

ST. JOHN VALLEY SHOULD RIVAL THE ANNAPOLIS

Chief Fruit Inspector for Maritime Provinces Sees No Reason Against It

HERE ON BUSINESS

Nova Scotia Crop 630,000 Barrels, Five-sixths of It for Export—The Dumping of Poor Stock Here—St. John Valley as Fruit Growing Centre

G. H. Vroom, chief fruit inspector for the maritime provinces, who came to the city on business on Saturday and registered at the Dufferin, said to a Telegraph reporter that, according to the best estimates, the 1908 apple crop of Nova Scotia will be 630,000 barrels. Of this, 550,000 barrels will be exported, the rest being for the maritime province markets. There were more grave concerns than of any other variety and Baldwin, Stark and King followed in the order given.

The quality of the fruit was much better than for years, and prices realized were also good. The growers received for Gravensteins from \$1.25 to \$1.50, and for later varieties from \$1.25 to \$2.50. Prices in England were not encouraging at first, but as the season advanced they went up and the dealers made money on their shipments. In Glasgow apples brought twenty-two shillings a barrel, which would mean a good profit to the shipper.

In answer to a question, Mr. Vroom said he realized that the apple growers of the Annapolis valley were in the habit of dumping inferior apples on the home markets. This was apparent in Charlotte town and Halifax, but the worst apples of all were sent to St. John. The reason was that large apple shippers went through the valley ages ago, and they contended that it would eventually mean more to the orchardist if he would dump what remained over a bank than send them away. The result had been that Nova Scotia apples had got such a name for unreliability here that they were becoming a drug on the New Brunswick market.

Speaking of New Brunswick as an apple growing province, Mr. Vroom said he could think of no reason why the St. John river valley could not grow as fine fruit as the Annapolis valley. He had been at Fredericton several times, at the "Growers' Association" exhibit, and he was much impressed by the superior quality of the apples shown. He favored the co-operative plan and thought that if the apples were all taken to a central point, where they were packed under the supervision of an expert, there were four such concerns in the Annapolis valley, and there was talk of one in P. E. Island.

As to the keeping qualities of the apples grown in the maritime provinces, Mr. Vroom said he had never heard of any place where they were equalled. When the fruit department in Ottawa exhibited an exhibit of apples for a foreign exhibition they always sent to him and he shipped those grown in these provinces. As to the future of the apple market, he thought there was no fear of over-production. As the west and northwest opened up, the Ontario growers were shipping more and more in that direction, the trade increasing enormously every year.

WOODSTOCK COMMERCIAL CASE IN COURT HERE

Montreal Company Suing Sureties of Woodstock Concern—Matter of Extra Provincial Corporations Act at Issue.

Tuesday, Dec. 15. The suit of the E. W. Henry company of Montreal vs. Frank B. Shaw and Holden Birmingham et al. of Woodstock, was begun yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice McLeod, at an adjourned sitting of the November circuit of the supreme court.

The defendants, Shaw, and Birmingham, in a letter to the Henry company, is set out, agreed to become responsible for goods supplied to a Woodstock company to the extent of \$1,000. The Henry company supplied the extent of \$2,000, and the latter company having failed to pay for the goods, the Henry company is suing Messrs. Shaw and Birmingham as sureties.

The defendants have put in a great number of pleas, among them being one that the plaintiff company is an extra provincial company and having failed to take out a license, as it is alleged they should have done under the Extra Provincial Corporations Act, they were doing business in this province illegally, and the whole transaction was therefore void.

On behalf of the plaintiff company, it is replied that the company does not come within the terms of the Extra Provincial Corporations Act at all, since it was incorporated by a dominion act and therefore can do business as it was done by the company in any province; further that the company had no resident agent in New Brunswick for supplying goods orders through its travelers, and is consequently not affected by the Extra Provincial Corporations Act.

M. G. Teed, K. C., opened yesterday for the plaintiff company, after which adjournment was taken until this morning. M. G. Teed, K. C., and J. N. W. Vroom, of Woodstock, are counsel for the plaintiff company, and W. P. Jones, K. C., and P. B. Carrell, K. C., for the defendants.

