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WANTED— stenographer and Typewriter. Can give steady employment to reliable man or woman, with good references. Write and state salary to B. Daily Sun Office.

WANTED—On liberal salary, 5 intelligent ladies. Apply at 25 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

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SHOW-CASES—A bargain for some one. New Nicks Cases for sale cheap. Call and see them at W. THOMAS GARD'S, Jeweller and Optician, 45 King street.

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HOUSE FOR SALE—House 165 Adelaide road, 2 flats, 5 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

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WANTED—By a middle aged man, employment as bookkeeper or for general office work; long experience; best of references. Address "Scribe," care of Sun Printing Co.

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LOST—Last evening, a small Silver Watch, with Flier de Lis fastening. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to D. MAGEE'S SONS, 61 King street.
The little girl feels very badly.

LIVERY STABLES.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE
134 Union Street. Telephone 11.
HORSES BOARDED and Wagon and Warm Stables, best of attention.
DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES for hire at any hour.

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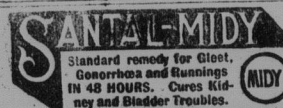
BOARDING, HACK and LIVERY STABLES,
45 and 47 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Horses boarded on reasonable terms.
Horses and Carriages on Hire. Fine Picnic at short notice.
A large sleigh seating fifteen or twenty people for sleighing parties to be with careful driver.

MOTELS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.

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ST. JOHN, N. B.



GREAT NOVA SCOTIA ORCHARD.

Hillcrest orchards, Kentville, produced between 700 and 800 baskets of peaches the past season. This begins to look like business in the peach industry of Nova Scotia. It is no doubt the largest peach crop any one orchard in Canada east of the peach belt of Ontario. Mr. Eaton also shipped, besides a large crop of European plums, upwards of 2,000 baskets of Japanese plums. Five thousand fruit trees, mostly plums and apples, were added to the planting at Hillcrest orchards last spring, making 20,000 trees in all in permanent orchards.

NO LAND GRANT FOR GRAND TRUNK.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, interviewed here tonight, said that whatever assistance may be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental line, it will not take the form of land grant.

Drink Red Rose tea on Christmas Day. It's good tea.

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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 24, 1902.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Day in the Christian world is celebrated as the anniversary of the most momentous event in the chequered history of the human race. Even among those who do not accept the divinity of Christ, He is admitted to have been a being the most noble that the centuries have produced. With the celebration of the anniversary of His birth have been associated certain customs of early and later times, with the result that Christmas Day is regarded as a day, not only of peace and good will, but of hearty rejoicing and the manifestation of a wider sympathy than marks any other period in the whole year.

Aside altogether from the religious aspect of the festival, it is well for humanity that there is a season when the pressure of striving and competition is relaxed, if only for a day, and men consent to realize that however much of the nature of warfare there may be in ordinary life, on this day the arms are to be laid down and the striving cease.

Christmas is essentially the children's day, but in the spirit that makes for their happiness lurks a blessing for the older folk, and we are all partakers in the benefits of the joyous season. It is impossible to enter into the spirit that makes a happy home for the children on Christmas Day, without feeling in some degree the benediction which falls upon those who have done well.

It is of course impossible that all should be happy tomorrow. Fate is inexorable, and makes no distinction of days. There will be those among us who mourn and will not be comforted, because the dread messenger has come to their homes on the very eve of the great day. Others there will be to whom a vacant chair will speak with sadder eloquence than any words can express. For others the inability to do all they would desire for their loved ones will cast a shadow across the sky. On some homes the shadow of sickness will lie, and shut out the light.

But the same spirit which prompts men to lay aside their toil for a day will prompt them to think of those who are lonely or ill or in need, and even they who may have personal cause for an almost overwhelming sorrow will yet be able to realize that they are not wholly alone nor forgotten.

Blessed be Christmas for the sympathy which it begets, and the happiness it brings. Smile as we may at the humorous side, or mock as we may at the sham, there underlies the observance of this festival a feeling that ennobles the race.

The Star extends to all its readers its best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

THE LOBSTER.

