

LOCAL NEWS

Only routine business was transacted by the Public Utilities Commission at the monthly meeting yesterday.

Christmas was celebrated in the provincial hospital in Lancaster with the usual festivities. Another wing with accommodation for about a hundred patients is required to meet the needs of the institution. The cost of running expenses this year will be \$94,000, and

next year it is believed that the total will be \$110,000, owing to the increased cost of supplies.

Miss Mary Ross, daughter of Rev. James Ross, of East St. John, who has been home for the Christmas holidays, has returned to Montreal to resume her work as district secretary of the Montreal Charitable Association.

The Royal Mail Steamship Caraquez arrived here yesterday afternoon from Bermuda, Demerara and the West Indies. She brought but seven first-class passengers also a number of naval

ratings. Her cargo included 3,000 tons of sugar. The trip was reported as having been uneventful though some pretty rough weather was encountered. The Caraquez docked at the Pettigill wharf.

Water from a radiator which burst last night, flooded a large part of the Walker building in Prince William street, doing considerable damage in the provincial government rooms and W. Hawker & Son's store.

A St. John man who has returned from Montreal, brings a story current there of a new government formed of the leading business men of the country, irrespective of politics, and not necessarily including the leading politicians.

A valuable Pomeranian dog, owned by J. Donald Mackenzie, was struck by an automobile and killed yesterday. The animal formerly was the property of Captain Lawson of the Donaldson line, and was with him at the Dardanelles, where he was serving as lieutenant in the navy.

A most enjoyable Christmas tree entertainment was held last night in the school room of St. John Presbyterian church. After a most entertaining programme of songs and recitations in which about twenty took part, Santa Claus made his appearance and distributed gifts from the well laden and finely decorated Christmas tree.

At a Christmas treat for the children of St. Luke's Sunday school last evening, each child received a box of candy and other gifts. Those taking part in the programme were George Segee, children of primary department, Margaret Beikain, Helen Codner, Elsie Thompson, Jessie Wright, Alice Morgan, Marion Moore, Helen Craigie, Miss Isabelle Gaskin, girls of Junior W. A., Laura Segee, choir boys, Bartlett Taylor, Miss Bessie Chittick, Miss Muriel Hawker, Misses Kathleen and Roberta Craft, John Andrews and Dorothy Taylor.

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CHRISTMAS CANDIES.
Finest line of Christmas candies to be found in the city, at The Chocolate Shop, 26-28 Charlotte street. Also afternoon tea and lunches at all hours. 12-29

You can buy a good strong well made suit for your boy for \$4 at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

Men's reefer and working pants that are good at Turner's, out of the high rent district, 440 Main. T.F.

A BOSTON WEDDING.
Miss Edith Black, of Moncton, in company with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Thompson, St. John, left Saturday evening for Boston to attend the wedding of Mrs. Thompson's sister (Miss Mabel Polley) which will take place today.

Jews to Demand Equal Rights

Great Congress Will Meet in Washington

Represent Three Millions

Delegates From a Hundred Cities to Take Important Step Towards Emancipation of Race

New York, Dec. 28.—The American Jewish Congress to demand equal rights for Jews in all lands will meet at Washington, D. C., probably before May 1, 1917. This was decided at a gathering at the Hotel Savoy when representatives of fifty-one national organizations with a membership of 8,000,000 in the United States met. It marked what was regarded as one of the most notable steps toward the emancipation of the race undertaken in many generations.

Delegates from more than 100 cities, many of them of national reputation, judges, former ambassadors, financiers, lawyers and business men participated in the deliberations. Nathan Straus was elected chairman of the permanent committee on the removal of civil and political disabilities imposed on Jews has been one of the most widely debated movements in the history of the Jews of the nation, and developed sharp divisions of opinion. Mr. Marshall, Jacob H. Schiff, Oscar S. Straus and others on the American Jewish Committee originally opposed the idea of a congress and were members of one group Supreme Court Justice Brandeis, Judge Hugo Pan of the Superior Court of Chicago, Rabbi Stephen S. Wise and others were in favor of a congress from the beginning, and constituted another group. Mr. Kraus belonged to neither of the factions, but represented still a third group, the consolidation of which it was thought might further complicate matters. All of these conflicting interests coming to the surface during the discussion and there being some danger that the entire movement might be jeopardized, both Mr. Kraus and Mr. Marshall withdrew.

