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THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, JANUARY 14, 1905.

WEATHER—Fair, and decidedly cold today and tomorrow.

ONE CENT.

PREMIER TWEEDIE Presents Prizes at Carnival and Presides at Church Meeting.

NEWS OF CHATHAM. A Delightful Evening at the Rink—St. Andrew's Church Had Good Year—Town Teachers Meet—Paper by Dr. Cox.

Chatham, Jan. 12.—The first skating carnival of the season was held tonight and was unprecedented success. There were a very large number in costume, the ice and music were excellent and between eight and nine hundred spectators were on the promenade.

The regular monthly meeting of the town teachers was held this afternoon. Among other matters brought before the meeting Dr. Cox read some of his observations made during the grading and visiting of the different school rooms, and in some cases suggested remedies.

The chairman referred in eulogistic terms to the very excellent pulp supply given by Rev. W. W. Rainnie of St. John, who has been occupying the pulpit since last June, during the absence of absence on account of ill-health of the pastor, Rev. Duncan Henderson.

H. E. Genter of Boiestown, visited Chatham this week. Miss Beasle Robinson has returned to St. John to resume her studies at Ker's Business College.

SCHOONER ALMOST A MONTH OVERDUE. She Sailed from Louisburg for Halifax With Coal.

Halifax, N. S., Jan. 14.—(Special).—The captain and four of the crew of the Buckport, Me., schooner Land-seer, sunk at Bay of Islands, Nfld., arrived here today and leave for Boston this afternoon.

The schooner Omega, with cargo of coal from Louisburg for Halifax, has not been heard of for a month.

A LONESOME PRINCE. Prince Carl Alexander Who Died Yesterday Was Possessed of Many Whims.

Detmold, Principality of Liepzig, Jan. 14.—Prince Carl Alexander of Liepzig-Detmold who died yesterday in an asylum at St. Gillesburg, near Bayreuth was surrounded by all the forms of royalty, by gentlemen-in-waiting and servants who showed him the most exaggerated respect and kept up the illusion that he was indeed a sovereign. He took much pleasure in the maintenance of severe etiquette, read the newspapers daily and seemingly kept track of the world's affairs and those of his own little principality, but he never permitted anyone to speak of them. He played chess often and was fond of music and theatrical productions. The prince was a calm-faced, handsome man, usually dressed in military uniform and except for certain excess of staidness gave no outward indication that he was weak-minded. He lived, owing to his punctilious regard for his rank, in practical mental solitude as it was unbecoming to his rank to exchange ideas with inferiors. The succession to the principality of Liepzig-Detmold is in process of adjustment by an arbitration court. The death of Prince Carl Alexander does not affect the situation unless the Liepzig-Detmold diet interposes.

CROWN CASE HAS CLOSED. Defence Opens in Oscar Wright Trial at Hampton.

MR. CURREY TALKS. He Objects to Newspaper Report of the Case and Outlines Course Defence Will Take—Miss Mowatt Taken Ill.

Hampton, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The Oscar Wright manslaughter case was resumed this morning. About 11.30 o'clock, Miss Mowatt, official court stenographer, was taken slightly ill and had to leave the court room.

Mr. Cursey made reference to a statement in today's St. John Sun. There was a big headline on the article stating that McKnight had used a knife. No such evidence was shown in the trial. The Sun reporter attending the trial did not make any such report in his story. Anybody reading the report could not tell exactly what it meant.

Mr. Cursey also referred to the seriousness of the charge and regretted very much that human life had been taken. He went on to say that it had been proven that Wright had gone down to his house to get his property, because he had a right to do so.

He would also show how Oscar Wright had been attacked and injured by the crowd. Mr. Cursey spoke along this line at some length.

Then Mr. Cursey stated that he would prove how McKnight had run up with a club and struck the prisoner, and he asked the members of the jury to believe the evidence that would be submitted to them by the defence. Then he said it was possible that the prisoner would be put on the stand in his own defence.

The first witness for the defence was Ira Wright, brother of the prisoner. Examined by Mr. Cursey he told of the part he took in the row and how he was severely handled. He also pointed out how a number of his brother after the row. The witness said that he and Oscar were always of peaceable disposition.

The witness was subjected to searching cross-examination by Dr. Fugatey. No important points were brought out.

Walter Milton swore that he did not strike a blow either with his fist or a club. He was drawn into the fight and got a blow on the head, which laid him up for three days.

When Dr. Fugatey started to cross-examine the witness the judge adjourned for recess.

It is thought that the evidence for the defence will be finished tonight and that the case will be concluded on Tuesday.

