

RESPECTABLE
Westerner Met Widow on Steamer for First Time and They Were Married at Halifax, Arriving Here Saturday

The Allan liner Hesperian which arrived here Saturday evening brought a story of romance which illustrates the Western Canadian's capacity for embracing opportunities.

When the steamer left Liverpool, numbered among her passengers were Julius Rickert and Mrs. Elizabeth Richards, and neither one knew the other. Rickert was a saloon passenger, and on the ship met Mrs. Richards, a sprightly matron, who, with her young daughter, was among the second cabin passengers and was bound to Winnipeg. It was a case of love at first sight on both sides and developments followed fast, so that when the steamer docked at Halifax Friday morning all that was needed to make the couple happy was a marriage license and a minister.

As soon as possible after reaching Halifax the necessary documents were obtained, and the couple paid a visit to Rev. H. W. Cunningham and were quickly made one. After the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Rickert returned to the steamer and came on to St. John.

Rickert, although a Frenchman by birth, is a naturalized Canadian and being interested in some very profitable mining properties in the West, is reputed to be immensely wealthy. Mrs. Rickert is an English woman, and is now making her first visit to Canada, having spent her previous home in Winnipeg, but will now accompany her husband.

GENETARY CHILDREN PRESENT THEIR GIFTS
360 Members of Sunday School Contribute at Interesting Service Yesterday—Formidable Collection.

With a wealth of appropriate and novel decorative effects, a large attendance of happy children and interested adults and a most interesting programme of exercises, Centenary church Sunday school held an open session yesterday afternoon, when the class offerings for the poor of the city were taken. A feature of the gathering was the presence in the parent school of four children from the Mission Sunday school at the Marsh Bridge. This school was formed through the efforts of the Centenary Sunday school, and has been a few weeks ago and already has a good enrollment of scholars and is being very successfully conducted.

Centenary school room was very prettily decorated for the Christmas with evergreens and bunting, while each class was represented by a trimmed Christmas tree in miniature. On the platform was a mammoth Christmas tree with its burden of candy, popcorn and seasonal offerings. The tree occupied a central position, while to the right hand was a representation of a Yule-tide fir, with its burning logs and stockings in readiness for the nocturnal visit of the patron saint of Christmas time. A choir of prettily gowned little girls was grouped about the novel tree, and during the afternoon they sang Christmas carols, the whole being arranged to carry out the idea of Christmas at home.

EMPIRE THREATENED BY ROMAN CATHOLICS

Rev. J. L. Batty Makes Strong Statements in Lecture Here Yesterday—A Church With Two Faces.

Rev. J. L. Batty, of Moncton, delivered a lecture on Protestantism and the Empire before a large meeting in the Portland Methodist church yesterday afternoon under the auspices of the Portland Y. M. A. He declared the Roman Catholic church was determined to extend its power over Canada, and that the people ought to view with alarm its designs upon their country. He devoted much time to the Boucher Congress at Montreal, and stated that the Roman Catholic church had exercised a malignant influence upon the affairs of all nations.

He could not understand, he said, why people wanted to put on their war paint because Father Vaughan said Protestantism was a soulless religion. The Protestants made no bones of saying that Roman Catholicism was idolatry; in fact that view was put into national documents. If it came to a question of calling names, the Protestants should take the prize. No Return Ticket.

The speaker said Father Vaughan's most significant statement was that next time he came to this country he would not take a return ticket. This meant that Father Vaughan thought that Roman Catholicism would soon be so fully established here that he would be quite at home. Archbishop Bourne had said that the other denominations would come into the Roman Catholic church before long. But the speaker thought that Protestants could not as a matter of fact come into the Roman Catholic church.

Continuing the speaker said that the Roman church taught that the priests were greater than God, as they had the possession of the keys of heaven and of hell, and were appointed guardians of His Son, Jesus Christ. The Roman church not only had a faith—it had a polity. The Protestants should interest themselves in the Roman Catholic polity.

At Montreal Father Vaughan said Roman Catholicism was the only ship that was going to sink, and that it was the duty of Catholics to throw out the life line to other people. Father Vaughan was a blunt Englishman with a habit of hitting from the shoulder.

