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SPORTING MATTERS

BASKET BALL
CARMARTHENS, 19: QUEEN SQUARE, 18.
The Carmarthen street Methodist basketball team last evening defeated the Queen square team by a score of 19 to 18. The players lined up as follows:
Carmarthens. Queen Square.
Forwards. Ritchey, Capt. Weatherhead, Dobson
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Morrissey, Dobson
Defenses. Stewart, Welford
Harrison, Welford
Roy Emery was referee and Jim Corder timekeeper. The match was played in the Carmarthen street gymnasium.
ST. PETERS vs PORTLAND Y. M. C.
A picked team from St. Peter's Y. M. C. will meet the Portland Y. M. C. this evening in the City Hall, Carleton. As there is great rivalry between these two clubs one of the most interesting basketball matches of the season is anticipated.

THE MARATHONS.
Plans for the coming season were discussed at a meeting of the Marathon Athletic Club last night. Committees were appointed to make arrangements for the formation of a snowshoe club and a basketball team. Hockey plans were discussed and the club put itself on record as opposed to professionalism in any form. A large number of new members were elected. The meeting, which was held in White's restaurant, was very largely attended. The honorary president, Mayor Sears, occupied the chair.
The treasurer reported that as a result of the football season there was a balance to the credit of each of the four teams in the senior league.
The secretary read a letter from the Gloucester Hockey Club regarding the playing of professionals in the provincial league. On motion the club pledged itself to play none but amateurs on its team, and to compete with no club which did not do the same.
A letter was received from the Junior Beavers asking permission to adopt the title of Junior Marathons. The club urged its worthiness of the title on the ground of its high standing in sporting circles. As a result of the discussion of this communication it was suggested that a junior branch of the club be formed for boys under sixteen. The matter was left to the executive.
Notice was given that at the next meeting of the club a motion would be made for the constitution of an advisory board. The following names were suggested: members for such a board: A. O. Skinner, T. H. Eastbrook, J. E. M. Baxter, E. L. Hilding, R. A. Ritchie and J. N. Harvey.
A committee consisting of W. B. Parry, R. Skinner, Dr. Bonnell, Harold Ellis, H. V. McKinnon, Fred V. Barbour and E. J. Mooney was appointed to arrange for the formation of a snowshoe club among the members and also to look into the matter of forming a ladies' snowshoe club. Tramps will be held this winter by the club and the season will finish with a cross country race on snowshoes.
If a hall can be secured for practice, a basketball team will probably be organized.

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PHILADELPHIA, Dec 11—Ards str. Nordpol, from Sydney, CB; str. Rebecca Palmer, from Boston.
Disaster.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 11—Schr. Henry A. W. Cramp, from Norfolk for Searport, Me., arrived here today with loss of foresail and flying jib and mizzen gaff broken.
Schr. James U. Paul, Jr., from Newport News for Boston, arrived with loss of forestaysail and with main gaff broken.

NORFOLK, Va., Dec 11—A three master schooner went ashore tonight south of Little Island life saving station, about six miles south of Cape Henry. A 36 mile wind is blowing from the northeast, with a high sea running, and the schooner craft is well in the breakers. Captain Chadwick and his crew from Little Island life saving station shot a line across the schooner, but the men aboard decided to wait until morning before coming ashore in the breeches buoy. The vessel is resting comparatively easy tonight.

VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.
Steamers—
Casandra, 4,728, Glasgow, Dec. 1.
Lake Erie, 4,814, Liverpool, Dec. 5.
Laurentian, 4,800, Nov. 29.
Hullfax City, 1,562, London via Falkmouth, 1,224, Liverpool, Dec. 6.
Inishowen Head, 1,988, Swansea, Dec. 6.
Mount Temple, 6,661, Antwerp, Nov. 23.
Monmouth, 2,569, Bristol, Dec. 2.
St. John City, 1,599, London, Dec. 3.
Sardinian, 2,788, London, Dec. 6.

CHINAMAN TOOK DOUBLE JOURNEY
Unknown Celestial, Wanted for Assault, Committed Suicide on Train.

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 11—An unidentified Chinaman committed suicide in the lavatory of the smelter attached to the train from Nainimo, having locked himself in and then sent two bullets into his heart with a 38-caliber revolver. The report was unheeded, and the tragedy remained undiscovered until the train reached Victoria, and the locked door was forced by the car cleaners.

The suicide boarded the train at Nainimo, ticketed for Cobble Hill. There are strong reasons for believing that he was a fugitive from justice, and his self-destruction inspired either by remorse or fear of capture. On Friday a determined attempt was made to murder a Nainimo Chinaman on the Comox road, four shots being fired at him, one of which did not hit him. He is now in the Nainimo Hospital. His assailant answering the description of the train murderer was arrested at the depot, and there purchased a ticket for Cobble Hill.

COUNT BONI THROWN OUT.
Servants of Countess Toss Former Master into Muddy Street.

PARIS, Dec. 10—Count Castellani is to appear in the criminal court on the complaint of his servants. Ever since the divorce decision the Count has been pestering his former wife, and she has been obliged to leave the house. He has returned to France, and the count, incensed at the countess leaving also from Victoria, determined to storm the citadel. He arrived Thursday evening at the Gould mansion and haughtily presented his card. There ensued admittance by the concierge, whereupon the count, in great anger, struck the concierge with a stick, and he fell. Instantly the finkies and servants of Mme. Gould rushed to the rescue of the concierge. There ensued a fight. The count was overpowered and thrown bodily into the muddy road.

