



Evening Telegram

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Tuesday, December 20, 1921.

The Approaching Festival.

Christmas, the gift season of the year, is rapidly approaching. The children are in eager anticipation of the arrival of Santa Claus, and housewives are shaking up their purses, in order to calculate just how many cents they can afford out of the weekly allowance to spend for the kiddies. Because Christmas is for the young, Santa Claus has not yet gone out of date, no matter how much modern ideas might prevail. Every child to-day is not a Macaulay's school-boy, whose mind rather centred on the things he beheld than on those of the imagination. And it is well that this is so. Christmas, this year, may not be so abounding in the good things which usually go to make up the joyousness of the season, in so far as the pockets of the masses are concerned, but there is one incontrovertible fact and that is that Christmas is coming. Evidences of the approach of the season of gladness and festivity may be seen in the gorgeous decorations and display in the windows of the various stores; in the increase to the number of customers daily making their purchases for the festival upon which the old renew their youth, and adult and juvenile alike vie with each other in the joyous and innocent pastimes which time and season have stamped with the hall-mark of genuinity. There may be depression—there is; there may be destitution prevalent—no one doubts it, yet through all the shortage of money that is showing on every side, an effort will be made—is being made—to cultivate the spirit of Christmas. Would the season be so if anything were left undone regarding its celebration? Would it not be rather a reversion to apathy and infidelity, if no preparations were made, meagre though some of them must necessarily be, to usher in the season of jollity and giving. The smallest gift is regarded as valuable, not so much for its intrinsic worth as for the spirit which prompted the giving, and will ever be treasured by the recipient as a memento of Christmas. Then why repine, why like Job curse the day? If the true expression of Christmastide is abroad in the land, then every thing that is done, every gift that is made, every salutation to a friend will be expressing the real, the true similitude of the season. So then with friendship toward all and malice toward none, let us enter upon the actual celebration of the festival of good will.

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Rotarians Lunch.

BANKER DELIVERS INTERESTING ADDRESS.

The weekly luncheon of the St. John's Rotary Club was held in the dining-room of the Green Lantern Restaurant, Theatre Hill at 1.15 p.m. 23 members were present, one being absent, and he out of the country. The guests included Messrs. Cyril Tessier, John R. Ross, D. M. Fraser, C. T. James (Telegram). Rotarian Dr. Mitchell presided, the roll being called by the Secretary, Rotarian V. P. Burke. Songs from the Rotary Book of Melodies were sung between courses, and the customary jollity and good cheer prevailed. Next Tuesday each member will bring two ladies, aged between 10 and 14, for whom dinner will be provided, arrangements for the boys' entertainment being left with the Secretary. Letters of greeting were received from the Governor of the Eastern and Western Districts, the former being Rotarian Bob Peterson of St. John, N.B., who organized the Rotary Club in St. John's. The latter is J. A. Caulder, Governor of the 19th district with headquarters at Moose Jaw. The Chairman made a very felicitous speech in announcing the rotarian chosen for the weekly address, and very clearly and concisely outlined the principles of Rotary. The speaker of the day was Mr. B. C. H. Gardner of the Bank of Montreal, who delivered an instructive and interesting address on "The nature of a Chartered Bank and some of its Functions."

Mr. Gardner said that if the Newfoundland Savings Bank be excepted, there are no Banks operating in Newfoundland which are incorporated under Newfoundland laws. The commercial banking of the Colony is in the hands of Canadian Banks, which are commonly referred to as Chartered Banks, by reason of the fact that before they can operate they have to obtain a charter from the Canadian Government. No Bank can be incorporated with a smaller capital stock than \$500,000, of which at least one-half must be paid in full. The speaker then went on to explain in detail the functions of a Chartered Bank. He next touched upon the business of a Bank, the primary object of which was to make money for the shareholders. He spoke of the deposits and said that with regard to these, the Bank must consider themselves as trustees, therefore the prudent banker will bear this in mind when making his loans. One of the privileges conferred on Chartered Banks is that of issuing notes which must not exceed the amount held in what is known as the Central Gold Reserve. The matters of loan and note were very ably discussed in detail and Mr. Gardner went on to talk of credit and other important activities of a Bank. He alluded to a remark on foreign exchange. With reference to the staff of a Bank, Mr. Gardner declared there was no royal road to success, and that man who eventually gets to the top entered as an ordinary junior on leaving school. The address was listened to with much attention, and at its conclusion Mr. Gardner was accorded the usual vote of thanks, the National Anthem concluding the weekly proceedings.

