COPENHAGEN BRANDS COOK AN IMPOSTER

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papers in this country and abroad and from his lectures.

"More than $80,000," said Mr. Wack.

"More than $100,000," said the friend. Both agreed that should the doctor elect to spend the remainder of his days in the retirement he has thus chosen, he need never want for comfort.

The Board of Aldermen who voted Dr. Cook the freedom of the city on his return to this country have now before them a resolution to withdraw their grant. The resolution was placed on file today before the clerk had finished reading its text.

Rasmussen Speaks.

Copenhagen, Dec. 21.—In an interview tonight Knud Rasmussen said: "The university would not call me at first, because I was one of Dr. Cook's strongest supporters. Later, however, I was invited to the investigation and when I saw the observations, I realized it was a scandal.

"My confidence in Cook has been based on personal impressions, on reports that I had received and also on the testimony of the Eskimos, when they all said that he had made the trip from Cape Sparbo to Etah and such a trip during the dark of winter would suffice to make a man famous. But the papers which Cook sent to Copenhagen University are more impudent. No schoolboy could make such calculations. It is a most childish attempt at cheating. Cook has killed himself by his own foolish acts."

Commodore Hovgaard, the explorer, said:

"Although it has not been proved that Cook did not reach the pole, I can only regard Cook now as an impostor."

The Search for Cook.

Naples, Dec. 21.—It is the general belief that Dr. Frederick A. Cook is either here or passed through Naples quite recently under an assumed name.

Marseilles, Dec. 21.—An exhaustive search has failed to reveal any trace of Dr. Cook in Marseilles.

Genoa, Dec. 21.—It is asserted that Dr. Cook recently spent some time in the south of France and then came to Genoa. The report, however, is vague, as no one can be found who saw him and a search to locate him today proved fruitless.

INDUSTRIAL EDUCATION SUBJECT OF COMMISSION

Toronto Learns Of Proposal To Investigate Industrial Conditions Throughout Dominion In Development Scheme.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—Word has been received from Ottawa that the Dominion Government propose to deal with the question of industrial education in Canada by the appointment of a commission of experts. This body it is understood will visit every province and conduct investigations into the condition of industrial development and the particular form of the mechanical training that will prove most fitting.

RED CROSS SOCIETY ELECTS EXECUTIVE

Special to The Standard.

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—The Canadian Red Cross Society, incorporated at the last session of the Dominion Parliament was organized today and the council elected as follows:

Hon. J. M. Gibson, Messrs. D. R. Wilkie, Dr. C. R. Dickson, Major C. A. Hodgett, Col. Sweeney, J. T. Small, Lt. Col. J. B. MacLean, Lt. Col. James Mason, Dr. G. T. G. Roddick, Montreal, Sir Henry Pellatt, Lt. Col. Ponton, M. P., Lt. Col. G. Sterling Ryerson, Lt. Col. Labelle, Montreal, Lt. Col. Hendrie Hamilton, H. S. Strathy and these ladies, Mrs. Edith Boulton, Nordkeimer, Mrs. Mary Gooderham and Mrs. Florence Amy Roberason, Newmarket. Major Hodgetts is secretary and Lt. Col. Mason, treasurer.

CABINET SIDESTEPS OTTAWA BY-ELECTION

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—It is suggested that the Ottawa by-election may be delayed indefinitely. It was expected that the Cabinet which met today would give orders for the issuance of the writ but nothing was done.

DEATHS.

Lee.—At rest on the 20th inst., Fanny M. Lee, beloved wife of Charles H. Lee, Esq., manager of the North End Branch of the Bank of New Brunswick.

Funeral from Mission Church of St. John Baptist, Paradise Row, this, Wednesday afternoon, at 2.30 p. m.

Kee.—On the 20th inst., Mrs. Elizabeth Kee, widow of William Kee, in the 77th year of her age, leaving three sons and one daughter.

Funeral this afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Service will be held at St. James' church.

