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The Biggest and Best assortment of Dolls, Toys and Xmas Novelties in St. John will be found at

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Every cash customer will receive a Handsome Calendar.

We have the largest stock of DRY HARD WOOD in the city, and will quote special rates to those who want quantities.

GIBBON & CO'S., 122 Charlotte St. (Near N. Wharf).

BUSINESS AT SAND POINT.

Sand Point presented quite a busy scene this morning, when five winter port steamers were discharging and taking in cargo.

ON PARTRIDGE ISLAND.

Thanks to the King's Daughters and the kindness of citizens Dr. March was able to give the quarantined children on Partridge Island a merry Christmas.

Marshall N. Rich, for the last 28 years secretary of the Portland, Me., board of trade, is dead.

W. D. O'Donnell, a well-known Halifax photographer, is dead, aged 69 years.

Are you using Red Rose tea? It's good tea.

F.R. PATTERSON Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets. WHITE LAWN APRONS From 25c. up. STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 50, lowest 23; wind at noon 15 miles per hour.

Summary.—The storm which is now centered off the New England coast, appears to be diminishing in energy.

LOCAL NEWS.

The best of the good teas—Red Rose. There will be no choir practice at Trinity this evening.

The Montreal express was a half hour and the Boston train one hour late today.

Thos. McGuigan is reported as being in a somewhat more serious condition this afternoon.

In the York Theatre on Sunday afternoon the boys of Mill street Mission will hold Christmas exercises.

Over five hundred bags of confectionery and fruit were distributed to the children of St. Peter's church yesterday.

The St. John students of Mount Allison purpose holding a Mt. A. skating party in St. John on Friday night.

On Saturday evening the firm of Emerson and Fisher will give a dinner to their staff.

Officer Hamm was last evening called into Mrs. Corrigan's house on Chapel street to quell a disturbance.

The ladies of the Church of St. John the Baptist were busy engaged today in dressing the elaborate Christmas tree for the Sunday school children of the parish.

The Carleton Cornet Band played some selections on the west side band stand on Christmas eve, and then spent a pleasant evening in their rooms in City Hall.

A. Gordon Lewis's Christmas greeting to his intimate friends makes them see things. It is a photograph of a part of his splendid collection of birds and insects, with two reptiles.

The steamer Yarmouth did not go to Rodney slip today on account of the storm.

Maroon wired to a friend in Halifax on Wednesday that the wireless telegraphic service between Cornwall and Canada will not be inaugurated for some days, and that both stations were now engaged experimenting.

The steamer Oriana will sail from Halifax today for Cape Town with a full cargo.

A Moncton despatch last night said: "Three trains of cattle are on their way from Montreal to St. John over the I. C. R. The first train will pass through about six o'clock tomorrow morning and the other two some time during the latter part of the day."

THE SCOTCH CURLERS.

Due in Halifax Today or Tomorrow—Play there next Tuesday.

The Scottish curlers will arrive here on the mail steamer Bavarian on Saturday or Sunday.

Some of the curlers are bringing their wives on the trip. Play here will likely begin on Monday and the Halifax Curling Club are making extensive arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visitors.

The curling party is made up as follows: Rev. J. Kerr, M. A., F. R. S. E., F. S. A. (Scott) Dirlton Club.

Provost Ballantine, Peebles Club. Mayor Bertram, Medwin Club.

H. Brantwell, Upper Nisshadale Club. Robert Cousin, Merchiston Club.

A. E. Campbell, Gourck Club. May Scott Davidson, Hercules Club.

Provost Gordon, Bathgate Club. H. Gibson, Beggar Club.

H. Husband, (hon. sec. and treas.) Dunfermline Club.

W. Henderson, Kinnocochy Club. H. Johnston, Upper Annandale Club.

Dr. Kirk, Bathgate Club. D. Bentley Murray, Altrinch Castle Club.

T. Macmillan, Glenearin Club. D. Murray, Kelvindock Club.

Jas. McGregor, Camperdown Club. Henry Frain, Castle Huntly Club.

D. Provost, Criaglockhart Club. G. Deans Ritchie, Broughton United Club.

Mark Sanderson, Duddingston Club. A. T. Simpson, Eildon Grove Club.

