FREDERICTON.

Fredericton, Dec. 30—(Special)—An old-fashioned tea, given by the ladies of the Methodist church this evening in connecgrand success. Upwards of 600 persons partook of an elegant repast and afterwards listened to stirring addresses given by Pastor Rogers, Doctor Inch, John J. Weddall, John Kilburn, Rev. Mr. Weddall, Rev. Mr. Huestis, Doctor McLeod, and others. It was announced that \$2,500 had been subscribed towards wiping out the church debt of \$3,000, and \$200 more was added during the evening.

An at home given by Colonel and Mrs. Wadmore at the officers' barracks this afternoon was attended by about 200 ladies and gentlemen and was a most enjoyable function. Dancing was the printing the day. Bridges, was notified by telephone last evening of the death of his father in-law, George A. Metcalfe, a prominent resident of Point Hope (Ont.). Two daughters and one son survive, in addition to Mrs. Bridges. He was 58 years of age.

The curling match here today between the ranks of the president and vice-president was won by the president's rink by eight points. The score by rinks was:

Presidents.

Rutter, skip......11 Randoph, skip......10 Barker skip......12 Hades skip.......11 were served in the officers mess room, and the gathering broke up at 6 o'clock.

Rev. J. J. Colter has laid another information for violation of the Scott Act against Howard Grangle. Deft's counsel, F. H. Peters, this morning obtained an adjournment of trial till Monday.

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Manager R. S. Orchard, of the Starline, went to St. John this morning, where it is announced he will wed on 6th January, Miss Gillis, sister of Rev. Mr. Gillis, of Jemseg.

Fredericton, Dec. 31—This week's Royal Gazette contains the following statement of receipts and expenditures of the provincial government for the fiscal year, ending October 31:

Andrior General's Office.
Fredericton (N. B.), Dec. 26th, 1902.
To His Honor the Honorable L. J. Tweedie,
Provincial Secretary, etc. the act of the legislative assembly. Edward the seventh, chapter 8, 1901, I beg to submit a statement of the receipts and expenditure of the province for fiscal year ended 31st October, 1902. I have the honor to be, Your ebedient servant,

Public works, ordinary expenditure.

Public works, extraordinary expenditure caused by freshets...

Public works, on account permanent bridges...

Refunds, crown lands...

Revision and consolidation laws...

Royal reception...

Surveys and rallway inspection...

Succession duties collections...

Tourist association...

Unforseen expenditures...

Receipts.

Succession duties:

King's printer.

Liquot Heenses

Proceeds of debentures, 2nd Edward 7, chapter 9, smallpox epidemic

.....\$1,102,423.07

bridges in Queens county; Upper Kes-wick bridge, York county, and Shepody river bridges, Albert county. Victoria mill property, comprising shop and eight or 10 houses, was sold at auc-tion today by Referee Havelock Coy, under decretal order of Equity court in a suit brought by Mrs. Sarah A. Fairley for foreclosure of a mortgage of \$4,400. Frank Morrison bought for \$5,050. Mr. Morrison, it is understood, was acting for John R. McConnell, who has had a least of the mill property for a year. The property is said to be worth between \$33,000 and \$40,000. Fredericion, Jan. I-(Special)-The how was observed here under most favo

able weather conditions, and was taken

every advantage of by old and young.

The chief even of the day was horse racing on King street this afternoon, frain from an expression of our apprecia-Nearly every rig in the city was requisi-

Nearly every rig in the city was requisi-tioned into use and there were some ex-citing brushes among the flyers. There was pretty general suspension of busi-ness during the day.

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The president's rink also won on Christmas day, and so captured the Coleman Cup for the ensuing year.

Teams driven by Frank L. Cooper and Alex. Thompson, collided violently on King street this afternoon, both sleighs

sustaining serious damage. The occupants however, escaped without injury. The low figure at which the Hale & Murchie property was sold at auction here yesterday occasioned considerable surprise. The property is estimated to be worth \$40,000 and the fact that credit ors of the late firm allowed it to go for a fraction more than \$5,000 is considered rather extraordinary.

MONCTON.

