

COMMERCIAL SCHOOLS

Owing to the fire at the Springdale Street Commercial School the annual distribution of prizes this year has been postponed until the New Year...

Credit will be given also for industry, needlework, (including the knitting of socks for the soldiers), cooking, manual training, military drill, attendance, conduct, neatness, exercise books, empire essays, etc., for which medals, patriotic books, diplomas and positions (the best prizes of all), will be awarded as usual.

SHIPPING NOTES PROHIBITED

On and after this date the authorities have commanded that no reference be made in the Press of the country to the arrival and departure of shipping. We do not know if this applies to coastwise vessels like the Reid, Dowling and other ships and crafts, and if it does it appears to be rather a drastic law unless there is grave necessity for such action.

Give your Boy or Girl a Flashlight—nothing will interest them more. We have the finest selection of Lights and Batteries. Call and see them at GARLAND'S Bookstore.—dec22,31

Notice Wrapper Holders OF 'CHRISTIAN'S Borax Soaps' Must have them in by December 30th, As competition for the \$10.00 closes on that date. CHRISTIAN'S Borax Co. Box 902. M. A. Duffy.

RUBBER GOODS

We have in stock now a full line of all kinds of Rubber Goods, selling at old prices.

- RUBBER SHOES Child's and Misses' Low and High Cut Rubbers. Boys' and Youths' Low and High Cut Rubbers. Ladies' Low and High Cut Rubbers. RUBBER BOOTS Child's and Misses' Long Rubber Boots. Women's Long Rubber Boots. Men's Bear Brand Rubber Boots. Youths' Bear Brand Rubber Boots. BUDDY BOOTS All Sizes in Boys' and Men's Buddy Boots. OLD PRICES IN EVERY CASE.

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WEDDING BELLS WISEMAN—WISEMAN.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at Bishop's Falls Nov. 22nd, when Mr. Harold Wiseman of Little Bay Island, N.D.B., and Janet Julia, youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Wiseman, of Boot Harbor, N.D.B., were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Albert Taylor, of Bishop's Falls.

THE S. A. CITADEL.

To-morrow afternoon the public will be afforded another illustration of the splendid charity and disinterested philanthropy of the Salvation Army when the poor of the city will be given the wherewithal to spend a really happy Christmas.

GOBBLED THEM UP FOR SAUSAGE MEAT

A Torbay woman met with a serious loss in a most peculiar way yesterday morning. She was coming to town to do some Christmas shopping and when about to step aboard her wagon dropped a small leather purse containing six dollars in notes.

READ THE MAIL & ADVOCATE

TIM SHANAHAN AGAIN WRITES (To the Editor).

My old friend, Tucker, and myself are very thankful to your correspondent—"The Man on the Street"—for the nice compliment that has been paid us in his first article to your paper, and feel delighted that our little writings in days gone by are not forgotten.

The other day Tucker and myself read in the papers the tribute that Judge Morris paid to Constable Richard O'Keefe in the Police Court. Judge Morris asked him how long he was in the Force, and O'Keefe answered, twenty-five years.

Give Books, and for once you can enjoy your Christmas shopping, this year especially, for fine books are much less expensive than other five gifts. There is nothing more complimentary you can give than a book.

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THE LAST DAY OF THE POTS.

Colonel Otway desires to thank the many friends who have patronized the pots, and cast in the contributions. The amounts received this year are quite equal to former efforts, and to-day the parcels of good cheer will be distributed at the Citadel, New Gower Street, from two to four.

LOCAL ITEMS

Yesterday Bonne Bay reported, wind moderate, dull, no herring.

The s.s. Coban sailed yesterday forenoon for Sydney to load coal for St. John's.

On Sunday (Christmas Eve) at 6.30 o'clock the first Evensong of the Christmas festival will be held at St. Thomas's Church.

The tern schooner Maple Leaf is loading fish at Baine Johnson's for Brazil. She is expected to get away sometime next week.

The s.s. Sable Island is due this morning from Sydney and Charlottetown, P. E. I. She sails again for the same ports as soon as discharged, and will probably make another trip this way.

The Bell Island mines have closed down for Christmas and all the miners who are not residents of the Island have gone to their homes to spend a pleasant Christmas with their families.

Mr. Scott, who was almost carried away by the sea at the North Battery in November after the gale, and who had been very ill since, is now able to be about again and is gradually regaining his former health.

The tern schr. Annie L. Warren sailed yesterday at 10.30 for Pernambuco. She is fish laden from Smith Co. and has been anchored in the stream for some days waiting a time to sail.

The ships of the Reid Nfld. Co. will make only one more round trip to conclude the season's service. These boats have made a record year of it, in passenger and freight traffic and not an accident of any serious nature has been experienced.

While frenzied with drink Tuesday night one of the crew of the Florizel tried to jump overboard into the waters of the harbor. James Collins, the donkeyman, restrained him and had the man got overboard he must have been drowned.

