

News of the City and the Outports

SHIPPING

SAGONA RETURNS FROM THE NORTH.

Was Prevented by Ice from Going Farther than Cape John.—Had a Very Narrow Escape from Being Jammed.

The Crosbie coaster Sagona, Capt. Baxter Barbour, returned from the Northward at 7.30 last evening, bringing a small freight and one passenger, Mr. Blackler, who was unable to reach his destination, Twillingate.

Capt. Barbour informs *The Mail* that the ice is very heavy in and around Green Bay.

He was unable to complete his trip because of the heavy jam, and on two or three occasions it looked as if the steamer would be jammed.

She reached as far North as Cape John. By careful management she was worked free, however, and returned home without mishap.

BALIENE FORCED BACK

Found Ice Too Heavy to Proceed North

S.S. Baliene which left last week for Nipper's Harbor to load fish, returned last night.

Off Cape Fogo she found the ice so heavy that she could not get through, and the captain was obliged to retreat.

S.S. Mongolian is due Thursday morning.

Schr. Artizan sails for the West Indies to-day.

S.S. Stephano sails at 11 a.m. tomorrow, taking the following passengers:—Miss Hamlin, J. McLaughlin, Mr. Benedict, Mr. Fulton.

COASTAL BOATS.

REIDS.

Lintrose leaves North Sydney to-night.

Bruce arrived at Basques at 7.30 a.m. The xpress left for here at 8.10

BOWINGS.

Prospero passed Salvage at 10.30 a.m. and is due here to-morrow morning. She sails West at 10 a.m. Thursday.

OPORTO MARKET.

	Jan. 6.	Jan. 19.
Stocks (Nfld.)	37,300	29,550
Consumption (Nfld.)	2,400	2,470
Stocks (Norg.)	8,520	10,220
Consumption (Norg.)	1,700	1,820

MUCH SNOW

There are about four feet of snow at Grand Falls. It is level and not interfering with traffic.

FROZEN OVER

Norris' Arm is frozen solidly and teams are able to drive to Botwood. All the harbors in that locality are covered with ice a foot thick.

AT GRAND FALLS

Arthur Cameron, late of the Nickel Theatre is singing at Grand Falls with great success.

He has made himself very popular and will extend his engagement there. He then goes to Albert Hall, Bishop's Falls, for a limited season.

NICKEL'S FINE PICTURES DRAW LARGE AUDIENCES

There was a splendid bill at the Nickel Theatre last evening and the large audiences were delighted.

It included the following interesting subjects: "Williamson's Animated News," "Roderick's Ride," "Hoy They Got The Vote," "And Old Fashioned English Elopement," "Yosemite National Park," and "The Spendthrift's Reform."

Mr. Kock sang the beautiful song "Ah, So Pure," from Martha, in a charming manner, and was warmly applauded.

This evening the programme will be repeated.

MAN INJURED, WITH LIKELY FATAL RESULT.

Isaac Hunt, of Pool's Island, was Firing a Gun When It Burst, Injuring Him Frightfully.—Is Expected to Succumb.

The Sagona brings word of a serious accident at Pool's Island on Friday afternoon last.

The unfortunate is Isaac Hunt, who was in the act of firing a gun when the weapon exploded. The shattered barrel struck him in the head inflicting a terrible wound.

Badly Wounded

The upper portion of his head was almost completely blown off, leaving a fearful wound through which the brain was exposed.

His right hand was also badly wounded.

Drs. Kean and Bowden were quickly in attendance and did everything possible for the sufferer.

The doctors would have amputated the hand but did not do so, thinking the man would not live out the night.

Not Likely to Recover

Yesterday Mr. Hunt was still alive but very little hope of his recovery was entertained.

He is a married man and has two children.

SUDDEN DEATH OF JUDGE PROWSE.

Was Found Dead in his Chair Just Before Noon To-day.—Well Known in Public Life and Author of Many Works.

At noon the city was shocked when the report was circulated that Judge Prowse had been found dead in his chair a few minutes before.

Many could not believe it as a few days ago the Judge was in town and appeared as well as ever. This morning he got up as usual, had breakfast and started his morning's work. He was sitting in his chair and at 11.15 was found to be cold in death.

