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FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Jan. 6—(Special)—The indictment in the Marsten case, in which Mrs. Annie Marsten, of Meductic, is charged with poisoning her husband, will be laid before the grand jury tomorrow morning. Mrs. Marsten, who is out on bail, arrived in town last evening. Her sister, Miss Stairs, and George Chase, the mail driver, who are witnesses for the crown, failed to appear this morning and Deputy Sheriff Hawthorne has gone after them with a warrant.

The annual meeting of the Fredericton & Woodstock Steamboat Company was held here this afternoon. President Neill occupied the chair and most of the stockholders were present. Reports submitted showed that the season's business had been highly satisfactory. Jas. S. Neill, John Palmer, Geo. T. Whelpley, of this city; Williamson Fisher, of Woodstock; Robert Scott, of Dumfries; Frank Brooks, of Southampton, and Byron McNally, of Queensbury, were elected directors. At a subsequent meeting of the directors Jas. S. Neill was re-elected president and J. H. Barry, secretary-treasurer.

The January term of York County Nisi Prius Court opened this morning, Judge Gregory presiding. The following docket was made up:

Criminal—The King, on information of Lydia J. McNally, vs. Wesley Kinney for rape; the King vs. Annie Marsten, for the murder of her husband, Harold Marsten, by poisoning.

Civil docket—Jury cases: Wm. H. Quinn vs Trustees of school District No. 5, parish of Stanley; David Lipsett vs. Dell McKnight; Wm. J. Edgecombe vs. Alfred G. Edgecombe; Fred B. Edgecombe vs. Alfred G. Edgecombe; Wilson Crosby, administrator of Maria A. Gilman vs. Thos. G. Loggie and E. Byron Winslow; Dougald McCatherine vs. Mered Brewer.

Only 18 of the 23 grand jurors put in an appearance and his honor intimated he would fine absentees who failed to make satisfactory explanations.

At 5 o'clock the grand jury announced that a true bill had been found against Kinney. His trial will commence Thursday.

The local government held a short session this evening, all the members being present. Some business of routine nature was discussed, after which Doctor Moore, president of the York & Carleton Railway, was heard in regard to a provincial subsidy to enable the company to extend the Stanley branch a distance of 4½ miles. The doctor explained the proposition, which is to aid in lumbering operations in the Nashwaak and also help settle the district. The government promised to give careful consideration.

W. C. Hazen Grimmer, of St. Stephen, appeared on behalf of the towns of Milltown and St. Stephen, and asked that the proceeds of the Scott act penalties be paid by the receiver general to the councils of those towns in consideration of their undertaking to defray the expenses of enforcing the act. Consideration was promised.

The report of Commissioner Barry on the affairs of the Deaf and Dumb Institution was submitted to the government and will likely be dealt with at tomorrow's session.

There was quite a heavy snow fall here this evening.

Judge Barker held the January sitting of York Equity Court this morning. The following common motions were made:

John Currie vs. Sarah A. Anderson et al—J. W. McCready moves to take bill pro confesso for want of appearance. Ordered accordingly and that there be a decree for foreclosure and sale; damages assessed at $298.75.

Charles E. A. Simonds vs. Ellen E. Duffie and husband, Sarah J. Doherty, Stewart A. Morrison and Hatt, Morrison & Co.—C. E. A. Simonds moves to take bill pro confesso for want of appearance; withdrawn, with leave to apply to Judge Gregory.

Fredericton, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The funeral of William Carten took place this morning and a very large number of citizens attended.

The funeral was under the auspices of the C. M. B. A. The body was taken to the Roman Catholic church, where high mass for the dead was conducted by Rev. Father Carney. Interment was made in the Catholic cemetery.

It is understood that Wesley Kinney, of North Lake, against whom a true bill was brought by the grand jury in a criminal charge, has left for parts unknown. Kinney was in the city yesterday. He was admitted to bail on his own recognizance for $1,000 and two sureties of $250 each, the sureties being R. W. McLellan and the father of defendant.

