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WANTED—A girl for general housework in a small family. Apply at 173 Germania street.

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CALL AND SEE A. G. EDGECOMBE'S Slights and Two Seated Ash Pumps—will be sold at a great discount. Second hand slights at any price. City Road Carriage Factory.

HOW OLD DO YOU THINK RICHARD IS? LONDON, Dec. 19.—We have a variation of "How old is Ann?" It is "How old were Robin and Richard?" and the problem is thus metrically set: Said Robin to Richard: "If ever I come To the age you are now, brother mine, Our ages, united, will amount to a sum Of years making ninety and nine." Said Richard: "That's certain, and if it be fair For us to look forward so far, I then shall be double the age that you were."

TO SUE THE C. P. R. The Grain Growers' Association of Indian Head, indignant at the shortage of cars on the C. P. R. as a result of which they claim they were unable to get a single car between November 7 and November 22, have passed a resolution that the association take into consideration the advisability of having action taken in court to compel the C. P. R. to supply sufficient cars and to stand a suit for damages—Canadian Grocer.

Mother is out on the golf links, And getting up muscles galore; Brother disports on the gridiron, Enlarging his biceps some more. Sister at basketball shows us What strenuous living is for; Father, meanwhile, in the office, Develops the stress of war. —New York Sun.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 24, 1908.

CHRISTMAS.

This is Christmas eve again, the nineteenth hundred and third anniversary of the night when the star hung low over the little stable in Bethlehem where, because there was no room in the inn, Mary lay in a manger, and the wise men from the East with the great-eyed wondering cattle looking on, made obeisance to the Child that was born. And it is said that, while the angels sang strange songs of peace to the watching shepherds on the hills outside the town that night, there was, for once, no war nor sound of any strife in all the world.

Though half the world today calls itself by the name of the Child who was born that night of peace, there is little of peace in the hearts of nations or of men. Christian England and the United States are industriously shooting people in Somaliland and the Philippines; Christian Russia is whetting its sword as it waits its chance for a stab in the far East; Christian Europe is wondering what its part will be in the great killing which threatens in the not far future. In the ordinary walks of life the struggle for place and wealth was never so fierce and the carelessness of the mass for the individual never so great. Organized labor and capital are at each other's throats and from their struggle comes death and suffering to many not allied with either. The world is more refined, more polished, better educated, but it is just as cruel as it ever was.

But the yearly echo of the angels' song still has its power. For one day in the year at least men can still elude their jealousies and strivings and petty enmities and meet men with hearty good-will and with greetings that are more than meaningless words. And though they harden themselves again the next day, they cannot quite forget the giving and the taking of such greetings. They are better men for having given and taken them. The one day's sun of peace and good-will kills many a germ of malice and uncharitableness. The world would be a much worse place than it is without an occasional Christmas day.

THE MAN WHO DRINKS.

The Northern Pacific Railway, one of the largest transportation companies in the world, has recently issued an order prohibiting all drinking of intoxicating liquors by its employees whether on or off duty. This action has naturally aroused a storm of protest from the workmen and from many men and newspapers who resent the company's intrusion into a man's private life to the extent of prescribing his conduct during the hours that belong to himself. But the company is right. It is every day responsible for the safety of thousands of lives. It is responsible for whatever carelessness of engineer, conductor, brakeman or trackman may endanger any of those lives. It has a perfect right to pick the men who it considers are the best fitted to do the work, for the right doing of which it is responsible. And a man who has been drunk at night while off duty has not the nerves the next morning to stand any strain. If he has taken a drink or two on his way to work his judgment is not so sure as it otherwise would have been. No matter how temperate the moderate drinker may be, there is always the off chance of a slip too many, or a stomach grown suddenly too sensitive to stand, without effect, the usual amount. And a company with so much at stake has a right to protect itself from all such chances. Those employees who consider such a rule an encroachment on their personal liberty have perfect freedom to step out.

