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D. A. R. TRACKMEN GO BACK TO WORK

Their Demands Were Granted Under Conditions

ROUGH NIGHT IN BAY

Schr. J. W. Cousins is Overdue at Digby From Freeport ----She Was Fighting the Storm in the Bay Last Night.

DIGBY, N. S., Dec. 4 (Special)—The D. A. R. trackmen's strike is ove . The men went to wo k this morning with the understanding that their demands, under certain conditions, would be granted. The strike was settled none too soon, as the road is this morning tied up with snow. The early morning freight is still at Annapolis. A snow plow left Yarmouth this morning for Digby. The express is following at a safe distance, but is considerably late.

Last night was a rough one in the Bay of Fundy. The Digby fishing schooner, J. W. Cousins, Capt. Casey, anxious to get her fare to Digby while prices are high for haddock, left Freeport at 3 o'clock this morning and has not yet arrived here She must be experiencing a regular blizzard in the bay. The schooner George is at Freeport with a load of haddock for Digby dealers. The price is much higher than usual, and the dealers are wrangling among themselves to get every cargo unloaded. Even then they cannot supply the great demand from the upper provinces for their finnan haddies, the best brands of which are put up in Digby town and along Digby neck.

Digby streets are badly drifted this morning. Sleighs are out for the first time this season and business is practically tied up on account of the rough weather.

MARATHONS TO HAVE IT

City Decides to Rent Portion of Exhibition Building for Hockey Rink.

The special committee appointed by the common council yesterday to deal with the application of the Marathon Athletic Club for permission to use a portion of the building as a rink for hockey and other sports this winter, met this morning in the mayor's office. There were present the mayor, Ald. Vaughan Sharpe, Ald. McGoldrick and Director Wisely. Frank White, president and H. F. Sharpley, secretary of the Marathon Club, were also in attendance and the matter was discussed at length.

It was decided to comply with the request and an agreement will be drawn up this afternoon.

All changes or repairs will have to be made, subject to the approval of the director of public safety, and the club will pay a yearly rental.

The members of the committee and the director stated that they could see no reason why the request should not be complied with, as the club agrees to leave the building in as good repair as when they receive it. The director thought it would be better to have the building occupied, than that it should be idle.

The club will commence this week to prepare for putting ice on the floor and getting the dressing rooms in shape. It is hoped that everything can be made ready as soon as possible so that the hockey team can get down to practice.

EQUITY COURT AT FREDERICTON

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 4 (Special) Judge Barker presided at the December sitting of the equity court here this morning and heard two motions. In the matter of James Campbell Carney, an infant, Barry, K. C., moved for leave to sell by his next friend the interests of the said infant in certain lands in the city of St. John. The court ordered that Rev. Francis L. Carney, the next friend, be authorized to sell the interest of the infant in the lands.

Archibald Warren vs. John A. Humble, Gregory, K. C., moved for leave to add as parties defendant the Canada Permanent Loan and Mortgage Corporation and A. A. Sterling, as assignee of John A. Humble, and for leave to amend the bill by adding the necessary allegations and for an injunction restraining the parties added from paying over certain moneys that may come to their hands belonging to the estate of John A. Humble. Motion granted on counsel giving the usual undertaking to pay damages by reason of the injunction.

His honor announced that judgment in the case of Price vs. Edwards will be delivered at St. John this day for right.

The thermometer registered four degrees below zero here last night.

The tug Lillie went out again this morning to look for the schooner Rebecca W. Huddell, before reported by one of the pilots as being outside of Partridge Island during last night's gale with her mainsail and foresail blown away. The schooner is from Salem and is in command of Captain J. Scott. It is thought by the pilots and others around the harbor front that the Huddell has been blown off and that as she is a good staunch vessel she will ride out the storm in safety. The agent of the schooner is D. J. Purdy of the north end. He thinks she will turn up all right.

In the probate court today a citation was returnable in the estate of the late Caroline Wills. An agreement was made upon all points interested.

AN OLD MAN'S LONG WALK

Thos. Dixon Tramped to St. John from Ottawa

HE IS 72 YEARS OLD

The Aged Traveller Has Friends in Prince Edward Island and is Trying to Reach Them---Says This is Coldest Place He Struck.

Thomas Dixon, aged 72 years, who walked all the way from Ottawa to St. John, arrived at the central police station early this morning, and would have proceeded on his way to Prince Edward Island had he not been detained and his case handed over to Secretary Wetmore of the Alms House commissioners.

