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The Maritime Winter Fair Opens Tomorrow.

Tickets will be sold good going any train tomorrow (Tuesday, 16th) and good to return up till train leaving Amherst at midnight on the 18th for \$2.50. This rate applies to all stations as far east as Hampton. From Passages to Sussex the rate will be \$2.25 and from Plumwescap to Petticoat \$2.00.

Every one should take advantage of these low rates to visit the Winter Fair.

E. B. ELDERKIN, President.

HE PAID UP.

Jacob Lahood has been dodging the police for some time. He was requested to take out a license for the privilege of doing business in the city, but stated that he had a place at Gagetown and was going up there. He didn't go, but has continued in business here. This morning upon the earnest request of Sgt. Campbell Lahood paid the required \$7.50.

THIS EVENING.

"Practice Boys" concert in Oddfellows' Hall, Charlottetown.

Lecture by Rev. W. L. Evers before Unity Club, on Present State of Religion in France.

Meeting King's Daughters to arrange for Mrs. Macmillan's funeral.

Musical evening at St. Stephen's Guild.

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THE WEATHER.

TORONTO, Dec. 15.—Forecast: Maritime. Fresh to strong north-westerly winds, fair and cold; Tuesday, winds becoming southerly, fair and milder.

LOCAL NEWS.

Morrell & Sutherland's store will be open every night till Christmas.

Thursday night, Victoria Rink grand opening. Popular music, beautiful ice. Reduced season tickets. They make great gifts.

Rev. C. T. Phillips will deliver a lecture in the Main Street Baptist church on Wednesday evening on "What the Deacon Said."

The Boston express came in about half an hour earlier than today and the C. P. R. express from Montreal was an hour and a quarter late.

Proprietor McCaffrey, of the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, is in town, staying at the Dufferin. He states that in future dinner will be served in his house beginning at 1 o'clock, and supper will occur at 6 p. m.

A small boy practicing pitching for next year's baseball succeeded in putting an in-shoot on a snowball and drove it through a window in George Murphy's carriage shop on Main street on Saturday.

On account of the postponement of the Van Hoose concerts the Harris Festival chorus rehearsal will not be held until Thursday evening of this week in the C. of E. Institute.

Members of the Local Council of Women will attend Mrs. Macmillan's funeral in a body at Centenary church tomorrow, Tuesday. They are requested to meet promptly at two o'clock at 219 Princess street for that purpose.

Eight hundred cattle for shipment on the S. S. Alcides are on their way down by the I. C. N. L. The Alcides will sail Thursday. Another cattle train is expected later with 50 more for the Concordia, which is scheduled to sail from St. John Christmas Day.

Geo. G. Scovil, M. P. P., is in the city today. He states that about the usual amount of lumbering will be done in his section of Kings county this winter. The fact that the snow fell before the swamps were frozen is something of a drawback.

Harry McKie, son of Conductor James McKie, of Charlottetown, and who has for some years been in the employ of R. T. Holman in Summerside, P. E. I., has secured a position with Emerson & Fisher of this city.

The stall holders in the country market have started decorating their places for the Christmas season, and from all indications the market will present quite a gay appearance. Christmas beef and turkeys are now beginning to come in and the prospects are good for a brisk business.

Court Epping east, J. O. F. meets in annual session this evening at the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street. Election of officers for 1903 and other important business, including initiation of new members, will take place. All members are requested to be present.

James O'Brien, Hugh McGuire, Leo Mahoney, Louis Harrington, John Riley, Hugh McCormack, and Frank McKeown have been reported to the police by Charles E. Gormley for standing on the sidewalk in front of his place on Main street and using insulting language on the 13th and 14th insts.

MORE COMPLAINTS.

The Police Magistrate and Deputy Chief Jenkins Do Not Agree.

During the hearing of the report against Edward O'Brien for managing a business in the city without a license, Magistrate Ritchie remarked that the only persons, not ratepayers, who could work in the city without a license were policemen imported from Washademoak. This has not been received by the police with any alarming amount of gratification and Deputy Jenkins, who, by the way, comes from the Washademoak, requested the Star to say:

"In regard to the magistrate's statement that members of the police force imported from Washademoak can work in the city without a license, not being ratepayers, I wish to say that it is a lie. There are now on the force three men from the Washademoak. I am one of them, and have been a ratepayer for over twenty years, another man has been a ratepayer for six years, and the third man for one year. The magistrate appears to take every opportunity of throwing dirty slurs at the police."