J. Simpson, Orwell Club. A. F. Smith, Stenhouse and Carron Club.

The Nova Scotia curling rinks will play the Scottish curlers at the North End rink on Tuesday evening next.

Nearly all the Nova Scotia clubs are sending representatives to Halifax to meet the Scotsmen, and many keen games are looked forward to.

It is proposed to have an all-Nova Scotia team of six rinks, made up from representatives from all the clubs, to meet the Scotsmen on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

IN THE JAIL.

The mothers of Higgins and Goodspeed were permitted to supply them with some Christmas dainties yesterday.

All the prisoners were given a good dinner and about a dozen short term men were given their liberty.

One of them got lonesome and loaded and was taken back before night.

GASPEREAUX ARE CHEAP.

Never Sold So Low in the St. John Market.

The unsatisfactory condition of the markets to which gaspereaux or alewives are shipped caused prices this year to go to the lowest point on record in the St. John market.

They have sold down to \$2 per barrel, which does not represent the actual cost.

James Patterson said on Wednesday, in reply to the Star's enquiry, that some of the early catch this year, which were breeded when the price was higher than it was later in the season, cost considerably more than \$2 per barrel.

They were therefore sold at a loss. He had himself declined the offers of New York parties to purchase from him at that price, preferring to ship in small lots himself, and doing so to better advantage.

Asked why these fish do not sell for local consumption, Mr. Patterson said our people did not like them as they are put up for export, and they are not put up in any other way.

Still, when properly cured for the local taste, they are excellent fish. A former well-known St. John merchant used to get Mr. Patterson to put him up a supply each year for his own use, and preferred them to herring.

But the popular taste has not run toward gaspereaux, except when fresh or smoked, and no attempt has been made to create a local demand for the pickled fish.

The catch this year was not unusually large, and the fact that the dealers are not making profits is due to the condition of the southern markets.

The price is less than half what it was two years ago.

PERSONAL.

Chief Clark spent Christmas in Fredericton.

C. B. Foster went to Halifax last night.

Alban Clarke of Sussex spent Christmas at his home, Charlotte street, west end.

Senator J. V. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis spent Christmas with their children in Wolfville.

A. H. Baillie of the Dominion Bank, Montreal, came to St. John yesterday to spend Christmas with his father, Charles Baillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bastin of Fredericton are at the Park Hotel on their honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Dooe of this city spent the holiday visiting Mrs. Robert Webber, St. Stephen.

Miss Jarvis of the St. Stephen school staff is spending her vacation at her home here.

John Meliday is home from New York, spending the Christmas season with his father.

The engagement is announced in Ottawa of Dr. George S. MacCarthy to Miss Audrey Blair, daughter of the honorable, the minister of railways.

W. A. Quinlan, steward of the asylum, who has been confined to his house for some days, is much improved and will be around in a few days.

J. J. McCAFFREY'S ENTERPRISE.

Along with one of the prettiest of Christmas menu cards comes to the Star from the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, a very pretty little booklet with views of the Queen parlor and dining rooms, and of pretty bits of Fredericton scenery.

The booklet also tells in a brief, attractive way, about beautiful Fredericton and its chief hotel, Proprietor J. J. McCaffrey has entered upon his new field with excellent prospects, and evidently intends to keep the Queen and Fredericton well to the front.

The hotel has been renovated with excellent taste and with a practical man's eye to the comfort of guests. The Star extends to Mr. McCaffrey the compliments of the season.

THIS EVENING.

Loyal Orange Black Knights, Orange hall.

Election of Officers, Court Oungonday, I. O. F.

Christmas entertainment, Tabernacle church.

Mission band concert, Victoria street Baptist church.

Rev. Mr. Dobson in Portland street church.

Christmas concert, St. Philip's church.

McCutcheon-Baxter Stock Co., at Opera House.

Skating at Victoria rink.

FELL OVER THE WHARF.

On Wednesday evening a sailor from the steamer Montcalm fell into the water at the Sand Point terminus and might have been drowned had it not been for the plucky action of David Luney.

Mr. Luney fastened a rope around his waist, went over the wharf and succeeded in placing a coil of the rope round the man, who was then hauled up by persons on the wharf.

He had been in the water for some little time, but beyond a severe chill was none the worse for his duckings.

IMMIGRANTS.