I. C. R. BROTHERHOODS TO RUN CANDIDATES IN MONCTON ELECTIONS

Moncton, Dec. 13.—(Special)—At a meeting of representatives of the I. C. R. brotherhoods last night it was definitely decided to place candidates in the field at the ensuing civic elections in January. The candidates have not been definitely decided upon, but further meetings will be held this week to settle this question.

OBITUARY

Jeremiah Mahony. Jeremiah Mahony, a life-long resident of Strait Shore, died at his home in Chesley street on Thursday evening after a few days illness of paralysis. Mr. Mahony, who was in his 68th year, is survived by his brother Patrick and his sister Hannah, with whom he lived.

Duncan Russell. Salisbury, N. B., Dec. 11.—Duncan Russell, a former Salisbury man, and son of the late Conyers Russell, of Scott Road, died at his home in Bangor (N. B.), this week. The body was brought to Salisbury for burial, and the funeral, which was largely attended, took place from the residence of Todd Russell, brother of deceased, at Scott Road, this afternoon; interment in the cemetery at Lewis Mountain. The services at the house and grave were conducted by Rev. H. H. Ferguson.

Besides his wife and three children, deceased is survived by one sister, Mrs. Amos McLeod, of North River, and two brothers, Todd Russell of Scott Road, and his younger brother in the United States.

Sargent S. Littlehale. Sargent S. Littlehale, who was for the first half of his life a resident of this city, died this week in California. He was a surveyor of lumber, and afterwards in partnership with the late Joseph H. Scammon conducted a lumber and commission business at Sand Point. About forty years ago he went to Stockton (Cal.) where he was an active member of the Masonic fraternity and was a vestryman of St. Jude's church. His wife, who pre-deceased him, was a daughter of the late B. Tilton, of Lancaster, a sister of C. E. Tilton. He leaves three sons and two daughters, Miss Olivia Littlehale and Mrs. T. Edwin Arnold, of Sussex, and Mrs. W. B. Aitken, of Boston, are sisters.

John D. McBriarty. John D. McBriarty, son of the late John J. McBriarty, died Friday at the home of his grandmother, Mrs. M. Corkey, 32 Brussels street, aged eighteen years. He had been sick for about a year. He had a wide circle of friends and acquaintances among whom he will be greatly missed. He is survived by one brother, George P. McBriarty, of this city, and one half-sister, Miss B. McBriarty, of Baltimore. The funeral will take place on Sunday afternoon at 2:30.

Geo. S. Daley. George S. Daley died on Saturday morning at the residence of Miss Cord, 84 Germain street, aged forty-two years. He had been in poor health for about a year. He is survived by one brother, John Daley, of this city. The funeral will take place this afternoon.

Frederick Reid. Frederick Reid died on Dec. 7 in Peabody (Mass.), after a short illness of abscess in the head. Mr. Reid was married and lived at Armstrong's Corner (N. B.), but had gone to work with his brother in Peabody during the winter months. The sad news of his death reached the young wife, who is almost prostrated with grief. He was twenty-nine years of age and leaves wife and infant daughter. His father and mother, three brothers and two sisters. The body was accompanied home by Harry Donald, and interred in the Presbyterian cemetery at Head Brook, near the residence of Sumner Hill, Queens county, is a brother of the deceased.

James O'Brien. James O'Brien, brother of John O'Brien, of Rockland road, died at his home in East Cambridge (Mass.) on Friday. He formerly lived in the North End and did business as an undertaker, in which line he continued after settling in East Cambridge. He leaves his wife (formerly Miss Keenan, of Rockland road), and two sons and two daughters.

John Avery. John Avery, a well known resident of Lancaster, who for years had conducted a fish business there, died in the hospital last evening. About a week ago he was stricken with paralysis when stepping from a street car and since then had been confined to a semi-conscious condition. Mr. Avery was about sixty years of age. He never married. He is survived by two sons—Mrs. R. H. Armstrong, of Paris, and Mrs. G. G. Gault, formerly of South Bay and now of Winnipeg. He numbered many friends and there will be general regret because of his death.

Mrs. Katherine Gaskin. Moncton, Dec. 12.—(Special)—The death occurred this morning at the residence of her son-in-law, Dr. E. O. Steeves, of Mrs. Katherine Gaskin, widow of the late John Gaskin, of Albert county. Deceased was seventy-four years of age and passed away quite suddenly. She had been in failing health, but her condition was about as usual when she retired Saturday night. When breakfast was taken to her about 10 this morning it was found she had passed away while sleeping.

