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FRENCH SCHOOL BOOKS.

(Special to the Star). MONCTON, Dec. 28.—The joint committee of representatives from the boards of education in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the governments of the two provinces are meeting here today to consider the question of French text books for the public schools.

REV. J. L. COFFIN DEAD.

(Special to the Star). HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Rev. J. L. Coffin, of the African M. E. church, Yarmouth, died suddenly this morning. He had been ill a week.

MAY BE KNIGHTED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—It is rumored that Chas. M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, and D. McNicoll, general manager of the Canadian Pacific, will be knighted Jan. 1st.

COL SHAFNER DEAD.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Col. William Shafner, who has been thirty years in the militia and for five years has been commander of the 6th regiment, died in Truro this morning, aged 68 years. He leaves a wife and daughter.

BERESFORD PROMOTED.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to succeed Admiral Donville in command of the Mediterranean squadron on May 1st.

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Boys' 2-Piece Suits

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY. All lines in which the sizes are broken in Boys' 2-Piece Suits have been placed in THREE SEPARATE LOTS at 98c. \$1.69 and \$1.98.

These Suits formerly sold from \$1.85 to \$4.50; they're less than half-price now.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.

MISSING WILL FOUND IN TRUNK.

Interesting Developments in Patterson Estate Case.

Seventy-Five Claimants May Be Disappointed by the Discovery of an Old Document.

In the case of Patterson vs. Patterson, a suit for the partition of property situated in St. Martins, at present going on before the equity court, evidence was introduced yesterday of a will, the authenticity of a certain old will. This will, if established, will put a new complexion on matters and constitute all owners of the property in dispute persons who were believed previously to have only a very small share.

Some time ago the O'Neill Lumber Company bought the larger portion of the property for \$8,000, but an injunction was obtained against them by the persons who rest their title on the old will to restrain them from cutting lumber on the land. The price of \$6,000 was placed in the possession of the court and now a suit is going on, the object of which is to ascertain who are the lawful owners.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW.

Last Night's Storm Upset Traffic In and Around St. John—Street Department's Incapacity.

The storm which swept Eastern Canada and the Eastern States left its marks in St. John yesterday and is now subsiding somewhere in the Atlantic. Judging from reports the storm was heavier in other places than here and left in its wake suspended traffic and demoralized telegraph service.

A big storm never fails to show the incapacity of the street department. The sidewalk ploughs, while they were out early, were too few to accomplish much, with the result that the sidewalks of many of the main streets were not cleared until late in the morning.

WEDDING IN HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—At six o'clock this afternoon the wedding will take place of Kathleen, daughter of Hon. S. H. Holmes and Prof. Murray McNeill, of McGill University, Montreal. The happy couple will leave shortly after the ceremony for Montreal, where they will reside.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

LOST—Between Victoria and King streets, a child's purse, containing \$2.30. Finder will please leave it at the Star office.

WANTED—A kitchen girl. Apply at once at GRAND UNION HOTEL.

WANTED—A Bell Boy at DUFFERIN HOTEL.

WANTED—A situation by a first class practical baker in all lines. No objection to travel. Apply to J. M. care Star Office.

FAMINE THREATENS PORT ARTHUR'S BRAVE DEFENDERS

Food Nearly Gone—Turkeys \$75 Each—High Prices For Dog and Horse Meat—General Stoessel Wounded.

TOKIO, Dec. 28, 10.30 a. m.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondranchenko has been killed and that General Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Stoessel is also reported wounded.

JAP CASUALTIES.

TOKIO, Dec. 28, 9 a. m.—The navy department publishes a list of nine officers and sixty-five men who were killed and six on special duty. The time, place and circumstances are not explained, and it is presumed that another cruiser has been mined and sunk or damaged.

MEDIATION POSSIBLE.

BERLIN, Dec. 28.—It is believed here that the latest rumor regarding the willingness of Emperor Nicholas to listen to mediation proposals rest upon a fresh inquiry of France as to what terms his majesty is willing to accept in the case of mediation. Official circles in Berlin entertain the possibility that something in this direction has been known that France and Great Britain were anxious to terminate the war.

