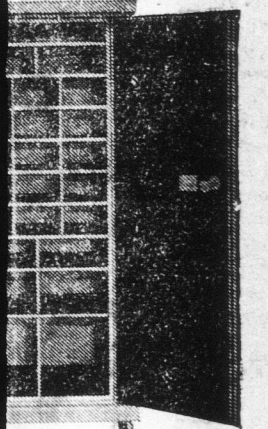


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Reid Nfld. Co. Bay Service.

The S. S. Home leaving Bay of Islands to-day will make her last trip down the Straits for the season. Next Friday the Ethie, Dundee and Clyde will leave their railway ports on their last trips. The season just closing has been a very successful one and not a serious mishap has occurred. The freight receipts are over 20 per cent. in excess of those of last year. The passenger traffic also has greatly increased. The Clyde and Dundee have been filled with freight each trip since August last.

Mummers About

In several of the settlements both East and West of the city the Christmas was spent very pleasantly. Mummers were in all their glory and some of them had very fantastic costumes creating much amusement. The past two nights on the higher levels and in Georgetown mumming has been noticed and the small boys have extracted much amusement from it.

Icebergs Will Be Discovered.

Experiments Will be Made in the Straits of Belle Isle Next Summer With New Detecting Machine. Ottawa, Dec. 21.-Alex. Johnston, Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, stated this afternoon that one of the government vessels would be placed at the disposal of Professor Barnes of McGill University, Montreal, for a series of experiments in the Straits of Belle Isle next June. Professor Barnes is the inventor of an instrument for the detection of the approach of icebergs. The instrument, it is said, will indicate the presence of icebergs several miles away and will also indicate the fact that land is being approached. The invention has been tried out to a limited extent on the ice breakers on the St. Lawrence River, and the experiments to be conducted next June it is hoped will prove sufficiently good on the ocean. The result of this invention, if of the hopes entertained for it, prove true, will be of far-reaching character in decreasing present dangers of navigation.

ARRESTED LAST NIGHT. - The police made nine arrests for drunkenness last night.

Shop Early for New Year!

Four Days Only to Eve of 1912.

"Mas De LaVile" non alcoholic Wines and Champagne are guaranteed the genuine product of the Grape, grown not manufactured. Quarts of real Champagne without alcohol, 75c.; still Wines, 40c. to 60c. quart.

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C. P. EAGAN, DUCKWORTH STREET and QUEEN'S ROAD.

Rescued by the Fiona.

Captains Gott and Devereux of the Bucksport schooner Hiram Lowell and Lizzie Griffin, had an experience which they are not likely soon to forget. They left Middle Arm in a motor boat. They got into the slob at entrance of Humber Arm and after battling away at it for some time in an effort to reach their destination, the engine of their little boat broke down and they found themselves stuck in the slob about five miles outside of Curling, with every prospect of having to remain there all night as they had nothing on board their little craft but one oar. Fortunately, however, Capt. English, of the Fiona, when going down the Bay that evening discovered their predicament and went and rescued them. The ice was not strong enough to walk over, and but for the timely appearance of the Fiona the two masters would undoubtedly have to remain out in the Bay all Monday night and possibly Tuesday in an open boat without any shelter or food. - Western Star.

Sidewalk Sketches.

By H. L. RANN.

THE POLICE FORCE.



There is nothing softer than the life of a policeman. All he has to do is to walk about thirty miles a day and furnish top heads for the reform press. Whenever a policeman is set upon by a party of stewed citizens who have been out robbing a few flats, he is supposed to round them up with a flow of kind words and a blank cartridge or be denounced as a coward and a brute. No policeman is allowed to strike a free born American citizen until he has been punctured in both lungs and had his nose tipped over at an angle of 45 degrees, when he may resist by reciting a few paragraphs from the penal code. If a policeman attempts to help a woman alight from a car he is liable to be arrested under the law against mashers, and if he chases a thug down a dark alley and opens a neat aperture in his collarbone, an infuriated press will advise peaceful citizens to stay off the streets at night. If the police close up a town until you can't buy butter-milk, if they leave it wide open, the mayor will reduce them in rank so fast that it will sound like throwing a flat iron down a mail chute. The chief of police has nobody to please but the mayor and his conscience, and when the two conflict he is hard pressed. He is supposed to be able to read the mind of the mayor and tell when he means business or is passing out a genteel four-flush for election purposes. When he guesses wrong he is transferred to a precinct in the lumber yard district and instructed to see that nobody steals the river front. It is a gay life and pays almost as well as working on the section.

Straits Report.