Mrs. Benjamin T. Carter. Hopedale Hill, Dec. 14.—The death occurred at Hopedale Cape on Friday, of Mrs. Carter, wife of the late Benjamin T. Carter, after a short illness of paralysis. The deceased was the eldest of the family of the late Nathan Bennett, one of the early residents of Hopedale Cape, and was about 70 years of age. Mrs. Carter was well known and very highly respected. Besides her husband she leaves a large circle of relatives and friends.

H. K. Hisecock. Andover, N. B., Dec. 14.—The funeral of the late H. K. Hisecock, of Sisson Ridge, took place on Sunday afternoon in the Baptist burying ground at Andover. Rev. Mr. Westworth, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating. The deceased was in the seventy-seventh year of his age. He was born at Hainesville, in this county, starting in life as a school teacher, in which calling he had great success. Subsequently he became one of the leading farmers in the county, and was a member of the Carletonville, near the boundary line. A few years ago he sold his Carletonville farm and located in Sisson Ridge, where he lived with his wife and a good neighbor, and an intelligent and loyal citizen. He was much respected in the community where he resided, and at the funeral of his old neighbors to pay the last tribute of respect. He leaves a wife and one son to mourn their loss.

CHATHAM MAN MARRIED IN SOUTH AFRICA. Chatham, N. B., Dec. 13.—(Special)—Friends of J. A. Watling, who went to South Africa with the Stratford horse, were interested to learn of his marriage at Johannesburg on November 2 to Miss Caroline Myle, of Cape Town.

HARRY PRIESTS GALLANT RESCUE AT SAND POINT

Clarence Foster Knocked Overboard and Was Nearly Sling to Rescue.

Clarence Foster, of 249 Main street, had a narrow escape from drowning in Sand Point slip last night about 2:30 o'clock. He was working with a crew of men on the Donaldson line Kastalia No. 1 hatch, and while landing a sling of freight was struck by the sling and knocked from the gangway between the steamer and wharf.

The tide was low and Foster fell into the water and sank beneath the icy waves. Harry Priest, who had charge of the gang, was lowered down over the side of the steamer by means of a rope sling to look for the missing man. When Priest reached the water he was none too soon, for Foster was again sinking.

Mr. Idles' wife died only seven months ago. He is survived by six children—two and H. P., of this city, and the daughters are Mrs. Hands, in London; Miss Amy, school teacher at West Africa after a visit home, and Mrs. Fred. Shaw and Miss Clara Idles, of this city. There are also twenty-four grandchildren and forty great grandchildren.

ST. JOHN SHOWING SIGNS OF PROGRESS AND PROSPERITY

H. P. Timmerman, Industrial Agent of C. P. R., Arrives in City; Brightening Outlook Throughout Canada.

H. P. Timmerman, industrial agent of the C. P. R., arrived in the city Monday and is at the Royal. Mr. Timmerman said he was on a tour through the provinces looking into industrial conditions. He came from St. Stephen yesterday and expects to go to Truro today.

Speaking of industrial matters in the Dominion generally he said he finds a good deal of improvement in the past year. In the west they were rapidly overcoming the recent depression and down this way he found conditions very favorable. He thinks there cannot help but be a greatly increased demand for eastern manufactured goods in the west as the population there grows. He referred to the fact also, as illustrating the growth of manufacturing in the maritime provinces, that while on a recent visit to Sydney (C. B.) he had seen a large shipment of steel rails being placed on a vessel en route for Sydney, Australia.

Mr. Timmerman, who formerly resided in Cambridge (Mass.) on Friday. He formerly lived in the North End and did business as an undertaker, in which line he continued after settling in East Cambridge. He leaves his wife (formerly Miss Keenan, of Rockland road), and two sons and two daughters.

MYSTERY IN ABSENCE OF HARRY I. BRIDGES, J. S. CUSTOMS DEPUTY

Left Here Friday and Has Not Been Heard From Since—Stories Gain Currency.