The trial of Kinney is set down for tomorrow morning. It seems to be the general opinion that he does not intend to surrender himself.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Jan. 6—On New Year's day, Dr. J. B. Benson provided dinner, consisting of all the delicacies of the season, for the inmates of the Alms House, and toys and other gifts for the children of that institution. In the forenoon, religious service was conducted in the building by Rev. D. Henderson, of St. Andrew's church, and in the afternoon by Rev. Henry Joyner, of the pro-cathedral.

The monthly meeting of the town council was held last evening. Mayor Snowball was absent, and the chair was occupied by Alderman Murdock. Alderman Nicol, of the finance committee, stated that it had been decided at a committee meeting to collect the taxes of the Maritime Fibre Sulphite Company, and that the mayor had been authorized to engage a lawyer to collect them.

The action of the committee was confirmed.

Alderman Nicol also reported, recommending that the seven debentures purchased with sinking fund money, be cancelled sufficiently to render them non-negotiable, and that the cancelling be done in the presence of the finance committee, and that the taxes of Edward Barry and the Misses Wall, be reduced. During the year there had been 36 Scott act cases and 26 convictions, eight dismissals and one search warrant, but nothing was found; $1,243.15 net had been collected, and police court fines for the quarter amounted to $75.55.

A letter was read from James Connors, police magistrate, asking for an increase of salary. This was referred to the finance committee.

The at home given at Government House on Friday afternoon was a grand success. The rooms were beautifully decorated with cut flowers, ferns and palms. An artistic arrangement of ferns, smilax and crimson ribbons made the tea room look very attractive. A large number of guests, including a number from Newcastle, were present. Mrs. Snowball wore a handsome black silk and sequin gown, and was assisted in receiving by her daughter, Miss Snowball, who was dressed in an elegant amber silk; Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Mrs. M. S. Hocken and Mrs. John J. Benson.

The party last night at "Elmhurst," the home of Premier and Mrs. Tweedie, was one of the most pleasant social events of the season. A very large number of guests were present, among whom were many from Newcastle, Nelson and Millerton. McEachern's orchestra furnished excellent music for the programme of 18 dances. Supper was served at 12 o'clock.

Rev. Dr. Thompson, rector of the Antigonish College, is a guest at the pro-cathedral.

Alex. MacKinnon, who has faithfully performed the duties of superintendent of St. John's Sunday school for the last 10 years, was last week the recipient of an address and a Morris chair, from the officers, teachers and scholars of the school.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, Jan. 6.—At the regular communication of Zion Lodge, No. 21, A. F. & A. M., in Masonic hall Monday evening, Past Master Geo. Coggan, assisted by Past Master J. R. McLean, who acted as director of ceremonies, installed the following officers for the ensuing year:

D. H. Fairweather, I. P. M.; Dr. J. J. Daly, W. M.; Murray Huestis, S. W.; Harvey Mitchell, J. W.; Rev. Scovil Neales, chaplain; H. Teakles, (P. M.), treasurer; R. Morrison (P. M.), secretary; H. E. Gould, S. D.; C. W. Stockton, J. D.; B. F. Tribe, S. S.; Geo. Suffren, J. S.; M. P. Titus, J. G.; C. N. Fairweather (P. M.), D. of C.; Thos. Coggan, tyler.

The session was of more than usual interest. After installation of officers the first and third degrees were conferred on one candidate each. There were also a number of visiting brethren, among whom were E. Masters, of St. John, P. M. of Albion Lodge, and H. C. Wilson of Acadia Lodge, No. 8, of Amherst (N. S.); Percy Webster, W. master of Steven Lodge, Petitcodiac, accompanied by E. Simpson, Clarance Simpson, E. P. Eastman, J. H. Yeomans, D. L. Trites and Howard McCully.

H. Cumberland Wilson, of Amherst, is here making arrangements for a concert to be held in about two weeks, in aid of the Sussex fire department. Local talent will take a prominent part.

Mrs. L. Allison and her brother, Irvine E. Murray, of Penobsquis, left here this afternoon by the C. P. R. en route for Torquay, in the South of England, where Mr. Allison is lying dangerously ill. They will sail from New York.

