

## CITY NEWS.

## The Chief Events of the Week in St. John.

## Together With Country Items from Correspondents and Exchanges

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An immense quantity of freight is being shipped from the Market wharves to various points across and up the bay.

George Robertson of Robertson & Givan, of Moncton, has purchased from D. Jones of Pettitville the fast racing mare Tamerlane.

The new drill school rooms connected with the Rouses College school, were formally opened on Saturday in the presence of a large number of the friends of the institution.

Dr. Somerville of River de Chute has formed a partnership with Dr. M. C. Atkinson of Bristol, Carleton Co., for the practice of their profession. Their office will be at the residence of Dr. Atkinson.

McDonald & McGillivray received last week a lot of fine beef cattle from Moncton. Some of the cattle have already been slaughtered and are on sale at the market. Good native beef has been scarce of late.

There will be a convention in the R. T. of H. hall, King street, Woodstock, on January 3rd, to consider the advisability of placing a prohibition candidate in the field in Carleton county at the coming elections.

The Masonic Grand Lodge of New Brunswick will hold a Lodge of Sorority in the Masonic hall on Tuesday evening, 18th inst., in memory of the late Judge Peters. This will be the first ceremony of the kind ever held in this province.

The Dartmouth Electric Co. are enlarging their plant and have ordered a 125 horse power engine and boiler from the Robb Engineering Co. The engine will be a Robb-Armstrong tandem compound, and the boiler a monarch economic with Adamson flanged furnace.

It is proposed in connection with the Y. M. C. A. of this city to organize a series of practical talks on "Civil Subjects" with a view of familiarizing the people with the objects and methods of civic government; its advantages and disadvantages; needs and possibilities of reform.

Zion Methodist church, corner of Wall street and Burpee avenue; pastor, Rev. Dr. Wilson. The pastor will preach tomorrow at 3 p. m. subject, "The Angels Ministering to Jesus." School at 3.30 a. m. Social service at 8 p. m. Thursdays. Seats free and all made welcome.

The statement that the Rev. Mr. Fuller of Calais had been taken to the insane asylum is incorrect. Mr. Fuller has been in ill health, which caused temporary derangement, and is now with his father at the latter's home in West Quincy, Massachusetts. His health is greatly improved.

Miss Graves, for twelve years principal of Acadia seminary, has tendered her resignation to the board of governors, the same to take effect at the close of the present term. Her resignation was followed by that of Miss Eliza T. Harding, teacher of painting, and of Franklin Margaret Suek, director of piano instruction.

The causes of death reported at the board of health office for the week ending December 8th, were: Meningitis, 2; consumption of lungs, 2; old age, 1; marasmus, 1; typhoid fever, 1; acute bronchitis, 1; pulmonary phthisis, 1; tubercular peritonitis, 1; tuberculosis of brain, 1; cancer of bladder and stomach, 1; total, 12.

Chief of police Clark received a telegram on Saturday asking him to arrest Charles Phillips, a young colored man who had stolen some money from the McAdam hotel and left for St. John. Phillips was captured, but the people from whom he had taken the money declined to prosecute, so he was let go. The young man had been an employee of the hotel.

E. G. Nelson & Co., booksellers on the corner of King and Charlotte streets, have had a No. 1 double plate glass outside window put on the front of their store. This makes a marked improvement in the appearance of the window, doing away with the small panes of the old and outside sashes, and is the first one put in this city. W. H. Thorne & Co. supplied the glass.

When the Mt. Allison football team got into battle they took out accident policies for the day. The premium amounts to twenty-five cents per day, and if injured during the life of the policy the holder is entitled to \$15 per week. Young Butler, who had his leg broken in the game at Moncton on Saturday, will draw this amount until he gets well again—Sackville Post.

It has been agreed between the British and Canadian postal authorities that no objection will be made to forwarding at printed matter rate on Christmas and New Year cards on which a few words of friendly greeting have been inscribed. It will be necessary, however, that this privilege be not observed for the sending of messages partaking of the nature of correspondence.

## THE ENGLISH REFORMATION.

## Rev. J. M. Dayenport's Second Sermon on this Subject.

The First and Second Prayer Books Issued by Edward VI.

