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WEBSTER, Mass., Jan. 2.—The announcement this afternoon that Henry H. Steinhilber, assistant chief of the fire department, is ill with smallpox, caused a sensation. It had been hoped that the epidemic which had developed over fifty cases in this town and Dudley had been stamped out.

F. R. PATTERSON Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

HOSIERY

For Men, For Women, For Misses, For Children. AT RIGHT PRICES.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 38; the lowest was 34; the temperature at noon was 34. The wind at noon was southeast, with a velocity of 23 miles per hour.

TORONTO, Jan. 3.—Forecast—Strong winds to moderate gales, east to south, snow, turning to rain. Sunday, strong winds, shifting to westerly, with occasional showers.

Synopsis:—The disturbance has now reached the lower lakes and stormy weather is setting in over the maritime provinces. However, the winds are unlikely to exceed strong breezes and moderate gales. Bay of Fundy, New England coast and to the Banks strong winds to moderate gales, shifting to south and west.

LOCAL NEWS.

Furnace hard coal \$10, Gibbon & Co. There will be a band at Queen's rink this afternoon.

Arnold's Department Store, 15 Charlotte street, will close at 6 o'clock every evening until further notice.

Registrar Jones reports eight marriages during the past week. There were 48 births, 31 of the infants being females.

Attention is called to J. N. Harvey's clothing advertisement on the first page of this issue. There are some real bargains offered to clothing buyers.

An Amherst letter says:—"Mr. Josey who was married quite lately to Miss Share, of Halifax, and who has been in the employ of G. McKeen in town, will remove to St. John on Monday to reside."

George Raymond Guest of Calais was married on Wednesday, Dec. 31, to Miss Ella, daughter of Albert Boone of McAdam Junction, N. B. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. Henry M. Spike.

THE HOSPITAL.

Has 85 Patients—About 800 Treated Last Year.

At a meeting of the hospital commissioners held yesterday afternoon Henry Hilyard was elected treasurer of the board in place of Dr. Thomas Walker, resigned. M. W. Maher is president of the commission and Dr. Thomas Walker vice-president.

There are now in the hospital eighty-five patients, of whom fifty-five are males. Of this total twelve are immigrants and are nearly all suffering from trachoma or favus. One child has mumps. In the epidemic are eight patients, one being the child with the mumps, four suffering from diphtheria and three from scarlet fever. All are doing well.

The annual report of the hospital is not yet ready, but during the past year about eight hundred persons have received treatment. This is about equal to the number for 1901, and both these years show a lesser number than in 1900, as on account of the smallpox the hospital was closed for several months each year in 1901 and 1902. In 1900 one thousand and eighty persons were admitted.

TWENTY YEARS AGO TODAY.

The harbor fisheries were sold by auction. Those at Navy Island went to James Wilson, James Duffy, Samuel W. Belyea, R. A. Belyea, W. Dunham and Jacob Christopher. The Straight Shore to James and George Wilson, N. Logan and Wm. Spence. Courtenay Bay to J. Wilson, Shore weirs to J. C. Stackhouse, Jos. Hampton, Levi Colwell, J. F. Lilley and S. W. Belyea. Partridge Island to Jas. A. Stackhouse, Carleton flats to J. A. Stackhouse, J. Christopher, W. Brayley, John and James Belyea, S. W. Belyea and R. T. Brittain.

Ray, John Read lectured on "Fashion" in Exmouth Street church.

A school of military instruction for the maritime provinces, in charge of Lt.-Col. Taylor opened in the drill shed.

FOURTEEN RACCOONS.

L. D. Jones, of Norton, came to the city yesterday and brought with him no less than fourteen raccoons, which he had killed in about two minutes at Springfield Point, Head of Belleisle. Mr. Jones in company with a young man was driving to Springfield and found two small caves near each other and quite close to the road. In each cave were seven raccoons and he scooped the whole lot. The animals were all fully grown and would average in weight twenty-five pounds each. Five left the bunch with Vanwart Bros., grocers of Charlott's street.