Vassie.—On the 21st inst., at 28 Mecklenburg St., Charlotte, youngest daughter of the late William Vassie, age 22 years.

Funeral from residence on Thursday at 2.30 o'clock.

Lundon.—At Montreal, on Dec. 21st, Miss Margaret Lundon of Canterbury Station, N. B., leaving two brothers to mourn their loss.

SALVATION ARMY SHELTER IS HOME FOR THE HOMELESS

Many Recent Improvements Made — Rushing Business Being Done During Winter Season.

Eight men were sitting about a small stove in the Salvation Army shelter last night enjoying its warmth and each other's company, when a Standard reporter visited the institution. Some of the men were old, some were young; one at least was under the influence of liquor. But there was not a man in the assembly who would be employed to do a good day's work unless men were very scarce.

Last night thirty men in all occupied beds at the shelter.

Adjt. Carter, who is in charge of this department of the Army's work, has completed a number of improvements at the home. A dining room, kitchen and office have been installed. The dormitories have been improved and arrangements made to install ten new beds, making a total of fifty.

There are two dormitories in the building. One of these rooms contains comfortable cots and is reserved for the able bodied man who is in hard luck. The other room contains "double deckers," as they are called, iron bedsteads with an upper and lower berth, and in these beds the less respectable enjoy a good night's sleep.

15 Cents for a Bed.

If the man can afford it he pays ten or fifteen cents for his bed, but if he has no money it is not likely he will be turned away. The Army is not to be imposed upon, however, and if the applicant be intoxicated he is refused admission unless the night is very cold. "If you can afford to buy liquor you can afford to pay for your bed," Adjt. Carter tells him. The habitual loafer is also refused accommodation.

Industry is encouraged by the Army at the shelter. Employment is sought for the men and they are urged to work. For example, on Monday the Dominion Coal Co. telephoned the Army for men to shovel coal for a day. There were only a few men in the shelter at the time and they were all told to go to work or else get out. They all went to work.

Food is provided at a low cost. For five cents a bowl of soup and a piece of bread can be obtained and for ten cents baked beans, bread and tea. On Sundays a dinner is served for fifteen cents. Until the close of the winter port season a rushing business will be done.

MARK TWAIN NEARING END

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hurts badly. I feel that I am through with the work of this life and in this world. I'm about finished."

Books Under Way.

He was asked concerning his new books and replied: "I have five or six books under way besides my autobiography. I have already written 100,000 words of it, but I sometimes feel that I shall never finish it."

It was suggested that he might have been smoking too heavily.

"Oh, no," replied the humorist, as he lit a long, black cigar. "It is not that. That doesn't injure me."

Speaking of the fight being made by the women for equal rights, the humorist said that he was heartily in favor of it. "No one can expect to gain freedom without fighting for it. Women must fight the same as men. That is the only way they can get their rights," he said.

The humorist's daughter, who was accompanied by Miss Paine, daughter of Albert Bigelow Paine, led him to a cab and instructed the driver to proceed slowly.

GOTHENBURG SYSTEM IN ITS WORKING OUT

London, Dec. 31.—Gothenburg, Sweden, is a dry city, and from it the name of the Gothenburg system for restricting the sale of alcoholic liquor is derived. Foreign travelers who are not conversant with this system are often puzzled by its working.

A visitor the other day went to buy a quart bottle of whiskey, but was told he could not be served across the counter. It was explained to him that it would have to be ordered in advance. The would-be purchaser said that he wanted it at once, whereupon the shop keeper directed him to a cigar store across the street and asked him to telephone his order to him. It was done and due delivery was made within a few minutes.

The next time the visitor wanted a bottle of whiskey he took care to telephone the order first and then went, accompanied by his son, to fetch the goods. Wrong again! The spirit merchant patiently explained that he was not permitted by law to deliver.

"But," he said, "if your son here will accept a nickel for delivering the bottle to you I can let you have it at once."