ST. JOHN'S, Nfld., Dec. 15.—The schr. Carmena, from P. E. Island, with a cargo of meat and poultry, has been wrecked at Lamaline. The crew was saved.

The schr. Northern Light, from St. John's for Pogo, Newfoundland, laden with provisions, is a total wreck near Burnt Head. The crew was rescued. It is feared wrecks have taken place on the more remote northern coast. The effects of the gale are almost without precedent.

GLoucester, Dec. 15.—A telegram received today by the owners of schooner Dreadnaught, Captain Edward Wentzel, stated that the vessel is ashore at Sulpin Lodge, near Lunenburg, N. S., and full of water. The crew is safe.

THE FOUR DOUGS.

The three Douglasses to whom reference was made in the Star last week, are at the Grand Union awaiting the arrival of Peter Verigin, the Douglass exile and leader, who comes on the Lake Champlain. These three who started out on the recent mad pilgrimage, they like Canada and are doing well. Peter Verigin was an exile in Siberia for sixteen years, and his brother's eight years, for refusal to serve in the army. One sister was also exiled. The three men at the Grand Union are robust, intelligent looking men.

DIED SUDDENLY

Resident of Adelaide Road Falls Dead on the Street.

George J. White, a laborer, living at 100 Adelaide Road died very suddenly between one and two o'clock this afternoon. Mr. White was one of the teamsters employed by the city in hauling snow off the streets and had just gone back to work after dinner. He, in company with other workmen, was engaged in filling his sled with snow on Winter street, near the school, when he was suddenly seen to fall forward on the ground as if in a fit. His fellow workmen at once ran to his assistance and carried him into Green's grocery store on the corner. A messenger was sent to telephone for a doctor, but before he even reached the telephone Mr. White, who was summoned, viewed the body and decided that Mr. White's death was due to heart failure. Under the circumstances no inquest was considered necessary.

Undertaker Chamberlain was notified and removed Mr. White's body to his home on Adelaide street.

Mr. White was fifty-five years of age and leaves a wife and several children. The latter are grown up, and some of them are living in the United States. One son is the employ of Stetson, Cutler & Co.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS.

At the Baptist ministers' meeting this morning there were present Rev. W. H. Roach, B. N. Nobles, Alexander White, G. O. Gates, Dr. Black, Dr. Manning, C. Burnett, D. Long, G. N. Stevenson and G. C. B. Appel. In the absence of Rev. A. T. Dykeman, Rev. H. H. Roach occupied the chair. Exchanges were reported between Rev. B. N. Nobles and G. N. Stevenson, and Alex. White and D. Long. Dr. Manning preached a missionary sermon in Portland, Me., last evening.

The Rev. H. H. Roach conducted services at the Home for Incubates yesterday afternoon and at the Seamen's Mission in the evening. A missionary service was held last evening in the Coburg street Christian church, under the auspices of the Christian Women's Band of Missions. One baptism was reported from the Tabernacle church. The remainder of the session was taken up with a discussion of the biblical view of the Atonement.

The preachers convened at the usual time and place. Rev. H. Penna, presiding. After reading scripture by the secretary, Rev. Chas. Comben led in prayer.

There were present Revs. Dr. Sprague, G. M. Campbell, T. J. DeLoraine, S. Howard, H. Penna, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, C. Comben. Services were as usual yesterday, except that Rev. C. Comben preached in Carmarthen street at both services, in place of Rev. C. W. Hamilton, who was preaching the missionary sermon in Moncton.

Rev. Mr. Morson preached in Portland, and Rev. Dr. Manning and the pastor held a platform meeting in behalf of missions at night. Rev. A. M. Hill and Rev. Mr. Kirby exchanged pulpits in Fairville.

The order of business was reached and on motion the matter of the emergency fund meeting was left to the individual pastors.

The discussion of the paper read by Rev. C. W. Hamilton last week was postponed till next Monday on account of the absence of Mr. Hamilton. A general discussion on church matters occupied the rest of the session. Adjourned with benediction by Rev. Dr. Sprague.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT.

Postponed Till Tomorrow Evening. Late Trains Delay Mr. Van Hoose.