Moncton, Dec. 30—(Special)—William McDougall, tried before Police Magistrate Kay, on the charge of stealing goods from J. Steeves' stall in the city market, was convicted today and sentenced to six months in jail. The case has been appealed, and the accused is out on \$400 bail. McDougall was one of the gang of boys who had a rendezvous in a barn raided by the police a couple of months raided by the police a couple of months

1,500.00 two rinks to St. John to participate in the proposed New Brunswick vs. Scotland game with the Scottish curlers. T. E. Henderson and E. H. Allen have been Baptist church in this town, will take

Sussex, Dec. 30—The body of the late Handford Kierstead, who was drowned Christmas day at Providence (R.I.), arrived by this morning's train and was not at Apohaqui by deceased. 3,000.00
9,500.00
140.01
2,000.00
Mountain, The funeral was to have taken place yesterday at 10 o'clock, but will be

this afternoon.
Mrs. Andrew Irvine, of St. John, north, and Mrs. Fannie Leiper, of St. Stephen, who have been the guests of Mrs. J. T. Kark for a couple of days, returned to St. John this afternoon.

George White, jr., who was in a danger-

ous condition for some days with lockjaw, the result of an accident, is much improv-184,781.43 ed and is in a fair way to recover.
10,049.5

Miss Annie Gorham was taken seriously ill on Sunday and was taken yesterday

ill on Sunday and was taken yesterday morning to the local hospital, where an operation had to be performed. It was ent rely successful and the patient is now out of danger.

Sussex, Dec. 31—The Trinity church annual Sunday school reunion and candy treat for the children was held in the Medley Memorial Hall on Monday evening and was largely attended and duly

J. T. Byrne, barrister of Bathurst, and wife, are visiting friends here. Major Guy S. Kannear and wife have Equity court withdrawals during the year amounted to \$15,862.47, and deposits to \$2, 928.92.

When, are Major Guy S. Kannear and wife nave arrived home.

The Rev. M. Gollmer, rector of Water-law marishioners, held a success-

Ragged clothes quicklythat's what comm n soaps with "preparens" cost, but SOAP/EDUCES

Ask for the Octagon Bar

been many and the perplexities never absent, yet you nobly did your part.

Our appreciation would seek a more tangible form than words; therefore on behalf of your many friends L have the content of the place. cabinet and purse as a slight token of the esteem in which you are held both for

tends to move here at an early date.

The Sacred Heart church he'd a basket social last evening in the Foresters' hall, health. He is at present confined to the which was largely attended.

J. D. O'Connell, of Sussex, spent yester-

day in the village.

Norton, Dec. 26—Christmas morning gave quite a surprise to the inmates of the Alms House at Norton, when Allan Price, of Norton, accompanied by his little son and daughter, delivered tine kind hospitality of Mr. Almon, of Rothesay, to the people of the alms house, this being the third Christmas of his hospitality to the house. Mr. and Mrs. James Loughery carefully dealt out the presents with sat-

WOODSTOCK.

place here tomorrow.

W. H. West and Miss Orpah West are

Woodstock.

Woodstock.

The department of public works is calling for tenders for re-building White's Cove wharf and Cole's Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county; Upper Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Queens county is the per Island and Welsh bridges in Quee

est eye an entertainment under the auspices

wise Hester Steep and Miss Annie Vallis spent their vaction at their homes here. They are re-engaged at the Oak Point and Olinville schools, respectively. Rev. Wm. E. Johnson solemnized the marriage of Mr. Allingham, of Gagetown, and Miss Corbett at the bride's home in Clones on Christmas eve.

so faithfully rendered in leading our hymn praise in the sanctuary of the Most High. We gratefully acknowledge the unit High. We gratefully acknowledge the unit High.

PENOBSQUIS

Penobsquis, Jan. 1—J. Y. McNeil, of Cleveland (Ohio), and S. M. Freeze, drove to New Ireland, Albert county, today to look over the Freeze mine. Mr. McNeil

We wish you the compliments of the eason with a bright and joyous New Year and a long life of service in the Master's cause.

Jas. E. Price, of this place, arrived house College, is spending part of his holidays in this place. home last night after spending a weck on business in Carleton county.