The son had no objection.

BULLET MEANT FOR BULL KILLS YOUTH

North Egremont, Mass., Dec. 21.—The humanitarian methods of Frank Boico, a local meat dealer, in killing beeves, resulted in the father accidentally shooting his son, Kenneth, today. The 15-year-old boy was holding a rope by which a bull was tied to the ground when the gun in his father's hands accidentally exploded, the bullet entered the boy's lung and he died almost instantly.

THRONGS POURING INTO BRUSSELS FOR FUNERAL

Obsequies of Dead King To Be Attended By Subjects From All Parts Of Kingdom.

Duke of Connaught Who Represents King Is Personally Met By Prince Albert.

Brussels, Dec. 21.—Throngs are arriving from all parts of Belgium and points outside to attend the funeral of the late King Leopold and the accession of Prince Albert to the throne. The demand for cards of admission to the church and parliament exceeds the supply by many thousands while a small army of foreign newspaper representatives are vainly clamoring for journalistic privileges.

The foreign princes, missions and delegations have reached here. Prince Albert personally met the Duke of Connaugh, Prince Henry of Prussia, and Prince Ferdinand of Roumania.

An extraordinary feature at the palace is the wealth of floral offerings from all parts of the world. The grand staircase and halls have been transformed into exquisite flower gardens. Princess Louise, carrying a bunch of orchids today, visited and prayed long beside the coffin of her father.

BARONESS VAUGHAN, MORGANATIC WIFE OF LATE KING LEOPOLD.

MODISTES ARRESTED IN SMUGGLING FRAUDS

Twenty-seven Alleged To Be Involved In Sleeper Trunk Systems Taken At New York Yesterday.

New York, Dec. 21. — Twenty-seven modistes alleged to be involved in the vast "sleeper trunk" smuggling systems, one of the many ramifications of the customs frauds which have been brought to light at this port, have been indicted by the federal grand jury and all probably will be under arrest within twenty-four hours. Having obtained all the evidence necessary to proceed, the Government began a general round-up this afternoon with the arrest of nine women and four men. All were arraigned before a United States commissioner and held for trial. Caroline Windmuller, held as being one of the principal offenders, gave bail for $5,000. The others gave surety in smaller amounts.

It is alleged that the government was defrauded out of thousands of dollars by means of trunks containing imported finery which were left on steamship piers and secretly removed later.

LONDON CHEATED OF ITS TURKEYS

Special to The Standard.

London, Dec. 2 1.—Before the local housewives or retail men could get a show today, buyers from Toronto and Hamilton practically bought up all the supply of turkeys at today's market paying from 22 to 25 cents a pound. At least 5000 birds were grabbed up.

WHY SELKIRK FAIR WAS POSTPONED

Special to The Standard.

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 21.—It is announced here that the promised aid to the Selkirk Contennial from Canadian railways amounts to three quarters of a million. Sir Thos. Shaughnessy who was first approached by the committee offered a quarter million if the other railways would give a similar amount. Mr. Hays said the G. T. P., would on the condition that the exhibition be postponed to 1913, and the Canadian Northern officials agreed to their share. Before Sir Wilfrid Laurier will give Dominion aid to the extent desired by the West, he must see two million dollars promised from other sources.

YOUNG MAN FLINGS HIMSELF BENEATH TRAIN

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Uttering a hysterical scream, a young, well dressed man jumped from the platform of the Winter street station of the Washington street subway tonight and was ground to pieces under the wheels of an approaching southbound train. The man was apparently about 20 years of age and had been pacing up and down the station for nearly half an hour.

The suicide is believed to be W. B. Rogers of New York.

LICENSE FOR NORTH ADAMS.

North Adams, Mass., Dec. 21.—This city, the only municipality in the state voting today re-elected Mayor John H. Waterhouse over John H. Riley, Democrat, and voted to continue the licensed sale of intoxicating liquor by the greatest majority in recent years.