Though a railroad has more need for such a rule as this than any other concern, there are few businesses today in which a temperate and intemperate man of equal ability have the same chance. In these striving days a clear brain and a steady nerve are more in demand than ever before, and a man with the drinking habit, in however small a degree, is heavily handicapped. It is the growing appreciation of this, as shown by the growing strictness of employers in all lines regarding the use of liquor, that will do more to produce a race of temperate men than any law effecting the sale of intoxicants ever could.

The Star apologizes to its many readers for the liberties it has taken with their patience during the past week. But, really, the advertisers have so crowded over one another in their demand for space in the best advertising medium in St. John, that we couldn't do anything with them. They practically captured the office and took temporary charge with the editorial staff as mere lookers on. But during the hours tomorrow while they are forgetting about business in the joys of their Christmas dinner, we hope to regain control and once more restore the paper to its normal state. We promise better things hereafter, and hope that the good nature that Christmas brings will enable the Star's readers to extend us full forgiveness for our temporary neglect of their interests.

Cheer up, the worst is over; and we've all been broke before.

Tomorrow being Christmas day, the Star will not be issued.

CHRISTMAS EVE.

(Arthur Stringer in The Reader.) Across the outland Christmas night, The echoing darkness and the cold, I see the City crowned with light, And every window touched with gold.

Their new gods come, their old depart, Their strange creeds into dust have fled.

Yet He must live, O troubled heart, Who gave to men this Christmas-tide!

He dies not, for still clear His star On such a night stands forth alone, We remember now the Christ we are, And watch, the man that He would be!

And through the dubious outland night, Across the gloom, alone, forlorn, I see glad homes re-crowned with light, And each light swings His star reborn!

CHRISTMAS DAY.

How it Will be Spent in the Charitable Institutions.

Among the different charitable institutions throughout the city Christmas will be observed. In most of them special dinners will be provided and in some cases the inmates receive individual presents.

THE HOSPITAL.

Out at the hospital there is so much confusion resulting from the work now being done that it has been found impossible to carry out the usual Christmas celebrations. But what can be done will be done. A special dinner is being prepared and will be served in each ward. During the day the commissioners will visit the hospital and wish the patients a merry Christmas as is possible. It has not yet been decided whether the institution will be open to visitors.

THE JAIL.

From time immemorial it has been the custom to give the prisoners in the jail a first-class dinner on Christmas Day. There is no rule regarding this but for many years the jail has gone through the form of asking the sheriff's permission to provide the usual Christmas dinner and this has always been granted. Tomorrow, then, the fifty persons who are not enjoying liberty will be given a prime roast beef, lots of vegetables, plum pudding and "trimmings." The beef usually supplied, while of good quality, is just ordinary beef, but for the Christmas spread, the very best has been obtained.

ST. VINCENT'S ORPHANAGE.

Christmas here will be passed about as usual. Midnight mass will be celebrated by the chaplain, Rev. H. Cormier. Between Christmas and New Year's there will be a large Christmas tree for the children.

HOME FOR AGED WOMEN.

At the Industrial Home and the passed quietly. Many of the ladies have been invited out and will spend the day with relatives or acquaintances.

SALVATION ARMY RESCUE HOME.

Considerable preparation has been made for a cheerful Christmas at this institution. There will be two Christmas trees, one for the older inmates and the other for the children, and besides the hearts of the little ones will be gladdened with many thoughtful things from Santa Claus.

MATER MISERICORDIAE HOME.

The inmates of this institution will spend the day as usual.

HOME FOR INCURABLES.

Christmas at the Home for Incurables this year will be unusually cheerful and bright. A pleasant treat is in store for all. Each inmate will be the recipient of a Christmas box. The nurses and attendants, too, will come in for a remembrance.

WIGGINS MALE ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The boys at this institution will receive tomorrow but a taste of the treat that is to follow next Tuesday. Tuesday will be the day when all will be allowed to enter unrestrainedly into the festivities of the season. There will, of course, be the usual pastimes—dipping for nuts and apples and games of every sort, and best of all a special mark of favor for each boy from old Santa himself. On this day also will be awarded the usual winter prizes.