The old man is a watchmaker by trade and left Ottawa about the middle of October.

According to his story, he must have reached the city late last night or early this morning, and it is believed he slept last night in the Hackmen's Shelter near the Union Depot.

When brought into the central station shortly after seven o'clock this morning, Dixon was chilled through and thought that the night had not yet passed. The officer on guard gave him some food and seated him by the stove. The old man insisted on continuing his journey, but was detained at central.

Dixon has with him a bundle containing a complete kit of tools for repairing time pieces of every description.

He told the police that he left the Dominion capital about six weeks ago, intending to visit relatives in Prince Edward Island. He had done several jobs at watch making on the way and had put up at the houses of farmers.

When asked where he spent yesterday and the preceding night, he said he did not know, but it seems probable that he was in Moncton.

He adds that he did not mind the weather till he reached the vicinity of St. John, and declared he had not seen anything so severe as the present cold snap.

In reply to a query from Mr. Wetmore, he said he had no money. He also informed the official that he was unmarried, but three families in Prince Edward Island, he said, were related to him. He had not lived in the Island for many years, but had visited there about two or three years ago.

Mr. Wetmore said he would make inquiry and see what could be done towards getting the old man home.

A telephone inquiry at central station at one o'clock revealed the fact that Dixon had gone and taken his bundle with him.

DUFFERIN HOTEL IS IN NEW HANDS

The Dufferin Hotel has changed hands and will in future be run by Foster, Bond and Co. Negotiations were completed yesterday whereby E. Le Roi Willis, the former proprietor, transferred the property to John H. Bond, Frank H. Foster and James H. Doody. Mr. Bond will act as manager, while Mr. Foster will also be closely identified with the business of the hostelry.

The hotel will be thoroughly renovated and some changes made, such as the installing of additional baths, etc.

Mr. Bond will still continue as the proprietor of Carvell Hall.

GREAT HORSE SALE

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—One hundred and twenty one horses from Thomas W. Lawson's Dreamwold stud farm were sold at auction in Madison Square Garden yesterday. The total receipts did not amount to $64,000 or an average of $533 a horse. Dare Devil, a splendid trotting stallion, was bought by W. H. Reed of New York for $9700. Mr. Lawson was disappointed over the price and telegraphed from Boston authorizing the auctioneer to buy the animal back at a reasonable price.

Judge Wedderburn, with his daughter, came in from Hampton last week, and have taken rooms for the winter at the Victoria Hotel. Chamber business may be heard at the hotel, or the Saint John County Court Chambers, as may be arranged. The judge will be at chambers, Pugsley's Building, on Friday next at 3 o'clock when the case of Manzer and Poole vs Norman, standing over from the Kings County Court, and other matters will be heard.

The government dredge Galveston which is cleaning up the steamship berths at the I. C. R. pier is making only fair headway, owing to the fact that the material to be dredged is of a harder nature than was anticipated. About 1000 yards has, however, been removed from each side of the pier.

The case of Vail vs Wry came up in the county court chambers today. The case is one of damages to weirs in Carleton, owned by the plaintiff, and $50 damages were awarded.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Roy Campbell were passengers on the Atlantic express, arriving at noon today.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. de Forest went east on the noon train today.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT SENDS HIS MESSAGE TO U. S. CONGRESS TODAY

As Was Expected He Deals at Length With the Corporations and the Relation Between Capital and Labor--Advocates More Complete Government Control Over the Trusts.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 4. — The president of the United States communicated his annual message to congress today. Among the subjects of general interest dealt with are:

Corporation campaign contributions, government's right of appeal in criminal cases, capital and labor, corporations, withdrawal of coal lands, marriage and divorce, American shipping, currency reform, Philippine tariff, attitude towards Japanese, Cuba, the Rio conference, fur seals, peace and righteousness, and the navy and army. The message is, in part, as follows:

"To the Senate and House of Representatives:

"As a nation we still continue to enjoy a literally unprecedented prosperity; and it is probable that only reckless speculation and disregard of legitimate business methods on the part of the business world can materially mar this prosperity.

"No congress in our time has done more good work of importance than the present congress. There were several matters left unfinished at your last session, however, which I most earnestly hope you will complete before your adjournment.