"The issues involved are more important than any man," said Mr. Marshall in an impassioned speech, "Doubtless there are some who have differed with me in the past on some important matters in connection with the congress, but I shall never permit myself to be separated from Jewish affairs. I shall continue to labor for the Jewish people of all lands, and neither argument, persecution, nor even force will ever prevent me from going ahead with this work."

Effect of the war... It had originally been intended that the delegates should discuss the exact date for the gathering, but this was abandoned largely because of the uncertainty of the date of the war. The delegates admitted that the terms upon which hostilities were ended and possible near boundaries and political conditions would have an important bearing on the social and economic problems to be discussed and they did not want to complicate these by premature action.

"It might very well be," said Mr. Straus, "that very important reasons may arise why the congress should be held before May 1, and in that event some method should be devised to enable the committee in charge to make a change. I very earnestly suggest that provision for such a contingency be made."

At the suggestion of Judge Julian W. Mack of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals, of Chicago, it was then decided to leave the date to the discretion of the administrative committee, which could, by a two-thirds vote, recommend to the general organization committee that the congress be postponed until after May 1. Bernard J. Richards was unanimously elected secretary of this latter committee.

SHIPPING

ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC 28
A.M. P.M.
High Tide... 1.53 Low Tide... 8.42
Sun Rises... 8.10 Sun Sets... 4.44

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived Yesterday

Str North Star, Mitchell, Boston via Maine ports, passengers and general cargo.
R. M. S. S. Caraquez, Lainson, 2,975, West Indies, Demerara and Bermuda.

CANADIAN PORTS.

Liverpool, Dec. 26—Cld, sch Mark A. Tabin, Iverson, Port of Spain; Ronald, Jackson, Port of Spain.
Shelburne, Dec. 26—Cld, sch Jane Cox, McAlpine; Barbados; str Standard II, New York; barge T S Co 82, New York.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Vineyard Haven, Dec. 25—Ar, schs L. L. Hamlin, New York for Nantucket; Maud S. South Amboy for Lubec.
Returned Dec. 25, sch Abbie S. Walker, Elizabethport for Vinahaven.
Boston, Dec. 27—Ar, str Carthaginian, Glasgow.

THE PATRIOTIC FUND

Of the \$555,000 to be assessed for the Province of New Brunswick for the Patriotic Fund during the coming year, the city of St. John itself will be obliged to furnish \$162,000 and the county of St. John \$22,000. The city ratemakers will, of course, pay their share of the county fund. The nearest approach to this of any city in the province is Fredericton, which has been assessed \$20,000. Moncton is third with about \$9,000. This addition to the general assessment of the city will mean an increase of about twenty per cent, on every ratepayer's account. The tax will probably be levied as a special item on each account, separate and distinct from other assessments. A general meeting of representatives from the various towns, cities, and counties will be held at Fredericton, January 2 to make any protest against the amounts that may have been placed against them, or to discuss phases of the situation.

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Lipton's Tea..... 14c. pkgs.
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Fancy New Figs..... 20c. lb.
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New Seedless Raisins..... 12c. pkgs.
New Cleaned Currants..... 18c. pkgs.
2 pkgs. Dromedary Dates..... 25c.
Fancy New Figs..... 20c. lb.
Shelled Walnuts..... 50c. lb.
Mixed Peels..... 25c. lb.
Tomatoes..... 18c. tin
Pears..... 14c. tin
Clams..... 10c. tin
Peaches, large tins..... 20c.
3 lbs. Lipton's 40c. Tea for..... \$1.00
5 lbs. Oatmeal..... 25c.
4 lbs. New Buckwheat..... 25c.
24 lb. bag Purify Flour..... \$1.45
24 lb. bag Royal Household..... \$1.40
Surprise, Gold or Fairy Soaps, 6 for 25c.
3 lbs. Mixed Starch..... 25c.

