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"ELIJAH" DOWIE IS BOSS NO LONGER

Zion City Will Know Another Ruler For a Time

A RE-ORGANIZATION

Of Zion City's Industrial and Financial Methods---Faithful May Seek Work Outside When there is None at Home---A Cut in Salaries.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 — John Alexander Dowie, head of the Christian Catholic church in Zion, has given up his rule and will soon leave for one of the Islands of the Carribbean Sea, there to remain until spring in hopes of regaining his health. Announcement of the abdication was made at Zion City yesterday by Overseer John C. Speicher. Control of the church has been placed in the hands of Overseer Speicher, Judge D. V. Barnes, and Deacon Alexander Granger.

"The finances of Zion City institutions will be re-organized immediately," said Overseer Speicher, in making the announcement at Shiloh Temple. "The change will not affect the ecclestical, educational or political departments, but there will be a complete revolution in the industrial and financial methods."

Re-organization will be placed in the hands of C. J. Barnard, and will involve a separation of the various institutions which, under the present plan, have had their winnings and expenses pooled.

While on a trip to Mexico a few weeks ago Dowie suffered a slight stroke of paralysis. From this he recovered but his health since then has been poor and he has found it necessary to give up work for the present. It is said he expects to resume his authority on his return.

Under the reorganization plans, the men of Zion City will be permitted to seek work in other cities when there is little to be performed in Zion.

Strict economy has been adopted in conducting his affairs under the reorganization, and the new leaders began by reducing the salaries of all managers of Zion City industries who have been receiving $25 or more a week.

STRENGTH IN LIFE

Rev. A. B. Cohoe Talks of Life's Perplexities and How to Meet Them.

An exceptionally large congregation assembled in Brussels street Baptist church last evening and heard a powerful sermon by Rev. A. B. Cohoe on the subject of Perplexities. The solution which the preacher offered of perplexities in life was to do only that which one knows is worthful—and do the duty that lies nearest, which one knows is a duty. The individual who exercises his will and pursues this course will not avoid perplexities, but he will not be baffled by them, and action along the line suggested will open a way for fuller knowledge. From day to day, from moment to moment, man is confronted by perplexities. Let him do what in his own soul he knows is the right thing, and instead of weakness and doubt he will develop strength and faith. What may have been a sufficient solution of problems for men of former generations will not always satisfy the people of today. Every man must face his problems for himself, and find a solution sufficient for himself. The perplexed man is a weak man, and the weak man may become a vicious one. The man who exercises his knowledge of right, and his will to do the right, will be a strong man, and undaunted.

DIED IN SACKVILLE

SACKVILLE, Dec. 16.—The death of Maude, daughter of Mrs. Edward Anderson, occurred at her home Salem street, last evening. Miss Anderson had been an invalid the past two years and her death was not unexpected. She is survived by her mother, two sisters, Mrs. Ernest Ford, and Mrs. F. A. Harrison; and three brothers, Albert and Bliss, prominent farmers of Coles Island, and Lee, of Vancouver, B. C.

Valentine Wilkinson died last evening at his home Charlotte street, after ten days illness. Deceased was one of the oldest residents of the town, having reached the age of 81. He is survived by a widow.

MINISTERS' MEETINGS

Rev. A. B. Cohoe Addressed Baptists on Knowledge and Faith---With the Methodists

The Baptist ministers met in weekly session this morning, Rev. Dr. Manning presiding. Those present were: Revs. Dr. McIntyre, A. B. Cohoe, A. J. Prosser, J. H. Hughes, D. Long, D. Hutchinson, A. Chipman, Dr. McLeod, R. M. Ferguson, P. J. Stackhouse, R. Byron and Rev. Bolton Daggitt.

The meeting was opened by Rev. P. J. Stackhouse leading in prayer.

Reports for the past week were read from the different churches. Two baptismals were conducted in the Tabernacle, and a memorial service in memory of late members of the church who died during the year was held in Victoria street church.

Rev. Bolton Daggitt, Field Secretary of the Young People's societies of the United Baptists, was introduced to the meeting.