THE ALMSHOUSE.

The usual dinner will be supplied by the commissioners. In addition to this each of the female inmates will be given a small amount of material for a dress, and the men a supply of underclothing. During the afternoon the children will give a short programme.

THE INDUSTRIAL HOME.

At the Reformatory the boys will be given presents provided by friends, consisting for the most part of eatables. The usual big Christmas dinner will be provided.

C. P. R. CHANGES.

Finest quality briar and meerschaum pipes at Louis Green's.

MONTREAL, Dec. 23.—At a meeting of the board of directors of the Canadian Pacific Railway Company today David McNicoll was elected first vice-president and Wm. Whyte second vice-president. Mr. Whyte, with headquarters at Winnipeg, will have charge of the company's lines and general administration of affairs in the territory between Lake Superior and the Pacific coast.

CHINESE RUSHING TO CANADA.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 21.—Chinese laborers are rushing into Canada by the hundreds to evade the head tax of \$50 on every Chinaman that enters Canada after Jan. 1. They are now required to pay but \$50.

The str. Dorte, which recently arrived here from the Orient, brought 30 Chinese who were immediately shipped to Victoria.

The Japan liner Nippon Maru, just arrived, brought 35 Chinese, and str. On Fa carries 149 Mongolians, all of whom are in transit to Canada.

MARRIAGES.

STEPHENSON-CLARKE.—On Dec. 19th, at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. E. A. Goodwin, 124 Ring street, east, by the Rev. Ralph Gable, Rev. George Nelson, Stenstrom to Janet Louise, daughter of the late A. K. Clarke.

LOCAL NEWS.

French briar pipes in cases with a three leaf pure amber mouthpiece, No. 28 Louis Green's.

The Allan mail liner Ionian, from St. John and Halifax, reached Liverpool yesterday.

The Dominion line str. Calvin Austin has been laid up for the winter, so that the St. Croix will probably perform the winter service.

The Dominion cruiser Curlew, Capt. Pratt, reached St. John yesterday from down the bay. She will take up her winter quarters above the I. C. R. pier.

The I. C. R. officials have been made happy in as much as they are to see a large demand created in Japan for the Canadian, but the Manitoba product is really the cheapest in the long run, because it yields more bread and contains more gluten. The Manitoba flour gives 30 pounds more of bread per 100 pounds of flour than does the American. The visit of Hon. Mr. Fisher to Japan and the exhibit of Canadian products at the Osaka Exposition, says Mr. Tamura, have done a great deal to stimulate the demand for Canadian products. Mr. Tamura himself handles Manitoba flour. Where formerly he imported none, he now takes regularly between 200 and 300 tons a month. He has a bakery especially for making bread from Canadian flour, which he calls the Canada Bakery. He also has delivery carts bearing the name "Canada."

CANADIAN FLOUR IN JAPAN.

Mr. Tamura, Japanese merchant, who is visiting Ottawa, says he expects to see a large demand created in Japan for flour from Manitoba No. 1 hard wheat. At present most of the flour imported by Japan comes from the Pacific coast states of the union. It is a softer, cheaper and whiter flour than the Canadian, but the Manitoba product is really the cheapest in the long run, because it yields more bread and contains more gluten. The Manitoba flour gives 30 pounds more of bread per 100 pounds of flour than does the American. The visit of Hon. Mr. Fisher to Japan and the exhibit of Canadian products at the Osaka Exposition, says Mr. Tamura, have done a great deal to stimulate the demand for Canadian products. Mr. Tamura himself handles Manitoba flour. Where formerly he imported none, he now takes regularly between 200 and 300 tons a month. He has a bakery especially for making bread from Canadian flour, which he calls the Canada Bakery. He also has delivery carts bearing the name "Canada."

