ROBINSON OPERA CO. MAKE BIG HIT WITH CHRISTMAS AUDIENCES

Both Performances On Saturday Crowded To The Doors —Mikado And The Show Girl Well Received.

The Robinson Opera Company opened their engagement at the Opera House on Christmas Day, playing to bumper houses. They have every reason to be satisfied with the hearty reception given them in St. John. The S. R. O. sign was displayed at both performances and the laughter and applause which greeted the efforts of this excellent company showed that the bill provided was very much to the taste of the audience. The Mikado was presented in the afternoon and The Show Girl in the evening.

At the matinee the ever popular Mikado scored a big hit and the entire company was seen to advantage. Charles Fulton, as Nanki-Poo, the disguised son of the Mikado sang well and received a number of encores. The old favorite, Jack Henderson, who made such a hit with the New York Opera Company a few years ago, and later played in St. John with the Robinson Opera Company, came in for a great reception from the audience. As Ko-Ko, Lord High Executioner, he was all that could be desired. Frank Nelson as Pooh-Bah, Lord High Everything Else was also excellent.

Among the ladies, Miss Lucia Nola, as Yum-Yum, one of the three sisters is deserving of special mention, while Misses Minna Storm and Marie Prietsch as Pitti-Sing and Peep-Bo, respectively were quite at home in their roles. Miss Esther Barton as Kakisha, the elderly lady, who loved Nanki-Poo, scored a hit and made the most of a difficult part. The chorus did good work in the concerted numbers.

The evening performance was rather tame as an opera, but for special features and real comedy, it was of the first order. Jack Henderson, as Dionysius Fly, manager of the World's Greatest Entertainers, scored another hit and received much applause. Mr. Nelson had a comedy role and made an excellent showing. In his scenes with Maggie, Miss Esther Barton, he was particularly good. Charles Fulton had rather a poor part, but made the best of it. Miss Nola again scored heavily and was evidently a favorite with the audience.

Miss Percie Judah, although she had rather a small part, made an excellent showing and in her song, Pride of the Prairie, with male chorous, scored a tremendous hit. As Maggie, Miss Esther Barton was all that could be desired. In her song, Stupid Mister Cupid, she was encored again and again.

The rest of the company were also good and the chorus work and dancing excellent. The four Broilers, Misses Jennie McNab, May Lawless, Louise Hendry and Nellie Lawless were greeted with much applause. During the evening two large bouquets were received by Miss Nola and Miss Barton.

The Mikado will be repeated tonight and it is expected that it will draw another large house. The Chimes of Normandy will fill the bill tomorrow evening.

OBITUARY.

Mr. William C. Read.

The death of Mr. William C. Read, son of B. Clinton Read and Estella Read, occurred yesterday afternoon at his father's home, 93 Duke street, Carleton. Mr. Read was a student at the Provincial Normal school and was spoken of by the faculty as being a particularly bright and studious young man. In a recent examination at the institution he passed in the first division with high marks. Besides his parents he leaves four brothers and two sisters. The brothers are Everett A., Joseph C., Kenneth P., and Oscar W., and the sisters are Misses Leah and Roberta, all at home. The funeral will take place on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The members of LaTour Section T. of H. and T., of which he was a member, and also the members of Fairville Section will march in a body.

Mr. John Stewart.

The death of Mr. John Stewart occurred at his residence 12 Canon street. Mr. Stewart, who was 84 years of age, was a well known railroad man, having been engineer of the I.C.R. for 49 years. He retired seven years ago and at that time was the oldest engineer on the road. Mr. Stewart was born in Scotland and landed in St. John when quite a boy. He is survived by his wife, four daughters and two sons. The daughters are Mrs. W. B. Henry of Salisbury, Mrs. Frank Reid of Harvey Bank, Albert County, and Mrs. W. A. Simonds and Miss Jean of St. John. The sons are Mr. W. H. Stewart of Moncton and John at home. The funeral will take place from his late residence Canon street on Tuesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

CHRISTMAS DAY AT THE HOTELS.

At the Royal Hotel a unique and useful menu card in the form of a pocket diary, beautifully bound in red leather and with the words "A Royal Greeting" on the cover, was presented the guests at dinner on Christmas Day. On two pages of the book was printed the menu itself which contained as usual all the good things that an epicurean could desire. The remainder of the book contained the diary and also much useful information about Canada. A large number of local people enjoyed their Christmas dinner at the Royal.