"I again recommend a law prohibiting all corporations from contributing to the campaign expenses of any party. Such a bill has already passed one house of congress. Let individuals contribute as they desire, but let us prohibit in effective fashion all corporations from making contributions for any political purposes, directly or indirectly."

Lynching

In regard to lynching, President Roosevelt says:

"Lawlessness grows by what it feeds upon, and when mobs begin to lynch for rape they speedily extend the sphere of their operations and lynch for many other kinds of crimes, so that two-thirds of the lynchings are not for rape at all; while a considerable proportion of the individuals lynched are innocent of all crime.

"Moreover, where any crime committed by a member of one race against a member of another race is avenged in such fashion that it seems as if not the individual criminal, but the whole race, is attacked, the result is to exasperate to the highest degree race feeling. There is but one safe rule in dealing with black men, as with white men; it is the same rule that must be applied in dealing with rich men and poor men; that is, to treat each man, whatever his color, his creed, or his social position, with even-handed justice on his real worth as a man.

"Every colored man should realize that the worst enemy of his race is the negro criminal, and above all the negro criminal who commits the dreadful crime of rape; and it should be felt as in the highest degree an offence against the whole country, and against the colored race in particular, for a colored man to fail to help the officers of the law in hunting down with all possible earnestness and zeal every such infamous offender. Moreover, in my judgment, the crime of rape should always be punished with death.

"The members of the white race, on

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GOT MESSAGES FROM THE CLUB

King Square Hackman Swears Union Club Furnishes Patrons.

Some interesting evidence and breezy talk arose out of the Watts case, which was resumed today in the police court, the star witness in this respect being Dennis Murphy, a hackman.

It will be remembered that Watts was charged with allowing his horse to stand on the square insufficiently covered, from 7.30 to 11.30 last Thursday night.

Patrolman Totten was first sworn, and his testimony was much the same as that given at yesterday's hearing.

Dennis Murphy swore that he was on the square from 9.30 Thursday night till 1.20 the following morning. He knew Watts' horse had stood there from 9.30 till 11.45 Thursday night. He knew that Watts had taken two passengers from the Dufferin and lunched with them in the White House and had also called at Breen's.

His honor asked the witness if Thursday was not the "night the birds were out," and if there was not quite a rush from the corner of Waterloo street, along Union, past the Opera House, thence to Charlotte, past the market and down King street to Germain on that night. Witness said there was. He also stated that the hacks on the square and King street had frequent calls from the Union Club. "They just telephone from the club to Jackson's and we get word." These people witness designated "some of the tones."

"How well they know where to telephone," said his honor, "to Jackson's."

The case stands till tomorrow to get expert evidence from veterinaries.

His honor said it was not well for young boys to drive people to road houses.

GAVE HIS LIFE FOR ANOTHER

VANCOUVER B. C., Dec. 4.—(Special). — A. P. McKeen, of Toronto, aged thirty years, gave his life for a green deck hand yesterday morning at Portland, Oregon, in the Cowlitz River. A green deck hand backed into the river with a truck. Mr. McKeen lowered his foot, himself clinging to the railing. The deck hand not only grabbed his foot, but started to climb up, with the result that he pulled his would-be rescuer in. Mr. McKeen was drowned and the deck hand saved.

The leak in the joint of No. 3 main, which developed yesterday on McDonald's farm, will cause no inconvenience to citizens as the full pressure is on and repairs will not be made until the weather moderates.

December 14 will be "Dog Day" in the police court. Five hundred summonses will be issued.

J. B. Cudlip returned home on the Montreal train today.

SHOCKING ACCIDENT

Fabien White, an I. C. R. Section Man, Killed by a Train Near Amherst.

AMHERST, N. S. Dec. 4—(Special)—A shocking accident occurred about two miles west of Amherst on the I. C. R. this morning, whereby Fabien White, a section man belonging to Foreman T. H. Jackson's gang, was run over and so injured that he died after being removed to the waiting room here.

The deceased, in company with Charles McKay, was taking out crossing planks as the accommodation from Springhill came along and owing to the terrific snow storm could neither see nor hear her approaching and the train hands could not see them. McKay received slight injuries to his leg, White's jaw and leg were broken. McKay walked into town and gave the alarm and the shunter went out and brought White in. He was alive on reaching the waiting room but died shortly after. The deceased was about 35 years of age and leaves a wife and family. He had only been employed at present on the I. C. R. for about 10 days. Twelve years ago he was engaged in this section but left for the United States from which place he only recently returned. An inquest will be held this afternoon.