The Star staff would regard it as a source of personal grief if Col. Tucker, M. P., should have other than a Merry Christmas. His labors in behalf of the lobster entitle him to a greater joy than is the portion of other men, and may nothing him annoy throughout the festive season. May no office seekers disturb his repose. It is on the record that while the fishermen of Charlotte county may begin to take lobsters on Dec. 15th, and take them down to nine inches, the fishermen of St. John county may not begin to set their traps till Jan. 15th, and may then only capture crustaceans that are ten and a half inches or more in length. And though the fishermen of Charlotte county may catch nine inch lobsters, they cannot sell them in the St. John market, but must ship them to the states. It is only necessary to ponder over these facts for a few minutes to realize how great a debt of gratitude man and the lobster alike owe to the astute mind and tireless energy of Col. Tucker. May his salad agree with him and his benevolence have its due reward.

Note.—After the above was written, a despatch from Ottawa brought the news that the department had decided to make the date of the opening of the lobster fishery in both Charlotte and St. John counties Jan. 1st. Surely this cannot be true. The fishermen of Charlotte have been taking lobsters since Dec. 15th. How then can they begin on Jan. 1st? And what is the use of Col. Tucker making his magnificent adaptation of the international principle of "spheres of influence" to the Canadian lobster industry if a reckless minister, who knows nothing about it, is going to nullify the whole arrangement? If this sort of thing is permitted the very next thing we may expect is that St. John county fishermen will be permitted to catch nine inch lobsters, just as is done in Charlotte county. And it may even be that presently it will be made legal to sell in St. John the nine inch lobsters which are legally caught in Charlotte county. In short, the board of trade and the fishermen will come to Col. Tucker's aid.

there is grave danger that the fishermen of St. John and Charlotte counties will be treated just alike. The Star extends to Col. Tucker the assurance of its profound sympathy in this great crisis in his career as the champion of the lobster.

In order that there may be no mistake about the matter the Star desires explicitly and unequivocally thus publicly to announce that it wishes the editors of the Telegraph, past, present, and to come, though they be numberless as the sands of the seashore, a Merry Christmas, and a large slice of the finest turkey obtainable in the market, trimmings included.

The people of Canada have good cause for rejoicing. The year now closing has shown an increase in trade, a great development of the west, and good crops throughout the country, while there have been no great catastrophes and nothing to shake the confidence of the people in the magnificent future which awaits their native land.

Ten years ago today there was no winter port business and the harbor presented an empty appearance compared with the present. St. John has been moving up the line in the last decade.

St. John merchants say that Christmas trade has been exceptionally good this year. Labor is well employed and the people are in the mood to make purchases. Trade is healthy and the year has been a fairly prosperous one.

WHAT THEY WANT.

The Trades' and Labor Council will press the provincial legislature at the coming session to pass the bill the government puzzled with and finally side-tracked last year.

The laborers put their case in this way:

This Is What We Want.

Workers' compensation act for boys and girls, for men and women, employed in factories, mills, steamers, stores, shops, or in any trade.

Employers not liable if accident disables worker for not over two weeks, not liable if injury results from wilful misconduct, carelessness, or negligence of person injured.

Employers are liable to person injured for accidents while working in their employ, whether through the fault or carelessness, directly or indirectly, of employer, foreman, or other worker, or contractor, or sub-contractor.

Workers have right to proceed under this act or by civil suit, but not by both.

Compensation to injured workers: Death—Family to receive a sum equal to earnings for the three previous years, but not to exceed \$2,000.

Any weekly amounts paid by employer since accident to be deducted from the above total.

Injury not causing death—Weekly payment after second week, not to exceed 50 per cent. of the average weekly earnings.

Such weekly payment not to exceed \$3 per week, and total liability of employer not to exceed \$1,200 to each person injured.

COMPANION FORESTERS.