A very pretty menu card was used by the Victoria Hotel in connection with their Christmas dinner. The outside of the card contained a beautifully tinted picture of Loch Katrine and Ellen's Isle, while on the first page in old English letters, surrounded by a brilliant holly border with the words: "A Merry Christmas to all." Very many tempting courses were provided and the first line of the wish on the rear page which read as follows was most appropriate:

"A good digestion to you all;
and one more,
I shower a welcome on you;
Welcome all."

Many Gifts With Season's Greetings

Presentations a Feature Of Christmas Eve—Time Of Good Will Emphasized By Both Employer And Employed—Chief Clark Is Remembered By The Force — Pastors' Services Recognized By Congregations.

"Thou shalt take no gift, for a joy blindeth the wise and perverteth the words of the righteous" wrote Moses many years ago, but this new thought is almost as repulsive to the ordinary person on Christmas day as is the higher criticism to the dogmatist. Unfortunate indeed was the person who did not receive some remembrance or had not the pleasure of sending a gift to a friend.

Little girls could be seen proudly carrying new dolls along the street in the morning, and boys were observed hurrying to lake or rink to try their new tubulars. Young ladies wore fine new furs, flowers, or other presents, and in fact, almost everybody that was passed in the street appeared to exhibit some kind of Christmas present. Apart from the individual gifts given with loving care, many firms remembered their employes generously, and there were also a number of formal presentations.

Chief Clark Remembered.

A pleasing incident occurred at Central Police Station Christmas evening, when Chief of Police Clark was presented with a handsome Persian lamb uniform cap, and an address by the members of the police force. The presentation took place at 7 o'clock after the men had answered to the roll call just previous to going on duty.

Deputy Chief Jenkins made the presentation, and read the address as follows:—

W. Walker Clark, Esq.
Chief of Police,
City of St. John, N. B;

Sir:—Your police force desire in some way to convey to you their gratitude and appreciation of your kindly acts, good counsel, and forbearing sympathetic spirit which has characterized your every official duty towards us. Being mindful of these past kindly acts, we could not allow this opportune time of good will to go by without some small token to express that gratitude.

At this season of the year, when the yule log burns and homes are bright with greeting, what is more natural than men who guard those homes to offer greeting to their official parent? As the years go by, when, perhaps, other men than now will stand where we have stood, may we not all look back to this most pleasing occasion, when the force of 1909, with grateful hearts, express their joyous greetings to their thoughtful, kindly chief. And, as a token of kind remembrance of all that human heart may wish, we, your officers and men, beg you to accept this "cap" which, intrinsic in itself, contains the honest feeling of good will, good cheer, and season's greetings. And we join our voices to the many citizens of this city extending the joyous happy compliments of the season to yourself and Mrs. Clark.

We hope and pray that you will see such many Christmas seasons fulfilling your most important office as regularly, intrepidly and conscientiously, as in the past. Once more, our chief, we say in unison, A Merry Christmas, and a Happy New Year.

We are, sir,

Your obedient servants,
SGT. JAMES W. CAMPBELL
SGT. THOS. CAPLES
SGT. HENRY KILPATRICK.
Committee.

Chief Clark responded feelingly in a few brief, but appropriate, remarks, in which he said that being so completely taken by surprise, he had not words at his command to express his feelings. He would value the gift not only for its intrinsic value, but also for the expressions of good fellowship which accompanied it. Santa Claus must have informed them of his extreme need of a cap, as his old one was very shabby indeed. He only feared that the cap, judging from its appearance, would not be conducive to that which all good officers require—a cool head. He expressed his keen regret that some of the officers who were with them last Christmas, were not in the ranks tonight. He had always endeavored to treat the men fairly. In order to have a good police department it was necessary to have discipline within the department.

In concluding, the chief said that as it was a busy night, he would have to cut short much of what he would like to say to them as he was anxious to have the men on their beats. On behalf of Mrs. Clark he would thank them for their Christmas greetings, and in wishing them the compliments of the season, he expressed the hope that during the coming year they would all try to improve upon the past.

At the Clifton House.

On Christmas Eve Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Green of the Clifton House were presented with an easy chair, and a large number of other valuable presents, by the guests of the hotel. Mr. and Mrs. Green thanked the guests for their kindness. Mr. Green remembered his employees, by making presents to them of money. They also received presents from each of the guests. The Christmas menu card was in excellent taste with a quaint picture of ye olden time and a sprig of mistletoe on the cover. The dinner was a feast of good things and left nothing to be desired to please the most exacting gourmet.