TRAIN WAS DELAYED

Run Off in I. C. R. Yard, Kept Halifax Express Late.

The storm along the line of the I. C. R. is now over. Word was received here yesterday to send out all trains as double headers, two locomotives being considered necessary to haul the trains through the drifting snow. This order was, however, cancelled this morning as the storm is reported over.

The last trip to Prince Edward Island, via Point du Chene, will be made today. The winter service, via Pictou will likely go into effect tomorrow.

The Halifax express, due to leave here at 11.25 last night did not get away until 3.17 a. m. this morning. The delay was caused by one of the new shunting engines leaving the rails with two or three cars that it was taking into the train shed. The run off occurred between 9 and 10 o'clock.

Four little boys were sent to jail this morning for throwing snowballs and stones on Sheriff street. They were Robert Finley, Wm. Finley, Joe Elliott and George Campbell. They were before the court on charges of throwing stones and snowballs at young McIntyre of north end on Saturday last, cutting and bruising his face. The penalty was $8 or two months in each case.

DEAD FROGS IN DRINKING WATER

London, Ontario, Family Almost Wiped Out by Typhoid Fever Resulting from Impure Water.

LONDON, Ont, Dec. 4 (special)—A story of the wiping out of almost the entire family is revealed in the death of Jacob Wilkenweder, of Doshville, at Victoria Hospital yesterday.

Something less than two months ago, Edward Wilkenweder came home from Chicago in delicate health to his father's farm, near Dashwood. He gradually failed, his illness developed into typhoid fever, and he died. Within the following two weeks four other members of the family were taken ill with the same malady, and one by one, at short intervals, the two sisters, Lowina and Melinda, and the father, also passed away. Jacob, who died yesterday, was brought to the Victoria Hospital, as the depleted family, even with the assistance of two nurses, who have been in attendance nearly eight weeks, were utterly unable to give him proper care. The cause of the outbreak has been unmistakably traced to water used for drinking purposes which was polluted by the decomposed bodies of dead frogs. The mother and two sons are the sole remaining survivors.

THE U. S. AND JAPAN

NEW YORK, Dec. 4. — According to Washington advices to the Herald, there is a general disposition to let the courts have an opportunity to pass upon the dispute between the United States and Japan over the Japanese demands with reference to the San Francisco schools and the Californians seem disposed to let the affair be settled without undue friction. Mr. Roosevelt is quite as determined as ever that treaty rights shall be observed, but it is plain that the exact extent of the rights of the Japanese in the premises must be determined, by the judiciary. Searches made by Secretary of State Root into decisions on this question led him to the conclusion that if the treaty of 1894 regarding residence, travel, etc., did give rights of an educational character, the Californian authorities would have no ground to stand upon in litigation brought by the United States to enforce the treaty rights of Japan.

A sale and five o'clock tea will be held in Trinity school room this afternoon and evening, under the auspices of the Young Women's Guild. There will be twelve tables, and Mrs. L. B. Knight, Mrs. Richardson and Miss Disbrow will preside.

The candy table will be in charge of the Misses Gillis, Miss Belle Robertson and Miss Laura Knight.

Those in charge of the novelty table will be Miss Patton, Miss Seeds, Miss Hoyt and Miss Dodge.

Miss Laura Patton will be in charge of the apron table.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THE FIRE RECORD.

Our esteemed fellow-citizen, Mr. Jamesey Jones, says that when smoke was discovered issuing from the fire department

the whole aldermanic brigade was called out, and a general alarm sounded; but only a still alarm was sent in and some cold water thrown on it when a fierce blaze was discovered in the police department. Jamesay is quite hot about it.

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The people of the west side, who had been disturbed over rumors that something was to be done to the east side ferry house, and who had thought of bottling up some of the odors of the place for the pleasure of a remote posterity, were greatly relieved this morning when they learned that the aldermen had decided not to tamper with the distillery at present.

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Mr. Hiram Hornbeam is much edified by the discussion of the higher criticism. He says that on cold nights it will afford a fine source of intellectual exercise, without calling a man out into the frosty air to go and sit up with a sick neighbor.

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DORCHESTER, Dec. 4.—(Special). — The special train from Moncton, with saloon keepers coming here to board for the winter, was last heard from in the vicinity of McLeod's Woods. It is believed to be snowbound.