G. F. A. Anderson, representing the T. S. Simms Co., Ltd., was in Sussex today.

W. A. Cathers was here this morning.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Jan. 6—Mrs. Neil McEachran of Mill Creek, Kent Co., gave birth to triplets, three girls, on Dec. 27th. Mother and children are doing well.

William Cushing is under arrest on the charge of stealing $40 from peddler named George McKnight, of Oxford. The alleged robbery took place on Friday night last.

Rev. J. D. Murray, of Red Bank, Northumberland county, is in the city today on his way home from Kent county.

Charles G. Polleys, a mining engineer of experience, is showing his confidence in the coal areas of New Brunswick by putting his own money into development work. Mr. Polleys has opened a mine about eight miles from Coal Branch station in Kent Co., and is now taking out coal with results that are more than satisfying him. He says the greatest drawback is the lack of railway facilities as to haul the output to Coal Branch station of the I. C. R costs over a dollar a ton. He has, however, opened a shorter road, to Adamsville Station which will reduce the cost. Mr. Polleys has the plan for a railway by means of which he hopes to connect with the I. C. R. in one direction and to tidewater at Kingston in the other. The length of this line would be about 16 miles, with the coal areas lying about midway.

LOCH LOMOND.

Loch Lomond, Jan. 5—Mr. and Mrs. King G. Parlee, of Sussex, spent Christmas at Loch Lomond with his parents.

A surprise party was given to Mr. and Mrs. John Davis on New Year's eve; the party was from St. John and Loch Lomond. The evening was spent in dancing and games, and a very enjoyable time was spent by all.

Henry Maxwell, of Hampton, spent the Christmas holidays at Parlee's hotel. Peter Murray, of Grove Hill, spent his Christmas at the same place.

The lumbermen of this place are very busy yarding up their lumber. The Brayden & Stackhouse Company has a crew of seven in the Otter Lake woods. The firm reports lumber is bringing a good price.

Sidney Jones was the guest of Ephraim Treadwell on Sunday last.

A dancing party was held Christmas night at E. G. Parlee's, and a very enjoyable evening was spent. The music was furnished by Leonard Jones and Earnest Harrity.

Miss Jennie Davis and Miss Gertie McLeod, of St. John, spent Christmas holidays with Miss Davis' parents, in this place.

Joseph and Lillian McGowan, of Barnesville, spent Christmas at E. G. Parlee's.

PORT ELGIN.

Port Elgin, Jan. 7—Rev. Mr. Bell, evangelist, of Montreal, is holding meetings here, the churches joining in the services.

The young ladies of this place, attending the several educational institutions of the provinces, having spent vacations at their respective homes, returned on Monday to their several schools.

Trueman and Maunsel Trenholm, sons of W. Curtis Trenholm, left on Tuesday for Wolfville, where they will attend school.

The schools opened here on Monday with the same staff as last term.

C. H. Mitton, merchant, left on Monday for Toronto on business.

Fowler's Fisk Jubilee Singers gave a concert here in Heckman Hall on Monday evening. There was a large attendance and the company were well received.

Councillors Fred Magee, William Spence and William Peacock left on Tuesday to attend county council at Dorchester.

F. Thompson, brother of H. G. Thompson, merchant, reached here on Saturday from the west, and will join his brother in business.

The friends of the government are anxious, from this end of the county, that Councillor Fred Magee accept the candidature for the coming local contest. Mr. Magee would make a good representative and the party would do well could Mr. Magee be induced to accept the nomination.

TRACEY MILLS.

Tracey Mills, Jan. 7.—A very pretty wedding took place at the home of Hedley Sloat, of Tracey Mills, on Christmas eve, when his sister, Bessie, was given in marriage to Burrell S. Foster, of Montecello (Me.), Rev. E. S. Parker, B. A., officiating. The happy couple were the recipients of many useful presents. They will reside at Montecello.

The Free Baptist church of this place is to unite with the churches of Centreville in observing the week of prayer.