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If anyone after the first day of January, 1917, manufactures any intoxicating liquors at any place within the Colony he shall be liable to a penalty of not less than One Hundred Dollars, and not exceeding Five Hundred Dollars, or, in default of payment, imprisonment not exceeding three months.

APPOINTED TO DETECTIVE FORCE We learn that Const. Tobin position on the detective force has been given to Const. Whalen. Whalen is a man who has well proved his efficiency and intelligence and we believe will make an excellent detective.

SUNDAY SERVICES

ANGLICAN CHURCHES. Church of England Cathedral "Christmas Eve" (Sunday). The Choir will sing a selection of Carols from "The Cowley Carol Book", after Evensong.

St. Thomas's Church 4th Sunday in Advent—Christmas Eve. Holy Communion at 8. Morning Prayer and Litany at 11. Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

St. Michael's Church Holy Communion at 8 and 11 on the 3rd Sunday of the month; and at 8 on other Sundays. Other services, 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

St. Thomas's Holy Communion, 8 a.m.; Sunday School, 2.45 p.m.; Evensong and Sermon, 6.30 p.m.; Preacher, Rev. C. A. Moulton.

Christ Church, Quidi Vid Holy Communion, second Sunday at 8 a.m. Evening Prayer, third Sunday in each month at 7 p.m. Every other Sunday at 3.30 p.m.

Virginia School Chapel Evening Prayer every Sunday at 3.30 p.m. St. Mary's Holy Communion on the first Sunday in each month at noon; every other Sunday at 8 a.m. Other services at 11 a.m. and 6.30 p.m.

METHODIST CHURCHES. Gower Street. Sunday, Dec. 24th—11 a.m., Rev. D. B. Hemmenc; 6.30 p.m., Rev. N. M. Guy.

George St. Church The Pastor will occupy the pulpit at Gower Street, Sunday morning; at full attendance of all the Sunday School Children is requested. In the evening the preacher will be the Rev. D. B. Hemmenc, who will deliver a Christmas Message.

Cochrane Street. The dedication of the new organ is postponed owing to the illness of the organist. The Rev. Dr. Bond will preach at both services tomorrow, the subject for the morning is "A Prime Minister in Difficulties," in the evening "No room in the Inn."

White Gift Service in the afternoon to commence at 2.45. Choice program me. Everybody welcome.

SHIPPING REID'S

Argyle arrived at Placentia at 7.10 p.m. yesterday. Clyde arrived at Lewisport at 11.40 a.m. yesterday.

BOWRING'S Prospero left Pilleys Island at 1.25 p.m. yesterday, inward. Portia arrived in port at 9 p.m.

MAJOR CARTY BETTER The many friends of Major G. T. Carty, veteran of Gallipoli, will be pleased to hear that he is able to be up and resume his duties, in connection with the Regiment again.

Wesley Church In the Basement of Wesley Church at 9.30 a.m., all the Society Classe will unite with Mr. Mark Pike's Class in a Christmas Service, when Mr. Robert Joyce and Mr. F. Chislett will preside.

Congregational Church The Sunday School will hold its open Xmas Service tomorrow afternoon at 2.45. The programme will consist of recitations, songs, etc. by the children, and an address which Mr. W. White has consented to give.

Salvation Army "Christmas Day." Army Hall, East End—7 a.m. Prayer Meeting; 11 a.m., Holiness Meeting; 3 p.m., Praise Meeting; 7 p.m., Salvation Meeting.

Adventist The subject upon which Evangelist R. W. Nubley will preach Sunday night at the Cookstown Road Church, will be: "The Christ."

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CATHOLIC CHURCHES

At midnight to-morrow (Sunday) Solemn High Mass will be sung at the R. C. Cathedral and the ceremonial will be beautiful and impressive. The High Altar has been magnificently decorated and a very realistic crib has been erected at the altar of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

At St. Patrick's there will also be Midnight Mass, the first in many years. The crib at this church is very beautiful, the figures of the Infant Saviour, the Mother, the Maji and Shepherds being life-like and the scenic representation vividly reminding the beholder of the biblical description of this great event in the world's history.

CHRISTMAS TREE AT VICTORIA HALL

The annual Christmas Tree for children of the Gower Street Mission Band was held in Victoria Hall at 4 p.m. yesterday afternoon.

On Monday at Middle Arm there was good hearing fishing in as far as Wheeler's Beach, and indications of herring in Penguin Arm.

WANTED—A Boy to serve his time at the Printing business. Apply to Foreman "Mail and Advocate" office.—dec21,tf

FOR SALE—60,000 Salted Sguid in good condition. Caught late this Fall. Apply to H. EL-LIOT, Harbor Breton.—dec19,6i

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—A Doctor. Reside at Western Bay. Practice from Broad Cove to Burnt Point, both inclusive. Valued at \$3000; perquisites extra. Apply EDMUND BUTT, Western Bay.—dec2,tf