There was speculation Monday as to the whereabouts of Harry I. Bridges, who for some years has been deputy collector of customs for the United States here. He left St. John on Friday, December 12, but has not been heard from since. Bridges' duties were to travel on the Boston train between St. John and Vancouver and see that the requirements of the United States customs were carried out in reference to articles taken by passengers from Canada into the United States. One is following his departure on the date mentioned came several stories. One is that he has been dismissed from his position because of thus absconding himself from his duties and there are also reports of several financial transactions which are being investigated.

AGED LUNENBURG WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—At 6 o'clock last evening, Miss Sara Bremner, of Lunenburg, aged 90 years, was lighting a fire in her clothes ignited. Stephen Risher, living in another part of the house heard her cries and on going to her aid, succeeded in putting the fire out. She was frightfully burned about the legs and body. This morning she died.

WEDDINGS. Allan Reed. In the parsonage, at Fairville, on Thursday evening, Edna E. Allan, of Pleasant Point, and Boyd Beatrice Reed, of Fairville, were married by Rev. James E. Boston, Mr. and Mrs. Allan will live at Pleasant Point.

Hunt-McLean. A wedding of interest to St. John friends took place in Holy Trinity church, Winnipeg, on Nov. 24, when Miss Daisy McLean, daughter of Mrs. Adelaide L. McLean, was married to Edward Gilbert Hunt, bride, who was given in marriage by her mother, was attended in a very broad cloth suit, blue hat with ermine trimmings and white fox fur.

ST. JOHN ROSES TWO AGED CITIZENS

John Idles, Aged Ninety, and George R. Lingley, Aged Seventy-eight, Passed Away on Sunday.

Two aged residents of St. John passed away yesterday in the persons of John Idles and George R. Lingley, the former ninety and the latter seventy-eight years old.

Mr. Idles' wife died only seven months ago. He is survived by six children—two and H. P., of this city, and the daughters are Mrs. Hands, in London; Miss Amy, school teacher at West Africa after a visit home, and Mrs. Fred. Shaw and Miss Clara Idles, of this city. There are also twenty-four grandchildren and forty great grandchildren.

George R. Lingley, a well known lumberman, died yesterday at his residence, 214 Duke street, aged seventy-eight years. He was born in Indian town, conducted his business for many years in Millford and lived most of his life in the West. He is survived by two brothers, Edward Lingley and James W. Lingley, both of whom reside in the North End. There are also two sons, W. S. Lingley and E. Feed, of Woodstock (N. B.), and Miss Alice, at home.

Mr. Lingley was much respected citizen of Moncton, who died of his death with regret. He had been sick only a short time, death being due to old age. The funeral will take place at his late residence on Tuesday afternoon.

HALFAX PROTEST AGAINST ALLANS

Board of Trade Alleges They Discriminate in Freight Rates in Favor of St. John.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 11.—Halifax board of trade is engaged today to remedy what they consider a discrimination against Halifax by the Allan line.

Some time ago the Allans issued a rate which put the Halifax rate at 2.50 per ton, while the rate at St. John was 2.00 per ton. The board of trade is protesting against this discrimination, and is sending it back by inter-colonial railway at extra cost of 25c. per ton.

The Allan line's new tariff is intended to secure for themselves this railway charge, for they land their freight at Halifax.

WILL CHANGE THE CORONATION OATH

British Government Will Cut Out Clause Denouncing Roman Catholicism as Idolatrous.

London, Dec. 10.—In the House of Lords yesterday the Earl of Crewe announced that the government would introduce a bill changing the coronation oath, so that the clause denouncing Roman Catholicism as idolatrous would be in the oath, but not otherwise.

Lord Lansdowne, leader of the Conservative opposition, announced his own and the Duke of Norfolk and Lord Ripon. Conservative and Liberal Roman Catholic prelates expressed their gratitude at the announcement, which they declared would be heartily welcomed by the Roman Catholic people. The Earl of Kinnaird, an independent, and leader in many religious movements, especially in home missions, expressed grave doubt about the wisdom of such a change, and was not at all sure that the country would endorse the proposal.

LOCAL NEWS

Shelburne may secure a lighting system for the town.

The barn of Duncan English was burned at Pictou on Friday night.

Christmas trees are being forwarded in large quantities from Yarmouth to Boston.

A large number of sheep came through Digby to St. S. Yarmouth last week to St. John.

