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STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING.  
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**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**

Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

**LOCAL NEWS.**

The International Steamship Company is advertising a special Christmas excursion to Boston and return for five dollars.

The Pictou steamer Micmac cleared today for Cape Town with a cargo of hay for the Imperial government. The steamer will call at Sydney to coal.

The stock of James Sinclair, grocer, King Square, was put up at auction today by sheriff's sale. The stuff was disposed of in small amounts.

The civic appeals committee will meet next Monday. On Tuesday there will be an adjourned meeting of the council to vote on the proposal to purchase the McLeod wharf for \$40,000.

Battle line steamer Mantinea from East London via Bermuda, arrived this morning. The steamer will load hay for South Africa.

Mrs. James Clark, who resided with her daughter, Mrs. Lowe, Sheriff street, died Thursday. The late Mrs. Clark was a widow, 70 years old, and is survived by one son and three daughters.

Owing to the annual inspection, the steamer St. Croix will not leave Boston till Tuesday morning at 8.15. Inspector J. Olive went up to Boston on the St. Croix, which is being inspected this week.

Tuesday evening at the second quarterly meeting of Grace church a motion was unanimously adopted that an invitation be extended Rev. J. W. McConnell to remain pastor another year. Mr. McConnell accepted the call subject to approval by the conference.

Special prices are quoted in Ladies White Lawn Aprons at Patterson's, Cor. Charlotte and Duke streets. These goods were bought for Christmas trade. They make a pretty gift and the prices are right.

The complimentary dinner tendered by citizens to Senator Ellis will be held in the Royal hotel next Monday night. One hundred people will be present. Judge Burdige, of the exchequer court of Canada will be one of the guests.

The young people's ball in the York Theatre last night was a successful function. About forty-five couples were present and the dresses of the ladies were exceptionally pretty. Harrison's Orchestra provided the music.

A number of the policemen who were unable to attend to their duties for some days on account of the effects of vaccination, are petitioning for full pay for the time lost. Their claim is that as the vaccination was compulsory they should obtain the full amount.

The funeral of the late Rev. Job Shenton will take place Tuesday afternoon. A memorial service will be held in the Fairville church Sunday afternoon. Rev. Geo. Steel and G. M. Campbell will have charge of the services.

At the annual meeting of St. Jude's Chapter No. 168, held in the school-room Wednesday evening the 4th inst., the following officers were elected for the ensuing year:—Rev. G. F. Scovill, president; Charles Coster, vice-president; S. M. Wetmore, secretary and treasurer.

The funeral of the late Alexander Cairns took place this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock from his late residence at the corner of Sydney and Britain streets. Services at the house were conducted by Rev. R. W. Weddall and interment was made in Fernhill cemetery. There were no pallbearers.

**PERSONAL.**

Frank Stetson, a prominent lumberman of St. John, formerly of Bangor, and of the firm of Stetson, Cutler & Co., is in town for a few days.—Bangor Commercial.

Director-in-Chief William R. Chapman of the Maine music festival is notifying the Maine choruses that he will soon visit them for rehearsals.

G. E. Cochrane left for his home in St. John yesterday. When in Sydney Mr. Cochrane acted as manager for the Maritime Premium Co., and made friends, who regret his departure.—Thursday's Sydney Post.

Clarence H. Gross, formerly of J. H. Harris & Co., Moncton, but lately with Hall & Fairweather, St. John, is about to go into business at Petticoat.

Miss Christie, of St. John, a nurse who has been at Victoria hospital, Fredericton, for several days, suffering from a severe cold and slight sore throat, has almost completely recovered.

Mrs. G. S. Beer, of Charlottetown, is in the city today en route to South Africa, where she goes to join her husband, Capt. Beer, now in the Imperial arms. Mrs. Beer sails on Saturday evening by the Pharsalia.

**DR. MARCH INJURED.**

Dr. J. E. March, quarantine officer, was painfully injured this forenoon. He in the discharge of his duties had been examining the crew of the ship Creemore, and while in the act of climbing down the ladder on return to the tug Neptune the ladder broke. Dr. March fell between the ship and the tug, striking heavily against the side of the ladder. He was picked up out of the water and taken at once to Partridge Island on the Neptune. Dr. March is in bed suffering considerably from his injuries, but no serious results are anticipated.

**TODAY'S FUNERALS.**

The remains of the late James T. Logan were laid to rest this afternoon in Cedar Hill cemetery. The funeral took place from Sheriff street, the late residence of the deceased and was largely attended. Rev. Alex. White conducted the services.

**SMALLPOX SITUATION.**

Is Now Quite Encouraging—No New Cases Today.

The smallpox epidemic is showing encouraging signs of abatement and the outlook is regarded as encouraging by the health authorities.

This afternoon the body of Mary Boone was taken to the new Catholic cemetery for interment. The board of health had to provide a man to cover the grave, as the caretaker in the cemetery refused to participate in the burial of smallpox victims.