DR. HARRISS COMING TO PLAN FESTIVAL

Australasia Enthusiastically Endorses Scheme For Big Musical Congress — Leaves N. Z. For England.

Auckland, New Zealand, Dec. 21.—New Zealand strongly supports Doctor Charles Harriss in his mission to the Dominion on behalf of musical reciprocity and his coming festivals of the British Empire for their excellencies, Lord Plunkett, Governor of New Zealand, and Sir Harry Baron, Governor of Tasmania, civic authorities, press, public and the entire choral elements throughout the Dominion have promised active co-operation. Doctor Harriss sailed today for London via Canada after having successfully completed his plans in Australasia.

INSANITY, VERDICT IN NEILSON CASE

Special to The Standard.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The total immigration into Canada from April 1 to the end of November was 150,256 as compared with 116,596 for that same period of last year, an increase of 29 per cent.

The immigration from the United States was 71,988, an increase of 68 per cent.

Immigration via ocean ports was 78,268, an increase of 6 per cent.

CIGARETTE CAUSES DEATH OF TWO

New York, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Two men met death by suffocation tonight in a fire which swept through the cabinet factory of Edward B. Jordan and Company, in Brooklyn. Fortunately, the blaze started when most of the workers had left the factory for the day, but more than fifty who remained behind, made their escape with difficulty. The damage to the building and contents was approximately $125,000.

A cigarette carelessly thrown in a corner is thought to have started the fire.

HILLSBORO.

Hillsboro, Dec. 20.—The home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Sherwood, Pleasant Street, was the scene of a very pretty wedding on Wednesday morning, Dec. 15, when their daughter Mabel Evelyn was united in marriage to Mr. Donald Neil McTavish, barrister, of Calgary, Alta.

Rev. Z. L. Fash, Pastor of the first Hillsboro Baptist Church, was the officiating clergyman.

Miss Gertrude Sherwood, cousin of the bride, was bridesmaid, and the little Misses Grace and Lillian Sherwood sisters of the bride, were flower girls, while the groom was attended by his twin brother, Mr. Peter McTavish, also of Calgary.

Miss Lavima Lewis played the wedding march, and during the marriage ceremony, played "Drink to me only with thine eyes" very effectively.

The bride who was given away by her father, looked exceptionally pretty in a beautiful embroidered lace robe, over white satin with the conventional veil and orange blossoms, she carried a shower boquet of cream roses and lily of the valley. The only ornaments worn by the bride were a diamond necklace, a gift of the groom, and a diamond crescent the gift of groomsman.

The bridesmaid wore a very pretty gown of pink silk organdie, with a picture hat of "ashes of roses" and carried a beautiful boquet of pink roses. The flower girls wore dainty frocks of white organdie with blue trimmings and carried baskets of pink and white carnations.

THE 'PECULIAR CHINEE' TRAPPED IN MONCTON

Proprietor Of Restaurant Sidesteps Payment Of Power Bills By Tapping Wires—Out Of Business Now.

Special to The Standard.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Two Monctonians will spend Christmas in jail as a result of decisions in Stipendiary Magistrate Kays court today. Mrs. Jeffries, a well known character, was given six months for creating a disturbance on the street, while Din Halfpenny was fined fifty dollars or three months for peddling liquor. He was unable to pay and will go to jail.

The proprietor of a Chinese laundry here was recently discovered to be stealing electric light for ironing and heating purposes by ingeniously attaching a wire back of the meter so that the current used did not register. It was discovered he had been doing this for a year or more and after paying $36 his lights were cut off and he was put out of business.

MARKED INCREASE IN IMMIGRATION

Toronto, Ont., Dec. 21.—George Neilson, who shot and wounded Esther Hazel on the night of November 4, was declared insane by a jury in the session this morning. He will be placed in an asylum.

Neilson it will be remembered shot Miss Hazen because he thought the girl had interfered between him and a young woman to whom he was paying attention. The girl was so dangerously wounded that she is still in the hospital.

DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B. Dec. 20.—The closing exercises were carried out Wednesday and Thursday in the public schools and those parents who called upon the school, expressed themselves satisfied with the work done. Miss Greta Gray has resigned her in the primary department and the vacancy has not been filled. Miss Sarah McAfferty closes the intermediate department one day earlier on account of having a stop-over on her route to her home at St. Stephen.

The St. John's Library and Social Club at their weekly meeting Friday night elected its conveners for the ensuing quarter.

Social—Miss Lena Haddon.
Literary—Miss Lena Miller.
Reception—Miss Jean McNist.
Refreshment—Mrs. Charles Powell.
Visiting—Mrs. George Seeley.
Devotional—Miss Bessie Montgomery.
Musical—Miss Chris Wallace.
Programme—Mr. Ernest McKay.

Benjamin Windsor, of New Mills was in town Monday calling upon his many friends.

Mr. James Harquail, Jr. is recovering from his recent severe illness.

The remains of Mr. McLaughlin McCurdy of Point LoNim were laid to rest in the Presbyterian Cemeary on Tuesday. The deceasedwas a native of Scotland, and had reached the rips age of85 years.

Claude Brown was in Campbellton yesterday.

Bearinge and Chaplin are enlarging their mill to be able to cut their winter's operation.

ROUMANIAN PREMIER NEAR DEATH YESTERDAY

Bucharest, Dec. 21.—A workman today fired three shots at J. J. C. Bratiano, the Roumanian premier and minister of the interior. One of the bullets struck the minister, slightly injuring him. His assailant was arrested.

PROTESTS PROPOSED TELEGRAPHIC CHANGES

Mr. A. A. Allan Of The Toronto Board Of Trade Appears Before Railway Commission—Companies' Scheme.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The complaint of the Canadian Manufacturers Association regarding the proposed alteration in charges by the Telegraph Companies for code messages will be heard tomorrow, but because A. A. Allan, representing the Toronto Board of Trade, cannot be present tomorrow, the Railway Commission heard his statement this evening. He read telegrams from the Boards of Trade of London, Hamilton, St. John, and Halifax protesting against the proposed changes.

The object of the companies is to compel the reduction of code words to five letters. Mr. Allan said this would hamper the commercial community, for it was impossible to reduce every code word to five letters. In his own case his business being mostly with Russia, this would be an impossibility. The Toronto Board of Trade also protested, he said, against any reduction in the size of code words in inland telegrams. As an example, he said, there was no reason why there should be a 30 cent rate to Halifax and 75 cent rate to Winnipeg. The charge to Winnipeg was the same as when the prairie city was in a much less advanced stage of civilization.

IN THE COURTS

IN CHAMBERS.

Kings and Albert County Court Cases.

Before Judge Wedderburn of the Kings and Albert County Courts, argument in the case of Isaac C. Prescott vs. Thomas Howard, was continued yesterday in chambers here. The action was on a promissory note and the plea was infancy. Mr. Judson E. Foster, parish court commissioner for Hopewell before whom the case was tried gave evidence for the defendant. The plaintiff appealed and on December 7th inst., here Mr. George W. Fowler, K. C., appeared in support of the appeal.

Yesterday Mr. Frank P. Murphy of Moncton for the defendant presented his argument. His Honor quashed the magistrates's judgment with costs, holding that it should have been shown at the trial that the money was not given for necessaries.

Massey Harris Co. vs. Peck.

The case of Massey Harris Co., Ltd., vs. Edson E. Peck was next taken up. This is a review from the court of Daniel W. Stuart, one of His Majesty's Justices of the Peace for Albert county. The action was on a promissory note and judgment was given for the plaintiff.

Mr. Fowler appeared for the defendant in support of the appeal and Mr. M. B. Dixon, K. C., contra. By order of His Honor the case stands as points involved in the suit are now before the Supreme Court. All the points were reserved for hearing.