Mrs. Olive Wright and other Havelock witnesses went to Havelock this morning.

SUGAR AND FLOUR. Both are Higher and are Still Tending Upward.

Sugar and flour advanced again yesterday. On Thursday an advance of fifteen cents per barrel was made in all brands of Ontario flours, and this was followed yesterday by an increase of 20 cents on Manitoba brands. This will make the price of Manitoba flour \$6.05 wholesale, and about \$6.80 retail.

Following the advance reported on Thursday, the New York refiners yesterday advanced their prices on all grades of refined sugars ten cents per hundred. The Montreal refiners also advanced their prices ten cents per hundred on refined sugars and fifteen cents on the yellow brands, and the Acadia refiners made the same increase. Refined sugar is now \$1.05 per hundred higher than it was a few months ago. The price of refined sugar, jobbing, is now \$5.50, as compared with \$4.75 per hundred three months ago, and according to the dealers here it will go to \$6.00 very shortly.

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CZAR'S MESSAGE TO HIS TROOPS. He Praises Their Bravery and Expresses Belief That Russia Will Triumph Yet—Russian Press Takes Hopeful View—Japan Criticizes Action of France—Strange Report From Chinese Sources—Stoessel at Nagasaki.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 14.—Emporer Nicholas has addressed the following message to the army and navy: "Fort Arthur has passed into the hands of the enemy. During eleven months the fight had been going on in its defence. More than seven months its noble defenders had been cut off from the rest of the world. Without any positive assurance of help they continued to fight and uphold everything in their power to check the progress of the enemy sparring neither life nor heart's blood to uphold the honor of the Russian people.

"Russia, with pride and admiration, followed each move in the contest. The whole world was astounded at their gallantry, but daily their ranks were thinned, their powers of resistance diminished, and under repeated attacks by the enemy, they were obliged to give way.

"Peace, honor and undying memory was the portion of your Russians who have fallen in the defence of Fort Arthur. Far from home you have laid your bodies upon alien soil, a sacrifice to the duties of your own honor and the commands of your emperor.

"Honor to the living, may God restore you to health and strength and give you patience to face this disaster with which you are confronted. "My gallant troops and sailors, do not let this sorrow dismay you. Our enemy is strong and daring. This fight against them occurs 7,000 miles from our home, but Russia is powerful. In the thousand years of its existence there have been heavier trials, more and more threatening dangers, but Russia ever arose from trial with renewed force and strength. Do not stand in its own defence.

"I have sworn that McKnight ran up with a club and used it on either the prisoner's head or shoulders, and he further referred to the arrest of his brother after the row. The witness said that he and Oscar were always of peaceable disposition.

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BAD FIRE IN SYDNEY. Blaze Started in Large Building in Business Centre. \$45,000 DAMAGE.

Walter Hall, Stationer, Formerly of St. John, Among the Losers—Building Gutted, Stocks, Furnishings and Offices Destroyed.

Sydney, N. S., Jan. 14.—(Special).—Shortly before twelve o'clock fire broke out in the Ross block, on Charlotte St., one of the principal business blocks in the city and some ten minutes later the fire was eating its way up the elevators showing huge tongues of flame shooting out of the building and immense volumes of smoke pouring out in all directions.

The fire department reached the scene a few minutes after the alarm but so sudden did the fire spread that it got its under control.

The fire started in Redding's store by one of employes tramping on a safety match which ignited some inflammable material lying about. The spread of the fire was remarkably quick. The occupants of several of the offices in the building had narrow escapes in making their way out, having to resort to fire escapes and firemen's ladders coming from the third story. Even this means was attended with great danger.

The following are burned out: A. W. Redding, boots and shoes; J. Fisher Grant, gent's furnishings; and Langille and Madden, barbers. The following offices are badly damaged through fire and smoke: A. C. Ross, real estate; A. M. Grotton, insurance; Mr. G. Henning, civil engineer; York County Loan & Savings Co.; Mullin's and McQuarrie, real estate; Mosley & Duchesne, barbers; Rev. J. A. Greenlee, clerk of the Sydney Presbytery; and the offices of the State and Federal consuls. Little or nothing of the contents was saved from most of these offices.

The damage to buildings will be about \$15,000 and the loss to occupants will probably amount to about \$30,000, making total losses of some \$45,000.

Ross, Ross and McLeod, had about the finest law library in the city. All of which is destroyed.

Rev. Mr. Greenless had rooms adjoining his office. He loses practically everything.

The fire was under complete control shortly after one o'clock.

FROM THE WEST. One on a Visit and the Other to Remain in England.