Raging with anger and covered with mud, the count halled a cab and departed from the scene. A complaint was lodged in the criminal court by the concierge, charging the count with assault and battery.

GRADED THE WINDING UP
ORDER RE HAMILTON FIRM

TORONTO, Dec. 11—On motion of the Ontario Bank, Chief Justice Meredith this morning granted a winding up order in the case of the Hamilton Building and Loan Association of Toronto. The company's nominal capital stock was \$300,000. On December 10th the company decided to admit into its ranks a new member, the Ontario Bank, which holds a promissory note for \$60,000. Large employees number 225 men, and there are no funds to pay the wages. The company was organized in 1887 to manufacture saw mills, mining machinery and water wheels.

There are no new developments in regard to the winding up of the Hamilton Building and Loan Association. It is believed that the winding up will be completed in a few days.

Col. H. H. McLean, who has been in the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. and the Dominion Coal Co. has returned to the city, although he leaves again tomorrow. Speaking last night Col. McLean said that there is nothing to be done about the strike. It is waiting, he said, for a purchaser as it had been for many years.

Mrs. Martin of Sheffield street was reported to the authorities last night as being in a state of insubordination. The woman is sixty-five years of age, and her son, who is her only means of support, is in a state of insubordination. She said that since Sunday she has had no food or fuel in the house, and that the police, covered with rags, and without a fire.

Christmas is coming! Boys and girls everywhere are looking forward to a visit from dear old Santa Claus. Among that eager throng are some, not so fortunate as the little inmates of the School for the Deaf, in their many kind friends in this city who see that they are not overlooked when Santa Claus comes to bring a little of the gladness of the season into the lives of these afflicted ones.

The annual meeting of Eldon L. O. was held last evening, when the following officers for the current year were elected and installed: Samuel Maxwell, W. M.; Joseph Sproule, D. M.; D. J. Williams, secretary; W. H. Kyles, F. S.; J. W. Rusk, treasurer; J. Key, chaplain; R. O. Johnston, D. of C.; P. McLean, lecturer; M. Day, P. of C.; A. J. Armstrong, J. C. Mowbray, F. G. Goodrich, A. B. Hall, committee; Jas. Weatherall, I. T.

The annual meeting of the St. John Council No. 133 of the Royal Arcanum was held last evening. The following officers were elected: Representative to Grand Council, Gen. D. Martin; regent, R. E. Coupe; vice regent, G. G. Wetmore; orator, A. D. Barbour; secretary, D. McNally; collector, W. B. Clavon; treasurer, H. B. White; chaplain, W. V. Barbour; guide, G. H. H. Nass; wardens, W. R. Pendleton; secretary, F. E. Wetmore; trustees, A. D. Barbour, E. A. Kimball and Wm. Crabb.

At the annual meeting of the St. John Council No. 2 of the National Association of Marine Engineers of Canada which was held last evening the following officers were elected: President, H. W. Wilson; first vice-president, G. H. Waring; regent, second vice-president, J. W. Crowley; secretary, G. H. Waring; assistant secretary, John Matthews; treasurer, F. G. Williamson; conductor, P. J. Lewis; doorkeeper, W. W. Robb; auditors, W. J. Barton and N. J. Morrissey; members of council, G. H. Waring, P. J. Williamson, W. J. Barton, M. J. Morrison, and W. B. Parry.

PEARLY STEAMER IS MAKING SLOW PROGRESS.
HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 11—It is nearly a week since the Pearly Arctic steamer Roosevelt left Sydney, and she has not yet covered half the distance between Sydney and Halifax. The vessel is in a crippled condition, unable to use her sails to any great advantage, and has two blades off her propeller. At the present rate of sailing it will be well towards the latter part of January before she reaches New York.

GRAND TRUNK MAY SPEND MILLIONS IN MONTREAL
MONTREAL, Dec. 11—It is altogether likely that within a short time the Grand Trunk Railway will decide to spend several million dollars in the improvement of its facilities for doing business in Montreal. The improvements will include elevation of tracks within the city limits, so as to eliminate many level crossings which now claim a large number of victims annually, and the construction of a new passenger station. For this latter project General Manager Hays said today that he was now endeavoring to secure the assent of the directors of the road. The elevation of tracks will have to be partly paid for by the city.

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I.C.R. EXPRESS WAS FIVE HOURS LATE
The I. C. R. which is due in the city at 8:40 p. m. was five hours late last night. The road was blocked at Portage Junction, and the train remained at Anagnone until the line was cleared. On account of the delay the I. C. R. was coming to St. John from Moncton and at Portage Junction was to cross the Ontario Bank, which was on the way to St. John. The train was held up by one car it was sent into the siding to allow No. 6 to pass. When going into the siding the engine spread the guard rails, in consequence of which all the driving wheels of the engine went off the track and the train was stalled, blocking the main line. This happened at two o'clock in the afternoon. After some time the engine was again on the rails, and the regular train was able to proceed to the city. On account of the delay the I. C. R. did not connect with the Boston train, and eighteen passengers for America remained in the city until this morning's train. No damage was done other than that to the rails on