On arriving at his home, West End, on Christmas night, Police Officer James Gosline, was completely taken by surprise to find that a large circle of friends had assembled for the purpose of extending the season's greetings to Mrs. Gosline and himself. On behalf of those present, Mr. Thomas McGovern presented Officer Gosline with a handsome gold watch chain and charm, on which were engraved his initials, and also the emblem of the I. O. F., of which order Officer Gosline is a member.

In making the presentation, Mr. McGovern made reference to Mr. and Mrs. Gosline's thirty-one years of happy married life, and conveyed the best wishes of those assembled for many years of continued happiness.

Officer and Mrs. Gosline responded suitably and after a pleasant evening had been spent the party broke up about 11 o'clock.

An enjoyable afternoon was spent by the Elks at their rooms. Mr. W. S. Jewett, the secretary of the local order was presented by Col. Alfred Dodge, on behalf of the members with a seal cap and otter gloves. Mr. A. M. Philips, who has looked after the financial end of the order in a most successful manner received a weathered oak card table. The presentation was made by Mr. Fred C. Macneill.

Presentation to Rev. Fr. Borgmann.

The annual re-union of St. Peters Y. M. A. took place yesterday afternoon in their rooms on Douglas avenue. A large number were present and a pleasant afternoon was spent. Mr. Frank Casey presided and in his address referred to the work of the society since its institution and expressed the hope that it would do as well in the future. He spoke of the good work done by Rev. Joseph Borgmann, spiritual director of the organization, and at the close of his address presented to Father Borgmann, on behalf of the society, a well filled purse. Father Borgmann in his reply, thanked the society for their kind appreciation of his efforts and stated that his interest was not only in the society but in the members individually.

Mr. Wm. McVey, caretaker of the rooms, was made the recipient of a handsome fountain pen. Members of St. Peters orchestra were also suitable remembered.

After the presentations an informal programme was carried out in which the following took part: Solo, Mr. Frank DeGrasse; Step dance, Mr. Frank O'Hara; Reading, Mr. James Martin; Violin solo, Master M. O'Neil. The orchestra rendered some pleasing selections and the gathering dispersed with the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

On Christmas Eve about fifty employees of Mr. A. E. Hamilton gathered in the office of the mill and Mr. Daniel T. Vincent, on behalf of the men read an address, at the conclusion of which Mr. George H. Brown, presented Mr. Hamilton with a handsome fur lined coat.

Mr. Hamilton though taken by surprise made a suitable reply, in which he thanked the men for their kind expression of good will and for their present, which would be most acceptable. He referred to the good feeling which existed between himself and the men and hoped it would continue. Handshaking all round followed and with many expressions of good will and three hearty cheers, the gathering dispersed.

At the King's Daughters'.

Mrs. M. C. Hendry, matron of the King's Daughters' Guild, was presented with a pair of fur lined kid gloves and the assistant matron, Miss J. M. Currie, received a silver brouch from the ladies at the guild.

At the conclusion of their lesson yesterday the members of the Men's Bible Class of Main street Baptist church presented their teacher, Rev. David Hutchinson, with a dictionary stand, Hasting's Bible Dictionary, Dr. Stralker's Life of Jesus and his work on the Attonement, the Literary Digest for the coming year and The Pastor's Private Record of His Work.

Mr. Fred S. Farris, president of the class, made the presentation at the conclusion of an address in which he referred to the fact that the membership of the class had grown from seven when it was formed four years ago, to one hundred and fifty.

Gift to Rev. and Mrs. W. R. Robinson.

Rev. W. R. Robinson, pastor of Ludlow street Baptist church, at the conclusion of yesterday morning's service, was presented by Senior Deacon John F. Richards, on behalf of the congregation, with a filled travelling bag, and Mrs. Robinson with a gold broach with a large amythest setting. The presentation was made in the vestry and the pastor and his wife made suitable replies.

The teacher of the junior Bible class of the church, Mr. R. H. Parsons, was presented in the afternoon with an oak dressing cabinet by the members of his class and the officers of the class presented him with a leather wallet

On Christmas morning Rev. Dr. C. R. Flanders was made the recipient of a purse containing $125 from officials and members of the congregation of Centenary church. Dr. Flanders feelingly acknowledged the unexpected gift.