Rev. A. B. Cohoe delivered a very instructive address on "Knowledge and Faith," for which he was tenedered a hearty vote of thanks. The meeting was closed with prayer led by Rev. W. A. Taylor.

At the Methodist ministers' meeting this morning, a large attendance was present. The reports for the last week were read and beyond this business of little importance was transacted. The next meeting will probably be on January 2nd.

A NARROW ESCAPE

Indiantown Man Had an Unexpected Bath in the Harbor

James Hutchinson, engineer and owner of the tug Kingsville, met with an accident last Saturday afternoon which he is likely to remember for some time. While carrying a small portable forge from the steamer to the wharf, he slipped from the gang-plank and fell into the water. He managed to get out, however, but had a hair-breadth escape from drowning.

The steamer was lying in the bedroom at Indiantown and Mr. Hutchinson picked up the forge by the legs, placing the front part on his head. In crossing the gang-plank he lost his footing and dropped into about fifteen feet of water.

With some difficulty he managed to work himself clear of the forge and gain the surface and get ashore. His escape was little short of miraculous.

The forge was fished out of the water and taken to Bradley's blacksmith shop.

A MISSIONARY SERMON

Rev. G. A. Kuhring Preached on India's Claims Upon the Christian Church.

In St. John's Stone church last evening Rev. G. A. Kuhring preached a spirited sermon on missions, taking as his theme "the claims of India upon the Christian church." Clearly and accurately he told of the need in India of missionary teaching. He likened the social construction of that great colony to a huge triangle, the apex of which is composed of 20,000,000 of the more highly educated classes, while underneath are 268,000,000 human beings struggling in the dark mazes of error and superstition. To bring light to the darkest corners was the duty of the Christian church.

Rev. Mr. Kuhring then sketched the history of missions in India, showing clearly that if from no higher reason than that of practical wisdom India has a claim upon the church. The church has made a heavy investment in men and money in India and the time is now at hand when it becomes necessary to greatly increase that investment or else relinquish and lose all that has already been gained.

In conclusion he said he himself, had settled it with his God whether the path of his duty led to his going to India or remaining in Canada, and he remained here only because he felt that this was where his duty called him.

FIRE AT BEN LOMOND HOUSE

Early yesterday morning there was a slight fire at the Ben Lomond House, owned by Sterling B. Barker.

The proprietor was awakened by considerable smoke and on investigating found that a beam had caught on fire from the fire-place. The occupants of the house were soon aroused and by means of buckets the fire was extinguished after the floor around the beam had been cut up.

The damage was only slight.

PROMPT ACTION OF THE CHICAGO BANKS AVERTED GREAT FINANCIAL PANIC

Chicago National Bank, Home Savings Bank and Equitable Trust Co. Have Failed Owing to Unwise Investments---Other Chicago Banks Took Over Their Assets and Will Pay Depositors in Full---Another Evidence of Weakness of American Banking System.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18 — Failure of the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank and the Equitable Trust Company, all of Chicago, was announced at 3.30 o'clock this morning by representatives of the Chicago Clearing House Association, after a session lasting 18 hours. James B. Forgan, president of the First National Bank, as head of the clearing house committee of the Chicago Associated Banks, gave forth the statement. The assets of these institutions, it was asserted, were involved in coal and railway properties of John R. Walsh, president of the Chicago National Bank.

John R. Walsh, head of the institutions which have been declared insolvent, was not at the meeting. The following were the members of the committee at the meeting: James B. Forgan, chairman; John G. Mitchell, James H. Eckels, Orson B. Smith, Ernest A. Hamill.

The statement was issued at the offices of the First National Bank. It is as follows:

"The Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Co., which have been controlled, officered and managed by John R. Walsh and his associates, have concluded to wind up their affairs and quit business in the city of Chicago. After a thorough and careful examination of their affairs by the Chicago clearing house banks it is stated that all of the depositors of these institutions will be paid in full upon demand, the Chicago clearing house banks having pledged themselves to this result, thus putting all the resources of the Chicago banks behind the depositors of these three institutions.