The Elder-Dempster liner Lake Ontario is due here this afternoon with eight hundred immigrants, the usual proportion being destined for western Canadian points.

The Hamburg-American steamer Assyrian is lying in quarantine at Halifax, and advises received here are to the effect that her passengers will probably be detained for the full term of twenty-one days.

VALUABLE GIFT TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, OROMOCTO.

A very interesting and happy feature of the service at St. John's church, Oromocto, was the presentation for use in that church of a beautiful cross lectern.

The gift is the offering of A. Stanley Clowes, a vestryman of St. John's church, and is humbly offered "To the glory of God and in loving memory of his father and mother."

The offering was received by the rector who in due form set it apart for its sacred use.

TREASURY BOARD.

The treasury board will meet this afternoon for the purpose of passing a number of bills which it is desired to have entered in the books before the end of the year.

POLICE COURT.

Apples of Sodom That Lurked Among the Christmas Fruit.

"Christmas comes but once a year, 'tis every one's delight to keep it up—to keep it up." But this year the swelled heads who suffered for their fun were only about half as numerous as they were a year ago.

Last Christmas twenty-six healthy old specimens sat on the bench awaiting disposal. This year the cops could raise only fourteen. Last year there was not a Jew in the gang.

This year there wasn't even half a Jew, but the magistrate failed to make his usual remark.

He opened court earlier than usual, in order to get a good start and disposed of the bench in double quick order.

None of them had much to say. A few remarked that they had only been keeping Christmas, but the majority volunteered nothing beyond the fact that they had been loaded for bears.

Sixteen jags in all were gathered in, and of these three were quietly disposed of. Two sailors were sent on board their ship and one man from the north end, who nearly had the D. T.'s, was sent home for treatment.

Of the other fourteen one was a woman—Mary Jane Toner. The fines imposed varied from five days to two months, and in all about fifteen months' imprisonment was handed out.

The only prisoner at all worthy of notice was Thomas Donohoe, the one-armed man, who with one-legged Tom Nickerson, forms the best working team in the jail, and who only got out a day or two ago.

He went back to his chum and his job. The others were uninteresting and unprofitable, and the majority went into jail to eat their New Year's dinner.

SOME PRESENTATIONS.

Miss McCoskey of the New Victoria hotel was the recipient yesterday of a fine steel engraving.

The employees of John E. Wilson presented him on Christmas eve with an onyx table and lamp, and a complimentary address.

Proprietor Damery of the Park hotel was presented by his staff with a magnificent picture of the Tel-el-Kebir Battle.

L. R. Ross, terminal superintendent of the I. C. R. in St. John, was presented on Christmas eve by the employees of the engineer department with a heavy gold band ring bearing his initials in raised letters.

Little Gerald McCafferty, the call boy at the St. John round house of the I. C. R., was well remembered Christmas by the employees there. They presented him with a rubber coat, a pair of boots and overshoes.

On Wednesday evening the teamsters of White's Baggage Express Co. presented the manager, Harry Green, with a fine office chair.

The presentation was made by Harry Sullen, formation by the company, but with the D. A. R. Mr. Green fittingly replied to the address, and during the evening treated the teamsters to an oyster supper.

A NEW SCHEME.

Which is Being Pushed All Over Canada.

Several of the Upper Canadian newspapers have recently been devoting some space to facts regarding a business concern known as the Canadian Stores Advertising Association, which has for some time been doing business in different parts of Canada.

Upon enquiry it is learned that agents of the above association are canvassing St. John and are securing quite a number of contracts. The business consists of advertising different lines of supplies in grocery and other shops throughout Canada, and the shopkeepers are asked to make a contract with the association whereby the latter is granted the sole right of displaying advertising cards in the stores.

For the privilege of giving this right to the association the merchant is asked to pay a fee of one dollar, but this is not always collected when the contract is made.

In return for the use of his shop, his signature to the contract, and his dollar, the merchant is promised one-half of the profits accruing to the association through the advertising done. This is to be paid quarterly, and in some cases the one dollar license fee is to be kept back out of the first quarter's profits.

The agent who visited the stores in St. John stated that for certain places the profits ought to be at least one hundred dollars per year, and while very few of the smaller merchants who have signed the contract hope to receive this amount they were influenced to make the agreement by the hopes held out to them.