Mr. Spencer received a telegram early this morning from Mr. Van Hoose, the tenor who was to appear in the Opera House tonight, to the effect that owing to a long detention of the New York train, he did not arrive at Boston last evening to connect with the train for this city. In consequence, the concert will necessarily be postponed till tomorrow and Wednesday evenings. Patrons who please note particularly that tickets procured for this evening's concert are good for tomorrow night, and those purchased for tomorrow evening can be used Wednesday night. Mr. Van Hoose will arrive on tonight's train, Miss Wetmore, the soprano, came from Boston at noon. No music lover can afford to miss this great opportunity, which may never occur in St. John again. Many good seats still remain, which will be rapidly taken up to-morrow. The artists will appear in Frederick Thursday night, instead of Wednesday.

THE LATE DR. HARDING.

The funeral of the late William S. Harding, M. D., took place this afternoon. A very large number of citizens attended to pay the last tribute to one who was universally respected. Members of the Loyalist Society, of which he was a life long member and vice-president, were there, as well as a large delegation of members of the medical profession and men in other walks of life. At half past two o'clock the remains were taken from his late home on the corner of Union and Dorchester streets to St. John's Stone church, where service was conducted by Rev. John deSoyes. Interment was made in Fernhill.

AFTER THE AUCTIONEERS.

The city chamberlain is after the auctioneers, and the whole of those who are doing business in the city are being notified to take out licenses. It is said that none of them have licenses, and are still holding sales. The amount required by the city is eighty-four dollars every half-year and the chamberlain reports that none of the auctioneers have paid up beyond the first of November.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN IN.

The Elder-Dempster liner Lake Champlain, which sailed from Liverpool Dec. 3, arrived off the island at eleven o'clock this morning. Dr. March boarded her there this afternoon. To-night she will come up and dock at No. 3 berth, Sand Point. The Lake Champlain brings 180 steerage passengers, a number of first and second class and a large freight.

ORIANA ARRIVES.

Furness Boat in After 18 Day

Trip—Manchester Boat

Struck Ground.

Trader Went Ashore at Port Medway but Suffered no Damage—Steamers Sailing and Arriving.

The Furness liner Oriana out from Liverpool since November 28, came up the harbor this morning and docked at the I. C. N. pier at ten o'clock. She comes in ballast and will load here and at Halifax with general cargo.

Capt. Anderson reports a trip replete with wild storms ever since leaving the other side. Gales from the north-westward and westward have continued nearly every day with intense cold and frequent snow storms, making the passage necessarily slow. There were no untoward incidents on the voyage beyond painful injuries received by the captain in a fall on the slippery deck.

The steamer arrived off Partridge Island last night at five o'clock and lay there till this morning when the port physician boarded and examined her.

The steamer Manchester Trader, of the Manchester line left Port Medway, N. S., yesterday for Halifax to take in more cargo. She leaves tomorrow for Georgetown, P. E. I., to finish loading.

While going into Port Medway to load pulp there for London the Trader grounded slightly. She was taken off without much trouble and on Saturday a diver was brought up from Halifax to examine her bottom. No damage was discovered and she was allowed to proceed.

At Halifax yesterday the Furness line steamer London City, arrived after a very rough trip and the steamer Cambrian King, from Antwerp for Boston twenty-four days out, put in with steering gear broken and just enough coal in her bunkers to bring her in. The captain reports experiencing terrible weather during the entire passage. The steering gear broke a week ago and since then steering was done by ropes from the rudder, led to one of the steam winches.

Lake Champlain, from Liverpool, is due at this port today. She brings 12 cabin, 40 second and 780 steerage passengers.

The Donaldson s.s. Alcides will not complete discharging her inward cargo at the government wharf till tomorrow. Then she will move over to No. 4 berth, Sand Point. An extra dock is being fitted up for the accommodation of live stock. She is to take to Glasgow 500 cattle and 16 horses. A large quantity of lumber will be required for these fixtures and quite a gang of carpenters are employed on the job.

The Allan liner Corinthian, Capt. Numan, sailed about noon yesterday for Liverpool via Halifax. She was very quickly discharged and loaded, having reached St. John on Thursday evening. The cargo taken in here consisted of 35,000 bushels of wheat, 85 carloads of provisions, 30 of flour, 100 standards of deals, and a lot of general stuff. Her passenger list on her way to Liverpool will include 20 cabin, 16 second cabin and 100 steerage passengers, of whom 60 will go on board at Halifax. She had altogether 617 cattle and 144 sheep.

The Elder-Dempster s.s. Lake Megantic, Capt. Taylor, took her departure from Sand Point for Avonmouth shortly after the Corinthian sailed yesterday. The Megantic has on board 20,000 bushels of oats, 16,000 of wheat, 350 standards of deals, 5,000 boxes of cheese, 3,000 sacks of flour, 6 carloads of hay, 3 of eggs, 10 of meats, and 75 standards of shooks. Twelve cabin, 25 intermediate and 56 steerage passengers go over in her.