FANCY FRESH FRUITS

Sweet Juicy Florida Oranges, 22c., 25c. and 30c. doz.
California Seedless Navel, 30c. and 40c. doz.
California Seedless Lemons, 25c. doz.
Florida Grapefruit, 7c. 4 for 25c.
Cape Cod Cranberries, 12c. qt.
Apples..... 20c., 25c., 30c., 40c. peck

CHRISTMAS CANDY

Ribbon Mixture..... 18c. lb.
Barley Toys..... 20c. lb.
Best Hard Boiled Mixed Candy, 16c. lb.
Cream Mixture..... 19c. lb.

DRIED FRUIT

Santa Claus Seeded Raisins, 12c. pkgs.
Fancy Seedless Raisins, 14c. and 17c. pkgs.
London Layer Table Raisins, 15c. lb.
Choice Layer Figs..... 2 lbs. for 25c.
Dromedary Dates..... 14c. pkgs.
Choice Prunes, 11c. lb., 3 lbs. for 30c.
Large Prunes, 15c. lb., 2 lbs. for 25c.
Evaporated Peaches, 15c. lb.
Apricots..... 2 lbs. for 25c.
18c. lb.

CANNED GOODS

Peas..... 11c.
Corn..... 12c.
Tomatoes..... 19c.
Peaches (2s)..... 16c.
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An Amazing Document

High German Official Says They Seek Peace Now in Order to Prepare to Annihilate England

London, Dec. 27.—The Daily Chronicle has received the following from its Amsterdam correspondent:

"I am sending you an amazing document which has just come into my possession. It is of a character I should never dream of communicating to you unless I knew beyond the shadow of a doubt that both the Dutch gentleman and the German referred to therein occupy in their respective countries positions that are only lower than the highest."

"The document, which follows word for word, consists of a conversation between a Dutch gentleman and a German. Immediately after the conversation ended, the Dutch gentleman wrote out a full account of all that the German had said and handed it to a certain friend, with permission to show it to me. I have every reason to believe that the text of the document will be widely printed here very shortly. I would again impress the fact that both the principals in this matter occupy very high positions."

"The document runs as follows: 'Yes,' said the German, 'we are beaten—beaten by hunger, but not by arms. Nobody in the world can say we are beaten by force of arms. We have won where fighting is concerned; we are beaten down to death only by hunger. We starve, and England, England alone, has done this against us. Therefore we decree infinite and revenge to England.'

"Our great and only mistake was that our feet was not large enough, but we swear that in three years it will be bigger than the English feet has ever been or even can be. We swear this."

MASONIC OFFICERS

Masonic installation ceremonies were conducted last evening by Dr. W. L. Ellis, P.M. for the Carleton Union Lodge. The officers were: Sam Irons, W.M.; Jarvis M. Wilson, L.P.M.; Frank Stuart, S.W.; W. L. Stewart, J.W.; D. C. Clark, chaplain; Enoch Thompson, P.M., treasurer; J. Firth Brittain, P.M., secretary; J. P. Cruikshank, S.D.; Harold W. Ketchum, J.D.; Glendon H. Allen, S.S.; Harold Mayes, J.S.; W. Leonard Adams, D. of G.; Hedley C. Bisset, I.G. and R. Gordon, Tyler.

Officers installed in the Albion Lodge, No. 1 F. and A. M., are: R. M. Hunter, W.M.; Dr. J. S. Bentley, S.W.; Blanchard Fowler, J.W.; Dr. Thomas Walker, treasurer; Dr. Frank Goddard, secretary; Dr. J. Leonard, S.D.; J. McMurray, J.D.; Dr. F. T. Dunlop, S.S.; M. Cook, J.S.; L. Benjamin, D. of G., and Robert Clerk, Tyler.

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Five Shamrocks—98 lb. bag..... \$5.00
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Cream Corn..... 12c. can
Tomatoes..... 16c. can
Golden Wax Beans..... 15c. can
Summer Vegetables for Soup, 9c. can
Libby's Soups..... 12c. can
Lobster—1 lb. can..... 33c.
Peaches, (2s)..... Only 15c.
Pears (2s)..... Only 15c.
California Peaches..... 27c.
California Pineapple..... 27c.
Apples..... 15c. peck up
Malaga Grapes..... Only 20c. lb.
Naval Oranges..... 25c. doz. up

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