W. H. Heine has so'd his farm to F. S. Marr, of Jordan Mountain, who in-

this family who has died in two years.

Mrs. E. Phillips, Mrs. A. D. Wetmore and several other ladies will give a turkey supper to the poor children in town on New Year's eve. They will feed 300. They are getting large contributions from citizens for the object.

WILL CELEBRATE 250TH BIRTHDAY.

Hopewell, Dec. 30—James Beckwith, who was arrested on Christmas eve, for disorderly conduct at Albert, was fined arrested arrested on Christmas eve, for disorderly conduct at Albert, was fined arrested arrested on Christmas eve, for disorderly conduct at Albert, was fined arrested on the citizens of New Amsterdam should be allowed to elect their own magistrates. It is the anniversary of this decision that the City Club wishes to make a popular celebration. Governor Stuyvesant thought the measure too liberal, and blocked the efforts of the citizens to rule themselves. He conceded that they should be ruled by the Conceded that they should be ruled by the conceded that they should be ruled by the work of the conceded that they should be ruled by the conceded that the will each to a banquet by the Halifax Curling Club at the club house.

Tomorrow Antigonish, North Sydney, New Glasgow and Amherst will each play against the Scotsmen, and on Saturday the Scots will leave for St. John.

consent of the people.
Curtailed of most of his power, Stuyyesant ruled until 1664, when he surrendered New Netherlands to Richard Nich-FREDERICTON JUNCTION.

Fredericton Junction, Dec. 30.—A very enjoyable social was held here on Monday evening under the direction of the young people of the Free Baptist church.

The sum of \$32 was realized which work.

Immediately after the close of the year the amount of \$73,000 was received.

William H. Scott, of Canterbury, who was lately appointed junior clerk in Fredericton post office, has found the work unsuited to his tastes and has resigned. It is understood that George H. McKee, son of Halmilton McKee, of this city, has been appointed to the vacancy.

Watchnight services were held this evening in several of the city, churches. Letters patent have been issued incorporating Joseph Thompson, machinist, Grace Frederica Turnbull, pinster; W. R. Turnbull, D. J. Purldy, Scata Edith Alward, all of St. John, and G. W. Crawford, Off Westfield, as the Thompson Manual thanks of the company, with capital stock of St. John, and G. W. Crawford, Off Westfield, as the Thompson Manual thanks of the company, with capital stock of St. John, and R. W. K. Turnbull, D. J. Purldy, Scata Edith Manual and purse, accompanied by the following address?

The following have been registered to solemning marriage: Rev. R. W. Ferguson, St. John, Rev. John A. Robertson, Beaver Harbor; Rev. F. S. Todd, of Woodstock.

The department of public works is call.

so, better consult your doctor at once. He will be you the cause. We an provide the remedy which is Stott's Emulsion of cod-liver oil

New Jerusalem, Dec. 29—The scholars of the Baptist school were given a treat on Christmas eve at the residence of Hugh A. Brown. The Bible class of this school gave their teacher a Christmas present of a valuable fur cap.

The Postici Carlot and A young wo nan in Satavia writes us she had lost twenty-five pounds in the months, and her large was and her large with the same and her large was a second and her large was a seco ave their teacher a Christmas present and her largs were seriously. The Baptist church here was presented affected. She took three bot-The Baptist church here was presented with a beautiful silver communion service, with individual cups, by M.s. E. Wallace of this place, and Mrs. Veasey, of North End, St. John.

In the Methodist church on Thursday evening a Christmas service was held consisting of music, recitations and addresses.

In the Baptist church on New Year's send for tree sample.

COTT a BOWNE, Chemita, Toronto

Send for Eree Sample.

AND ALL NOVA SCOTIA

Scotland, 18; Truro, 23. The game was

including several ladies.