Eighty Years of Age.

Deceased Judge was born in St. John's, eighty years ago, and educated at the Church of England Academy, and the College School, Liverpool, England. In 1859 he married Miss Farrar, of Yorkshire, England. His wife survives him and is well regarded to say dangerously ill.

The deceased Judge was an LL.D. (Lambeth, Eng.) and Honorary D.C.I. of King's College University, Windsor.

In 1858 he was made Barrister and K.C. in 1870.

Was Once M.H.A.

He was elected to the Legislature in 1867 and sat there until 1869, when he was appointed Judge of the Central Court and held that office until 1898.

He took a lively part in all fishery matters, particularly the bait fish.

His reputation as a writer was known the world over and he contributed to many of the leading papers and magazines of the old and new worlds.

Many Writings.

He has published several books including "Manual for Magistrates in Newfoundland," "History of Newfoundland," "Newfoundland Guide Book," etc., and also wrote articles for the Encyclopedia Britannica.

His figure was a familiar one and he will be missed.

TWENTY FEET OF SNOW

Passengers by yesterday's express from Botwood inform *The Mail* that the snowbanks around that town are terrific. In many places the drifts reach a height of twenty feet and over. The like was never seen there before.

Thursday last a blizzard prevailed all day and business operations were tied up. Residents were unable to move out of doors. All the roads were blocked and pedestrian traffic was at a stand still.

Mr. Wm. Lever, of the Martin Hardware Co.'s employ, went to the General Hospital yesterday to undergo an operation for appendicitis.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BOARD OF TRADE.

TWO CHIEF OFFICERS ELECTED BY ACCLAMATION

The Five Councillors Chosen Were H. E. Cowan, Gordon Winter, J. V. O'Dea, Frank McNamara, W. G. Gosling.

The annual meeting of the Board of Trade yesterday was largely attended.

President Gosling occupied the chair, and Messrs. A. Findlater, A. Munn and G. Williams acted as scrutineers of the votes.

The President then spoke on the annual report, and on motion of Messrs. Edwin Murray and J. Moore it was adopted.

Other Speakers.

Hon. J. Anderson, Hon. J. Harvey and Mr. W. A. Munn spoke briefly.

President Gosling replied to the speakers, and also referred to certain matters omitted from the report.

Mr. J. J. McKay hoped that before the report passed the question raised by Mr. E. Murray re the inconvenience of handling freight at the coastal premises would be considered.

Representation should be made to the Government for the appointment of a commission, conducted on the same lines as the Canadian Railway Commission.

Cull of Fish.

Mr. G. C. Fearn spoke on the standardization in the cull of fish and held that compulsory inspection would result beneficially to all.

The report then passed.

The election of officers is as follows:—President, J. S. Munn; 2nd Vice-Pres., W. S. Monroe; Councillors, W. G. Gosling, H. E. Cowan, F. McNamara, Gordon Winter, J. V. O'Dea.

Mr. E. Payne becomes 1st Vice-Pres. and G. C. Fearn, A. McDougall, J. Browning, and R. B. Job enter upon their second year as Councillors.

The new President spoke briefly and assured the members he would do all in his power for the welfare of the Board.

A vote of thanks was then passed to the retiring President, after which the meeting adjourned.

The New Councillors

Mr. W. G. Gosling—Mr. W. G. Gosling is the retiring president, and needs no introduction to the public. He has been a resident of St. John's for many years, and has a thorough knowledge of our trade. He is a man of bright ideas and indefatigable energy, and under his guidance the Board of Trade flourished.

His name is a household word because of his work as Chairman of the Citizens' Committee to make St. John's a better, cleaner and healthier city.

H. E. Cowan

Mr. H. E. Cowan is a partner in Hon. John Anderson's firm, and one of the coming men of Newfoundland. He has spent all his commercial life in the dry goods business and is considered one of our best authorities in that line.

Mr. Cowan is a worker in every sense of the word, a keen debater, and a fluent speaker, and will be a decided acquisition to the Council Board.

Frank McNamara

Mr. Frank McNamara is one of our most successful commission merchants who has built up an extensive business for himself through his act and foresight. A native of the city, he received his early training here and since branching out for himself has made many new friends and kept them. His office and stores are on Queen Street.