The advertising concern, according to the Upper Canadian papers, made contracts with large manufacturers for the advertising of their goods, and is handling placards for only one house in each line of business.

In this way other manufacturers are shut out from advertising or exhibiting placards in any of the shops whose owners have made contracts with the association.

A second agent of the association is expected to make the round of the contracting stores in a few days for the purpose of measuring the wall space available for advertising.

La Patrie of Montreal criticizes the scheme unfavorably.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

A large shipment of live stock for the Concordia arrived in the city by the I. C. R. today about eleven o'clock and were shortly afterwards taken to the west side, where they are now being put in the stockyards.

The shipment consists of four hundred and twenty-four head of cattle and ten hundred and forty-seven sheep. They will be loaded on the steamer tomorrow morning, after being inspected.

Another even larger consignment, consisting of nine hundred and twenty-five head of cattle and seven hundred sheep, is now on the road to St. John for the steamer Montcalm. They are due to arrive here tomorrow night or Sunday morning and will be loaded at the west side.

Steamship Empress of Japan arrived at Hong Kong, December 24.

AT HALL'S BOOK STORE.

Late Books in Artistic Bindings and Beautiful Illustrations.

An Old Sweetheart of Mine, by James Whitcomb Riley. Illustrated by Howard C. O'Riarty.

Love Letters of a Musician, by Myrtle Reed. More Love Letters of a Musician, by Myrtle Reed. Lavender and Old Lace, by Myrtle Reed. Borrowings, bound in ooze calf. More Borrowings, bound in ooze calf.

In cheap books we defy competitor. Twenty books, 2 for 25c. Other books by best author at the same price.

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High as Christmas Happiness

ascend the pinnacles of those who have seen our exquisitely patterned, delicately tinted tea sets, which make such graceful gifts for Christmas.

C. F. BROWN, 501-5 Main Street.

MAY INVEST IN MEXICO.

P. S. MacNutt and F. A. Jones will leave tomorrow for Mexico, where, in the interests of themselves and a number of other St. John men, they will inspect a large sugar plantation situated about fifteen hours' ride from Mexico City.

The gentlemen interested have for some time held an option on the plantation and the present visit of inspection is for the purpose of deciding whether or not to close the purchase. The property consists of two thousand acres of sugar growing land, a large part of which is now under cultivation with cane and an auxiliary crop of rice.

On the plantation is a fine mill recently erected at a cost of twenty thousand dollars.

The season for cutting the cane is in February, and if the purchase is completed the St. John men will take charge at once.

REMEMBER THE BOYS.

The C. P. R. and Western Union messenger boys are presenting holiday greetings to their friends and are in turn, no doubt, substantially remembered.

The C. P. R. boys present a neat pocket fire alarm list, and the Western Union boys a pretty little calendar.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas was quietly but thoroughly enjoyed in the city yesterday. The services in the various churches holding them were well attended, and the special music greatly enjoyed.

The skating and curling rinks drew large crowds and the performances at the York Theatre and Opera House were well patronized.

LOTS OF GRAIN.

The C. P. R. elevator is now running almost full time, being in operation twenty hours out of every twenty-four. An average of one hundred thousand bushels of grain per day are being handled, and there is every prospect that this quantity will gradually increase.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Lintment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SMOKERS!

HAVANA CIGARS, in boxes of 25, 50 and 100. DOMESTIC CIGARS in boxes of 10, 25 and 50. BRIAR PIPES with and without cases.

PLAIN AND FANCY MEERSCHAUM PIPES. CIGAR AND CIGARETTE TUBES AND CASSES. Rubber and Leather covered TOBACCO POUCHES. TOBACCO JARS, PIPE RACKS, HOOKAHS. Asbestos and imitation MEERSCHAUM PIPES, etc.

CHARLES BAILLIE, 70 King St.

Gold Talks.

At this season, when you have so many demands upon your pocket book, consider the following prices:

Table with columns: OTHER DEALERS' PRICES, MY XMAS PRICES. Lists various items like Men's German Slippers, Men's Extra Quality Overshoes, etc. with prices.

I keep one of the best assorted stocks of up-to-date Footwear in the city. I want your trade and I am prepared to make it to your advantage to patronize me.

REVERDY STEEVES, 44 BRUSSELS STREET, Opposite Baptist Church.