Amos Hartley, of this place, died very suddenly at his home Dec. 25. Mr. Hartley was a cousin of Rev. Dr. Hartley, of St. John west.

The three mills are kept busy these days. The excellent sledding is a boon to all concerned.

The teachers belonging to this place who were at home during the Christmas holidays have returned to their respective schools.

A concert held in the church recently for church improvements netted more than $35. From the children's standpoint, especially, the Christmas tree was a big and successful affair.

ST. MARTINS.

St. Martins, Jan. 6.—At the last regular communication of St. Martins lodge No. 30, F. & A. M., the officers for the ensuing year were installed by R. W. Bro. W. E. Skillen, P. G. J. W., as follows:—

J. P. Whitney, W. M.
Thomas Carson, S. W.
R. F. Hastings, J. W.
A. S. Skillen, treasurer.
W. E. Skillen, secretary.
S. V. Skillen, S. D.
W. L. Machattie, J. D.
R. W. Skillen, S. S.
Cyrus Campbell, J. S.
John H. Kelly, I. G.
H. H. Sherwood, D. of C.
W. J. McWhinney, tyler.

The schools re-opened Monday with a fair enrollment. Miss Huestis, of Black River, succeeds Miss Burchill as teacher in the Orange Hill school.

Invincible L. O. L. held its annual meeting last Saturday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing year:—

James Rourke, W. M.
Geo. Patterson, D. M.
Calvin H. Bradshaw, chaplain.
F. M. Cochran, secretary.
James A. McCumber, financial secretary.
Robert Dunlop, treasurer.
John McIntyre, D. of C.
Frank Cochran, lecturer.

Mrs. John Markham, of Sussex, is visiting her brother, John C. Boyer.

HARVEY STATION.

Harvey Station, York Co., Jan. 7—Geo. Burrell, who has been appointed to carry the mails between Harvey Station and Brookway, in the room of Thomas A. Speedy, resigned, entered upon his duties on the 2nd inst. Mr. Speedy has carried the mails on this route for a number of years and did the work in a very satisfactory manner. The Brookway mail was formerly carried twice a week by way of Tweedside, but for the past year has been carried three times a week by way of York Mills and Wilmot, and this has been found to be much better, but many think that it would be a still greater improvement to have the carrier make the round trip going by way of York Mills and Wilmot, and returning by Tweedside.

F. C. Jewett, of Sheffield, Sunbury Co., who is studying at McGill University, was here on Monday visiting relatives and friends. He went to Montreal by the evening train.

Miss Ida L. Glendenning, of Houlton, who spent the holidays at her old home here, returned to Houlton on Monday.

Miss Minnie Glendenning entertained a number of her friends at the residence of her parents on Friday evening last, and a very enjoyable time was spent.

John B. Rubrea, of Gagetown, and Miss E. J. Hunter, of Kingsclear, have been re-engaged as principal and primary teacher, respectively, of the Superior school. They resumed their duties on Monday.

At the annual Presbyterian congregational meeting in the upper church on Wednesday last, the following board of managers were elected for the ensuing year: J. H. Grieve, Alex. Burrell, Andrew Dorcas, John Swan, jr., M. Gass, James Lister, jr., William Messer, jr., and James Rutherford. John W. Taylor was re-elected secretary-treasurer and H. P. Craig and S. B. Hunter, auditors.

DEER ISLAND.

Deer Island, Jan. 5.—The dance held in Moss Rose hall on Wednesday evening was the best of the season. About 30 couple tripped the light fantastic until a late hour, when they dispersed to meet again Monday evening, Jan. 12.

A meeting of the King Edward Rifle Association was held Saturday evening and the prizes for the best score during the official shoot were awarded as follows: Elsmore Fountain, first, $3; Albert Fountain, second, $2.

Court Border, I. O. F., purpose holding a public installation of officers and an oyster supper on Saturday evening, Jan. 10.

Oscar Beany has the lumber on the site for a large store which he intends to erect at an early date if the weather keeps open. Should the weather prove too severe he will postpone it until spring.

The many friends of Miss Myrtle Haskins tendered her a surprise party on Thursday evening. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all present.