VENEZUELA

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tured have been sent to a certain West Indian Port to be refitted to cruise during the blockade. The destruction of the Venezuelan craft, it is added, was necessary in order to prevent them from falling into the hands of the Venezuelans, as the German vessels have to leave La Guayra.

Venezuela's proposition has now been received here. The foreign office says that this will not delay measures previously decided upon by Germany and Great Britain. The officials here do not indicate what will be the final decision on the arbitration proposition, but apparently it was made too late to affect the general situation.

LATEST REPORT.

LONDON, Dec. 15.—An expression of desire for a peaceful settlement of the difficulty has been received in London from the Venezuelan government.

THE WINTER FAIR.

The Winter Fair at Amherst opens tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. The railway offers excursion rates to the fair which lasts three days. Tomorrow's programme will be:

Address—President.

Presentation of Building by the Fat Stock Show Commission—C. A. Lusby, Esq., chairman.

Reply—F. W. Hodson, Dominion live stock commissioner.

Formal Opening—Hon. W. S. Fielding.

Addresses—Prof. Robertson, Hon. B. Rogers, P. E. I.; Hon. L. P. Farris, N. B.; Hon. T. R. Black, N. S.

Immediately following the opening ceremonies, judging of live stock in the ring will commence.

8 p. m., public meeting, Hon. W. P. Pipes, chairman, when addresses of welcome will be delivered by Mayor Curry, Town of Amherst; Warden Seaman, County of Cumberland; H. J. Logan, M. P. Replies will be made by Hon. W. S. Fielding, finance minister of Canada; R. L. Borden, M. P.; Hon. L. J. Tweedie, premier of New Brunswick; Hon. Arthur Peters, premier of Prince Edward Island; Hon. Geo. H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia; Prof. Robertson, Dominion commission of agriculture; Archibald McNeillage, editor of Scottish Farm, Glasgow, Scotland.

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POLICE COURT.

From the Cold and Snowy Banks of Loch Lomond.

The three specimens who sat on the bench this morning looked almost as healthy as a bunch of North End policemen. Two of them were old offenders, and one of these sat unmoved under the awful crime with which he was charged. William Mattox, although he did not fully realize his position, was charged with being "a vagrant, having no visible means of support." William had been working at Loch Lomond, but took the high-road and came to town on Saturday night. He promised faithfully to go by some other route and remain away for the winter. He and his true love may never meet again on the cold and snowy banks of Loch Lomond. William thanked the court for the freedom granted him and left for parts unknown.

On Saturday night Henry Lovitt should have been in his bed where he might have been warm and comfy, but instead of this he was wandering around Union street loaded for bears, eight dollars or thirty days.

Gustave Lundberg, from Sweden, was passed along from one person to another until, charged with liquor, he fell into the arms of the police on Britain street. He pleaded guilty to being drunk and was fined four dollars.

A SAD ANNIVERSARY.

Says the Ottawa Free Press of Dec. 7th:

Last Saturday was the anniversary of the sad drowning accident by which Miss Bessie Blair and Mr. Harper lost their lives. To escape the awfulness of an anniversary, Mr. Blair took his younger daughter, Miss Audrey Blair, down to New York for Saturday and Sunday, but Mrs. Blair preferred to remain in Ottawa. Her eldest son, George Blair, came up from St. John, N. B., to bear his mother company during the sad day. Mr. and Mrs. Blair were accompanied to New York by Miss Lucy Kingsford and the party returned to Ottawa on Monday night.

MINING STOCKS SOLD.

Auctioneer Potts sold at Chubb's corner, Saturday, 500 shares of Gold King at 60c. per share; 5,000 shares of Golden Tunnel, at 8c. per share; 1,000 shares of Union Consolidated Oil, at 20c. per share, and 25 shares of New Brunswick Oil, at \$7.50 per share. Auctioneer Lantulum withdrew the Anning property on Union street at \$5,300. He sold 50,000 shares of Bear Gulch at 40c. per share.

WEST INDIA LINE.

The "Orinoco" left Bermuda at 3 p. m. on Saturday, and will therefore be due here on Wednesday.

Games, baskets, ornaments, plaques, etc., 19c. tonight at 7.30. Morrell & Sutherland.

The concert recently given by the members of St. Mary's Boys Brigade will be repeated by request in the schoolroom tomorrow evening.

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