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B. F. C. Speech Day.

The annual Speech Day of Bishop Field College will be held to-night in the Casino Theatre when the prizes won during the year will be distributed by His Excellency the Governor. A concert, arranged by Mr. H. W. Stirling, and an exhibition of drill by a special squad from C. Company of the C.I.B. Cadets, will form the first part of the programme. All the seats have already been booked by parents of pupils and ex-pupils of the College.

An Overlooked Item.

How very often an overlooked item in the list of Christmas requirements has caused perhaps annoyance and disappointment to mar the widespread joy of the happy period. The worry and exertion resting upon the housewife no doubt rests in doubled happiness on Christmas Day at the contemplation of nothing lacking.

It is with this in mind we make our suggestion. Eat, Drink and be Merry is the Season's slogan. So have you ordered the best to drink? If flavor, purity and excellence count, your order inevitably goes to GARDEN'S.

All Men's Bath Robes, Smoking Jackets and Fancy Vests are being cleared out this week for half price at BISHOP'S.

Personal.

We learn that Mr. O. V. Travers, of H. Grace, is very ill and friends are anxious about his recovery. Mr. Travers, who is upwards of 85 years old is a prominent figure in the second city.

In Memoriam.

WILSON VARDY, Port aux Basques.

"I hope to see my Pilot face to face When I have crossed the bar." With these words it might safely be said that Wilson Vardy, for years Lightkeeper and Harbor Master at Port aux Basques went from life to death yesterday morning, before the dawn, at his residence, Port aux Basques. Not only did he occupy the honored positions mentioned above, but he was also branch pilot for the section in which, in life, he resided, and many were the vessels, both steam and sail, he took in and out of the intricate and dangerous passageway leading to that harbor. Wilson Vardy was one of nature's noblemen. In life he was the very essence of integrity, a loyal citizen, a true friend, a kindly father and husband, a pattern of morality, and one upon whose spoken word, no matter to whom given, all could rely. He passed from earth at the early age of 64, cut off, as it were, in the bloom of health, but nevertheless resigned to the inscrutable decree of His Master, whom he served faithfully and well. And not alone was he the same of fidelity to the Omnipotent, but equally so was he in the discharge of his multifarious duties as keeper of the range lights at Port aux Basques, and Harbor Master. Early and late Wilson Vardy performed the services required of him, and it was due to his devotion to duty that he contracted the fatal malady that brought about dissolution, instant in and out of season, the range lights at Port aux Basques, were his constant care. They were his first ideals, for knowing how much depended upon their brilliant and clear burning, neither weather nor seasons prevented his giving them his sole attention. Whether in storm or calm, the masters of the Reid Newfoundland steamers on Cabot Strait or Coastal Service never experienced the slightest difficulty in picking up "Vardy's lights" as they were colloquially styled. Ships both little and big, sail or steam could always determine the wink of the occulting lanterns of Road Island and the mainland, due to the unremitting attention of one whose creed was "duty first." But now he has gone. His light has been extinguished on earth, only we hope to shine with more effulgent brilliance in that land for which his soul ever yearned. "Fried and true" should be the epitaph of Wilson Vardy, for no man ever did more to alleviate human suffering according to his abilities. No man was ever turned from his door, his door was open to all in need. His spirit of unselfish charity and giving was strong within him, and the Christmas season was one in which his hospitality was dispensed with liberal and lavish hand. But he is gone and his place will know him no more. Upright, earnest, hating sham, Wilson Vardy was a man among men, and his memory will ever be cherished by those who had the pleasure of his acquaintance. The writer, who enjoyed his friendship for over a period of thirty years, feels that this little tribute to a great-hearted knight is all too inadequate, but hopes that to those who read, excuse will be made for his emotion in lamenting the loss of a cherished associate. Left to mourn their sad loss in bereavement are, a wife, three sons, George, John and Leslie, 4 daughters, Eliza, Annie, Blanche and Millie (all married) to whom the taking of husband and father will be the hardest blow they have to endure. As at sunset and sunrise, Wilson Vardy ever was in attendance at his lights to kindle or extinguish them, no may he have said during the pangs of dissolution, when commending himself to his God: "Sunset and evening star And one clear call for me! And may there be no meaning of the bar When I put out to sea." C.T.J.