Gordon Winter

Mr. Gordon Winter is a son of the first president of the Board of Trade. He is a member of the firm of Messrs. F. & M. Winter, with his father, the Hon. M. G. Winter.

Mr. Winter is a young man, still in the twenties and has been connected with his father in business since returning from college.

He is well and favorably known in business and social circles.

J. V. O'Dea

Mr. J. V. O'Dea is a commission merchant and general agent, who has been in business for a number of years. He has an extensive business and the purchasing public has the highest confidence in him.

His knowledge and experience will serve him well in Board of Trade matters.

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HON. J. S. PITTS DIED THIS MORNING.

One of Our Wealthiest Men and Very Prominent in Public Life.—Was a Leading Figure in Church and Business Activities.

Hon. James Stewart Pitts, who has been dangerously ill for some time, died at his residence, Sutherland Place, King's Bridge Road, at 5 o'clock this morning.

Mr. Pitts was one of Newfoundland's most successful and prominent business men.

Native of Newfoundland

He was born in St. John's on Nov. 14, 1847, and in Feb., 1873, was married to Miss Mary Mackay, who survives him.

His mercantile career has been most successful and he was one of our wealthiest citizens, being worth over a million dollars.

He was a director of the Nova Scotia Steel and Coal Co., the Sydney Cement Co., and agent for them as well.

For many years he was agent for the Furness Withy Co., and the importer of cattle and other live stock.

Was in Legislative Council

He was appointed to the Legislative Council in 1888 and took a prominent part in the debates of that body.

He was also a member of the Bond Executive.

In 1907 Hon. Mr. Pitts was honored by the King and made a C.M.G. The following year he represented Newfoundland at the Quebec Ter-Centenary.

He was a regent and senator of Mt. Allison University, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the Methodist College, and was at one time Lt.-Col. of the Methodist Guards, this city.

Liberal Donor

He gave liberally to the Methodist College and also to Cochrane Street Methodist Church, where he was a regular worshipper.

In the passing of Mr. Pitts the Colony loses one of its best men.

The remains are in charge of Undertaker Carnell, and the funeral will take place Thursday afternoon at 2.30. To the sorrowing wife *The Mail* extends sympathy.

BURN'S NIGHT CELEBRATION.

St. Andrews Club Honors Memory of National Bard.

Local Scotchmen Have a Jolly Good Time.—Receive Greetings From Far and Near

The St. Andrew's Club Rooms were formally opened last evening with a celebration in honor of 'Burns Night,' the immortal poet of Scotland. About two hundred ladies and gentlemen were present and they spent a most enjoyable evening.

The President, Mr. John Browning, occupied the Chair and made a very pleasing speech.

Programme

The following programme was then rendered:

Chairman's Remarks—President Browning.

Pianoforte Selection (Scotch)—Mr. Nicol.

Song (Jessie's Dream)—Miss Irving.

Song (There was a lad)—Mr. Herschel.

Violin Selection—Miss Johnson.

Song (Will Ye No Come Back Again)—Miss Herder.

Recitation (An Involuntary Valentine)—Mr. W. D. Watson.

Song (Angus McDonald)—Miss Strang.

Closing Remarks—Rev. Sutherland. During the evening Mr. J. J. McKay read the following cablegram: "Vancouver.

"To Burns' Committee, "St. Andrew's Society, "St. John's, Newfoundland.

"Gude luck attend ye aye and a'." Wishing you lochs of usquebaugh.

"R. G. MACPHERSON, "President St. Andrew's Society."

Usquebaugh

Usquebaugh is the Scotch for something which contains a certain percentage of water.

The following telegram from Montreal reached President Browning during the evening:

"The Executive Committee at its meeting to-day instructs me to send the following reply to your message received to-day: The mission brother Scots of Montreal will not be complete until you

are one of ourselves. Here's to the Bard.

"J. REID HYDE, "Cor. Secretary."

Mr. R. C. Smith read an excellent set of verses entitled "Burns Night," composed for the occasion by Mr. Jas. Murphy, and which we will publish in to-morrow's issue.

Enjoyable Time.

