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Regale Girl Friend and Home with a New Year remembrance of choice Chocolates all decked out in a beautiful Gift box.

Special prices prevail this week on New Year's Boxes of the leading Chocolates.

Everybody knows how soon the Christmas Chocolates are gobbled up by both family and visitors—and with all the guests coming to the house this time of year a smart box of Chocolates is distinctly in order.

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### PHONE USERS IN PROVINCE SHOW INCREASE

**N. B. Telephone Co. Now Has 44,000 Miles of Wire in Use**

The increase in the use of the telephone by individual subscribers in New Brunswick and in the number of subscribers during the last year, as shown in the records of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, give some indication of what an essential thing the telephone has become.

The records show an increase of about 1,200 subscribers in the province during 1926 and an increase of more than eight per cent in the number of calls received at the Saint John office, with an increase of about 5,000 long distance calls each month.

The company recently commenced its distribution of the January, 1927, telephone directory and will send out 85,000, about 12,000 being for the Saint John district, while the whole southern section will receive 16,200. The eastern section, including Moncton and the North Shore will take about 7,800 and the western section will receive about 5,000.

**650 EMPLOYEES**

The company is one of New Brunswick's largest employers. At the present time it has 650 employees, of whom about 375 are operators. In summer time, to permit of absence of vacation, the staff is increased to about 700 and about 50 additional operators are hired on.

The company maintains exchanges in 31 different centres in the province and has connection with 94 different smaller companies, making communication by telephone possible between practically all of the communities of the province, large or small.

**MILEAGE IS 44,000**

The mileage of telephone wiring in the province now exceeds 44,000, and of the total there are 8,000 miles of telephone wire laid underground in Saint John.

Apart from the materials for maintaining premises the company's chief purchasers for operation of telephones are made outside New Brunswick. The materials for operation, which can be purchased in New Brunswick, are articles of hardware and cedar poles, and these are all bought locally. The company has in all about 109,000 cedar poles carrying its wires throughout the province, annually purchasing about 6,000 more poles, 5,000 being for replacement and the additional 1,000 for extension.

**DAILY CALLS**

Some idea of the importance of the telephone in daily life is gained from the fact that in Saint John the daily number of calls is almost three a day for every man, woman and child. In Saint John on Dec. 24, 1926, there were 120,000 telephone calls at the local exchange, and on the same date in the entire province the number had increased to 181,860.

The number of long distance telephone calls during a month totals 75,000 and 80,000, and that number has been gradually increasing for some time. It is reckoned that the increase of long distance telephone calls during 1926 was about 5,000 a month.

Saint John district, including the near-by rural sections and West Saint John, has very nearly one-third of the total telephone subscribers in the province. What would seem to be a curious fact is that the number of users of party line telephones is only about one-third of the number of users of special lines. In this district there are 2,672 party line subscribers and 7,457 special line subscribers.

### PRIVATE EXCHANGES

There are private branch exchanges maintained by 34 different concerns in the city, and these 34 exchanges have 216 different telephone stations, an average of more than six lines for each.

The number of operators employed by the company in Saint John is 125.

**AUTOMATIC SYSTEM**

At a recent meeting of the directors of the company it was decided that when the next installation, to take care of growth, was to be made, the automatic telephone would be procured. No steps have as yet been taken towards the installation of such equipment, and it was said yesterday that it takes two years to get that equipment installed and in operation.

### "Valarian Fund" Is Nearing \$400 Mark

The local contributions towards the "Valarian Fund" are now only a few dollars short of the \$400 mark and it is hoped that \$500 may have been raised before the fund closes. A number of organizations have made generous gifts to the fund and at the present time members of the R. C. N. V. R. are endeavoring to make a canvass of some of the citizens to obtain further subscriptions.

Lieutenant Paul B. Cross and Paymaster P. Coombs of the R. C. N. V. R. are receiving the subscriptions and to date the sums received are as follows:

Memorial Service, Trinity church, \$108.00; Officers R. C. N. V. R. \$10; Officers Mess, \$50; Sergeants Mess, \$80; R. C. N. V. R. Company, \$80; Mayor W. W. White, \$8; Mrs. J. E. R. \$2; C. Bell, \$4; W. M. S., \$6; L. V. Lingley, \$5; L. W. Peters, \$2; S. Q. Thomas, \$2; E. H. Hicock, \$1; C. W. C. Oland, \$5; J. H. Prink, \$2; W. L. Harding, \$5, total \$392.10.

**GAVE DINNER TO 71**

The annual Christmas dinner for the residents in the Salvation Army home in St. James street was served yesterday to 71. Major and Mrs. Knight, district commanders, visited the home and spoke with the men.

### As Hiram Sees It

"Who's to blame for not getting the grub into the steamer in the harbor," asked Mr. Hiram Hornbeam of The Times-Star reporter.

"The people of Patagonia," said the reporter.

"What he got to the steamer," demanded Hiram.

"Well," said the reporter, "they are a long way off."

"What's that got to do with it?" queried Hiram.

"Nobody nearer than Patagonia," said the reporter, "will accept any responsibility whatever. The grain men, the railway, the port officials and everybody hereabouts are all at sea. The thing happened, but nobody knows why. We are awaiting advice from Patagonia."

"An' the steamer," said Hiram, "is 'unfortunately—yes,' said the reporter.