Carnworth vs. Brewster.

In the case of Carnworth vs. Brewster which was argued in Chambers here on December 7th inst., His Honor granted a new trial with costs. This was a review from the court of Justice Wright, Hopewell. Mr. Fowler appeared for the appellant and Mr. Dixon contra.

Mitton vs. Garland.

In the case of Mitton vs. Garland, a review case from the same justice, His Honor granted a new trial but without costs. Mr. Fowler for the appellant and Mr. Dixon contra.

COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.

Final Judgments.

In Chambers yesterday morning before His Honor Judge Forbes, final judgment was signed in the following cases:

Helen G. Edgecombe vs. Herbert Lindsay $35.00. Mr. H. H. Pickett.

Vassie and Co., Limited, vs. Walter A. Smith, $360.00. Mr. Pickett.

Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. Taylor.

Hearing on the application of the plaintiff in the case of the Merchants' Rubber Co. vs. C. Humphrey Taylor to set aside the defendant's appearance and plea and sign summary judgment, was, on motion of Mr. C. S. Hanington, for the plaintiff, further adjourned until January 29 next, but with costs. Mr. G. E. Logan appeared for the defendant.

Williams & Co. vs. DeWitt Bros.

Hearing on the return of a summons to show cause why a commission should not issue in the case of Moses Williams, doing business as Williams and Co., Liverpool, England, vs. DeWitt Bros., Limited, was made. The plaintiff claims that a number of material witnesses are in Liverpool and asks that a commission issue to take their evidence. Mr. W. A. Ewing, K. C., for the defendant, opposed the issuing of the commission, Mr. Fred R. Taylor in support. His Honor granted the commission but confined it to written interrogatories.

EQUITY COURT.

December Session.

The December session of the Equity Court opened yesterday morning in the Equity court room at eleven o'clock, with His Honor Chief Justice Barker presiding.

Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., in the matter of James McGivery, a lunatic, moved to pass the accounts. Reference ordered.

Mr. M. B. Dixon, K. C., in the matter of W. J. Carnworth vs. Henry Berryman and others, infants, moved to take bill pro confesso and to prove bill by affidavits. Granted.

Mr. Dixon moved in the matter of Melbourne McMonagle vs. Bessie Cox and others, infants, for leave to prove bill by affidavit against three of the defendants. Application withdrawn to get clerk's certificate renewed.

Mr. C. S. Hanington in re Lillie Reade Hutchinson, a lunatic (committee Grace D. Lovitt and A. H. Hanington), moved to confirm report of referee, J. J. Porter. Papers filed.

Mr. M. G. Teed, K. C., in the matter of Alexander O. Robinson vs. Fred P. Shaw and Charles Rosenthall and the Canadian Coal Corporation, applied to have the case postponed until January 4th next at Fredericton. Granted.

Mr. Teed, in the case of B. Frank Reade vs. Gerry Fawcett, the Fawcett Honey Co. and George B. Willett, moved to take the bill pro confesso against Kerry Fawcett for want of an appearance, and against the other defendants for want of a plea, answer and demurrer. Granted.

The case of Kane vs. McLean was set down for hearing after the holidays. Mr. R. A. Lawlor, K. C., for the plaintiff, and Messrs. Powell and Harrison for the defendant.

In the matter of Ralph Clouston and others, infants, Mr. W. H. Harrison moves for appointment of a guardian and for leave to sell the infants' real estate situate in Derby, Northumberland. Court considers.

The case of George W. Brennan vs. Charles Henry Brennan was adjourned until the January session of the court. This case involves partnership transactions. Mr. D. Mullin, K. C., appears for the plaintiff and Mr. A. H. Hanington, K. C., for the defendant.

Mr. W. A. Ewing moved in the matter of Alain W. Morse, an infant, for the appointment of a guardian and leave to sell real estate of infant situate in St. John. Court considers.

On motion of Mr. Ewing the case of the Attorney General vs. the St. John Lumber Co. goes over until the next court.