Mr. James Donnelly, sexton of St. David's church, was presented on Christmas Eve, by Mr. Robt. Reid, superintendent of the Sabbath school, on behalf of the members and officers of the church, with a purse of gold. Mr. Donnelly desires to thank the donors and wishes them all a prosperous New Year.

John E. Wilson, M. P. P.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, M.P.P., was presented by the tin sheet metal workers of his store with a beautiful electric table lamp. Mr. Jacob Brown made the presentation.

The iron moulders of the J. E. Wilson, Ltd., foundry, presented their foreman, Mr. Walter Thompson, with a handsome solid leather English travelling bag. The presentation was made by Mr. James Hoit. Mr. Wilson also spoke.

Mr. J. E. Wilson, M.P.P., presented each of his employes with a turkey and a pair of gloves.

The firm of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., presented their married employes with turkeys.

Each of the employes of the Dominion Express Compay, Ltd., local branch office received a fine turkey from headquarters at Montreal.

The management of the Royal Hotel presented their employes with a substantial check, according to the term of service of each. The employes presented beautiful candlebra to Messrs Raymond and Doherty.

The many employes of Jas. Holly & Sons were each given a large turkey as a Christmas present.

Two hundred and twenty-three large turkeys, weighing altogether 2,044 lbs., were distributed by the St. John Railway Company as Christmas gifts to their employes.

The married employes of the Grand Union Hotel were each presented with a turkey and the unmarried each received a present of gold.

Messrs. Murray & Gregory distributed about forty turkeys to their employes.

Mr. George Harrison, messenger in the post office, was presented with a Morris chair by the post office clerks. Mr. Harrison made a suitable reply in which he voiced his thanks.

Mr. E. A. Goodwin, wholesale fruit dealer, was presented by Mr. C. H. Jackson, on behalf of the employes, with a reading table and gas lamp. Another presentation was a pair of fur-lined gloves to Mr. W. A. Coleman by the employes.

Mr. Timothy Burke, inspector of inland revenue, was presented with a fine fitted suit case by the members of the staff of the inland revenue department. The presentation was made by Collector T. H. Belyea.

Knowing Mr. George S. Cushing's fondness for driving, the employes of Messrs. Cushing and Co.'s several mills and office staff presented him with a beautiful sleigh and set of driving harness. Accompanying the gifts was a suitable address.

Every employe of the Simonds-Canada Saw Co., Ltd., Sheffield street, received from the management a generous gift of cash.

James Ready, Haley Bros., J. Holly and Sons and other concerns also remembered their staffs and presented each member with a turkey.

The members of the C. P. R. passenger department in King street, presented to Mr. W. B. Howard, the genial D. P. A., a handsome suit case fitted with toilet articles. The presentation was made by C. D. Strong.

At a banquet of the Victoria street Baptist church brotherhood the pastor, Rev. B. H. Nobles, on behalf of the orchestra presented to Howard Holder, the leader of the orchestra, a music rack and leather music case.

Mr. Henry McEachern, the junior member of the Times composing room was presented with a watch and chain by his fellow workers.

The members of the staff of the J. M. Humphrey Co., presented to Mr. Wm. Humphrey, a fine set of pipes, as a token of their esteem.

The members of the Globe reportorial staff and the mechanical staff, received turkeys from the management. The married men of T. S. Simms and Co., also rejoiced in a present of turkeys.

The employes of the "twisting room" of the Cornwall cotton mill presented a watch and chain to their foreman, Mr. John T. Nuttall.

John Keefe, local manager of the James Robertson Co., was presented with a complete set of ebony brushes by the office and travelling staff. The employes in turn were suitably remembered.

In the Dufferin hoted the members of the firm, J. H. Bond, J. H. Doody and F. H. Foster each received a handsome cut glass set from the employes, who were also remembered with cash presents from the management.

CORSICAN WRESTS ATLANTIC RECORD FROM TUNISIAN

Arrived Saturday Morning Beating Previous Record By Nine Hours — Officers And Crew Celebrate.

The Atlantic record to Canada this season was broken by the Allan R. M. S. Corsican, Capt. Gambell, which arrived in port at 9 o'clock Saturday morning beating the previous time by nine hours. The Corsican is under charter to the C. P. R., replacing the Empress of Ireland, which is undergoing repairs in dry dock at Liverpool and will not arrive here till February.