Charles Haskins, who has won much fame as a skater, will meet John E. Stover on Leonard's Lake at an early date to decide whether he shall hold the laurels or not as the fastest skater on the island.

Alonzo Calder has sold his fast pacer to parties in Rolling Dam (N. B.)

Everett Cumming has secured a position as clerk in the store of Isaac Pendleton.

Will Welch will leave shortly for New York, where he will spend the winter.

Hathaway Fountain and John A. Thompson will leave next week for St. John for a few days' visit.

Deer Island, Jan. 6—After a short illness, Louisa, beloved wife of the late Charles Stover, was laid to rest in the cemetery at Chocolate Cove, after an illness of only a few months. Mrs. Stover had many friends who will remember her many acts of kindness which were manifested in a very quiet way, which corresponded with her Christian life. She leaves three sons and one daughter, who have the sincerest sympathy of the community in this sad bereavement. Funeral services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. Mr. Ringold, of the Baptist church of Eastport.

Jessie, the beloved daughter of George Wentworth, passed to rest after a short illness. The family have the sympathy of the island. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Foster G. Calder.

Edgar Chaffey and Elsmore Fountain, who have been working in the lumber woods at Lamberts Lake, have returned home.

A very elaborate supper was furnished by the Orangemen to their friends in Moss Rose hall on Christmas eve. After dinner, games were indulged in, and a very pleasant evening was spent by all.

James Simpson Lord, who has been very ill, is improving.

Quite a number of cases of pneumonia are prevalent on the island.

The school at Chocolate Cove is being taught by Arthur Mitchell, of Welchpool. Mr. Blakeney will go to Leonardville this term. He was presented with a beautiful dress suit case, the gift of his friends at Chocolate Cove.

Rev. E. S. Hennigar has returned from his Christmas vacation, spent in St. John with his parents, and yesterday he held services in the Methodist churches of the island.

Mrs. Chas. Humphrey and son, of Mohannes, and Mrs. John Emery and children, of Eastport, are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. K. Fountain for a few days.

Miss Ethel Cheney, of Lubec, who has been the guest of Miss Della Haney, has returned home.

Onslow Haney is visiting friends in St. John county.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Jan. 7—H. H. Stuart, principal of the superior school, returned last Saturday from Fredericton Junction, where he had been spending his vacation.

Jas. C. Wright arrived home yesterday from Boston, where he had been visiting relatives for the last two weeks.

Arthur Eastman, of Petitcodiac, has been engaged to teach the advanced department of the Riverside school. Margaret McGorman continues in the primary department.

Frank Loughead, formerly of Truro, but now of Sydney (C. B.), has been visiting relatives here this week.

Elijah Kinney, formerly a resident of Albert county, but now living up the St. John river, is visiting his son, Captain Edmund Kinney, of Riverside. His old friends are all pleased to see him. Mr. Kinney has been away 17 years.

Mrs. W. B. Kiever, who has been dangerously ill for the last two months, is slowly improving.

A. W. Bray, barrister, formerly of Moncton, but who, for the last two years, has been practicing his profession at Ponoka (N. W. Territory), is in this village, visiting his father, Allan Bray. He is accompanied by his sister, Miss Martha Bray, who has been teaching in the Northwest for the last three years.

The school at Albert has reopened with the same teachers, Arthur Barbour, of Waterside, in the advanced, and Miss Helena Atkinson in the primary department.

Joel Bennett, one of the oldest residents of this county, died at his home at Hopewell Cape today. He had been laid aside from active duties for some time by infirmities.

YOUNG'S COVE.

Young's Cove, Jan. 7—The snowstorm of last night left the roads in excellent condition for sleighing.

William Kennedy is suffering from a severe attack of influenza. Dr. M. C. McDonald is treating him.

Sheldon Fairweather, of St. John, recently spent a few days with his family.

Samuel Baird, of Chipman, with his son, Robert, paid a visit to their relatives here this week.

Miss Ellen McLean went to Chipman yesterday to make a short visit.