(From the Daily Sun of the 8th.)

Rev. J. M. Dayenport delivered his second sermon on the English Reformation last evening in the Mission church, Paradise row. In his first lecture he spoke particularly of the religious movement as continued to the reign of Henry VIII. He pointed out that the work of the reformation was not completed in England for more than a hundred years after the reign of Henry VIII.

The first prayer book of Edward VI. was issued in 1549, and was a book of great importance. It was a book of prayer, and was the first book of its kind in England. It was a book of prayer, and was the first book of its kind in England. It was a book of prayer, and was the first book of its kind in England.

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## A BIG CRASH.

## Several Disastrous Failures in St. John's, Nfld.

## The Commercial Bank Goes Down and the Union Suspends.

## Four Big Firms Assign—St. John and Halifax Firms Interested.

(Special to the Sun.)

Montreal, Dec. 10.—The Newfoundland failures have caused a lively interest here. The Bank of Montreal being agents for the Union and the Merchants Bank of Canada for the Commercial. The Quebec bank, however, did most of the St. John's business. Manager McDougall told your correspondent today that until more information reached him he could not say who was caught in this city.

He said that Newfoundland will have to come into confederation, and that the Bank of Montreal or some other large institution been established in St. John's there would have been no trouble of the kind now being experienced in difficulties owing to complete lack of banking accommodation.

Halifax, Dec. 10.—How will the failure of the Newfoundland banks affect Halifax banks? This was asked by the Sun correspondent of a well posted cashier last night. He replied, "Very slightly. They remain as they are for our collection, giving sterling exchange on the Newfoundland banks. The bank would be the amount of unaccepted exchange in transit and \$15,000 would be an outside estimate of this. Besides it is very probable the suspension is only temporary."

"Can you give a statement of the position of the St. John's banks?" "The last one I have of the Union bank gives a capital of \$450,000; rest, \$300,000; circulation, \$300,000; against which they held \$200,000 in coin and had \$171,000 at their credit with London and American banks, besides the double liability of the shareholders. For some years they have paid 15 per cent dividend and have always been regarded as a strong financial institution, and I would consider the note holders have no cause for uneasiness."

"How will the failure of the St. John's firms affect Halifax merchants?" "I think very little. Montreal having of late years taken the trade from them. The principal losses will be shippers of produce, etc., from Prince Edward Island and eastern Nova Scotia, and as remittances were made every mail by the St. John's merchants and no credit given on large amounts would likely be due, but in the meantime until matters are settled on a firm basis shippers may have to carry over stocks on hand."

By the Associated Press. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 10.—The Commercial bank of Newfoundland, having its headquarters in this city, has suspended payment owing to the failure of several of the largest fish exporting houses in response to their liabilities to the bank. This has involved other banks and has crippled at least ten of the largest concerns here. Four of them have closed their businesses and others will close tomorrow.

The small depositors are demanding gold from the Union and Savings banks and the gold reserve is being steadily drained. If they are able to meet these, everything is safe, but the chief danger is the difficulty in getting more gold into the country. At present, the people are very peaceful and unable to appreciate the gravity of the situation.

Business men of all classes are trying to effect an arrangement with London bankers or with Canadian concerns which will be urged to extend business to this centre.

London, Dec. 10.—The manager of the London and Westminster bank, the correspondent in this city of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland, says that he knows nothing of any effort to get London bankers to assist the Newfoundland institution. The manager adds that he received a cable despatch this afternoon announcing the suspension of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland, but giving no details.

Halifax, N.S., Dec. 10.—Consternation has been caused here by the financial collapse in Newfoundland, as Halifax has a large business relation with that colony. The latest reports say the Commercial Bank, which was considered one of the strongest, has closed indefinitely, and that the Union bank has suspended temporarily.

The firms failed or involved are: Joel Brothers, Edwin Duder, Goodridge, Son & Co., and John Steer, the largest concerns in Newfoundland. Provise, Hall, and Morris, of London, who suspended, were the primary cause of the disaster. They were the English agents of all these concerns. It is feared that there will be further failures during the next few days.