The meat, while fit to eat, is not considered a delicacy here, but will be exported, while the skins, which are worth from 75c. to \$1.00, were sold to local furriers.

THE SAVINGS BANK.

The returns at the St. John branch of the Dominion Savings Bank from July 1 to December 31 last year show that the deposits were \$383,794 and the withdrawals \$382,044. In the same period in 1901 the deposits were \$363,532 and the withdrawals \$373,453. For December, 1902, the deposits were \$51,274 and the withdrawals \$45,800.

THE LATE N. B. COTTLE.

The body of the late N. B. Cottle was this morning taken by train to Young's Cove, and from there will be conveyed to Jemseg, where interment is to be made. Services were conducted last evening at Mr. Cottle's late residence on Exmouth street, Rev. H. H. Beach, assisted by G. O. Gates, officiating.

DRIVE POSTPONED.

The members of the party who went upriver on the new famous mid-winter excursion on the tug Lillie, had made arrangements for a sleigh drive and dinner to be held on the 16th inst. Owing to the death of N. B. Cottle, who was closely related to several members of the party, the plan has for the present been abandoned.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Robert J. Johnston, a member of the cotton exchange, shot himself through the head at his residence in President street, Brooklyn, tonight, and died shortly afterward.

THE TEA TRADE.

Removal of U. S. Duty Benefits St. John Merchants.

Large Shipments Already Going Forward—Will Push Their Trade in New England States.

Today, for the first time in four years, large shipments of tea will leave St. John for the United States.

This is in consequence of the removal of the import duty from that article. Now that St. John merchants have an equal chance with the Yankees in their own country, they intend to work the states near the line as never before. Already agents are on the way and practically every man in this city who handles tea looks to a large increase in his trade from Maine and later from other New England states.

Four years ago, at the close of the Spanish-American war, the United States government placed a war tax of ten cents on every pound of tea imported. Before this St. John tea merchants had developed quite a trade in Maine, all the way from Calais to Aroostook. But this was largely in standard blends, such as have a large sale at regular rates and to sell at a profit in spite of the duty the local merchants would have been obliged to either raise the price per package or put a cheaper quality of tea under the same label. They were unwilling to do either of these, so the trade was largely dropped.

But it has been reported for some time that the tax would soon be removed, and our wide-awake dealers in anticipation of such action sent out men and took a lot of orders to be delivered when importation was free. On Dec. 31 they were notified officially that on and after Jan. 1 tea would be admitted without duty. The packing of the orders was at once rushed, with the result that trains leaving here today will carry into Maine a good first installment of what is expected to be a thriving business.

One of St. John's leading tea men expressed yesterday his conviction that the trade of St. John tea merchants was bound to grow in every direction, and that the New England States would prove one of their most fruitful fields.

"We have facilities here as good as the best," he said, "and can handle the goods far cheaper than they can in London. We are shutting the London trade out of the maritime provinces and can shut it out of the New England states. Why, fifteen years ago London did 75 per cent of the business here, and now they don't do 25 per cent. There are several reasons for this. One is that London merchants buy their goods at auction as the tea reaches there, and the prices paid are practically those fixed by the London market and by buying direct from the tea gardens I can buy from 2-1/2 to 3 cents lower than the London men who are hampered by exorbitant dock charges, long cartages and the heavy expense of the handling in the bonded warehouses. Why, the rent of one of those warehouses there for a year would build one here. Then we can pack the tea cheaper here. I got the best prices from London packers for putting my tea up and I find I can do it myself about two cents a package cheaper."

"In the New England trade our principal competition will be from Boston and New York. But we can ship as cheaply from here as they can, and as wholesale merchants there look for bigger profits than we do, I am confident that we can do a big and growing share of that business. We are going to try hard, anyway."

THIS EVENING.

McCutcheon & Ellis Co. in a double bill at the Opera House. Victoria, Queens and Carleton open air rink. Meeting Carleton W. C. T. U. at Mrs. Retaille's. Concert Glad Tidings Hall by Rev. Mr. Coffin and the Jubilee Singers.