"Maybe," said Hiram, "they ought to have brought their grain with 'em from Portland or New York."

"It may be," said the reporter.

### Local News

**IS BEREAVED.**

Many friends in Saint John will be sorry to learn of the sad bereavement of S. C. Howell, who on Christmas Day received word of the death of his sister in Cornwall, England. About one year previously he had learned of the death of his mother in England and of his immediate family only one sister, in London, England, now survives.

**SENT TO FRIENDS**

William McGrath, aged 25, reported to Police Constable Coughlan on Charlotte street yesterday afternoon at 1:28 o'clock that he was sick and had no friends in this city and further that he had been deported from the United States on account of his illness. He was taken to police headquarters, where arrangements were made that he could go to friends in Shediac, and he was placed on the train last evening for this purpose.

### MARRIAGES TO BE PROMINENT IN TOURIST MAP

**New Canadian Routes Guide Prepared by National Highway Association**

J. Charlton Berrie, secretary-treasurer of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, is in receipt of a letter from Charles Davis, Bass River, Cape Cod, Mass., president of the National Highway Association, in which he notes that a tourist map of Canada is being prepared for the season of 1927.

The letter points out that over 83 organizations have assisted in the making of the map and that the Maritimes have been shown up to good advantage due to the information supplied by the New Brunswick Automobile Association.

The move to have the map made was started through the action of the president of all the Canadian provinces as well as the Prime Minister of Canada, who were alive to the benefit of tourist travel through Canada.

At the present time the New Brunswick Automobile Association has a plan before the Provincial Government asking that the roads of the province be re-marked so as to connect with the Maine highway from Bangor. This is known as Route One and follows right into Boston. It is planned to have this route right through New Brunswick to Sackville.

### CHOICE OF RECTOR HAS BEEN DEFERRED

**St. Paul's Congregation Postpones Action—Three Names Are Mentioned**

The names of three clergymen were suggested at a meeting of the congregation of St. Paul's church last evening, when the choice of a rector, to succeed Ven. Archdeacon A. H. Crowfoot, was under consideration. No decision was arrived at, but the matter was referred to a special committee, which will submit a report at an adjourned meeting to be held on Jan. 19.

C. C. Kirby, senior warden, was chairman. The three clergymen suggested, it was said, were none of them from Saint John parishes.

The women of the congregation were privileged to vote at the meeting last night for the first time in the history of the church.

### Robert Sullivan Retiring Dec. 31

Robert Sullivan, freight checker with the Canadian National Railways and in charge of Sullivan Siding, Pond street, city, will retire from service on Dec. 31, after an admirable record of 26 years.

He began his career with the C. N. R. in 1902 and in 1903 was given charge of the siding which has since after him. In the 26 years that he has been in charge of Sullivan Siding, he has become known far and near as a capable workman, always serving to the best of his ability both the patrons of the C. N. R. and the company itself.

Mr. Sullivan was particularly well known to the merchants of Saint John and to many merchants through the Province of New Brunswick whose merchandise he has so often handled.

They will miss with the C. N. R. officials and employees, with whom Mr. Sullivan was very popular, in wishing him many years of continued good health to enjoy his well-earned holiday.

Mr. Sullivan is now 64 years of age and still very active. He resides with his family at 144 Paradise row.

### Officers Elected By The Buffaloes

The election of quarterly officers was held last evening at the weekly meeting of the Royal Order of Buffaloes, New Brunswick Lodge, in Moose Hall, Charlotte street. The results of the election were as follows: Worthy primo, Michael Quinn; city marshal and city tyler officers will not be filled until the next weekly meeting; city registrar, Chas. Alchorn; city constable, Chas. Tapley; city chamberlain, H. F. Tapley; alderman of benevolence, J. M. Miller; city secretary, Daniel Bevans; city treasurer, W. P. Bawn; city warden, Jas. McDona; city marshal, Bert Alchorn; auditors, S. Rolfe, Geo. Sudsbar; trustees, Michael Quinn and Daniel Bevans.

The meeting was well attended by about 50 official members. After the election of officers vocal solos and harmony were rendered by the following brothers: McGourty, Slattery, Kelly, Alchorn, McIntyre and the brothers of the S. S. Montclare. The meeting was brought to a close by the singing of "God Save the King."

### Lunch Kits With Hot Tea Bottles

Good solid and substantial Kits in Black Japanned Cases with leather handle and double catch.

This Kit along with a genuine Thermos Bottle with the shock absorber to stand rougher knocks than other types, \$2.10.

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Special Fashion-Craft

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Men's Clothing - 2nd Floor

Full Dress Suits... \$50  
Separate Dinner Jackets... \$30  
White Picquet Vests... \$5  
Black Silk Vests... \$6.50 to \$10

Dress Slippers  
Mufflers, Neckwear, Jewelry, Dress Shirts

1st and 2nd Floors

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Sale of Bloomers

Girls' nice quality Fleece Lined Bloomers; colors camel, mauve, pink, peach... 49c. pair

Women's Jersey Bloomers, light fleecing, a cosy Bloomer without bulk; colors, cream or mauve—Sizes 36 to 40, 49c; 42, 59c.

Women's Satinette Bloomers, double elastic at knee, new check pattern; colors, black, white, tan, brown... 98c. pair

Bargain Basement

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Low Tide	1:45	Low Tide
Sun Rises	8:10	Sun Sets