Companions of Court Wygodny, No. 473, met in Forester's Hall on Tuesday evening for election of officers and initiation. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. A. C. Melvin, C. R.; Violet Hastings, V. C. R.; Isadora Willott, recording secretary; R. J. Powers, financial secretary; M. A. Hastings, treasurer; Mary Anderson, chaplain; Mary E. Oram, S. W.; Julia Cox, J. W.; Jennie Wright, S. B.; Elizabeth McFarlane, J. B.; Dr. Clara Oling, P. C. R.; M. A. McQuarrie, deputy; Dr. Melvin, examining physician; Alba Granville, organist; Violet Hastings and Jennie Wright, financial audit committee; M. A. Hastings and Martha Henderson, trustees.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The following special music will be given on Christmas day at St. John's Church, under the direction of D. Arnold Fox:

Introductory Voluntary:
The Oracle: Corelli.
Hymn: "O come all ye faithful."
Proper Psalms (No. 19, 45, 85).
Service: Stegall in F.
Carol: "Joy fills our inmost heart today."
Gloria from XIIIth Mass.—Mozart.
Voluntary during Offertory.

THE BAY LINE.

Str. Cunaxa, having bunkered at Louisbourg, sailed yesterday morning for Boston.

Str. Albuera, Capt. Grant, arrived at Providence on Monday night from Glasgow, and will discharge a cargo of coal.

Str. Platea, from Boston via Ymuiden, reached Amsterdam yesterday.

SHEEP RANCH FOR KINGS.

A sheep ranch is the latest project for Kings county. J. D. O'Connell of Sussex, has secured 500 acres at White's Mountain and has purchased 200 young ewes, which, for this winter, he will keep on his farm at Sussex. He purports to start ranching in earnest next fall, and believes prospects for success are good.

To cure a headache in ten minutes, use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

DEATHS.

POWERS.—In this city, on December 22nd, Calvin Powers, in the 80th year of his age, leaving a widow, six sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

McKEE.—At Mispec, N. B., on the 23rd inst., Albert S. McKee, aged 6 months and 9 days. Burial on Thursday, 25th inst., at 2.30 p. m.

EVANS.—In Bangor, Dec. 21, Nora E., wife of Stephen Evans.

Burial from her late home, 61 Park street, Tuesday at 10.30 a. m.

I. C. R. FATALITY.

Coroner's Verdict in the Dorchester Accident.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Dec. 23.—According to all the evidence given at the coroner's inquest, held today to enquire into the death of Brakeman Walter Clarke, which occurred in connection with the railway disaster here this morning, the contributing causes of the wreck remain as yet a mystery, beyond the fact brought out by each witness that the switch was in a defective condition.

"The evidence of Trackmaster Brownell was clear and pointed. As a practical man, he said that the bolt coming out of the hinge rod next to the rail caused the accident. The jury, after due deliberation, rendered the following verdict:
"We, the jurors upon the inquest on the body of Walter Clarke, deceased, from the evidence adduced before us, do find that the said Walter Clarke came to his death about three hundred yards east of Dorchester station this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1902, from drowning, while attending to his duties as brakeman on train No. 16, the result of a railway accident to said train No. 16 caused by some defect in the gear of the switch at that point, causing the engine to leave the rails and turn on her side in the ditch, submerging said deceased and holding him under water until dead."

The crew of the wrecking train are still working strenuously to clear the main line. The disabled locomotive has not yet been removed from the scene of the fatal disaster.

VICTORIA RINK OPENED.

Big Crowd at This Popular Resort Last Evening—Christmas Programme.

The Victoria Rink was opened to the public last evening for the first time this season.

The opening of the Victoria has been the skating feature for years past in this city and all have looked anxiously forward to this big affair. The date was announced for last week, but on account of mild weather had to be postponed. Last evening the doors of the big arena were thrown open to the public and hundreds enjoyed the opportunity of enjoying a pleasant skate.

The ice was excellent and the music furnished by the Vic's Own Band the best. It was a choice programme, in fact, one that could not be excelled. Year after year the proprietor of the rink has made improvements and this season matters previously overlooked have been attended to.

The sale of season tickets is so far the largest in the history of the rink and promises to far outstrip anything ever known.

On Christmas day there will be a band afternoon and evening.

MANAGUASHE CLUB.