In the afternoon the visitors played two rinks of All Nova Scotia, the first match ending in a tie, and second, 11 to Nova Scotia, the match ending in a win

The Scottish curlers leave here Friday morning for St. John. The C. P. R. sleeping car Calgary will be attached to

The failures in Nova Scotia during the year 1902 were 90, with liabilities of \$434,-397 and assets \$186,125. This included 18 in Halifax and Dartmouth, with liabilities of \$90,575 and assets of \$24,025. Prince Edward Island had 15 failures with liabilities of \$131,400 and assets \$42,-

Demerara, West Indies and Bermuda, artived this morning. She has a full cargo George Beade, Miss N. Wolf, of Mt. Allison Ladies' College; E. S. McGee, of New York; S. Miller, C. S. Cassidy, Mrs. Cassidy and Miss Cassidy. The Oruro has 12,953 bags and 103 bar

rels of sugar, for the Woodside refinery.
The smallpox patient at Lewier's Island is reported to be progressing avorably. the case being a mild one. So far ther are no indications of disease among others of the Assyria's passengers.

Many friends of Lieut.-Col. Irving, D. O. C., will be pleased to know that he is about being promoted to colonel. Official

THE CAUSE OF DEAFNESS

Deafness and impaired heating are due almost entirely to catarrhal inflammation of the eustachian tubes. Permanent cure is guaranteed to all who inhale Catarrhday evening under the direction of the young people of the Free Baptist church. The sum of \$33 was realized, which goes to the parsonage fund for this pastorate.

A court of I. O. F. is shortly to be organized here. An application has been made for a charter and it is expected to have it established immediately after the new year.

Miss Edna Alexander, teacher at Hampstead, is at her home for the holidays, as is also Miss Florence Alexander, teacher at Point Wolfe, Albert county.

Mr. Fred Alexander, C. F., on the B. A. Railway, is at home for a short vacation; also his brother, Arthur, an employe on the same it.

SOUTHERN STATES.

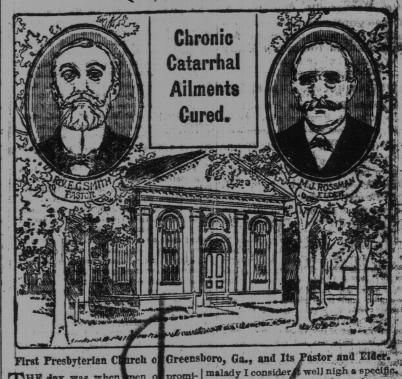
Boundary Disputes. La Paz, Bolivia, Dec. 31-A treaty was signed yesterday by the Boliv an minister of foreign affairs and the Peruvian min-

ister plenipotentiary naming President Roca, of Argentina, arbitrator in the boundary disputes between Peru and Bolivia. The Bolivian government is now considering future action in view of Brazil's renewed insistence on the annulment of the Acre concession. The minister of foreign affairs in an interview today said: "The silence of the synd cate renders the situation more difficult."

Worthy of Solomon.

In deciding that a man who has been called a-liar has a right to fight if he can prove the statement false, Judge Crutchfield, of Richmond (Va.) proved himself a clever humorist of the Sancho Panza type. By the time a man had collected the necessary evidence to prove cated, either the man who had made the statement would be dead of old age or the person seeking to secure the legal right to commit assault and battery would have gotten over his anger. And think of the chances the accused would be taking on finding that the accuser had really known whereof he spoke!—Baltimore Am-

PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR PRAISES PE-RU-NA.



"As a tonic out people it ha Rev. E. G. Sm day Mr. M. J. I of most pro Peruna has b

high and low st Itates to see his r mending Peruna. given Peruna a stre Men representing all byterian church in the person of Rev.

E. G. Smith does not hesithe to state
publicly that he has used Person in his
family and found it cured when other

remedies failed. In this statement the Rev. Smith is supported by an elder in Rev. E. G. Smith, pastor of the Pres terian church of Greensboro, Ga., writes: wherever located.

"Having used Peruna in my family If you do not derive prompt and satisfied the proof of Peruna."

testify to its true worth. been suffering for some time with ea- be pleased to give tarrh of the lower bowels. Other remedies had failed, but after taking two Address Dr. Hartman, President of

ever located. Peruna cures catarrh

for some time it gives me pleasure to factory results from the use of Peruna, write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a write at once to Dr. Hartman, giving a full statement of your case and he will been suffering for the control of t

bettles of Peruna the trouble almost en- The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbus, tirely disappeared. For this special Ohio.

SHOW BIG INCHEASE. St. John Custom House Returns for Year Far Customs Returns More Than \$1,500,000.

in Excess of 1901.