Alex. Gale has removed the combined house and store formerly occupied by the late James R. Wiggins, down to his own place, where he expects to engage in storekeeping.

Mrs. C. H. Mott is reported to be improving in health, and is in some degree regaining her eyesight which she lost for some weeks.

Miss Maggie Snodgrass went to St. John last week, where she will probably spend the winter.

The little child of Frank Fairweather, of Cumberland Bay, who had been sick almost a year, died on Friday night and was buried on Sunday by Rev. Mr. Wason.

A five-year-old child of Caleb Parker's also succumbed about the same time to an attack of croup.

Frederick Estey, of Carleton county, was married last week to Miss May Barton, of the Range. The Rev. Fred Todd, also of Carleton county, tied the nuptial knot.

Special services are being held in the Methodist church this week.

ELGIN.

Elgin, N. B., Jan. 8—A case in law of considerable interest was before Justice W. J. McKenzie yesterday, in which C. R. Colpitts, manager of the Pollet River Lumber Company, laid information against Hamilton McManus for destroying property and molesting workmen upon the company's lands in Mechanic. W. B. Jonah acted for the prosecution. Mr. McManus had no lawyer present, but claimed that he had acted within his right.

As he was taken for criminal offense, the justice committed him for trial. The case is likely to come up in the next county court.

The roads are in fine condition for sleighing, but scarcely enough snow for lumbering. It is snowing today.

Last Saturday evening a few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Godard spent a very pleasant evening with them in their new home.

Robert Horsman came near severing the jugular vein while chopping down a tree. The axe slipped from his hand and was caught by a limb and thrown back, striking across the lower lobe of the ear, just grazing the jaw bone and cutting pretty deep into the flesh of the neck. Doctor Steeves was called at once, and Mr. Horsman is considered lucky to escape within a quarter of an inch of his life.

Mrs. Duffy, of Lubec, and Mrs. Bowie and little son, of Chicago, are visiting their sister, Mrs. (Doctor) Steeves.

S. C. Goggin, of St. John, is in the village on a business trip.

Miss Emma Smith is teaching the primary department, in the place of Miss Horsman.

TRURO.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 6—(Special)—It is announced today that the price paid by C. E. Crowe to T. G. McMullen for his South Maitland lumber property was $40,000.

Tonight a deal is about completed for the sale of McMullen's large lumber mills and property at Ellershouse to a Halifax syndicate represented by J. C. McIntosh, banker, and Davidson Bros. This is a much larger property than the Maitland one and the price is higher but is not given out.

It was this property over which Mr. McMullen had a law suit a couple of years ago with Mr. Havelock, the principal owner of the St. Croix paper mills. Damages were assessed at $4,000. Since then the supreme court at Ottawa has reversed the decision but Mr. McMullen claims he is still out his damages. It is understood he is reserving certain rights for refund.

Rev. F. S. Coffin, Presbyterian, has resigned the ministry of Stewiacke congregation after nine years service. Ill health is the cause.

Plans for erection of a new modern court house in Truro, a country poor house and for purchasing a poor farm are to come before the municipal council here next week.

Dr. L. W. Cock will go to Newfoundland next week to take the practice of Dr. Herbert Smith, of Buren, while he is taking a post graduate course. Doctor Smith is a brother of Professor Smith, of Mount Allison, Sackville.

Truro, Jan. 6—A new movement is about to be made leading to the development and improvement of rural schools. Prof. Robertson is the leading spirit in this move and he is expected in Truro in February. Certain schools in the districts near Truro are to be placed in charge of a special instructor, who will make periodical visits to each. These schools are to be improved in various ways, and special attention will be given then with the hope that in the course of a few years they will become centres for consolidated work in the education of the children in the country.

T. B. Kidner, of the manual training school, is the local representative of Prof. Robertson, and is evincing great interest in the new movement. A special meeting for those interested is shortly to be held and it is probable that the executive council of the boards of school commissioners for Colchester county, will be asked to lend advice and assistance to this work.

The sympathy of the town council for Mayor Black, in the recent sad bereavement he had suffered in the loss of his mother, was shown in the resolution presented to him on the day of the funeral.