At present there are ten patients in the new isolation hospital. This morning Mrs. Nash, a victim who lived on Brussels street, was removed to the institution. There is one nurse at the hospital. Another nurse, Miss Ganong, of the General Public Hospital, has volunteered for duty.

This afternoon the Hamilton and Leonard houses were disinfected. These will probably be released from quarantine within the next day or two.

Mrs. Mary Boone, whose death was reported in yesterday's Star, was 60 years old. She developed the disease on December 1 and was removed to the new isolation hospital last Monday. One son survives. The woman, whose character was somewhat eccentric, was not in comfortable circumstances. Several days before being discovered as a smallpox sufferer she was an applicant for aid at the headquarters of a local charitable institution. Leaving the place she said she would go and "catch" the smallpox, which would compel the authorities to assist. Subsequent development proved that the unfortunate woman was as good as her threat. While she lived in an infected district there is no evidence that she deliberately exposed herself to danger.

Some three weeks ago a member of the Blair family residing at 8 Brindley street, died. Upon her death the kitchen, pantry and one bedroom were locked and their occupation prohibited until they were fumigated. As yet nothing has been heard in regard to disinfecting these rooms and the family, who are occupying the other part of the house in which a second member of the family has since died, are unable to use their cooking stove, which is in the kitchen, or get at their dishes, which are locked up in the pantry.

The same state of affairs exists in the Alward house at 10 Haymarket Square, where two rooms have been closed for some time.

The occupants of these houses who are under quarantine, do not think they are being fairly treated in this matter, and it does seem to indicate an unnecessary carelessness on the part of the authorities.

A number of patients were discharged from the General Public Hospital yesterday and four others are leaving this afternoon, bringing down the number still under treatment to seven.

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of the house committee of the hospital was held, and it was decided to fumigate the building as soon as possible; to repaint the interior and to furnish new bedclothes and mattresses.

The authorities at Westport have determined to fumigate the vessel three men must be removed from her, but neither the dominion authorities nor the local board of health is willing to assume this responsibility. The government is willing to permit the board of health to utilize its disinfection apparatus and the company owning the barge will bear the expense involved.

Respecting the difficulty over the responsibility of the crew of the barge in quarantine the men, three in number, are considered to be immune and will be removed after they undergo careful disinfection.

**THE COTTON MILLS.**

It is Expected That They Will Be Started By Christmas.

Work in the cotton mills is being rapidly carried on and although it is still impossible to name the particular day on which they will re-open, the manager feels that his hope of having the mills running about Christmas time will be realized. Necessary repairs have been made on the buildings and next spring when the fine weather makes it possible, further repairs will be made. The engines and boilers have been put in perfect order and after having been tested are found to be in a satisfactory condition. The other machinery has also received its share of attention and it is expected that steam will be turned on in both of the mills this afternoon. The necessary work of grinding the cards will be done today and tomorrow, and after that very little remains to be done beyond the general overhauling of different parts of the machinery.

As soon as possible after commencing the facilities will be taxed to their full capacity, which will mean the employment of 600 men. Every dollar of the stock, except \$2,000, says Col. Jones, has been subscribed by local capitalists, among whom there was a rush to obtain stock after the success of Mr. Robertson was assured.

Applications are pouring in from former employees of the mills, who are now located in various parts of Canada and the United States.

The utmost precaution will be exercised by the management against smallpox, and one of the regulations is that no one will be employed unless having been successfully vaccinated.

**WILL SOLVE THE DIFFICULTY.**

James Brennan, the labor advocate and prominent supporter of the liberal party, accented a Star reporter today for a "tip" on the impending judicial election. "You tell those fellows," said the ubiquitous James, "that I am going to kick up my heels and be a liberal candidate for the house at Fredericton."

The St. John ship Creemore, Capt. Kennedy, arrived this morning from Rio Janeiro. The vessel had a tedious passage of seventy-eight days. She will, after undergoing repairs, load lumber for Buenos Ayres.

**MOUNTED RIFLES**

Will Sail About Jan. 10th.—The Western Men's Send Off.

Last evening twenty men from St. John under Lieut. Markham, left for Halifax en route to service with the second C. M. R. in South Africa. A very large crowd gathered at the station to see them off. Among those present were Mayor Daniel and several of the aldermen, Lieut.-Col. Markham, McLean, Jones, A. J. Armstrong, J. R. Armstrong and a number of other officers of local militia corps. The twentieth man selected yesterday was N. B. Caldwell, aged 22, of this city. The majority of the men were clad in civilian clothes, although a few of them wore khaki and one or two had the uniform of the city militia corps. Lieut. Markham wore his Hussars' uniform with his Transvaal medal. The Boston express brought in the Fredericton contingent, Messrs. Finnamore, Tibbitts, Phillips, Jones and Ryan. A despatch from Halifax states that the first quota for the Mounted Rifles reached there last night, consisting of twelve men from Charlottetown. The quarters at the exhibition buildings are being fitted up rapidly and will be made comfortable. Drift will begin at once. Col. Evans is expected on Saturday.