Herbert Hann, deserter from H. M. S. Cornwall, was arrested at Halifax on Wednesday.

The S. S. Alice has sailed from Charlottetown with 22,000 bushels of potatoes for Newport News, Va.

During last week five marriages and twenty-one births were registered in St. John. Fourteen of the babies were boys.

The French warship Admiral Aube now at St. Pierre will not visit Sydney to bunker, the coal being sent to St. Pierre by collier.

The new Burrill-Johnson Iron Co., are constructing a steel tug at Yarmouth, and it is reported that the firm will build a small dry dock.

Bernard Henney who left for Los Angeles, Cal., a few weeks ago has returned to Yarmouth. His family will remain in California until spring.

Six men from Joggins, River Hebert and Macan were tried for Scott Act violation at Amherst yesterday. Four cases were dismissed and two adjourned.

A man named Scott was picked up on the roadside near North Sydney one recent night almost frozen. If he had not been noticed he would have perished.

After returning from his honeymoon Councilor Campbell of North Sydney was presented with a case of knives and forks by his colleagues in the council on Friday night.

A rail hoisted out of the hold of the schr. Lizzie Catherine, which is discharging rails at Charlottetown, crashed to the deck and narrowly missed several men who were working nearby.

The physicians of Pictou county who have been hitherto enjoying reduced rates for telephone service are complaining at the action of the company in increasing the charges to the normal level.

The marine officer at Charlottetown states that the steamer Stanley has not left Pictou, therefore it cannot be that which was wrecked. It may be the tug Lord Stanley, which went to Gaspe to tow a vessel.

It is claimed that a man has been plugging poisoned meat at the country at Leigon, and the meat has been the means of the death of several milk cows and other valuable animals.

Orin Milberry, the sole Advocate supervisor of the ill-fated schooner Hugh G., which sank last Tuesday, two weeks ago, has arrived home. Mrs. James Milberry, widow of the late steward of the schooner, is seriously ill at her sister's home in Canby.

Malcolm Nicholson, aged 40 died at Pittsburg on Saturday. He was a native of St. Ann's, C. B., and left Nova Scotia 22 years ago. He did most of the ornamental work on the new Carnegie library at Pittsburg and was senior partner of the firm of Nicholson and Heib.

Owing to the cessation of work at the Glace Bay colliery many families are suffering. An official of the Dominion Coal Co. states that on application to the manager of the collieries the families of old employees will be provided for. It is expected that work will be recommenced soon.

The repairs to the sand bar at Big Glace Bay have been completed by contractor W. P. Macdonald. The new pier and road is now in first class condition. R. G. Milledge, inspector of the department of public works, stated that the pier is now being worked and the inspector expressed himself as being much pleased with it.

The steamer Lousburg arrived in Sydney on Tuesday from Lewisport, Nfld. The voyage, which is usually completed in 60 hours, consumed 8 days. During the voyage the steamer Lousburg was visited by the Lousburg on Sunday night from Gaspe making the round trip of 850 miles in 56 hours. The tug went to Gaspe to float the Lousburg but her services were not required.

M. W. Lawlor is mentioned as a majority opponent of Mayor Kelly of North Sydney at the February civic election. Mayor Kelly's trial for alleged sale of liquor was commenced at North Sydney yesterday. N. A. McMillan is conducting the prosecution and Joseph McDonald the defence. Sixteen witnesses will probably be called including custom officials and merchants.

On Tuesday at Halifax several men who make a practice of trading and selling dogs were arrested by the police. The dogs were taken to a buyer for 75 cents. The horse was in his last throes and was suspended from his feet in the stable. This horse and another one which had been fed on peat-gives and other rubbish were put to death by officials of the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty.

Stipendiary Magistrate Butts, of Sydney, Minn., has issued a writ for damages for alleged slander against a town councilor, who accused him of favoritism in dealing with liquor cases. In commenting on only \$5 arrears were made in the town in 1908, and that of that number only four per cent liquor in Sydney Mines. He said this was a very creditable record for a town of 7,000 inhabitants in the country.