William Cummings, of the firm of Cummings & Rennie, received a delightful surprise on New Year's eve, when his employes presented him with a very handsome traveling bag fitted with all the necessary articles.

Last Sabbath the confectionery establishment of Thomas Ralph, Prince street, was broken into and quite an amount of candy carried off. There is no clue to the thieves.

Chaplain Lane, ex-president of the Methodist conference, spent Sabbath in town en route to North Sydney.

Rev. A. M. McLean, pastor of Immanuel Baptist church, who, with his wife and family, has been visiting in Sackville, has returned.

Rev. H. F. Waring, a former pastor of this church, commenced his work in connection with the First Baptist church, Halifax, last Sabbath, preaching at both services.

The many friends of Miss Annie Griffin, Bible Hill, will regret to learn of her serious illness.

J. B. Calkin, M. A., and his daughter, Mrs. Sarah Patterson, have returned from an extended visit in the United States.

During the months of January, February and March the dry goods stores are to be closed every evening, except Saturday, at 6 o'clock. Throughout the remainder of the year they will close on Monday, Wednesday and Friday at the same hour.

AMHERST.

Amherst, Jan. 6.—Councillor C. J. Silliker left yesterday for Florida for his health. He will be gone about two weeks. Mrs. Silliker accompanied him as far as Boston.

John Welsh was this morning sentenced by Judge Morse under the speedy trials act to six months in the county jail for interference with Constable Canning in the discharge of his duty. He pleaded guilty.

Thos. Dewire, laborer, created quite an excitement on Sunday by flourishing and discharging a revolver on Church street opposite St. Charles' R. C. church as that congregation was being dismissed; one bullet narrowly escaped hitting a lady. A warrant is out for his arrest.

Miss Elsie Bleaknesy, of Bass River, who has been the guest of Misses Lawson, Church street, left for her home yesterday.

R. L. Borden, the Conservative leader; C. E. Tanner, M. P. P., and H. A. Powell, ex-M. P. for Westmorland, are to speak in the Opera House here Wednesday evening on the political issues of the day.

Amherst, N. S., Jan. 7.—(Special)—Frank Fillmore, who was employed as a brakeman on a shunter, while coupling cars at Maccan this morning had his right arm caught between the buffers and crushed so badly that it was found necessary to amputate the member above the elbow. Dr. Cameron, of Maccan, temporarily dressed the injured arm, which had sustained a compound dislocation and fracture of the bones of the elbow joint, and was very badly mutilated.

He accompanied the injured man to Amherst where, with Dr. C. A. MacQueen, the operation was performed.

Fillmore's parents reside at Salem, about five miles from Amherst. He is a general favorite.

HALIFAX.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 6.—(Special)—A syndicate is being formed in this city for the purpose of sending a gold hunting expedition to the Strait of Magellan. It is reported that some sailors, while ashore there, found fine gold among the sands on the shore and this is taken as an indication of large deposits of metal in the vicinity. Capt. McLeod, of Pictou, has been mentioned as commander for the vessel, as he has been through the straits more than once and is regarded as a first class navigator.

There is a new development in the coal trade. The Halifax Coal Company received an order from Boston today for a chaldron of soft coal and will ship it immediately in bags or barrels by steamer Halifax. So far as can be learned, this is the first shipment from Halifax under such conditions.

A heavy southeast snow storm prevails here tonight.

A Hampton Case.

Hampton, N. B., Jan. 6—John Oram, who hails from St. John and who was arrested a few days ago for maliciously breaking with a stone the window, show bottle, etc., in the store of Geo. E. Frost, druggist, was tried today by Judge Wedderburn, under the speedy trials act, and pleaded guilty. His honor reserved sentence until Jan. 20th, pending an investigation into the character of Oram. His honor gave the prisoner some wholesome advice.

Colored Preacher Minister to Liberia.

Washington, Jan. 6—It is announced informally that the president will soon appoint Doctor Lyons, a colored preacher of Baltimore, as United States minister to Liberia.

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