A gift of lovely Ivory Pyralis Toilet Ware is sure to please every lady. BISHOP'S have Ivory Pyralis in Sets, also separate pieces in Mirrors, Hair Receivers, Nail Files, Button Hooks, Cuticle Knives, Salve Boxes, Picture Frames, Cloth Brushes, Nail Polish, Jewels, Trays, Jewel Boxes, Perfume Bottle and Holder. See full page colored illustrations in all good magazines.

Up to the commencement of the present mild spell there were about four inches of ice on the Prince's Rink but this has now gone down to about three or three and a half inches. It is hoped that weather conditions will be sufficiently favorable to permit the rink to be opened on Boxing Day for general skating. All the hockey teams will get their practices in at the earliest opportunity and the games will be started as soon as possible. Jim Wilcox is the ice man this year and there are few things he does not know about making a sheet of ice. Mr. P. E. Outerbridge is the new Secretary of the Rink.

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\$2.60 Pair.

An always acceptable Ladies' Xmas Gift is Silk Hosiery. At present good quality Hosiery brand Silk Hosiery is only Two-Sixty a pair at BISHOP'S Showroom. A full range of sizes, and all the popular shades to choose from.

Kosy Felt Slippers in many styles, just opened up at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec16,tf

Martin Still Leads.

MUNICIPAL COUNCIL PROCEEDING—KEEN CONTEST FOR SECOND PLACE.

When the count in the election of councillors adjourned at 1 p.m. Mr. J. T. Martin was still heading the poll with a big majority. Outerbridge and Collier were level and Vinicombe was only 20 votes behind. Ryan seems fairly safe with a majority of 70 over the sixth man. Whitty who has so far polled 471 votes. Dowden and Brophy are running Whitty close for sixth place and Tait is not far behind. Up to the time of adjournment 1437 ballots had been counted and in all probability the poll will be declared late to-morrow night. The count at present is as follows:—

Martin	750
Collier	638
Outerbridge	638
Vinicombe	618
Ryan	641
Whitty	471
Dowden	393
Brophy	377
Tait	350
Chafe	315
Peel	312
Ruby	328
Milley	343
O'Brien	205
Spurrell	240
Hopkins	192
Galway	180
Peel	199
Cook	171
Garland	168
Robinson	159
Nangle	138
Wjseman	136
Roll	83
Penney	84

You can get the neatest and most dainty BOXES LADIES' HANDKERCHIEFS, put up in 3's and 6's at BOWRING'S. Nothing more appropriate for Xmas Gifts.—dec20,31,ead

Rumor Not Confirmed.

HUMBER PROPOSITION NOT CONFIRMED.

No confirmation of the rumor that the House will open on January 22nd to discuss the Humber proposition could be obtained to-day. In conversation with a member of the Executive Council to-day, the Telegram was told that the Humber proposition has been laid before the members of the Executive for their individual consideration and the plan will stand or fall by their decision. The amount involved in the guarantee asked for is considerable, being approximately \$1,000,000 annually unless the company begins to pay. This amount will be in the form of a guarantee on the sinking fund and will be payable for a certain number of years after the company has commenced operations.

Holley, Mistletoe and Laurel at BISHOP'S Grocery. 'Phone 379.

Premier Leaves For Montreal.