The stipendiary magistrate of Halifax gave judgment for \$45 and costs amounting to \$13.15. The McGarry brothers who are playing the various Maritime motion picture theatres under the style of Mack Brothers and J. A. Gagner, manager of the Orpheus Theatre in Halifax, for the amount of a \$2500 engagement which the defendant refused to pay alleging that the plaintiffs

act was poor. Twelve witnesses were examined. The coasting schooners are laying up for the winter. The small steamer Chignecto is making semi-weekly trips to St. John in August.

The students at the Truro Agricultural College have started a college magazine.

Robert Murray, of Chatham, is at the Royal.

Diphtheria is prevalent at Sable River, Shelburne county and the school there is closed.

Frank McMinnamin of Fredericton is on the finance committee of the Glace Bay hockey club.

Two locomotives could not handle the big D. A. R. freight which left Digby for Yarmouth on Thursday.

Over 100 Italians invaded Campbellton yesterday brandishing stiletos and revolvers. Five were arrested.

A new skating rink will be erected at Halifax, south end, adjoining a curling rink. The cost will be \$1,500.

A theft suspect named Warrington who was arrested at Lockport, is in the Shelburne jail awaiting examination.

Hugh Johnson formerly of the Bank of Nova Scotia staff at Yarmouth has been transferred to the St. John branch.

Mrs. Isabel Story, aged 80, died at Halifax yesterday, suddenly, from heart failure. Her husband was buried a week previous.

Miss Bertha Stanley, of Miramichi, has returned from Fort Fairfield (Me.), where she was attending the high school. She is home to spend the Christmas vacation.

The American fishing schooner Smugler and Tattler were in Shelburne for a few days on their way to Newfoundland for frozen bait.

Ten informations for liquor selling preferred against a Yarmouth man by a Halifax detective were dismissed at Yarmouth on Wednesday.

Dr. Clifford M. Brown, formerly of Yarmouth, was married at West Philadelphia last week to Miss Anna V. Zell. They will reside in Cambridge, Mass.

Town incorporation at Clark's Harbor is again a topic for discussion. Three years ago the same subject was brought up.

An Englishman named Quinn who was found almost perished on the road near Glace Bay Tuesday, was removed to the Sydney hospital on Friday.

F. W. Pickles, C. O. of Annapolis, it is said, have purchased a site for a large shipyard and will commence the construction of a new steel schooner.

The schooner Citizen with a full cargo of freight for Advocate ran into Apple River for shelter last Tuesday and owing to the high winds is there yet.

Harry Starr, the Sydney Jew brought from Truro for bigamy, has been released. It is said the first marriage ceremony to which he was a party was an illegal one.

John McDonald of Summerside sold to Thomas Hayes of St. John five horses. Two of the horses were purchased from the town on Tuesday for \$433 by McDonald.

The government cruiser Petrel which has been at Barrington Passage for a few days, left for Seal Island last Wednesday under the inspection of lieutenants stations on board.

The liquidators of the J. S. Henderson Co., Ltd. at Parrabrook are asking for tenders for the tannery, larrigan factory, warehouse and other buildings owned by the defunct concern.

Rev. C. A. Eaton, the Pugsbay boy who has been called to the Madison Square Baptist church, New York, will get a salary of \$12,000 and free use of the parsonage, per year.

On Sunday night thieves stole four revolvers, knives, cartridges and cash from the store of Douglas & Son, hardware firm at Amherst. Entrance was secured through a skylight in the roof.

Archibald Porter was injured in No. 2 pit, Springhill Mines, on Wednesday and may not recover from his injuries. He was driver in the pit and was pinned between the lumber and the box.

Very Rev. W. F. Chapman was quite low on Sunday night, but was much improved Monday and Dr. Barry, who is attending him, now hopeful that the danger point has been passed.

Rev. T. Marshall, superintendent of Methodist missions for the maritime provinces, passed through the city Monday on the way from Woodstock to his home in Sackville.

The friends of Rev. W. H. Sampson, rector of St. George's church, Carleton Place, will be sorry to hear that he is suffering from relapse of his former illness. Dr. F. L. Kenney was obliged to be at his bedside three times Monday.

The steamer Aberdeen arrived in Halifax on Wednesday with the lightsign Antioch which on the way from Sydney to Halifax ran on the rocks slightly, near Whitehaven. The Antioch will substitute for the Lurcher lightsign at Yarmouth.