Dainty refreshments were then served and were enjoyed by all, the music being rendered by Mrs. Melville, Mrs. Cleary and Mr. Nichol.

The Committee in charge carried out their arrangements admirably and Mr. A. G. Gibb who was in charge of the programme was highly complimented on its success.

FOR SALE

One 6 h.p. 4 cycle stationary engine gasoline. Kerosene oil consumer. Engine quite new. Can be seen on premises Union Trading Co. Price \$120. Union Trading Co.

ICEMEN BUSY

Several icemen were busy yesterday getting in their supply for next summer.

The ice in some places is 14 inches thick.

SNOW ABOVE TOPS OF CARS

Along the A.N.D. railway from the main line to Botwood, the snow banks are high above the tops of the cars. The trains found the greatest difficulty in keeping the line open.

The snow storms in that section have been the worst for many years.

BOTWOOD'S NEW PLANT IS NEARING COMPLETION

The new machine shop, round house electric light and other buildings being erected at Botwood in place of those destroyed by fire last year, are nearing completion. The company hopes to have the lights going about Feb. 10th.

The plant is as modern as is possible to have it, all the machinery being the very latest. Not only the company's many buildings, but the streets and residences will also be lighted.

Japanese Hearthrugs

Japanese Hearthrugs, two Yards long and one yard wide, at a dollar and a half, seems hardly possible. But that is just what we are offering this week.

The rugs—which are packed for us in Yokohama—are well-made, are to be had in handsome Oriental designs and colorings, and wear remarkably well for the money. They are specially suitable for bed-rooms and sitting rooms.

See Window.

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LIMITED

CRESCENTS WIN FROM FEILDIAINS.

College Boys Handed Out Their Defeat in Play-off.

CRESCENTS—2; FEILDIAINS—1

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at the Feildian goal for quite awhile, but Rendell and Hunt were ready for each shot and saved remarkably well. Strong now began to think that they "can't lose," took the rubber and dashed down the rink until he met Herder, and there he was stopped.

Referee Parsons saw a misdeemeanour on Gus's part, and asked him to take a seat on the fence for 2 min.

Play began to be exciting and the Crescents worked hard to equalize. Some fine stick-handling was shown and good combination took place.

The Lucky Shot

Bob Stick saw that half time was drawing near and knowing that they had to equalize before the second half, made a run on Hune, and passing the Point shot and landed in the equalizer.

Time 14 min.

The teams now showed their best and all worked with a will; they were evenly matched and it was anybody's game yet. The bell sounded for half time with one goal each.

Second Half

The second half opened lively, Pin-sent and Strong doing splendidly. They kept well in the mouth of the Crescents goal and it looked as if the Feildians would score, but Bob Stick soon sent it towards the Feildians territory. The Feildian forwards tried some shots at Thomas but failed each time.

Herder began to think that the Feildians had too much of their own way and began to make things lively, but it was to no advantage as Strong was ready for him each time.

Got The Best Of It

The Feildians now had the best of the game and played all around the Crescents, but luck was against them and they could not score.

The gong sounded for full time with the teams one goal each to their credit.

Play-Off

The puck being centered to play for the winning goal, was sent towards the Crescents quarters, and Winter taking control of it sent a nice shot to Thomas who sent it to mid-rink, there it was captured by Stick, who with a run and a little 'dribbling' in front of the Feildian's goal succeeded in landing it behind Hunt, scoring the winning goal for his team.

Time 3 min.

Notes On The Game

Strong and Rendell for the Feildians played a good game.

Hunt in goal was never seen better. Nix is the right man in the right place.

The three Sticks played well for the Crescents. They are a team in themselves.

The goal judges should be more careful and should not get excited. They should not raise the flag until the puck enters the goal. On several occasions last night the flags were raised, but the puck was quite a distance away.

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LOGGERS INTERFERED WITH

From the interior of the Island we learn that the snow storms of the last fortnight have been so severe that the loggers were obliged to discontinue work, and when they resumed they were at a great disadvantage. So far the cut is small and more favorable weather is desired.

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MASQUERADE BALL

Grand Falls is well reported for the grandeur of its social events. Last night the club gave a masquerade ball which was a most elaborate and jolly affair and eclipsed all ever held there before. Everything was carried out in a lavish style.

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