BUY THEM NOW.

We have just received a BARGAIN in Men's Ties, Collars and Cuffs. Men's Linen Collars, 8c, 9c, 10c, 12c. Men's Linen Cuffs, 12c, 14c, 15c, 20c, per pair. These goods are samples some are slightly soiled, all are of the latest styles. The ties are all new and of the latest patterns in four-in-hand, bows and Made-Up, in Black and Fancy. Prices are 7c, 10c, 12c, to 25c each. Forty dozen in above lot at Wholesale Price.

Store will close at six o'clock every evening, except Saturday, until further notice.

Arnold's Department Store, 15 Charlotte St.

SPECIAL SALE OF TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED MILLINERY.

In order to make a speedy clearance, we have reduced our entire stock of Untrimmed Hats to 25c., 35c. and 50c. Also Trimmed Hats reduced to \$1.00, 50, 2.00 and upwards.

The above are the latest and most shonable style. This is a rare chance to secure a bargain.

MRS. K. GAMERON & CO. 77 King Street.

POLICE COURT.

A Salvation Army Disturbance—Broke Out of Lockup.

Ensign McAllister, of the Salvation Army, reported a young man named Ronald McAllister for disturbing the watch-night service at No. 3 barracks on Wednesday night. McAllister admitted having done wrong, but said that when once checked by the ensign he had remained quiet and that the disturbance which occurred later on was made by others who told the ensign that McAllister was not to blame. The explanations at the barracks were not received and the ensign threatened to put McAllister out. The latter told him that he was not man enough to do it. A policeman was sent for to assist in the removal. This was after the other man who disturbed the meeting had apologized. Several members of the army gave evidence. The charge against McAllister was dismissed. A man by the name of James Lenihan was arrested yesterday afternoon for being drunk in the I. C. R. station. He broke out of the lockup and thus gave the morning papers a chance to make a great sensational story. Lenihan was recaptured on Pond street, and as he had quite a jag on board, was not in a fit condition to be disposed of this morning. Thomas Tobin was given in charge by Dennis Burke for stealing a chain from the latter's house on Brussels street. Tobin pleaded guilty to the charge, but as Mr. Burke was not in court he was remanded. Four drunks were fined eight dollars each.

PERSONAL.

Benjamin Watters of Chatham, spent his Christmas vacation with his parents in St. John. He has returned to his home.

C. B. Deacon of Shediac is in town. Mr. Deacon, who has spent many years out west, is now here visiting his people.

The engagement of Miss Lilian Markham, daughter of Lieut.-Colonel Markham, to J. J. Foot, manager of the McClary Manufacturing Company's maritime agency, is announced.

Colonel A. A. Stevenson, of Montreal, passed through the city yesterday on his way from Halifax to Montreal. Colonel Stevenson is president of the Royal Caledonian Curling Club, Canadian branch, and was with the Scotch curlers in Halifax.

Miss Katie Thorne is rapidly improving from her late illness. Miss Miller of Coburg street is improving from her late illness.

Miss Annie Lingley of Charlotte street, St. John West, is quite ill at her home.

Miss Ella Titus, of West End, is making a visit to friends in Passmore. Miss Ethel Bayard, of Sussex, and Miss Sophie Bayard, of Rothesay, spent the New Year's holidays in the city.

Miss Winnie Fullerton, of Amherst, is visiting her friend, Miss Bertie Collins, of Charlotte street.

Miss Estlin, of this city, is visiting her cousin, Mrs. D. A. Huntley, Parrsboro.

Mrs. Arthur P. Gilmour is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Jenks, Parrsboro.

Miss Edythe Ketchum, who has been playing with the McCutcheon & Ellis Company at the Opera House, left yesterday for New York.

John W. Gilmour, judge of probate for Sunbury county, is in town. Col. Tucker, M. P., left for Ottawa last night.