The S. S. Home, Capt. Jacob Keen, arrived at Bay of Islands at 3.30 p.m. yesterday. Capt. Keen sent this message to the Reid Nfld. Co.: - "Left Bay of Islands at 12.30 a.m. last Thursday; experienced N.N.E. gales. Arrived at Garganella at 4.30 p.m. Friday and landed mails and passengers. Port Saunders is blocked with slob ice. Saturday the wind changed to E.S.E. varying to S.W.; Sunday and Monday experienced heavy N.E. gales accompanied with thick snow."

For More Fish.

The s.s. Galveston, which arrived recently at Sydney from the United States, is loading coal for this port and after discharging here will take a cargo of about 20,000 qts. of fish up the Mediterranean. She will be followed later by another ship, which will take along a cargo much larger than that of the Galveston.

Dr. de Van's Female Pills

A reliable French regulator; never fails. These pills are exceedingly powerful in regulating the generative portion of the female system. Reduce all cheap imitations. Dr. de Van's are sold at 15 a box, or three for \$10. Mailed to any address. The Sobell Drug Co., St. Catharines, Ont.

EUPHRATES SAILING.

The s.s. Euphrates will sail for Bell Island at noon to-morrow. She is taking in a big freight at Tessier's wharf.

Dreadnoughts in Wax.

Marvels of the Modern Testing-Tank. The tests carried out in the experimental tank at the National Physical Laboratory at Teddington, apropos of the collision between the White Star liner Olympic and the cruiser Hawke, calls attention to those model basins, and the important part they play in modern shipbuilding. Indeed, the rapid development in the speed of our liners and warships is undoubtedly due to the work of these experimental basins. By building a model of the proposed vessel in wax and towing it through the water it is possible to learn the requisite horsepower necessary to drive such a craft at a given speed, how she would behave, what waves she would make, and many other valuable points of a true story of a northern trapper.

Papal Decree

Concerning Prosecutions of the Clergy. Dublin, Dec. 22.-The Express prints what purports to be the English text of the recent Papal decree concerning prosecutions of the clergy. It says whenever private individuals, whether laymen or clergymen, summon ecclesiastics in civil or criminal cases without ecclesiastical permission, they will incur excommunication at the hands of the Pope.

MINARD'S LINIMENT CURES DISTEMPER.

Memorable Yuletides.

Odd Coincidence of Queen Victoria's Sorrows at Christmas Time.

One of the most extraordinary Christmas days London ever had was that of 1891. The shops had been, as usual, specially prepared and decorated with the object of attracting the buyers when suddenly on December 22, a thick fog came on. Not until the evening of December 26 did it lift. This particular fog held the record for being the heaviest London had known. Thirty lives were lost and over 200 accidents recorded.

Christmas, 1860, was the coldest England and Scotland had ever experienced. Just three years later Christmas Day was marred by news that William Makepeace Thackeray, the great novelist was dead.

The late Queen Victoria's most memorable Christmases were the most pathetic. It was in less than a fortnight from Dec. 25, 1861, that her husband, the prince consort, passed away. So affected was her majesty that she allowed fifteen years to pass before she celebrated Christmas day in the traditional fashion. Then on Christmas day in 1872 the Prince of Wales, who became King Edward VII., was so ill that his life was despaired of. But he made a remarkable recovery.

Preparing One for the Wife.

"William, do you know why you are like a donkey?" "Like a donkey?" echoed William, opening his eyes wide. "No, I don't. Do you give it up?" "I do."

"Because your better-half is stubbornness herself!" "That's not bad. Ha! ha! I'll give that to my wife when I get home."

"Emily," he began when he sat down to supper, "do you know why I am like a donkey?" He waited a moment, expecting his wife to give it up; but she didn't. She looked at him with some pity in her eyes, and replied: "I suppose, dear, because you were born so."

Equal to the Occasion.

He had been a writer of novelettes, but now he was a tramp. The imaginative instinct remained with him, however.

"Well," demanded the cold-visaged lady as she opened the door. "Madam," he replied, "I am the exiled King of Cambria. I was hunting in yonder forest, but in some way I became separated from my retainers, likewise my gun and purse. I am footsore and weary, and I would fain tarry awhile and partake of refreshment at your hospitable board."

Kid McCoy Weds Again.

Famed Pugilist Makes His Eighth Venture Into Matrimony. New York, Dec. 20.-Kid McCoy has married again. This time is the eighth.

Mrs. Valentine Hein is the latest, according to despatches from Nice, France, where the "happy couple" now are in a villa on that pleasant hillside and Monte Carlo a comfortable drive beyond.

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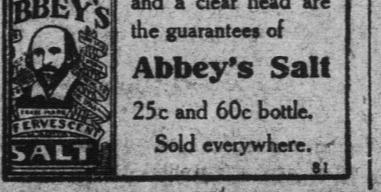
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