Never Changed. Roman Catholicism never changed, said the speaker. That was its strength and glory—the fact that it was the same yesterday, today and tomorrow. Then he added that Roman Catholicism had two faces—one where it was in the majority and another, its best, where Protestants were in the majority, as they were in the British Empire, except Canada, to which the Pope of Rome sent his representative. He saw grave dangers menacing the country through the determination of the Roman church to extend its powers over Canada. That church, he said, was the most ecclesiastical law was greater than the law of the state, and that when the former came in conflict with the latter the state should give way.

The Roman Catholic church had been in existence for 1900 years, and there were plenty of samples of its influence upon the people. Continuing the speaker said that the Roman Catholic church was responsible for the vice of Paris, and the political troubles of Portugal and Italy. Roman Catholicism demanded equal rights in Protestant countries, but denied equal rights to Protestants in countries where it was dominant. And yet the warships of Great Britain were sent to the Mediterranean to Portugal to save its king during the recent revolution and priests, menaced by the mob, fled to the protection of the Union Jack.

WINTER PORT NOTES
Donaldson line steamer Salacia is scheduled to leave Glasgow for St. John Dec. 17.

TWO SIDES OF NEW ENGLAND

\$100,000 Blaze At Springfield, Mass., Starts With Explosion Of Gasoline—Granite Cutters Out Of Work.

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 18.—Investigation today has revealed the fact that the fire which early this morning did \$100,000 damage to the building of the Granite Power Association, Lyman street, and its contents, originated in that part of the structure occupied by the Union Hat and Cap Company. The attention of the watchman was first attracted by a sound of a muffled explosion, believed to have been from a quantity of gasoline which the hat company is said to have kept on hand. A few moments later the flames appeared.

It took the firemen two hours to control the flames and for a time it was feared that some other buildings would take fire. A general alarm was sounded, calling out all the city's fire fighting apparatus and by good work the fire was kept within the building, which is a five story structure in value estimated at \$25,000, the balance of the \$100,000 total being on the stock and fixtures of the various concerns having quarters in the building.

Seven Buildings Burned. St. Johnsbury, Vt., Dec. 18.—Seven buildings in the business section of the city including a woodworking establishment and a cigar plant, were destroyed by fire today with a loss of upwards of \$30,000. The fire started in the woodworking plant of Jones and Shields and is believed to have originated about the pipes in the boiler room. From the Jones and Shields' establishment the flames spread to the carpenter shop of A. L. Brass, carrying on to the residence of George Jones and stone plants of Conley and Vernon, Union Granite Company, St. Johnsbury Granite Co., and Stone Co. and J. E. Viner.

Sixty-seven granite cutters and cabinet makers were thrown out of employment as a result of the fire. The funeral of Alexander Blaine took place yesterday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock from the residence of his father on Duke street and there was a large attendance. Rev. H. D. Marr conducted the services and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

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P. E. Island Service. George Carvell received a telegram on Saturday in reference to the winter service between the mainland and the island. The telegram is as follows:—Pictou Dec. 17: The steamer Northumberland made her last trip across on Friday. The winter steamer Earl Grey went to Pictou today and will return to the island on Sunday. Commencing on Monday she will leave Charlottetown every Monday, Wednesday and Friday morning. The winter steamer Pictou Tuesday, Thursday and Friday morning days at 7 o'clock. The steamer Minto is now on the Summerside-Cape Tormentine route, making daily trips.

A CHINESE CHURCH. New York, Dec. 18.—The first Chinese church in the East and the only Chinese church in the country, save that of San Francisco, was organized here today by the Rev. H. H. Kin as pastor. The church is known as the First Chinese Presbyterian church of New York. It has 17 members.

SAILORS ENTERTAINED. Brest, Dec. 18.—The municipality today entertained the bluejackets of the American battleships on a great scale. Delegations from French sailors and dockyard employees were invited to meet the Americans, and the guests were distributed around the different restaurants of the city, no one restaurant being large enough to accommodate all.

TELLS JUST WHAT SOCIALISTS WANT

F. Hyatt Says His Creed Teaches That Every Man Should Own Some Private Property

"What the Socialists want?" was the theme of F. Hyatt's address before the meeting of the Socialists last evening. The Socialists, he said, did not want to abolish private property. The capitalists were doing that; in most capitalist countries the great majority of the people did not own any property. What the Socialists wanted was to give everybody a chance to own some private property and have a stake in their country.