The Corsican left Liverpool at 8 p. m. on December 17 with 576 passengers and was delayed for four hours in the Mersey on account of a dense fog. Coming across the Atlantic the weather was fine.

The officers and crew of the steamer had a celebration on the night of December 24, because the vessel had wrested the record from the Tunisian. The saloon was handsomely decorated with holly and mistletoe and the tables were adorned with carnations and potted plants. The captain and officers sat down to dinner and after full justice had been done to the good things provided, a musical programme was carried out by the passengers. The steamer reached Halifax on Friday morning. Among the passengers who disembarked were Rt. Hon. Earl of Lanesborough, Countess of Lanesborough, Lord Newton Butler, Lady Eileen Butler, Lady Betty Butler, Mdlle. J. Regamey, Mr. John R. Parsons and the Hon. Mrs. Parsons, daughter of Lord O'Neill. Mr. Parsons was going to Ottawa to act as secretary to Earl Grey.

After discharging 150 tons of cargo and landing a heavy mail, consisting of 2,006 sacks and 1,134 baskets of parcel post in one hour and thirty minutes, the steamer sailed for St. John at 1.46 p. m. on Friday. The passengers landed here and were forwarded by two special trains, which left West St. John on Saturday afternoon.

This is Capt. Gambell's first trip here this season. He is one of the pioneer captains of the line, having been in the Allan service for over twenty-four years. He was given a great reception by his St. John friends when the big steamer docked Saturday morning.

The C.P.R. tug Cruiser arrived in port on Friday night from Halifax.

The C. P. R. steamer Lake Champlain, Capt. Webster, which sailed for Liverpool at 2 o'clock Saturday morning took away a large general cargo and 150 passengers.

The Donaldson liner Athenia left port Saturday morning and dropped anchor off the Island until the arrival of the noon train when her passengers and baggage were taken out in the tug Cruiser. She took away 700 head of cattle.

C.P.R. steamer Montreal from London and Antwerp is due here this morning. She has on board a large number of passengers and 4,000 tons of general cargo.

Christmas Season Brings Good Cheer

Unfortunate And Needy Were Well Provided For This Year —Many Dinners Sent Out By Charitable Societies — Inmates Of Institutions Made Happy With Seasonable Gifts —How The Day Was Observed In St. John.

If there were any people in the city who failed to enjoy a bountiful Christmas dinner on Saturday the fault did not lie with the benevolent organizations that had been working for some time to provide good cheer for the less fortunate on the holiday. The Associated Charities, the Salvation Army, the St. Vincent de Paul Society many churches and other organizations helped to bring happiness into the homes of the poor, and it is doubtful if any were forgotten. Mrs. C. H. Hall of the Associated Charities, in giving her opinion yesterday, said that the year was the most bountiful in many and that there was not a destitute case overlooked.

The Salvation Army sent out 150 baskets to poor families, following their usual custom. The officers made an exhaustive canvas of the city in locating these cases, and as a result more baskets were sent out than in previous years.

A Desperate Case.

At the Shelter, run in connection with the Hotel Metropole, about 60 men sat down to a good dinner. "Paddy" Birmingham, a well known character who is residing there, eat too much plum pudding and begged Adjt. Carter yesterday to get the ambulance and take him to the hospital or the alms house. He recovered somewhat on receiving a cup of tea. There was no work to be found for the men at the home, however, on the holiday and yesterday they had no money to purchase food. They were very grateful when Adjt. Carter gave them bread, butter and tea, as well as a number of apples and oranges that had been left over.

At the Evangeline Home dinner was provided for about fifty women and children. In the afternoon there was a tree for the small people, Brigadier Adby acting the part of Santa Claus.

The Associated Charities served 65 families and Mrs. C. H. Hall, the secretary, was kept so busy that she is glad the holiday is over. Mrs. Hall states that this year was the most bountiful in many years and the outlook is very bright. She did not believe, she said, that a destitute case had been overlooked in the city. The work of the various charity organizations had completely covered the ground. The recipients of these favors were not worthless cases. In the most of the cases the head of the household has been employed, but wages were not adequate to the advanced cost of living. Another good sign was the improvement in thriftiness. The circumstances of these families were on an average much better than in former years.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society sent out many boxes of good things after finding out the wants of needy families. Besides food more lasting remembrances were sent to some families in the form of clothing and fuel.

About twenty baskets of good things were sent out by the W. C. T. U. A number of the older members of the Union and a few who were sick were presented with flowers.