"The difficulty with these institutions has been that their investments have been made in assets connected with the railway and coal enterprises of John R. Walsh.

"Those assets were not immediately available to meet deposits, and have been taken over on terms which enable the three institutions to pay their depositors in full.

"Mr. Ridgely, comptroller of the currency, and Captain Eubank, of the auditors' department at Springfield, were seen and expressed themselves as greatly pleased at the action of the Chicago banks, and stated that it reflected great credit upon the Associated banks of Chicago, which have again indicated their ability to meet any emergency in a manner entirely satisfactory to the public."

The meeting of the Chicago Clearing House Association began at noon Sunday. Notices were sent to the members of the board by Mr. Forgan after it had been learned of the condition of the banks and the trust company.

Clerks were notified and fifty or more with ten stenographers, hurried to the First National Bank. Behind closed doors the Clearing House Association began its work of finding a way that might enable them to ride the financial sea in safety. That a panic would be likely to follow was the first thought of the committee. Resoutions were adopted and heads of other banks pledged themselves to give assistance.

The amount involved in the failure would not be stated by the committee members.

All information concerning the meeting of the committee was kept secret until three o'clock this morning and half an hour later the association gave the statement to the press.

Directors of different banks were in attendance as were other bank officials from nearby cities.

In addition to the formal statement of the failure and the announcement that the banks involved would not open their doors this morning, the following announcement was made, signed by the clearing house committee of the Chicago Associated Banks:

"To the public:—

"Depositors of the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company are respectfully advised that their deposits will be paid in full upon demand."

The following statement was given out by Comptroller of the Currency, Wm. B. Ridgely:—

"The action of the Chicago clearing house banks in coming to the aid of the Chicago National Bank, the Home Savings Bank, and the Equitable Trust Company, has relieved a most critical situation, which if it had not been taken promptly in hand, might have led to very serious consequences, not only in Chicago but elsewhere. The action of the clearing house banks makes it absolutely certain that all the creditors of the three institutions will receive their money immediately, and should thus relieve any apprehension on the part of the public in regard to the financial troubles in Chicago. The critical situation in which these three concerns have been placed has been due to the large loans made to the railroad, coal mining and other enterprises owned and controlled by John R. Walsh.

This again emphasizes the danger of the managing officers of banks being interested in outside institutions requiring large amounts of money. The comptrollers' office has for some time been criticising the conditions of the Chicago National Bank, and calling upon its officers and directors to reduce the amount of these loans and the investments in the bonds of Mr. Walsh's corporations. In spite of promises that this would be done these items have been continued in the bank, and in order to prevent further encroachments it was necesary for the comptroller to take radical action. The comptroller's office has for some time been endeavoring to make an examination of the Chicago National Bank simultaneously with an examination of the state institutions by the state bank examiner, but was not able to bring this about until a few days ago. The result of the examinations revealed such a serious condition that it was necessary to take immediate action. The comptroller telephoned from Washington instructing Bank Examiner Bosworth to bring the matter at once to the attention of the clearing house committee and left for Chicago on the first train to be on hand to personally take whatever action was necessary.

On the arrival of the comptroller in Chicago a conference was immediately held with the state authorities and the clearing house committee, which continued from 10 o'clock Sunday morning until 5 o'clock Monday morning. In addition to the clearing house committee representatives of all the clearing house banks were called into the conference about 7 o'clock Sunday evening. The comptroller feels that great credit is due not only to the clearing house committee but to all the other clearing house banks for the prompt, vigorous action and the broad minded spirit shown in meeting this emergency."

The action taken by the comptroller of the currency compelled the three institutions to wind up their affairs.