CIGAR MEANS BETROTHAL.

In Slam the lighting of a cigar may indicate a betrothal. A man offers the girl of his choice a flower, or takes a light from a cigar or cigarette, if she happens to be indulging at the time. This action is construed to mean willingness on both sides, and steps are at once taken to arrange for the payment of the dowry. The families of both bride and bridegroom must each provide a considerable sum for the newly mated pair.

In Calcutta, as in many parts of India, a lighted taper or a lighted pipe betokens the acceptance of a suitor.

In Siberia it is customary for the girl to present her suitor with a box of cigars as a sign that he is to be master of the house.

RULES FOR SMOKERS.

Dr. Gaze writes in The Berlin Review that a man can smoke without doing himself the slightest harm by following eight rules.

- 1. Smoke only mild cigars.
2. Smoke only good cigars.
3. Never smoke the last half of a cigar or the end of a cigarette.
4. Never relight a cigar.
5. Do not sit in a cloud of tobacco smoke.
6. Do not chew the end of your cigar.
7. Use a cigar holder.
8. Use a long-stemmed pipe.

TEACHERS' SALARIES.

The teachers' convention in Moncton adopted the following minimum salary schedule for the whole province, exclusive of provincial aid.

1st male, \$275 a year; 2nd male, \$200 a year; 3rd male, \$150 a year. 1st female, \$150 a year; 2nd female, \$120; 3rd female, \$115.

"MR. BLAIR APPOINTED?"

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—It is stated that the appointment of Hon. A. G. Blair as chairman of the railway commission was made by an order-in-council on Friday last. Mr. Blair himself refuses to deny or confirm the statement and the ministers maintain a discreet silence on the subject. The statement, however, is current in every quarter.

See our window for a display of pipes, briar and meerschaum, all sizes, prices low, at Louis Green's.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Passenger service to and from St. John, in effect Oct. 18th.

DEPARTURES.

By Canadian Pacific. Express for Boston, 6:45 a. m. Express for Montreal, 8:00 p. m. Express for Boston, 8:10 p. m.

By Intercolonial. Mixed for Moncton, 6:30 a. m. Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney, 7:00 a. m. Express for Moncton and Point du Chene, Pictou and Halifax, 11:15 p. m. Express for Moncton, 11:15 p. m. Express for Sussex, 5:10 p. m. Express for Quebec and Sydney, 11:25 p. m. Express for Halifax and Sydney, 11:25 p. m. By New Brunswick Southern. Express for St. Stephen, 1:50 a. m.

ARRIVALS.

By Canadian Pacific. Express from Fredericton, 8:25 a. m. Express from Boston, 11:55 a. m. Express from Montreal, 11:50 a. m. Boston Express, 11:15 p. m.

Express from Halifax and Sydney, 6:30 a. m. Express from Sussex, 6:00 a. m. Express from Montreal and Quebec, 8:30 p. m. Mixed from Moncton, 8:30 p. m. Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton, 5:40 p. m. Express from Halifax, Sydney and Pictou, 8:40 p. m. Express from Sydney, Halifax and Pictou, 11:25 a. m. By New Brunswick Southern. Express from St. Stephen, 7:10 p. m.

STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

By Dominion Atlantic. S. S. Prince, leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7:45 o'clock; arriving from Digby at 9 p. m. By Eastern S. S. Co. Steamer leaves St. John at 8:00 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for La Be, Eastport, Portland and Boston. By Grand Manan S. S. Co. Leaves St. John for Grand Manan, Campbellton and Eastport. Returning, leaves for St. John on Mondays at 1:30 p. m.

MANCHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON LIMITED KING ST GERMAIN ST AND MARKET SQ

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The very best things of tomorrow for all is our wish, and may the day be doubly enjoyable. If you are going to "shop" tonight, call at our four stores, and your perplexity will take wings. Bring the following list with you:—

- Men! BATH ROBES, \$2.50 to \$2.25. DRESSING GOWNS, \$5 to \$27. SMOKING JACKETS, \$2.50 to \$15. TROUSERS HANDKERCHIEFS, 25c. SILK HANDKERCHIEFS. LINEN HANDKERCHIEFS. ALL KINDS OF NECKTIES. BILLIARD TABLES. BRICA-BRAC. FUR GLOVES AND CAPS. MORRIS CHAIRS. BLACKING KITS. SECRETARIES. TRUNKS, BAGS, CASES. GUN METAL NOVELTIES. SILVER NOVELTIES. UMBRELLAS. SMOKERS' REQUISITES. SHAVING REQUISITES. GLOBE-WERNICKE BOOK-CASES. DEN NOTIONS. REGATTA AND WHITE SHIRTS. OVERCOATS, SUITS. BUSTS OF AUTHORS. BRONZE STATUETTES. DUTCH NOVELTIES. Women! FURSES, WRIST BAGS, ETC. SHOPPING BAGS. FANCY HANDKERCHIEFS. BEAD NECKLACES. DUTCH NOVELTIES. GUN METAL CHAINS. GUN METAL CARD CASES. MUFF CHAINS. WORK BOXES. FITTED BAGS. HALL ORNAMENTS. ALL KINDS OF FURS. TENERIFFE WORK. CHRISTMAS DRESS LENGHTS. MANTEL DRAPERIES. CUSHION TOPS. SILK WAISTS AND SKIRTS. DRESSING JACKETS. WOOL CLOUDS. FANCY BASKETS. BURNED WOOD NOVELTIES. MUSIC CABINETS. ART FURNITURE. CHINA CLOSETS. BERLIN SHAWLS. NOVELTY BELTS. LACE COLLARS. PICTURES. Children! BATH ROBES, DRESSING GOWNS, TQUES, SASHES, ETC. LITTLE BOYS' SUITS. BOYS' OVERCOATS. CHILDREN'S FURS. DESKS, BLACKBOARDS. ROCKING AND SWING HORSES. TOY FURNITURE. GAITERS, OVERSTOCKINGS. LITTLE FURSES, MITTENS. PATENT LEATHER BELTS. PRETTY LITTLE HANDKERCHIEFS. DOLLS, ALL PRICES. BABY BOOTERS, BABY COATS, ETC. HIGH CHAIRS. SLEDS AND FRAMERS. HOCKEY PANTS, SWEATERS. GLOVES, WOOLLEN AND KID. LITTLE ROCKING CHAIRS. BABY SLEIGHES. CROQUINOLE, PING-PONG. WINDSOR TIES. LINEN COLLARS FOR BOYS. SCHOOL BAGS, ETC. DOLLS' GO-CARTS. TOY DINING SETS.

Call right after supper and avoid the crush. Furniture ordered early will be delivered tonight.

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Nothing like the values in Dry Goods shown at any other store in the city. Christmas presents for old and young at a very small cost.

FOR THE MEN—Regatta Shirts, Braces, Hosiery, Collars, Ties, Cardigans, Sweaters and Underwear.

FOR LADIES—Kid Gloves, Hosiery, Wool Gloves, Dress Goods, Flannel Night Gowns, Black Sateen Waists, Vests and Corsets.

FOR THE HOUSE—Smyrna Rugs, Lace Curtains, Table Linens, Towels, Carpets.

Christmas Goods.

Great Values in Christmas Novelties

OF ALL KINDS.

Our New Show Rooms filled with new goods of all kinds. Great Bargains in Bibles, Pocket Books and Bound Books, Albums and Leather Goods. Our Dolls—all marked down to clear. Come and see the largest and best assortment of Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods ever offered in St. John.

McARTHUR'S, 84 King St.

DIAMONDS

In Diamond Rings. I have a large assortment to select from, at prices ranging from \$15.00 to \$125.00. Also, a large stock of WATCHES and JEWELLERY in all the latest patterns.

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