The pupils and teachers of St. Peter's Church S.school received bags of candies and nuts. Many other Sunday schools will observe the holiday this week.

The Home For Incurables.

The following discription of how the day was observed at the Home for Incurables, was sent in by a member of the women's aid council:

"It was an effective picture in the afternoon at the Home for Incurables of which some of the members of the women's aid council would like to have a flashlight. It would make an attractive Christmas card.

"In the centre of the main hall of that great charitable institution, stood a large well bespangled Christmas tree. At one side a group of ten or twelve of St. Stephen's choir led by Prof. Titus and Miss Nase sang Chrismas carols. On the other side, and through the hall stood inmates of the home surrounded by their personal friends, young and old, whose arms and extra chairs were full of Christmas packages just distributed from the tree.

"At the top of the first flight of stairs and above the tree where the stairs turned to either side and formed a very effective outlook of the lower hall, stood a broken row of uniformed nurses leaning on the railing and looking intensely interested at the scene below.

"This year the home was unusually well remembered by good kind friends from outside whose contributions of three turkeys, a roll of bacon, two kegs of grapes and nearly two cases of oranges greatly assisted the women's aid committee in making Christmas merry and cheerful."

Most of the boarders at the King's Daughters' Guild enjoyed their Christmas dinner with friends, but those who remained at the guild were well provided for by the matron, Mrs. M. C. Hendry.

All the inmates of the Old Ladies' Home were well remembered by Santa Claus and twelve spent the day with friends. The remaining fourteen had a special dinner at the home.

At the Public Hospital many flowers and delicacies were received for the patients. Joy was brought to the hearts of the little people in the children's ward by a tree loaded with presents.

At the Municipal Home a big dinner was served the 197 inmates. Today there will be a tree for the children.

Nearly 100 Turkeys.

It took nearly one hundred turkeys to provide the dinner at the Provincial Hospital. In the afternoon there was a Christmas tree and Mr. A. C. Podman, an attendant, acted the part of Santa Claus. In the evening a dance was held.

At the Protestant Orphan Asylum a happy day was spent. Two Christ-was trees were provided for the seventeen girls and sixteen boys staying there and there was a good dinner at noon. There has been no sickness among the orphans this winter.

The twenty-three boys at the Wiggins Orphan Institution enjoyed a good dinner and a tree will be provided on Thursday.

The orphans at St. Vincent's Convent were well looked after by the Sisters, and at St. Patrick's Industrial School, Silver Falls, the one hundred and ten boys were also given a good time. On New Year's the Father Mathew Society will provide them with a tree.

PORTLAND INUNDATED BY IMMENSE TIDAL WAVE

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vania R. R. reported tonight that no trains from points west of Philadelphia had arrived since last evening.

The storm also tied up mails arriving by steamer, for revenue cutters were unable to reach some of the incoming vessels.

Two vessels were driven ashore during the night near the Quarantine station on Staten Island—the schooner Lizzie F. Dennison and a large scow. They were pulled off later, but suffered considerable damage.

The coastwise freight steamer S. S. Thurman, laden with coal, ran ashore off Toms River, N. J., on her way from Virginia to New England an remained tonight hard and fast on the bar. Her officers and crew, 27 men in all were taken off by the life savers with the breeches buoy.

Telephone and telegraph lines throughout the east were burdened with coatings of ice and many wires fell. Three deaths in the city were charged today to the severity of the storm. The victims were men who had spent the night vainly seeking shelter and food, finally succumbing to exposure. Joseph Hart, 65 years old, died in a pew at a Catholic church today, probably of exhaustion after wandering in the cold.

Plate glass windows were smashed and frail structures overturned in many parts of the city. Hundreds of automobiles were stalled in snowdrifts and many were still in the same plight tonight.

It is estimated that the removal of snow from the streets will cost over $200,000.

In New Brunswick.

The storm started in St. John about six o'clock a. m., and snowfall began about one o'clock. Up to ten o'clock last evening about three inches of snow had fallen and as the storm continued through the night, it is thought that about four inches in all will have fallen.

The wind blew at the rate of about thirty miles an hour from the northeast all day. The temperature at daybreak was down to 12 degrees above zero, but it gradually rose and at ten o'clock in the evening stood at twenty-eight.

So far as can be learned no damage was done by the storm. The street car service was not materially affected, although some of the cars ran a little behind schedule time. Two sweeps and a construction car were ordered out early last evening and the tracks were kept clear. The company did not find it necessary to run a sweeper all night but will order one out early this morning to clear track before the cars start running.