The case of Gordon Winslow Taylor, on behalf of himself and other beneficiaries under the last will and testament of Byron Gordon Taylor, deceased, vs. George K. McLean, George O. D. Otty and James A. Barnyea, trustees. The cause having been set down for hearing on bill and answer, Mr. J. Roy Campbell appears for the plaintiff and Mr. C. H. Ferguson for the defendant. Court considers.

The case of Alvin O. Lombard vs. the Alexander Dunbar Sons, Limited, of Woodstock, was set down for trial at the Fredericton session of the court on the fourth of next month. This is an action for alleged infringement of a patent. The plaintiff claims that he has a patent on a logging engine capable of doing the work of forty horses and disputes the defendant's right to sell the machine. The defence is that the patent is void. L. E. Young, of Woodstock, and Ira Hersey, of the Maine Bar, appear for the plaintiff and Frank B. Carvell, K. C., M. P., for the defendant.

The Court adjourned sine die.

ST. STEPHEN MAN IS KILLED IN CALAIS

Frank Mabor Employed As a Stevedor Instantly Killed Yesterday By Fall Of Iron Bucket.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 21.—Frank Mahar, a man about 55 years of age was the victim of a fatality in Calais this afternoon. He was engaged in unloading coal from the schooner Roger Drury at the Washington county dock in Calais and was at work in one of the hatches that had just been opened. When the iron bucket containing five hundred pounds of coal was high in the air, the rope hawser became entangled in the cogwheels which quickly severed it, and the whole weight fell on the unfortunate man below. When he was taken from the wreckage, it was found that his skull had been fractured and that his death had been instantaneous.

Deep sympathy is felt for his surviving widow, two daughters and one son, in the sorrow that has come to them at this Christmas season. He was held in high esteem and was a member of the Independent Foresters in St. Stephen.

Monday Evening Skating Club.

The executive of the Monday Evening Skating Club has made final arrangements with Mr. R. J. Armstrong, manager of the Queens Rink, for each Monday evening during the season, beginning with Monday, January, 3rd.

Big Shipments for Havana.

The Norwegian steamer Bertha, Capt. Aamott, which cleared yesterday for Havana, will complete taking on her cargo this morning and is scheduled to sail this afternoon. Two passengers are going to Havana on the Bertha, Mr. E. McCready and Master A. McCready of Montreal. She has on board a large general cargo, consisting of 1500 barrels of potatoes 400 tons of hay, 2,000 bags of oats and other goods, and will call at Halifax to take on potatoes and apples for Cuban ports. The S.S. Bencliff is due here on January 3, from Southern ports to load general cargo for Havana. The S.S. Karen, Capt. Pedersen, is due here tonight from Boston, to load cargo for Havana and Mexican ports.

PERSONAL.

Lieut. Col. J. M. Humphrey, D.O.C., returned from Moncton yesterday.

Mr. E. J. Robertson, physical director of the Y.M.C.A., will leave this evening to spend Christmas at his home, Fall River, Mass.

The condition of Mr. Henry Hilyard was reported very serious last night, there being no change for the better.

Hon. L. P. Farris, commissioner of police on the G. T. P., arrived in the city last evening after spending a few days at his home at White's Cove.

Mr. S. B. Edey, of Ottawa, one of the sub-contractors on the Transcontinental, arrived in the city yesterday on his way home to spend Christmas. Mr. Edey is building a large bridge on the Moncton-Chipman section. The work is now pretty well advanced.

Mr. W. A. Wallace, a prominent wholesale merchant in Havana, Cuba, arrived in the city yesterday to meet importers from the West Indies.

CATHOLIC INSTITUTES BENEFIT.

Special to The Standard.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 21.—Nine Catholic institutions of Boston will receive substantial Christmas gifts in cash as the result of the first distribution of the residue of the estate of the late John J. Finnigan, a prominent real estate man of this city.