St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 10.—The total number of failures today were five in addition to that of the Commercial Bank of Newfoundland. The failed firms were deeply indebted to the Commercial Bank. Their liabilities cannot be ascertained, but must amount to several millions of dollars. It will be impossible to revive the Commercial Bank, but by careful financial management a return of fifty per cent on their holdings. There is no market for securities of any kind. The bank shareholders will lose everything. As only first calls on the shares have been made, the holders are for other similar sums above the losses.

The Union Bank is solvent, yet it is suspended temporarily so as to not exhaust all its gold reserve. It proposes to pay full value for the shares, and to bring more gold. Unpleasant rumors are current tonight, however, as to its prospects of keeping above water, it being said that it supposedly strongest backers will suspend.

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## BIG FIRE P. E. ISLAND.

## Greater Part of Mount Stewart Burned—Seventeen Stores and Buildings Destroyed.

Trigon, Dec. 6.—Quite a little excitement is being raised in the selection of a successor to the late postmaster of this place. A petition has been gotten up for the removal of the post office to another part of the village, and a location being made, has been much more largely signed than the former.

The Trigon woolen mills have shut down for at least two months, and possibly for the whole winter. A heavy stock on hand and a recent change in the personnel of the business are the causes assigned.

Mrs. John L. Muttart, who recently been on a visit to her friends, left a few days since to spend the winter with her sons in Jersey City, two of whom were in extensive medical practice. Another is in the military in the Connecticut army.

William Morrison of Mount Trigon, who a week or two ago fell in his barn, breaking one of his legs below the knee and dislocated the ankle joint, is doing as well as can be expected.

Victoria, Dec. 7.—Capt. Stewart has made his last trip for the season, and is getting his schooner into winter quarters.

Capt. Lord, who on Tuesday was making for the coast of the channel and up to the present has not succeeded in getting off. It is thought he will not wait for high tide.

Another vessel is outside waiting to come in, but is detained by a heavy fog of ice.

Bedford, Dec. 4.—A Dunkirk cheese factory, situated at Central Bedford, turned out 15,000 pounds of cheese, or 11,000 cheeses averaging about 70 pounds each.

Conference on temperance Sunday was observed by the Methodist church and the Rev. W. J. Kirby presiding (temperance) in the Cape Traverse and Bedford churches.

This is "self denial week" in the Salvation Army, and two Salvation army ladies paraded through Bedford today, soliciting subscriptions for their "rescue work." They were evidently doing well by the amount subscribed on their lists.

The Rev. W. J. Kirby is engaged in special services in the Public hall, and is expected to be here for some time.

Mrs. John R. Bowdoin is suffering from an attack of la grippe. George H. Bowdoin, oldest man in the village, is also quite sick. Colds are quite prevalent in this village just now.

Halifax, Dec. 8.—A despatch from Charlottetown, P. E. I., says the greater part of the village of Mount Stewart was destroyed by fire last night.

The fire broke out at one o'clock in the store of J. M. Egan & Co.

Seventeen stores and buildings were burned, including the store and a residence of James Ross; the two stores of Messrs. Egan; the store of J. McCarty; S. C. Clark, Gordon Douglas, H. C. Coffin, and the residences of J. Gorman, Angus McEachern, James Coffin and Hugh Currie.

Both sides of Main street were stripped to the river.

As far as can be ascertained, the total loss by the fire at Mount Stewart is \$30,000; insurance about \$10,000.

S. C. Clark, James Ross, Gordon Douglas and J. M. Egan were the only persons insured.

Mr. Coffin had the misfortune to break his leg trying to save his stock. The fire was proved to have been a business men in Mount Stewart.

ON EVEN TERMS.

Baron Hausmann, the celebrated French administrator, who may almost be said to have made Paris a new city, used to relate the following anecdote by way of illustrating the feeling of many country gentlemen toward the prefects.

"One of these entered the prefect's office, having some complaint to make, and proceeded to state his errand in a pretty lofty tone, and without taking off his hat. The officer was equal to the occasion, and said to him: 'Wait a moment,' he said, and rang a bell. A servant answered the summons.

"Bring me my hat," said the prefect.

"The hat was brought, the officer put it on, and turned to his caller.

"Now," said he, "I will hear you."

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