Schooner Athlete weighed off 289,000 pounds of salt cod on her last trip to the cod banks. \$10,000 was realized. The average share of the crew was \$200. The highline man secured \$325.50 this year on a single trip.

Hon. W. P. Jones, who arrived in the city Monday, when asked with reference to the action of the temperance people in Carleton county following the seizure of liquor from St. John in three barrels marked "vintner," said he was acting for the temperance interests, but as Police Magistrate Dibble had been ill for some weeks action had not progressed.

Schooner Muriel Walters, Capt. Walters made the round trip from Lunenburg to St. Martins, W. I., and return in the last time of 33 days. She lost 3 days at Shelburne into which port she put for refuge.

John Lovitt, the ten year old son of J. H. Lovitt of Yarmouth, won first prize in the ten year old drawing class in John Wannamaker the Philadelphia millionaire's Christmas contest. There were 2747 contestants.

The condition of the steamer Inverness shows no change. Although she is leaking badly the pumps are keeping her free and the diver is repairing her bottom.

A supply of casing put down to stem the water failed in its purpose at the

Earncliffe coal areas and another has been bored 1.12 miles from the h. one. The contractor had gone down 15 feet but the flow of water prevented him from reaching the required 2500 feet. The buildings and gear have been removed to the new scene of operations.

Many improvements have been made in the Middleton-Digby division of the Valley Telephone Company's line. The line from Digby to Westport is 45 miles long with 2 submarine cables and as the passages of each are noted for swift running tide and rough water it is expensive to maintain.

The members of St. Andrew's Society have decided to purchase a suitable badge to be worn by their president. A committee adopted a design, a handsome gold pendant carried by ribbon. It is proposed that chain be added link by link by the retiring presidents. The cost of the jewel was \$200.

Through the untiring zeal of D. D. McKenzie, M. P., a steamer will be built during the winter to ply between No. Sydney and Northville. The steamer will cost \$35,000 or more, and will also be fitted with cold storage for the handling of fresh fish. Hitherto the fishermen have been obliged to tow inadequate shipping facilities.

The Boston Globe of Dec. 11 contains a picture of Charles Hayes, the Carleton colored man who has just been released from the State prison in Massachusetts. Hayes was serving a life sentence for the murder in the second degree. On either side of Hayes are G. M. Olive and Thomas Kingston, of Cambridge (Mass.), both formerly of Carleton, who have been largely instrumental in bringing about his pardon. They have spent considerable time and money working in his interests.

A. P. BARNHILL AND JOHN KEEFE ARE COMMISSIONERS

Represent Canadian Government in Settling Matters Arising Out of Troubles on the St. John River.

John Keefe and A. P. Barnhill of this city have been appointed a commission by the dominion government to investigate the matter of obstructions on the upper portion of the St. John river.

It will be remembered that on several occasions there have been clashes between the Canadian and American lumbermen in the moving picture district. The Americans claimed the right to stretch boom across the river and they did so, with the result that trouble was started with the Canadian operators in that district who log driving was interfered with and the booms were blown up with dynamite.

The matter was brought to the attention of the government in Ottawa and a commission to look into the matter. The moving picture district government are Messrs. Barnhill and Keefe. They will have as counsel, Hon. H. A. McKeown and Hon. W. P. Jones. No word has been fixed upon as yet for the hearing.

The Dominion government has voted \$20,000 for the St. John river. A case was brought into court by the attorney-general of New Brunswick some years ago, as a result of the troubles at still as the matter is being postponed from time to time. It was said last night that the hearing will not likely be reached pending the result of the work of the commission.

MOVING PICTURE SHOWS GALORE IN MONTREAL

Two Theatres Start Sunday Performances in Addition to Seventy-Five "Nickel" Places

Montreal, Dec. 13.—Two of the city theatres, the Academy and Francis, today fulfilled their threat to inaugurate a Sunday opening, as a protest against the moving picture shows running every Sunday. They both gave moving picture shows, with songs and other musical stunts, but the move did not prove popular. Two hundred people attended the first show at the Academy, while 300 turned up at the Francis.

There were several policemen at each theatre, collecting evidence for the threatened action against the proprietors. Altogether seventy-five moving picture shows do business in the Montreal area, besides Solmer park which presents a straight vaudeville performance.