A careful canvass of the situation revealed that the Chicago National Bank had deposits to the amount of $16 000,000, the Home Savings Bank had savings deposits to the extent of $1,000,000 divided among about 8000 depositors. The liabilities of the two banks, and of the Equitable Trust Company were roughly estimated at $26,000,000. The assets of the three institutions made up about $20,000,000 of this amount and the directors and officials of the Chicago National Bank came to the front with securities amounting to about $3,000,000 to be faced left a deficit of about $3,000,000 to be faced and the Chicago banks represented at the meeting declared at once that they would meet the situation and care for the deficit. If it proved necessary to advance any more than $3,000,000 to meet all demands the banks pledged themselves to make up the amount whatever it might be.

The Chicago National Bank was organized in November, 1881, with an authorized capital of $300,000, increased to $500,000 in 1887, and to $1,000,000 in 1901. Its resources, according to one of the latest reports made to the comptroller of the currency, are $21,000,000, of which nearly $11,000,000 are loans and discounts, with $4,000,000 cash on hand. The liabilities include nearly $14,000,000 in individual deposits and $4,000,000 due to other banks.

The Home Savings Bank was organized originally in 1867 with a capitalization of $100,000. A late statement of the resources shows an aggregate of $4,327,271, of which $3,782,000 is reported as being loaned in municipal railroad and other bonds. The savings deposits aggregate $3,982,653.

The Equitable Trust Company was chartered by the state of Illinois August 29, 1887, to act as executor, administrator, trustee, guardian, assignee or receiver, and to receive and execute trusts of every character. The capital stock is $500.000. Its resources are $4,612,381.

"The liabilities include $2,007,563, of which amount $464,000 are deposits in trust and $500,000 in certificates of deposit."

KILLED IN VANCOUVER

TRURO, N. S., Dec. 18.—(Special) — A telegram from Vancouver, B. C., says that Capt. Rupert Cox of Maitland was kicked by a horse in his livery stable on Wednesday and is dead. His eldest son, Leslie was with him at the time of his death. His wife and family are at Maitland.

PROMPT TO LEARN

(Kansas City Times.)

"We had a Swede girl working here as a chambermaid last week who certainly took the cake for 'hard-headedness,'" said Jack Malloy, chief clerk at the Hotel Baltimore, yesterday. "One morning I decided to sleep late, having worked until after midnight the night before. I was in a delightful snooze about 9.30 o'clock, when I was awakened by some one trying to unlock my door. I had left my key in the door, so the efforts of the person outside failed. Then there came a loud rapping. 'What is it?' I called.

"'Aye kum ta clean da room,' came from outside.

"'Well, go away from here, Hulda, and let me sleep,' I growled. 'This room can be fixed up this afternoon. Now get out and don't wake me up again.' I went back to sleep and about half an hour later there came another loud rapping at the door.

"'What is it?' I called gruffly. It was Hulda again.

"'Meester Malloy,' she said, 'da housekeeper tale me not to bother you, so Aye won't any more.'"

SCHOONER LOST

The Exotic from Newfoundland for Halifax Reported Total Wreck---Another Schooner Overdue.

HALIFAX, N.S., Dec. 18—(Special)—The steamer Manchester Shipper arrived today from Manchester after a fair passage.

The schooner Exotic, from Notre Dame Bay (Nfld.) for Halifax, with 2000 quintals of fish is reported a total loss at Seldom Come Bay (Nfld.). The crew was saved. The cargo is insured for $9000.

Schooner Bronson H. is now 26 days out from Catalina (Nfld.) for Halifax, and anxiety is felt regarding her. She has a cargo of 300 quintals of fish, which is insured in Lloyds.

The P. & B. liner Caribbee arrived from St. John this morning.

PROBATE COURT

Letters of administration in the estate of the late Nathen Hart were today granted to Abraham S. Hart; personal property, $2186. Tilley & Smith, proctors.

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—Cotton futures opened steady. Decembered offered 11.72; January, 11.79; March, 12.08; April, 12.15; May, 12.23; July, 12.29; August, offered, 12.10; October, 11.00.