Farewelled First Chief F. A. Jones Last Night on Eve of Departure for Mexico.

A jolly junchew was given by the Managuashe club last evening in honor of F. A. Jones, first chief, on the eve of his departure for the mines of Mexico. The members present were Oscar Silberstein, chief; A. R. Clarke, vice chief; James Hunter, warden; J. F. Biddington, secretary; ex-chiefs F. A. Jones and John F. Adams; brothers C. F. Tilley, R. S. Bonnell, J. H. Pullen, S. E. Morrell, Spence Thompson, W. Jones, T. Pugsley, and "pale faces" C. F. Tilley, Jr., Dr. T. Fred Johnston, D. A. McLeod, Aid. McGoldrick and Thos. Gilliland. The bill of fare was an elaborate one and the toast list brought out a sparkling array of speeches by the orators of the club and the invited guests. The function was one that will long be remembered by the participants.

ORANGE INSTALLATION.

The following officers of Havelock L. O. L., No. 27, were installed last evening by W. B. Wallace, district master, assisted by Rev. S. H. Fulton, grand chaplain, and Wm. Haskett, W. M. of No. 7: Stewart Skinner, M. D.; W. M.; Robert Carson, Exp. M.; Hon. C. N. Skinner, Chap. R. H. Rubins, Rec. Sec.; John Kerr, sr., F. S.; James Elliott, Treas.; John Currie, D. of C.; A. Winchester, Lec.; Geo. Baxter, F. of C.; Hon. H. A. McKeown, J. King Kelly, A. W. Macrae and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, committee.

Speeches were made by the district master, grand chaplain and the officers of the lodge.

One of the pleasing features of the meeting was a vote of a substantial sum of money as a Christmas gift to a member of the lodge, who has been confined to his house for many years by illness, and a committee of some of the leading members of the lodge cheerfully undertook to visit the brother and make the presentation.

Eldon, L. O. L., No. 2, held its regular meeting in Orange Hall last evening, only routine business was transacted.

Trinity Precatory, No. 507, L. O. L., will meet in Orange Hall to-morrow evening for the election of officers.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

PORTLAND METHODIST Y. M. A.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Y. M. A. of Portland, the Methodist Church last night a debate took place on a subject of considerable public interest, namely, "Which would be better, a bridge over the harbor, or an improved ferry service?" The speakers on the affirmative side contended that if a bridge were built across the harbor, delays in the traffic would no longer be caused by fog. Those who spoke in favor of an improved ferry service argued as their main point that it would cost much less to improve the ferry than it would to bridge the harbor. The debate was decided in favor of the bridge. R. T. Hayes and Frederick Smiley were the leaders. Rev. Mr. Howard presided.

SENATOR PRIMROSE DEAD.

Senator Primrose, of Pictou, died suddenly at midnight, on Monday night. He was of Scotch descent and born at Pictou in 1830, and has been a very active citizen of that town. He was called to the senate in 1892 as a conservative.

GIFTS FOR THE MANY.

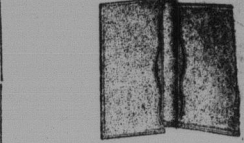
Are to be found here in profusion, turn wh way you will. It makes little difference whether you are looking for something inexpensive or wish to testify to your affection with an expensive gift. You will have no difficulty in making a selection from our vast assortment. Holiday Goods—goods that range from the conservative to the extreme—all in new and correct styles.

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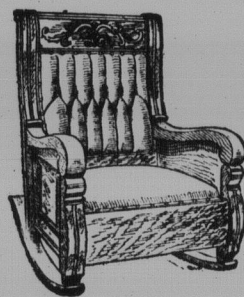
write to the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, giving our name and the date of purchase, they will send you free a fine quality Morocco Leather Card Case with no printing on it.

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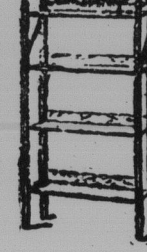
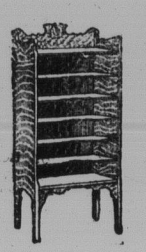
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