From Lepreaux it was learned that the storm had started about the same time as here and that the snowfall was about the same.

There were not many trains moving throughout the province, so that the movements of trains will not be affected. The Montreal express left as usual at 5.50 and expected to run on schedule time. Early this morning the fury of the storm has abated some and it will probably lash itself out in a few hours.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 26.—Moncton is the centre of one of the worst storms in years. Snow commenced falling shortly after noon and drifted badly, making street traffic almost impossible. At midnight the storm had not abated but seemed rather to be increasing in fury. No. 33 Maritime express collided just after leaving St. Anne, Que., this morning, with a special bringing empty mail cars to Halifax. Both engines were badly smashed and the rails torn up for some distance. Five or six passengers were hurt, but none very seriously.

In Nova Scotia.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 26.—Halifax and the surrounding country was in the grip of a fierce blizzard from early this morning until well on in the evening and during this time nearly a foot of snow fell. It was the first snow of the season and was accompanied by a strong southeast gale. During the afternoon the storm was at its height and the train service was badly deranged. No damage is reported.

SPOKE OF ELEMENTS THAT MAKE UP TRUE CHRISTIAN MANHOOD

Miles E. Agar Gives Practical Address Before E. D. C. — Sacredness Of The Ballot Emphasized.

Despite the storm a large audience assembled in the Every Day Club last evening to hear the sacred concert by a large orchstra and an admirable address by Mr. M. E. Agar.

The orchestra played selections from Sauglear, Gouriod, Bishop, Mascagui, Barvard and Hayden, and there was a flute and clarinet duet by Messrs. Stokes and Wallace, and a violin solo by Walker Pheasant, with orchestral accompaniment.

Mr. Agar in opening referred to the time in Liverpool, England, when at fifteen years of age he had signed the pledge, that he had kept ever since. Father Nugent was then carrying on a great temperance work in Liverpool and the Every Day Club had reminded the speaker of meetings held in that city at that time.

Mr. Agar went on to refer to the elements that make up true Christian manhood. It was necessary, he said, to be sober, industrious, honest and of goodwill toward all men. It was not enough merely to think of one's own affairs, but wherever there was a brother in need, or weak and tempted and unfortunate, we should give sympathy and aid.

Total abstinence was a necessity. No young man could afford to go into the saloon. Too many found degradatin and ruin of their lives in that way.

Speaking of the workingman Mr. Agar said he should do an honest day's work and should save out of his earnings something for the lean year. The sacredness of the ballot was dwelt upon and the speaker said that at the ballot box every man was a juror who should give an honest verdict uninfluenced by any bribe.

In conclusion the speaker dwelt upon that phase of life which consists in doing good to others and commended the Every Day Club, which he hoped would grow in membership and greatly enlarge its work. His fine practical address was heartily appreciated.

Mr. Henry Hilyard.

The funeral of Mr. Henry Hilyard was held on Friday afternoon from his late residence, 222 Douglas avenue, and was very largely attended. Family service was held at the house by the Rev. R. P. McKim. The body was taken to St. Luke's church where a choral service was conducted by Rev. R. P. McKim, assisted by Rev. Dr. Raymond and Rev. Mr. Purdie. The choir rendered special music. The funeral reformed after the service in the church. The pallbearers were Mr. J. E. Wilson, M. P. P.; Dr. W. W. White, Dr. J. B. Travers, Mrs. C. P. Barker, Mr. W. M. Mackay and Mr. A. P. Barnhill. The hospital commissioners walked directly behind the mourners followed by the employes of the Hilyard mills. The floral offerings were many—in all a coach full—from individuals and firms of the city and a beautiful wreath from the mill employes.

Miss Genevieve Elliot.

The home of Mr. Thomas J. Elliot, 228 Douglas Avenue, was darkened on Christmas Day by the death of his daughter, Genevieve, in the 17th year of her age. The young lady had been sick for some time. Besides her parents she is survived by two brothers, George and Frank, and one sister, Miss Gertrude all residing at home. The funeral will take place on Tuesday morning.

DEATHS.

Stewart.—At his residence, 12 Canon street on Sunday, Dec. 26, John Stewart, aged 84 years, leaving a wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn their loss. Funeral from his late residence on Tuesday at 2.30 o'clock. (No flowers by request.)

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