The customs returns at St. John for the year ending yesterday show an increase of \$85,498.34 over 1901. The year has been a remarkable one, as the returns are equal to the year after the great fire, which has previously constituted a record. Following are the figures:

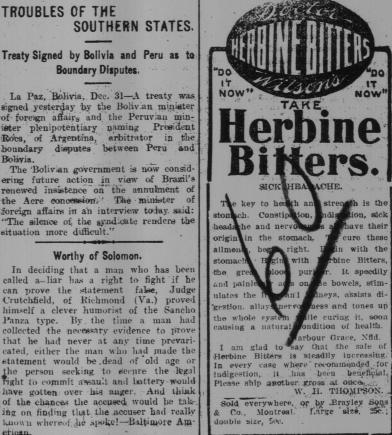
\$ 78,394.79 91,308.71 91,970.50 91,254.7 96,999.4 82,352.6 78,086.96

\$1,022,412.88 \$1,087,911.22 The customs receipts for the month of December show a decrease of \$1,011.14, as compared with the same month last year. Appended is the statement:

Fines and seizures.

Steamboat inspection... 199-12
Sick mariners' fees. 367.26
Reg. of shipping. 4.36 \$80,393.27 \$79,382.13 Appointed Governor of Panama.

Panama, Jan. 1-Dr. Facunda Mutis Duran received last night a cablegram from President Marroquin, appointing him governor of Panama in succession to General Salazar. Doctor Duran filled the post of governor of Panama from 1898 to 1899.



MONTREAL PROSPEROUS.

Better Than in 1901 Montreal, Dec. 31—(Special)—Ju Iging from its cusoms receipts, Montreal closed today the most prosperous trade fear in its history. There is an increase of more

than a mulion and a with the previous ye	half dollars	eturns by
months are:		
I mozem are.	1902.	1901.
January	\$ 818,523	1 \$ 700;683 AH
February		794,333
March		753,122
April		613,704
May	824,030	734,207
June		769,467
July	989,185	936,532
August	1,138,267	9057488117
September	987,575	
October		958
November		758,679
December	906,921	839,191
Total	\$10,981,371	\$9,465,339

SEVEN JUDGES TO TRY ROYAL DIVORCE SUIT. King George Appoints Special Court-Scandal

Undermining the People's Layalty. Dresden, Dec. 31-King George has appointed a special court of seven judges to

try the suit for divorce which the crown prince has decided to institute against the crown princess. preparation of a full, official account of the clopement of the Crown Princess Louise and the circumstances leading up to it for the Saxon people, among whom the most fantastic stories are in circulation, to the detriment of the royal house, es-

pecially with reference to the future to some opinions, the people's loyalty and respect for the throne. The dynasty being Catholic and the people Protestant, the affair is being utilized for sectarian controversy. The king's statement, doubtless, will follow the line indicated in the intimations—supplied to the news-papers having court leanings—published today, affirming that the crown princess' sole reason for eloping was her criminal relations with Profesor Gron, and that the documentary proofs have been found showing that the elopement had long been in preparation. The stories of ill treatment on the part of her furband, of opposition count personnel and of her fet. ment on the part of her flushand, of oppressive court ceremonial and of her fettered existence are classed as inventions.

The enoun princess own account of
the immediate cause of her flight from
Salzburg, written to an intimate friend,
presumably the Princess Therese of Bavaria, was telegraphed from Munich this
morning. It says her father, the Grand
Duke of Tuscany, intended to imprison
his daughter either in a lunatic asylum or
in an Italian convent. He had already in an Italian convent. He had already consulted the court physician and several medical authorities in Vienna with the object of obtaining certificates warranting him in shutting her up. - : Her father, the erown princess adds, was giving her no time for deliberation. He demanded, first, that she be taken under guard to Dresden, to apologize to the crown prince, and that she then

the crown prince, and that she then choose between confinement in a convent or in a mad house. The crown princess asks the Bavarian court to fise its influence with the court at Dresden to permit her children to choose their vocation in life received.

A hotel to cost \$4,750,000 will be erected on the site of the old Hotel from the audicining property in New York.