HACKMEN IN TROUBLE

The following hackmen, who were reported for breaking regulations at the Union Depot on Dec. 14, were in court this morning: Thos. Short, Millum Colwell, Murray Northrup, John Carney, Wm. McCarthy, Lewis Carr, Bernhard Clark, John Quinn and Fred Watson. McCarthy and Colwell pleaded not guilty, saying they were not there on the 14th. They were unaware of the regulations and had been violating them for a year. The others pleaded guilty. All were fined $20 each, and the fines were allowed to stand. They were warned that double fines would be collected if they were reported again.

DIED LAST NIGHT.

The death occurred of Mrs. Silas Wetmore Jones last evening at her home, Paradise Row. Three children survive, two daughters and one son. The daughters, Miss Mabel, and Mrs. Clinton Kulam, reside at home, and the son, Coles, is a resident of Fredericton. Previous to last May, Mrs. Jones was a resident of Fredericton.

ONLY A RUMOR

The reported sale of the Donaldson line of steamships to the C. P. R. is merely a rumor and cannot be verified. If such was the case the agents in this city would probably be the first to know about it. They stated today that they know nothing about the deal and don't believe there was any.

There is practically no change in the strike situation between the printers and employers. The men are still out and the employers state that they are determined not to accede to their demands.

WORKMEN FAVOR GENERAL STRIKE

Secret Meeting Near St. Petersburg Orders One

FOR DECEMBER 20th.

If Moscow Labor Leaders Approve of Plan — General Strike Will be Ordered at Once — Mutinous Soldiers Acquitted After Short Trial.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18 — The Workmen's Council at a secret meeting held in the outskirts of the city today decided in favor of a general strike, beginning Dec. 20. The decision has been communicated to the labor leaders at Moscow. If the latter approve the strike, it will forthwith be declared.

All the men arrested at Saturday's meeting of the Workmen's Council have been released, with the exception of 32 who refused to give their names.

The Novoe Vremya, which was published today, says that 60,000 Letts are in revolt in Libonia, and that the authorities have decided to send all the troops of the St. Petersburg district, with the exception of the guards to suppress the revolt.

CRONSTADT, Russia, Dec. 18—The military court has acquitted eighteen out of 49 privates of the Cronstadt fortress artillery who were charged with mutiny in connection with the recent outbreaks there. The others were sentenced to terms of imprisonment ranging from 2 to 24 months.

WANT SCOTT ACT REPEALED

Temperance People of P. E. Island Think Local Law More Effective.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 18 (Special).—The secretary of state will arrange in a few days for a vote in Prince County, P. E. I., to repeal the Scott Act. Mr. Scott has received the necessary list of names asking for the vote. This time it is the friends of temperance that are advocating the repeal of the act. They think that the local law is more stringent and more effective than the Dominion law, and that is why the repeal vote is asked for.

LATE LOCALS

Christmas sale to be held at Miss Rogers' 53 Queen street, Wednesday, 20th inst., at 2 o'clock.

In the Y. M. S. of St. Peters' basketball league tonight, the Roses and the Colts will do battle.

Mrs. W. W. White wishes to acknowledge the receipt of $25 from the ladies of Waterloo street Baptist church, as their contribution to the Fair of Nations fund.

The American schooner Emily F. Northam, 315 tons net register, arrived in port yesterday from Windsor, N. S., in command of Capt. Alcorn to load lumber for a United States port.

The steamer Elain's old boilers were removed Saturday and the new ones which have just arrived from Glasgow by steamer Tritonia will be installed in the near future.

Sergt. Hipwell was sent this morning to see John Bartell, who was reported for driving a horse with sore shoulders. Bartell refused to let him in, and Sergt. Baxter will take the matter in hand.

Rev. C. W. Hamilton has been confined to his home through illness for the past three weeks. The many friends of Mr. Hamilton will be glad to learn that he is able to be about the house and will soon be well enough to continue his duties.

It was rumored today that the McClary Manufacturing Co. have taken over the Carleton Foundry Co.'s property and will employ about one hundred men. A number of interested parties were communicated with this morning but the report could not be verified.

