of £500. Mr. Quaritch's final offer of £1,000 was accepted. A second edition of the "Book of Good Manners," printed by Pynson, was acquired for £240.

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MINE EXPLOSION KILLS AND INJURES FOURTEEN

SAN LUIS OBISPO, Cal., Jan. 20. — Six miners were killed and eight others were severely injured by an explosion of gas in the Stone Canon Coal Mine at chancellors last night. One of the miners entered a room with a lighted torch. The room was full of gas and the explosion followed. Most of the men were Italians.

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CRIMINALS LOSE THEIR LAST PLACE OF REFUGE

WASHINGTON, D. C., Jan. 20. — Through the ratification of the senate today of an extradition treaty with Honduras, steps were taken to break up the last asylum of persons who commit crimes in the United States. When this treaty goes into effect extradition of criminals will be possible with all the governments of the world.

The treaty with Honduras is particularly important because there is in that country a colony of fugitives from justice from this country and the treaty is believed to be retroactive.

BOND GOVERNMENT WAITS FOR ONE MAN

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Jan. 20.—The proclamation recently issued by Governor MacGregor summonding the legislature to assemble on February 4 was cancelled today. The legislature will not meet until after the return of Attorney General Kent, who has gone to Washington in connection with the fisheries question. The Attorney General holds a seat in the legislature and without him the Bond government would be in a minority.

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He—Yes—that is, indirectly.
She—What did she say?
He—She said I was born to command.—Exchange.

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Tuesday—An Outcast of Society.
Wednesday—Shamus O'Brien.
Plays for the balance of the week announced later.
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Haynes, the male soprano, righly costumed.
Nigth Prices—15c., 25c., 35c., 50c.
Matinee every day, starting Tuesday —10c., 20c.

SHOE MANUFACTURERS WANT TARIFF CHANGES

BOSTON, Mass., Jan. 20.—Following the action at a recent meeting in New York by the National Association of Shoe Manufacturers, the New England Shoe and Leather Association today, at a meeting in this city, adopted a resolution calling for the continuance of a tariff on shoes but for a repeal of the duty on hides.

DESOLATION ISLAND.

Kerguelen Land Is a Region of Perpetual Storms.

Of all places on earth outside the arctic and antarctic regions Kerguelen Land, in the Indian Ocean, is the most isolated and inhospitable. Indeed, it is generally known to mariners not by its official title, but as Desolation island.

Most nations have owned it by turns, but it has been sooner or later abandoned by them all as worthless, and this although is covers an area variously estimated at from 1,500 to 2,000 square miles. At present France is in nominal possession of it, she having annexed it in 1893.

The soil is utterly barren. Practically the whole of the interior is covered with snow fields of unknown depth, whence glaciers flow down to the sea. Where there are no snow fields there are morasses and hidden treacherous mudholes.

The climate is probably the worst in the world. Terrific tempests follow one another practically without ceasing, and are accompanied by torrents of ice cold rain, hail, sleet and snow. The Challenger expedition spent a month there, oduring which time there were only three fine days. And this was in DecemberJanuary, when it is midsummer in these latitudes.

Its discoverer M. Kerguelen Tremarec, although at first he professed to be enraptured with it, lived to confess that it was unfit for human habitation. "Not even Eskimos," he exclaimed, "could exist there."—Pearson's.