Socialists would suppress the hereditary principle of rule by classes and by organizing industry on a co-operative basis and giving everybody an education and freeing possible inventors from the thralldom of poverty and ignorance, give a new impetus to progress and reduce the socially necessary working hours. After doing their day's work for the commonwealth, men would have leisure time to educate themselves and their children.

Under Socialism men far from being compelled to submit to a social organization which makes and modifies their conditions of existence without any regard to their wishes, as is the case at present, will have for the first time the kind of social organization which will enable them to be their own masters. Progress, instead of being as now, a frequent source of suffering, will be the source of universal prosperity.

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SPEAKERS TALK OF STRONG DRINK EVILS

Rev. J. L. Batty Says Rumblers Cannot be Respectable—J. V. Jackson Proves Contentment by Figures.

Rev. J. L. Batty of Moncton was the speaker at the meeting for men held in the Unique Theatre last evening under the auspices of the Y. M. C. A. W. M. Kibb presided and there was a good attendance. Mr. Batty spoke on temperance. He expatiated the doctrine laid down by some of the members of the St. John Moral Reform Association that a rumbler might be honest and respectable. He said any man who sold liquor to another put his hand into the source of a man's morality and robbed him of his virtue. Speaking of the difficulty of enforcing the laws against the liquor traffic, he said the people were to blame if the laws were not enforced.

"We have no Moses in Canada," he went on, "the people make the laws; it rests with the people to see that they are enforced." In Moncton it was a difficult matter to see a drunken man. And why? Because the magistrate and the Chief of Police had made up their minds that the laws against the liquor traffic were to be enforced. If a man is arrested for selling liquor, the magistrate sends him to jail, instead of imposing a fine. The liquor man tries to get the politicians to help him. But that does not go in Moncton. The man who is convicted of selling liquor serves his time.

At the conclusion of the lecture Willard H. Smith sang a solo. A short after meeting was held for those who had a desire to remain. Thorne Lodge Meeting. M. A. Thorne presided at the Thorne Lodge meeting yesterday afternoon. There was a large attendance. J. Vernon Jackson, grand Chief Templar was very forceful and eloquent in his address. He said some of the excuses used by people for not coming identified with the temperance reform.

According to authentic statistics, 84 per cent. of the crimes committed were due directly to the liquor traffic, he said, and 35 per cent. of the lunacy treated was due to intoxicants. In every hour in Canada there has been a drunkard's funeral. While missionary collections had lately received an impetus due to the Laymen's Missionary Movement, yet the amount given for missions for one year in Canada would pay the drink bill for only four days.

These facts should arouse the Christian and moral men to greater effort in temperance work. A number of them were beginning to make excuses. Some excused themselves by saying that they thought that the church should carry on this reform. Did the church perform its duty in regard to this matter? He would venture to say that if temperance organizations should cease to work there would be very little to be said. Some said that they were not affected by the evil. Very few men or women could truthfully say this, for to some or other everybody was affected by it.

Other excuses were dealt with and the speaker showed clearly that they were hollow and that every moral man should join the forces united to remove from the pathway of religious and civil progress the great evil that stands four square in its path. Question of License. Dealing with the question of license Mr. Jackson proved the necessity of it. Some few, about 65 in St. John, were permitted to sell liquor. The rest of the population were prohibited from doing so. If liquor selling was right, why not sell everybody else's? They must sell in certain hours only. If it was wrong to sell rum from 10 to 12 o'clock, why not sell wine from 7 to 10 o'clock? It was not fair to allow a white man as good as an Indian and as much entitled to protection? Speaking of the order which he represented, Mr. Jackson said that since its inception in 1852 it had made rapid and world wide progress. Its present membership of over 650,000 in 22 different languages was a testimony to its progress in Canada had been very rapid and proved the efficiency of the order.