The Times was informed this morning that a large number of the members of the longshoremen's association had stated their intention of joining the proposed new union and it is expected that on Wednesday night it will be organized with a membership of 200. There is practically no change in the situation today..

A meeting will be held in Montreal tomorrow of the shareholders in the new drug combine. This will be followed by a meeting of the directors at which it is probable the manager for the St. John branch will be appointed. H. W. Barker will probably leave this evening to be present at the meeting.

There was a persistent rumor about the streets this morning that the sale of the Sun and Star newspapers had been arranged and that the Liberal party would take control of the plant the first of the year. W. H. Thorne when seen, said he had heard nothing of the report and said the matter was still in the same state as when given prominence a short time ago.

During the winter season the steamer Stanley will leave Cape Tormentine daily (Sunday excepted) at 1.30 p.m. for Summerside, and will leave the latter place on the return trip the following, and each morning after (Sundays excepted) at 7 o'clock. A special train will leave Sackville (N. B.) for Cape Tormentine daily (Sunday excepted) at 7 p.m., and will return to Sackville daily (Sunday excepted) on the arrival of the steamer Stanley.

Hugh A. Allan and W. I. Gear, representing the Allan and Donaldson line steamship companies, arrived in the city on the noon train. They will be present at a special meeting of the board of works this afternoon, when the increased wharfage rates will be discussed. Mr. Allan and Mr. Gear would not state in what way the rates were unsatisfactory, remarking that they would say all that was necessary this afternoon at the meeting. They also declined to discuss the labor trouble between the longshoremen and the Allan line.

LATE PERSONALS

Willard G. McGinley, returned from Binghampton, N. Y., at noon today, on a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. McGinley.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred A. Peters returned from Montreal today at noon.

CAPE BRETON NEWS

Company Formed to Develop Oil Fields----Lord Rosslyn's Movements

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 8.—(Special).—Lord Rosslyn leaves today for Halifax, whence he proceeds to Ottawa to spend Christmas with the governor-general.

It is learned that J. W. Young, at one time interested in the shale oil properties at East Bay, has organized a company of New York capitalists to undertake the development on a large scale of the oil fields of West Lake Ainslie.

ROYALTY EN TOUR

A Prince of Abyssinia Who is Touring the World.

NIAGARA FALLS, Ont., Dec. 18. (Special). — El Haag Abdulla Ali, a prince of Abyssinia,, and minister of customs, and head of the Mohammedan church in that country, was at the falls on Saturday. He visited all points of interest and spent some time in the shops making purchases and friends wherever he went. The prince is touring the world.

SASKATCHEWAN ELECTION

KINISTINO, Sask., Dec. 18.—(Special). All the polling places in this constituency at which a vote was taken on election day have been heard from and give Shadd (Conservative) 32 majority. There are still ten polls where the vote has not been taken, owing to inability to post notices in time and on these the result will hang. In the meantime this constituency is transferred from the Liberal to the Conservative column, giving Mr. Haultain ten seats temporarily.

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 18—With the news of the Chicago insolvencies to face, prices in the stock market broke violently all through the list ,the wide opening declines being rapidly extended. First sales of Union Pacific were of 18,000 shares at 142¾ and 141½, compared with 144⅝ on Saturday. St. Paul and Smelting lost 3 points; Reading 2¼, New York Central 2⅛, Kansas City, Southern 2⅝, Lead 2¾, Colorado Fuel 2, People's Gas 1¾, Sugar 1⅞, M. O. P. 1⅞, U. S. Steel pfd 1¼, Kansas & Texas and Canadian Pacific 1¼, and generally throughout the list from a large fraction to a point. The market showed evidence of supporting orders within a few minutes, but was very feverish and unsettled.

Jas. Halcrow, an employe of the Imperial Oil Co., fell on the ice Saturday and broke his right arm.

CONDENSED ADVERTISMENTS

LOST—IN MANCHESTER, ROBERTSON Allison's, or T. A. Dykeman & Co's., a purse containing a sum of money. Finder will please leave at Times Office. 12-18—tf.