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Recorder Skinner had a long talk with Corporation Counsel Skinner this morning and found that they held precisely the same views relative to fees, and all matters of civic interest. They took lunch together, and expressed great pleasure in the discovery that they had so much in common.

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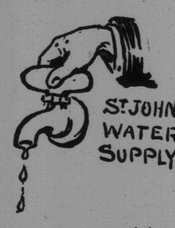
It is a pleasure to be able to state



that further repairs are being made to the water pipes which supply the city.

MONCTON IN GRIP OF BIG BLIZZARD

BANDSMEN ARE SECOND

They Stole a March on Scots' Brigade Today

A VERY KEEN FIGHT

Indications Are That the Next Few Days Will See Strenuous Campaigning in the Times Contest---Court La Tour is Still in the Lead.

The usual ratio of increase is being maintained in the Times contest. Today the standing of the leaders is somewhat changed. Although Court La Tour still holds down premier position, it is being closely crowded by St. Mary's Band and the Kilties. The former organization stole a march upon the Scotch lads this morning by capturing second place. The majority of the bandsmen, however, is rather slight. The number of ballots turned in today was very large, being but an earnest of what is to come later on, when the leaders begin to do some real fighting.

Only fifteen more days are left of the great struggle, and backward voters should come forward at once and take a hand in the fray.

A friend of the Kilties sends 26 votes for that body, enclosed in an envelope covered with pictures of Santa Claus and bearing Christmas greetings. It was evidently a pretty conceit of some youthful rooter for the Scotch Brigade.

The Neptune Rowing Club is again to the fore with a large number of votes. The oarsmen are bound to make it interesting for the other contestants, if they do not carry off the golden trophy.

The High School boys are putting up a good fight there days, in spite of the disadvantages under which they labor.

St. Roses L. A. D. Society are also very much in the struggle, as their vote will show. A splitted fight between the different leaders is now in prospect and many changes are likely to occur in a few days.

The Standing Today

Court La Tour, I. O. F.	21037
St. Mary's Band	19435
St. Stephen's Scotch B. B.	19 69
St. Rose's L. A. D. Society	14740
Neptune Rowing Club	14795
High School A. C.	13409
La Tour Section T. of H. and T—	3016
Portland Methodist Y. M. A.	2310
Marathon A. C.	1535
Junior Beavers	1490
Mission Church Gym.	1172
Court Yukon, C. O. F.	894
St. Andrew's Cadets	8[illegible]
Marlborough Lodge, S. O. E.	807
N. B. Lodge, K of P.	568
Y. P. S. of Centenary Church	621
Hibernian Cadets	482
Y. M. S. of St. Joseph	475
Ladies, O. B. A.	371
St. Georges B. B. Club	370
Alex. Section T of H & T.	326
Firemen's Relief Assn.	272
St. Peter's Y. M. A.	245
Military Veterans	24[illegible]
Ladies' Aux. to Seamen's Mission	218
King's Daughters and Sons	232
Maple Leaf Club	120
Ladies of the Maccabees	101
I. O. G. T.	90
Y. M. C. A.	80
Loyalist S. O. T.	70
Loyal O. S. (York, No. 3	45
Court Log Cabin, I. O. F.	16

TODAY'S NEWS OF THE WINTER PORT

C. P. R. steamship Lake Champlain, is due to arrive from Liverpool. She has on board a large passenger list.

The Allan line steamer Sarmatian will probably be here tomorrow from Havre via Halifax. Her 48 passengers were landed here by the Tunisian.

C. P. R. steamship Monmouth, 2569 tons register, left Bristol last Sunday, December 2, for this port.

The Allan line steamship Laurentian, now on her way to this port from Liverpool via Halifax, has 21 second cabin and 287 steerage passengers.

Manifests for the following United States products were received today at the customs house for shipment to United Kingdom by winter port steamers: 30 cars cattle, 23 cars lard, 5 cars corn, 2 cars doors, 2 cars pears, 1 car tobacco, 1 car furniture and 17 cars pork products.

The valuation of the cargo of the winter port steamship Empress of Ireland, now on her way to Liverpool is $165,155. She took away 40,257 bushels of wheat and 1313 boxes cheese, besides a large lot of United States canned meats, as shown in another column of this issue, under the head of exports.

A horse attached to a sled owned by C. W. Greenshields, Main street, ran away at noon today, but was captured on Main street before any damage was done. Mr. Greenshield's driver was driving towards the barn on Elm street, when the animal became frightened at a passing team which bumped against the sled. The horse bolted and turning, threw Mr. Greenshield's driver out of the sled and ran towards the store on Main street, where he was captured.