Its motto, "Total abstinence for the individual and prohibition for the state," had led many a successful campaign. Mr. Jackson concluded a very able address with an appeal for more earnest and consistent work on the part of churches and people and generally a more active and aggressive campaign against the evil of drink. Rev. Dr. Heine will address the meeting next Sunday afternoon. Gospel Temperance Meeting in the Granite Rock division hall, West End, last evening, was addressed by Rev. George F. Scovill, pastor of St. Jude's, and was very largely attended. The choir of 28 pieces has been preparing for the occasion for the past two weeks and a most attractive programme is a certainty. The season ticket sale which is being conducted at the rink and office of the Unique theatre, bids fair to reach large proportions, and plainly indicates that the Vic will be more popular than ever this season.

PERSONAL. Dr. J. W. Daniel, M.P., returned to the city on Saturday from Ottawa. He made a short Christmas holiday here and will return to the capital for the session which re-opens on January 11th. Miss Ethel B. Smith who has been attending the Ladies' Seminary at Wolfville, passed through the city Saturday en route to her home at Blissville to spend the holidays. There was a large attendance in the Peverly Club rooms on Union street last night. The speaker was Rev. A. A. Graham and he gave an excellent temperance address. During the address the speaker made a plea for an industrial farm. He said that a hospital was provided for mental and bodily diseases and the same principle could be applied for the moral ailment, that of drunkenness. A farm could be secured about 40 or 50 miles from the city where a man arrested for drunkenness could be sent and there receive care and with selling him as the necessity extending to him. At the present time the drunkard is sent to jail and out with the chain gang.

Zion Church Service. There was a particularly large congregation in Zion Methodist church last evening when the pastor, Rev. William Lawson, preached an eloquent sermon on the text "The Spirit and the Bride Say Come." In the course of his discourse the reverend gentleman pointed out to all Christians the necessity of extending the invitation wherever they might be. In the shop, in the office, in the workshop or on the street the earnest Christian could and should extend the invitation to his fellow man to come to a knowledge of the saving blood of the Saviour. The members of Court Loyalist, No. 121, I. O. F. are requested to meet at 2 p. m. Tuesday, to attend the funeral of our late Brother, Dr. J. H. Guay. F. L. Corey, C. R.

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NICKEL OWNERS TO PUT UP NEW BUILDING Land Purchased from M. J. Barry as Site for Theatre Seating 2,000 Persons—Societies Provided for.

W. H. Golding of the Nickel Theatre announces on Saturday that it was the intention of the St. John Amusement Company of Manhattan, New York, to erect a modern combination theatre on the property recently purchased by them from M. J. Barry, and located on the south side of King's Square.

The land includes the Trinity church corporation lot, 40 feet by 158 feet, upon which there are several small buildings, occupied by A. L. Dodge, H. F. Iddolls, and sub-let from Emerson & Fisher, who have a yearly arrangement for storage, etc.; also the Barry lot, 33 feet by 158 feet, with a stable, etc., and a rear lot, or portion of lot, occupied by the G. F. Fisher roofing concern. The total size of the properties is 73 feet front by 155 feet deep.

It will be generally recognized that this site is an ideal one for the purpose to which it is to be put. The new theatre, Mr. Golding says, will be primarily a vaudeville house of the highest class, but will be available for all classes of entertainments from picture shows to grand opera. It will be thoroughly equipped, and will have a seating capacity of 2,000; will be thoroughly fireproof, and built from the latest plans. It is probable that the building will include social rooms, lodge rooms, etc.

Church Anniversary. The twelfth anniversary of St. Matthew's church, Douglas avenue, was marked by special services yesterday. The church was crowded at the evening service when the pastor, Rev. J. J. McCaskill, preached an eloquent sermon, taking for his subject, "The Challenge of Time." There was special music, which included the singing of an anthem by the choir, and a solo by Miss Emma Holder.

DIED. Mills.—In this city on Dec. 17, Margaret, widow of Patrick Mills, aged 36 years, leaving five children, father, two brothers and four sisters to mourn their loss. (Boston, Brockton and Milford, Mass., papers please copy.) Funeral from her late residence, 55 Sheffield street today at 2:30 p. m. Friends and relatives are respectfully invited to attend.

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POTTS F. L. POTTS That two story building at No. 162 and formerly occupied by J. H. Seaman. Ground rent \$50. On Friday, December 2, o'clock noon, at the John, N. B. For further particulars, apply to W. H. Harrison, So. Building.

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