The Prime Minister, Sir Richard Squires, left by to-day's express for Montreal to confer with the heads of the Dominion Iron & Steel Co. and the Nova Scotia Steel Co. with a view to the resumption of mining activities on Bell Island. Miss Saunders, Sir Richard's Assistant Secretary, goes as far as Port aux Basques with him for the purpose of clearing up some work which requires completion. Rumour has it that some other matters of importance besides the conference with the Steel Companies will occupy the Premier's attention during his visit to Canada.

Just the place to get that last dainty present and also help the wounded Soldier in Hospital. Make a call at Room 4 Militia Building, open from 10 till 5 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday.—dec20,21

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A New and Large Assortment of
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Queen Anne Tea Sets	Sugar & Cream Sets.
Spirit Kettles.	Egg Frames.
Pickle Frames.	Toast Racks.
Breakfast Cruets.	Dinner Cruets.
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Sugar Basins.	Nut Cracks.
	Etc., Etc.

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East End, West End and Central Stores.

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dec15,17,20

Supreme Court.

(Before the Chief Justice)

A. H. Murray managing owner of the ship Jean Wakeley vs. The Royal Bank of Canada.

(Before a Special Jury.)
Yesterday afternoon the jury returned to court with the verdict that the bank did not profit. Argument on law points was heard in the forenoon C.A.V.

(Before Mr. Justice Kent and a Special Jury.)
King vs. John Parsons, Captain, Joseph Lush, Kenneth White, Leslie Matthews of the schooner Romeo.

Forty two special jurors were present. The following are called to serve:—Wm. Power, A. Cook, Chas. Hall, Thos. Bennett, Robert Simms, Denis Summers, W. J. Sinnott, M. Nolan, Geo. Jones, S. Vavasour, G. Forsey, Geo. Cook, Jr.

The indictment was read after the jury had been sworn, following which Mr. F. Mews for the Crown outlined the facts of the case as follows: That the schooner Romeo after leaving here for Bonaville anchored at Fisher's Cove about one mile from her destination. A motor boat went off to the scene and first brought the captain on shore subsequently landing some of the vessel's cargo valued at \$1000. The captain of the schooner did not report the landing of the goods. The vessel broke from her moorings and after drifting out the Bay was picked up by the S.S. Malakoff and towed back to port. The counsel said that evidence would be produced to show that some of the goods had been sold. Ebenezer Fisher, owner of the motor boat was the first witness called. He deposed to seeing the schooner Romeo at 2.30 on the afternoon of the 15th October, coming to anchor in Fisher's Gulch and firing a flag on the peak of the mainmast. With three others he proceeded in his boat and hailed the schooner. The captain informed him that the vessel was leaky and the forecastle was gone. The witness stated he asked the captain about saving the cargo telling him that the vessel would not hold her anchorage with a stronger wind. Later the Romeo's motor boat with a number of packages on board was towed ashore. The witness deposed to seeing a small boat owned by Tobias Cooper go out to the schooner but he did not see the owner of it taking away any goods. After the third trip to the schooner the witness said the Romeo broke from her anchorage and drifted along the Cape Shore. The cross examination by Mr. Ayre for the defence and not concluded up to recess hour when the hearing was adjourned until this afternoon.

Here and There.

Real English Stilton Cheese at ELLIS.—dec8,tf

ALONG THE WATERFRONT.—Several schooners which arrived from the Northwest during the past few days, are now loading their fish cargoes. There is very little doing otherwise along the waterfront.

Choice Fresh Smoked Finnan Haddies, the only imported article, at ELLIS.—dec8,tf

STORE DOOR OPEN.—The door of Coffin's butcher shop on New Gower Street, was found open at an early hour this morning by the night watch. It is not known if a burglary was contemplated and the police are investigating.

Buy your Skating Boots at SMALLWOOD'S, and we will attach your skates, free of charge.—dec16,tf

WRECKED CREW COMING.—The captain and crew of the schooner June, which was lost in the Mediterranean some time ago, will likely arrive home by the next Sackem. Messrs. Baine Johnston & Co. have been advised from Liverpool that the crew would be leaving by the steamer.