Joseph Reid, the superintendent of the C. P. R. cartage concern, will go to Liverpool on the str. Lake Ontario. Miss Ella Smith, daughter of J. Willard Smith, left yesterday afternoon for Montreal.

Rev. H. J. Lynds and Mrs. Lynds, of St. George, are at the Dufferin Hotel.

The guests of the New Victoria Hotel presented a handsome pipe to Joseph Ritchie on New Year's day. Mr. Wignome and daughter Grace of Kentville have been spending the past week in St. John.

Miss Minnie Moore of Amherst has returned home from St. John. Mrs. Norman Brown of Amherst has come to St. John to visit friends for a week.

Fred. Poole of St. John, N. B., is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Wagner, Bristol.

DEATH LIST.

During the past week sixteen burial permits have been issued by the Board of Health. The causes of death were as follows: Old age 1, Senile decay 1, Still-born 1, Congestion of lungs 1, Diphtheritic croup 1, Heart disease 1, Paralysis 1, Pneumonia, following cut throat 1, Tuberculosis 1, Typhoid fever 1, Dilation of heart 1.

ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.

The Rev. John Kerr, M. A., of Dirlton Parish, Scotland, will be the preacher at the morning service tomorrow. Mr. Kerr, who is in the active ministry of the (Established) Church of Scotland, is the captain of the visiting team of Scottish curlers, and is an author of repute in the national game. The visiting and local curlers have been invited to attend, and any of the citizens will be welcome.

DIED AT TRURO.

The death occurred at "Arnieleigh," Truro, on the 1st instant, of Mary Amelia, wife of R. F. Black, senior member of the firm of Black & Co. Mrs. Black had been ill for some time, but her condition was not considered serious until a week ago. The deceased was the mother of A. S. Black, mayor of Truro, and of Mrs. E. F. Smith, of Halifax.

THE I. C. R. CATTLE SHEDS.

The experience of the steamer Manchester Importer on New Year's Day proved that cattle shipments can be made with perfect ease from the I. C. R. sheds on the east side of the harbor. The 480 cattle and about as many sheep were loaded in an hour and a half. They simply walked on board. The location of the yards and sheds is excellent, and no difficulty is met with in getting the stock into the vessel.

REMARKABLE VALUES IN FLANNELETTE WAISTS.

Here is an opportunity to buy good serviceable Waists in neat stripes, spots and fancy effects, made from fleeced back flannelette, at greatly reduced prices to clear.

60c. Waists for 43c. 75c. Waists for 68c. \$1.10 Waists for 85c.

Morrell & Sutherland. 29 Charlotte St. Opp. Y. M. C. A.

A Half Price Sale To-Night.

Photo Frames, 5c., 10c. and 15c. 75c. Albums for 50c. 7c. Dinner Plates for 5c. Crockery all at cost tonight. 25c. Novels, only 200 in the lot, tonight 3 for 25c. And hundreds of other lines at half price. Call tonight.

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C. F. BROWN, 501-5 Main Street.

Overboots at Reduced Prices.

We have reduced the prices on our entire stock of Overboots from 20 to 50 per cent.

Table listing various types of overboots (Men's 4 Buckle, Men's 3 Buckle, etc.) and their reduced prices.

SAVAGE, 110 KING ST. Cor. CHARLOTTE.

THE WINTER PORT.

The West India, stmr. Oruro arrived off the island last night. She came up this morning and docked at the I. C. R. wharf. Her inward cargo is light and largely local. She will take about a half cargo out and will finish loading at Halifax.

The Elder-Dempster stmr. Lake Erie is expected tomorrow. She has on board eight first cabin, 23 second and 450 storage passengers.

The Allan mail str. Corinthian, for Halifax and St. John, sailed from Monville yesterday.

SKATING BOOTS.

I have extra values in Women's Chocolate Skating Boots at \$1.50, regular \$2 goods. Misses of same (sizes 1 1/2 to 2) at \$1.00.

REVERDY STEEVES, 44 BRUSSELS STREET, Opposite Baptist Church.