It is expected that the men will be fitted out with uniforms and kit at Halifax, and be supplied with arms at Capetown.

OTTAWA, Dec. 13.—A cablegram from the high commissioner, London, to the minister of militia states that the transports Manhattan and Victoria will arrive at Halifax January 7, to embark the second Canadian Mounted Rifles. Authorities here expect they can have all the men, horses and stores on board in about three days, so that transports should be able to start for South Africa January 10th.

MONTREAL, Dec. 13.—Forty-five men who enlisted in this district's quota of the second regiment Canadian Mounted Rifles left for Halifax about 9 o'clock by Intercolonial railway, which also carried western men who arrived at St. Henri Junction this morning. The march of the local men from the drill hall to the Grand Trunk station was participated in by a good crowd of friends, and a band added to the liveliness of the occasion. The men received a splendid sendoff.

**THE POETICAL WOMAN**

Who Answers Advertisers Explains Her Actions.

The identity of the person who has recently amused herself by inflicting on innocent advertisers stolen poetry which was hardly applicable to their needs, has been discovered. The initials with which she signed the different letters betrayed her secret. While there may be many M. C.'s in the city there is only one Mary C—n, who quotes poetry of this description with frequency and despatch.

Mrs. Mary C—n was seen last night and delivered herself of a few remarks in regard to the subject which was uppermost in her mind.

She wished to know why, if advertisers desired to complain of the style of answers received by them from her, they did not lodge complaints with her. She considered that the benefits received from a perusal of the psalms and hymns and spiritual songs far outweighed any annoyance to which the advertisers might be put.

When asked her reason for writing these letters, Mrs. C—n stated that she had a far-reaching purpose in view, the particulars of which she felt should not be disclosed at present. This work is a part of a theory which she has developed for the uplifting of mankind.

She felt that the time and money she has spent in the practical development of this plan has not been spent in vain.

But it is not likely that Mrs. Mary C—n will write any more letters.

**POLICE COURT.**

Quick and Clean Work by the Police.

James O'Brien was working last evening in Sullivan's saloon, and before going home took a drink of liquor. Following the good example set by O'Brien, the liquor also worked and caused its bearer to live in an excited condition near the foot of Paradise. He was arrested by Officer Semple, but could not understand how one little drink had unbalanced him. He was allowed to go.

There appears to be no satisfactory explanation why Patrick O'Shaughnessy should leave the green sod of old Ireland to indulge in unlawful actions in the land of snow. But Paddy is in trouble. He was arrested last night for lying drunk on South wharf, but this morning a more serious charge was entered against him. It appears that a young man named Austin McLaughlin, living at present at the New Victoria hotel, went in to supper last evening, leaving his overcoat on the rack used for that purpose. Upon coming out from supper his coat was missing, and as a thorough search failed to bring it to light the matter was reported to the police. This morning when O'Shaughnessy was taken to the central station he was wearing an overcoat which answered to the description of it given by Mr. McLaughlin. The latter was sent for and identified the coat as well as a number of articles found in the pockets as his property. Upon evidence being given by him and also by Detective Killen, O'Shaughnessy was committed for trial. The latter claims that he was drunk at the time and does not know how he came into possession of the coat.

**THE COURTS.**

In the county court today the case of Rowan v. DeBury was postponed till Dec. 20, to allow the defendant to put in further affidavits relative to the merits of the defence.

Judge Wedderburn will hereafter hold chamber sittings in this city on Wednesdays.

In the supreme court today the case of Mayes v. Connolly was continued today. James M. Clark, foreman for Mr. Mayes, was examined.

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Cor. King and Charlotte Street.

**COLLEGE UNION.**

The Matter of the Confederation of Maritime Colleges Again Taken Up at Kings—The St. John Law School.

HALIFAX, Dec. 12.—It looks as if the amalgamation of Kings and Dalhousie colleges might take place. The following statement was sent out today by the authorities of King's University: "At the regular semi-annual meeting of the board of governors of Kings College, held at the Church of England Institute, the principal subject under consideration was the confederation of the various colleges of the maritime provinces. After careful and exhaustive discussion a committee was appointed to open up communication with the other colleges concerned looking towards the formation of one central university."

J. Roy Campbell and Rev. G. F. Scovill of St. John are members of the committee.

In the opinion of those who are connected with the law school in this city, the proposed amalgamation of Dal-

house and Kings colleges will have no effect upon the school.

Should the two colleges unite, as at present seems probable, it is hardly likely even though Dalhousie has an excellent law school of its own, that the institution in this city will be discontinued. It is to be regretted that the establishment of the school was not undertaken by Mount Allison or the University of New Brunswick instead of allowing a Nova Scotian college to stretch out and organize it. Had one of the New Brunswick universities secured control of the St. John law school there would not now be the slightest danger of its being done away with, but even though there is a possibility of such a thing being done it is altogether improbable.

The law school is at present in a more flourishing condition than at any time since its inception. New students are constantly being received and the school is now on a firm working basis.

**NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.**

Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.