The river is completely frozen over two miles from Indiantown, the ice being well formed at Grand Bay, Milkish, and also on the Kennebeccasis.

A Heavy Snowstorm Prevails on the I. C. R.

TRAINS ARE LATE

Freight Trains Were Cancelled Out of Moncton and Passenger Trains Stalled in the Snow - - - Street Railway Company Had Tough Fight.

MONCTON, Dec. 4—(Special)—Moncton is the centre of a big snow blizzard which prevails pretty generally all over the I. C. R. tying up freight traffic to some extent and greatly interrupting passenger traffic. The storm, which set in yesterday morning, from east, gradually worked around to the north at night and is one of the coldest experienced in years. A strong gale whirled light snow in all directions and many places, the country roads especially, are drifted badly.

It is estimated that nearly two feet of snow fell in this section while the fall from Stewiacke, N. S. to St. John was almost the same. East of Stewiacke the storm was light. It extended as far north as Campbellton while above that, at River Du Loup and Levis intense cold is reported.

The I. C. R. is having difficulty in moving trains this morning, every express is behind time. No. 34 is about three hours late while No. 9 from Halifax reached Moncton at 8.30, five hours late.

She was stuck at Calhoun's for a time. All freight trains, except what are absolutely necessary, have been cancelled out of Moncton and snow specials are being run over the sections where the storm is most severe.

All express trains are being run with double headers. The snow is drifting badly in many places along the line, but owing to the light feathery nature of it, there is no difficulty in putting the plow through it.

A large gang of shovellers were at work in the Moncton yard this morning. At eleven o'clock this morning the storm was pretty well spent but is still drifting badly.

Six Foot Drifts in Amherst

AMHERST, Dec. 4 (Special)—A snow storm set in here yesterday afternoon raging throughout the night, accompanied by a fierce gale and as a consequence roads and streets are blocked. In many cases the drifts are five and six feet deep, extending whole blocks. This, of course, will seriously interfere with the attendance at the winter fair.

The Storm in St. John

The north-east and north gales which set in yesterday continued throughout the night. The snow that fell drifted considerably and amounted to 3 inches on a level, and in some places the ground is nearly bare. The velocity of the wind during the night and early morning was from 30 to 40 miles an hour with frequent gusts of greater velocity.

Cold weather still continues, the lowest temperature being zero this morning rising to 1 above at 9 o'clock, and 5 above at noon. The outlook is for continued cold weather. In the interior another pronounced cold wave is now on. At Winnipeg it is 12 below; Port Arthur, 6 below; Montreal, 28 below; Quebec, 4 below zero.

During last night's gale the bell buoy at the eastern end of Partridge Island turned over. It will be put in place again as soon as the wind subsides, by the government steamer Lansdowne.

Street Railway's Tough Fight

The snow storm yesterday was some what of a facer for the street railway, as late in the afternoon no cars were to be seen running on the Carleton and Fairville branches. The railway fought the storm on those lines until late in the afternoon, when all efforts to keep open the lines were abandoned and the rails were covered by the rapidly falling snow.

H. Hopper, secretary-treasurer of the company, stated to the Times this morning that usually the first storm of the season causes more trouble than any succeeding storm. He said that the lines would be open again this afternoon, and in the interim busses would be running for the accommodation of passengers, who would be given transfers upon leaving the cars at the bridge.

NEW YORK IN WINTER'S GRIP

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—New York had its first real touch of winter last night when the mercury dropped from 40 degrees to 18 degrees in six hours. High freezing winds were responsible for this unusual drop of 22 degrees in so short a time.

THE SARMATIAN SAILS

HALIFAX, N. S. Dec. 4—(Special)—The Allan line steamer Sarmatian, which dry-docked here to make repairs to her propellor, proceeded for St. John this morning.

Last night's south-east rain and wind storm was followed early this morning by a sudden drop in temperature and today the streets are a glare of ice.

EARTHQUAKE IN MARTINIQUE

FORT DE FRANCE, Martinique, Dec. 4—An earthquake shock was felt here last night. Damage was caused. The shock lasted one minute and a half. The oscillations were from north to south.

NEW YORK, Dec. 4—Opening prices of stocks were higher than last night, with very few exceptions. The volume of dealings was small and price changes generally narrow.