No one in St. John's wishes to cause unnecessary hardships to the clerks in the stores at Christmas, but those who neglect to do their shopping early make a clerk's life miserable. Just make a point this year of doing your shopping as early as possible and don't forget to bring home some Life Savers for the children.—dec20,23

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A GENUINE BARGAIN.

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TOBACCO—All the leading brands of Cut and Plug.

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CIGARETTES CASES—Silver and Plain.

CIGARETTE HOLDERS—Very best quality.

Also a full line of SMOKERS' REQUISITES

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Box 994, St. John's, Tessler Brothers.

BORN.

On December 17th, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Pike, of Port aux Basques.

On the 18th inst, a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. L. Levitz, 5 Flavin Street.

MARRIED.

On Wednesday, December 14th, by Rev. Fairbairn, Edward Lane, to Winnie Warren, both residing in city.

At St. Patrick's Church, by the Rev. Dr. Kichin, Nov. 18th, 1921, Thomas Sexton to Agnes McGrath, both of this city.

On December 14th, 1921, by the Rev. R. E. Fairbairn, of George's Street, Methodist Church, Frances Blakie Rogerson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Rogerson, to Mr. Arthur Chesley Holmes, son of Rev. A. A. Holmes of Worcester, Ont., Canada.

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Shipping Notes.

S.S. Rosalind will probably sail for Halifax and New York to-morrow.

Schr. Pelsen, 2 days from North Sydney, arrived in port this morning with a coal cargo to Steer Bros.

Schr. Rose M. sailed yesterday from Pogo for Gibraltar with 3,922 qts. fish, shipped by the Nfld. Labrador Export Co.

Schr. Edith Cavell, 38 days from Cadiz, has arrived at Ramen with a cargo of 200 tons salt.

Schr. Gordon C. Fudge has arrived at Carbonar from Cadiz, after a passage of 28 days. The vessel will proceed to Harbor Grace to discharge her cargo of salt.

Children's Tan Long Rubbers, at SMALLWOOD'S.—dec16,tf

DIED.

There passed peacefully away, this morning, after a brief illness, Peter Molloy, Carpenter, aged 81, leaving three sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss. Funeral on Thursday at 2.30 p.m. from his late residence, 61 Long's Hill. Boston papers please copy.

Last evening, Mary, beloved wife of Charles McKay, Funeral on Wednesday at 2.30 p.m. from her late residence, 161 Gower Street.

FUNERAL NOTICE.

The funeral of the late Patrick Hynde will take place on Wednesday from his late residence, 281, St. John's side and interment will be at Portugal Cove.—R.I.P.

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. Stephen Knight and family wish to thank sincerely all those who assisted them in any way in their recent sorrow. Most particularly do they wish to express their gratitude to Dr. John Murphy for medical attendance; Mrs. Norris, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. St. W. Rodgers, Mrs. and Miss Farley, Mrs. Robinson for kind help; also Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Duffy for a beautiful wreath to adorn the casket, and to those following for sympathetic telegrams and notes of sympathy on the occasion of the death of a loving husband and father—Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Boston; Miss E. J. Rose, Washington, D.C.; Mr. J. C. Stein, Washington, D.C.; Mrs. and Miss Howlett, New Scotland; Miss Margaret Kioley, Newbridge; Mrs. Bachofner, Jamaica Plain; Miss Crocker, Chelsea; Miss Nina Taylor; Mrs. A. V. Duffy, Mrs. Knight, Mrs. W. A. French, Miss Fogarty, Mrs. O'Neill, Mr. and Mrs. Morrissey and Miss Morrissey, and all other kind friends.—adv.

Damaged Suits—Just a pair left—T. LEVITZ, 252 Water Street, opp Dicks & Co.—dec15,6f

ORDERED TO HARBOUR.—The tug ship U-1, which left here for Port aux Basques on Monday, has been obliged to harbor at Port aux Basques owing to the gale which prevailed yesterday.

Try our Fresh Sausages, Tomato-Pork-Beef—Made daily at ELLIS.—dec8,tf