WANTED — GENERAL GIRL. HIGH wages. Laundry sent out. Apply 21 Dorchester street. 12-18—6t.

LOST—A GOLD BRACELET ON FRIDAY evening, between 152 Sydney street and 95 Coburg street, by way of King Square and Charlotte. Reward if returned to 95 Coburg street. 18-12—1t.

FREDERICTON HOUSE WAS GUTTED BY FIRE; INMATES HAD VERY NARROW ESCAPE

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18. — (Special).—The residence of John Oldham, York street, known as the James Tibbits homestead, was badly gutted by fire at an early hour this morning and members of the household, who included Mr. and Mrs. Oldham, two children, and Mrs. Oldham's father, Richard Williams, late of Woodstock, had a narrow escape from suffocation.

The fire caught from an over-heated stove-pipe in the kitchen and travelled upwards through the walls to the roof. Mr. Oldham was awakened by smoke pouring into his room, and in his nightclothes he ran to the nearest fire alarm box and pulled an alarm.

The firemen responded promptly and extinguished the flames after a hard fight lasting three hours. Mr. Williams, who has been an invalid for some time, had to be carried out on a stretcher. The house was damaged to the extent of about $1000. It is insured in the Phoenix of Hartford for $2000. Mr. Oldham's furniture was uninsured, but some owned by Mr. Williams is partly covered.

Dr. Howard Woodbridge, formerly of this city, will wed a Boston young lady on Wednesday and arrive here the following day with his bride to spend Christmas.

A transcontinental survey party, in charge of Engineer Hervey, is encamped just above the city.

Contractor McManus of Memramcook is here today looking over sewerage plans with a view of submitting a tender for construction work.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

ABOUT THE FERRY.

The new ferry steamer Ludlow may spend Christmas in Rodney Hospital, but she fulfilled the prediction of the Times new reporter that she would be on the route before Christmas. She was on and is now off, and may be on again and off again before New Year's. It is a fine thing to be able to rush down to the ferry floats and then sit down and wait for Wun Lung or the Ouangondy, feeling that whatever happens there is a fine new hundred thousand dollar ferry steamer in Rodney Hospital, with steam up day and night to keep the mosquitos away.

Those who were disposed to mourn the loss of the famous ferry boat smell, distilled in the reek of the cabins of Wun Lung and the Ouangondy, have no further cause for grief. The stench is still with us, and any man may carry away enough on his clothes to last him a week.

Breathes there an Algerine so dead
Who never to himself hath said,
Who hath not held his nose and cried,
As o'er the ferry he hath hied,
"This is the Ouangondy smell
"There ain't the like this side of—well—
"This side the cabins of Wun Lung,
"Whose praise our western bard hath sung,
"Whose stench will spread from shore to shore
"Until her cabins reek no more."

HAPPY MR. BINKS.

Mr. Peter Binks, with parcels in every pocket and a seraphic smile on his kindly visage, was seen on King street this morning.

"Worried?" said Mr. Binks to the Times new reporter. "Not I. I am beginning early. I have six days in which to do my Christmas shopping. I will do a little every day, and get through in good time. It is the man who waits till the last minute and rushes out with a long list of things that he can't find, who tears his hair and loses all the fun. Get busy, young man—get busy."

The Citizens' League has its ear to the ground. It hopes to hear the tread of the reindeer.

J. G. TAYLOR OF CANADIAN BANK IN CHARGE AT LOCAL OFFICE OF YORK CO. LOAN.

The sign, "in liquidation," adorns the office door of the York County Loan and Savings Co. branch on Prince William street, this morning. There are many St. John people who will be "hard hit" by the failure of this company, as the majority of those who are interested are people in moderate circumstances, who can ill afford the loss. Young men and women who have been earning moderate incomes have been taking this means of saving their money with the expectation that at the expiration of the specified time they would receive a tidy little sum.

The National Trust Co. of Toronto has been appointed liquidator and J. G. Taylor, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, has been requested by the Trust Co. to take charge of the branch in St. John on their behalf, and this morning took over the books of the company.