JAPANESE TREATY.

TOKIO, Dec. 28.—The Japanese government has agreed to the arbitration treaty with the United States. This is the result of Minister Okuma's representation to Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs, who has notified him that his government is pleased to accept America's invitation. Komura further states that Japanese minister Takahira is fully empowered to act with Secretary of State Hay and frame and sign a treaty of the kind at Washington.

PLAQUE AMONG COSSACKS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that a disease whose characteristics are similar to bubonic plague, has appeared among the Kirghiz Cossacks in two settlements of the Ural territory requiring 139 deaths between Nov. 24 and Dec. 26. The localities have been declared to be infected with the plague.

GOOD CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Dry Goods, Eatables and Useful Things Had the Run—Toys and Jewelry Were Neglected.

The calm that follows the Christmas rush has enabled storekeepers to form an estimate of their sales. In the midst of the confusion which attended last week's shopping, many of the busy storekeepers elicited nothing but the indefinite "I think so," or "likely." Now storekeepers will take time to give figures they can give a good idea of the size of the Christmas sales.

32 MEN PROBABLY LOST

British Str. Drumelzier Still Ashore and Swept by Big Seas—No Sign of Life Aboard.

ANNUAL REUNION.

Employees of T. H. Estabrooks Will Have a Good Time Tonight.

The annual reunion of the employees of the T. H. Estabrooks tea establishment takes place this evening at White's restaurant, King street. The guests of Mr. Estabrooks during the evening will include his travelling staff, office staff and warehouse staff. The annual reunion was inaugurated last year and promise to be a permanent affair.

The following travellers are in the city to attend the reunion: S. Hustwit and H. E. Arnold, Winnipeg; R. J. Norris, Kingston, Ont.; R. Pratt, Toronto; E. L. Cooke, Toronto; George H. Campbell, London, Ont.; R. W. Vout, Kingston, Ont.; H. A. Harvey, Stratford, Ont.; B. A. Fisher, Brockville, Ont.; W. C. Gaden, V. d'Oiloque, Montreal; L. W. Cox, Truro; N. D. LeBlanc, Shediac, N. B.; and Lewis C. Armstrong and M. A. Armstrong, city.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

(Continued from page 4). PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Str Tritonia, 2729, Abernethy, from Glasgow, gen cargo. Str Lake Manitoba, 6274, Murray, from Liverpool, gen cargo. Str Sch Agnes May, 22, Kerrigan, from Boston, bal. Str H. A. Holder, 94, McLean, from Warren, R. I., A. Cushing & Co. bal. Str Tay, 124, Sprague, from Boston, P. McIntyre, bal. Str Atlantic Coast, 32, Belyea, from New Bedford, A. W. Adams, bal. Str I. N. Parker, 97, Smith, from Fall River, A. W. Adams, bal. Coastwise—Str John, Newfoundland, and George L. Palmer, Fredericton, were unable to be present. A unique menu card has been prepared. The cover is made of sheet tea lead and in other ways the card is commemorative of the occasion.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS DENY CHARGES.

Conditions on Lake Manitoba Not as Described.

Officers Examined Steerage Every Day and Not a Complaint Was Made by Passengers.

Captain Murray and officers of the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba are very much incensed at the articles that have appeared in some of the local papers to the effect that shocking conditions prevailed on the steamer on the voyage from Liverpool to this port. Capt. Murray said this morning that none but the most yellow journals would descend so low as to publish such a story and pointed out the fact that the regulations of the company, which are carefully carried out, would have brought the matter to his attention long before the steamer reached port. The regulations referred to make it necessary for the captain, chief officer, the ship's doctor and two other officers to visit the steerage in full uniform at ten o'clock each morning. Full uniform is worn, in fact it is a regular dress parade. The steerage passengers are asked if they have any complaints, if the food is good, etc. This was done, the captain says every day and there was not a single complaint made to any of the officers and it was with the greatest surprise that Capt. Walsh, under whose department this comes is expected from Montreal today and Capt. Murray is understood to insist on an investigation. Steamship people talking of the matter say that it is a common occurrence in a large steerage to find women whose morals are not the best. The ship's officers can do little in a case of this kind and consequently at times there is bound to be considerable talk.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE ALONE IN HER HOUSE.

(Special to the Star). KINGSTON, Dec. 28.—Sarah Walker, eighty-six years old, who lived with relatives at Desert Lake, was burned to death last night while alone in the house, her clothing catching fire from the stove. Her charred remains were found on the return of the family, near the door, toward which she had apparently crawled in an attempt to escape.

MACKENZIE AND MANN PUSHING EXTENSION OF CANADIAN NORTHERN.

(Special to the Star). MONTRÉAL, Dec. 28.—Messrs. Mackenzie & Mann were here today en route to Halifax on business connected with the extension of the Canadian Northern Railway. Mr. Mann stated that the unfinished portion of the road would be hastened next summer and that the road would soon assume a national aspect. He also confirmed reports that the bonds of the Great Northern railroad had been guaranteed by himself and Mr. McKenzie and said that the road would ultimately form a part of the transcontinental road.

MEETING TONIGHT.

A meeting in the opposition interests will be held in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket square, tonight. The speakers will be Messrs. Hazen, Maxwell and Flemming.

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100 PRINCESS STREET. Mechanical Toys, 25c. kind for 14c.; Mechanical Toys, 50c. kind for 25c.; 75c. goods for 45 cents; \$1.00 goods for \$1.40; \$3.00 goods for \$2.00. A lot of DOLLS to be sold from 5c. to 15c., worth from 20c. to 30c. A lot of \$2.00 Dolls from 75c. to \$1.25, a bargain. Magic Lanterns; Steam Engines; and a GREAT SNAP on Gent's Shaving Sets and Ladies' Dressing Cases, and other Fancy Celluloid Cases. These goods we will sell from 50c. to \$3.00.

Notions at Little Prices.

Here are a few items that speak for hundreds. All are of thoroughly worthy quality, though prices are as low as you need pay for inferior goods. We can recommend every item. LADIES' FANCY COLLARS, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c. each. COLLAR TOPS, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. each. SILK BELTS, 25c, 30c, 50c. each. PURSES, 10c, 25c, 30c, 45c, 50c, 60c, 85c. each. WRIST BAGS, 60c, 70c, 75c, \$1.10, \$1.50 each. HEM-STITCHED LINEN HANKERCHIEFS, 14c, 18c, 22c, 25c, 28c, 30c. each. FANCY HANKERCHIEFS, 8c to 50c. each. HANKERCHIEF CENTRES, 14c, 15c, 18c. each.

SHARP & McMACKIN 335 Main St., North End.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Southwest gales with rain or sleet. Thursday, high westerly winds and colder again. Synopsis—The storm which has raged with such severity is now centred over Ontario. The general outlook along the Atlantic coast is stormy.

Hats, Caps And Furs

FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Dressy Hats, from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Cloth Caps, from 35c. to \$1.50. Fur Caps, from \$1.50 to \$25.00. Men's Fur Collars, from \$2.50 to \$25. Ladies' and Gent's Fur and Fur Lined Coats, from \$16.50 to \$85.00. Ladies' and Children's Neck Furs, Muffs and Mitts, in all the Stylish Furs. ANDERSON, Manufacturer, 17 Charlotte St. DUVAL'S Pocket Knives, 4c. up. Acme Skates, 40c. up. Hockey Skates, 50c. Hockey Sticks, 15c. up. Skate Straps, 10c. up. Snow Shovels, 21c. up. Framers, 35c. up. 17 Waterloo Street.

E. P. JELICOE, 20 WATERLOO STREET.

Cranophones, Photographs, Snapshot Cameras, and Small Appliances repaired on the premises.

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Xmas Fruit.

Florida Oranges, Seedless Oranges, Valencia Oranges, Jamaica Oranges at CHAS. A. CLARK'S, 49 Charlotte St., Market Building, Telephone 603.

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