Rev. W. Wood, of Phoenix, B. C., is at the Royal and sails on the Lake Champlain for his old home in Dublin.

In conversation with a Times reporter this morning, although somewhat reticent as regards an interview, Mr. Wood said that he has been in Canada for the past few years and recently has been located at Phoenix, B. C. He speaks in eulogistic terms of the different parts of the west, which he has visited, and the object of his trip home is to visit his parents and renew old-time acquaintances.

He says that the Canadian Northwest is a grand country and affords every possibility for success for an enterprising young man.

Rev. Mr. Wood has for the past two years been pastor of the Anglican church at Phoenix, and he intends returning at an early date to resume this pastorate.

Another gentleman who leaves on the same steamer is J. M. Richardson, who hails from London. Asked by a Times reporter as to where he was located in the northwest he replied: "I have been in the farming business about seventy miles from Calgary."

"What do you think about Canada generally?" "Well to be frank with you," Canada is all right. I have nothing to say about it, but old England is good enough for me. I am returning home and as far as I know at present will remain there."

APPEAL DISMISSED. The supreme court today dismissed the appeal from the decision of the judge sitting down for a hearing the preliminary objections in Cumberland, Pictou, Colchester and Cape Breton election cases. The objections will be heard Tuesday.

CHATHAM HAS IT COLD. Chatham, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The government thermometer registered twenty-one below zero last night.

Dr. John McDonald passed a good night and is resting comfortably.

While the catch of smelts in the small stream has been an improvement during the last week in the size of the fish caught, prices still continue high from \$4 to 6 cts. per pound. (Richibucto Review.)

PIETY AND PLEASURE. Divide the Honors in the Town of Truro.

SPARE THE MOOSE. Vigorous Action to Prevent Slaughter of Big Game—Want Better Assessment Law and Provincial Hospital For Harmless Insane.

Truro, Jan. 14.—(Special).—The two centres of attraction in Truro this month are the Crossley and Hunter Evangelistic meetings and the Metropolitan Rink. The rink began a very early season, and the Evangelists have been at work since Jan. 1st. The latter have nightly audiences ranging from 700 to 1,000, but the rink went above this, the night of the Amherst-Truro hockey match claiming 1,300. There is a usual risk attendance of about 300 to 400.

Every night since the start from a half dozen to nearly twenty have made some start in the evangelistic meetings. The religious interest is deepening, and indications are that the revival will be a sweeping one among the converts of last week were a well-known railway conductor and also a brewer.

E. C. Cribb, game commissioner for Colchester, has received a petition for circulation in Colchester for presentation to the local legislature, that is of interest. The petition deprecates the great slaughter of moose in Nova Scotia forests the season opened last October, and asks the legislature to pass an act forbidding the sale of moose-meat. It is believed that if the element of gain from the sale of the meat is removed, that the slaughter will be reduced, and the kingly game left to breed and grow plentiful for the glory of sportsmen. The petition is receiving much support where ever circulated, and it is expected by those supposed to be informed that it will be received.

Colchester Municipal Council closed its January session Saturday, having been at work for five days. The new warden, Reicker Starrick, filled his office most satisfactorily, and the business was pushed through rapidly. There was nothing of particular importance on the session, the usual "stick" eye systems of assessment was made, and a special committee appointed to try to get more equitable taxation arranged. The new poor house to be built also received attention, and local physicians addressed the council urging that they do not provide for homeless insane at the poor house, but urge the local legislature to erect one provincial hospital to care for all harmless insane in Nova Scotia.

TURNED BACK AT EASTPORT. Young American Taken Off the Steamer St. Croix by an Immigrant Officer.

Eastport, Jan. 13.—On the arrival of the steamer St. Croix on Saturday, John on Thursday, Immigration Inspector Gould arrested a young Armenian who was on his way to Boston. Inspector Gould took the man in charge and escorted him to Galois from which place he will be reported to St. John. Undesirable immigrants have but little success in evading the vigilance of Inspector Gould at this port.

FREDERICTON NEWS. Valuable Hackney Stations Imported—Thermometer 26 Below Zero—Mr. Hawthorne's Promotion.

Fredericton, Jan. 14.—(Special).—Harry C. Jewett has imported two young hackney stallions from Illinois to replace those lost by him in the fire which lately destroyed his stables. They were on the freight train which was wrecked near Sackville but fortunately they escaped without injury.

The thermometer last night dropped to twenty-six degrees below zero.

Dr. Samuel Rabinowitz, rabbi of the Jewish synagogue, St. John, performed the rite of circumcision on the young son of Louis Lavine, here this morning.

James H. Hawthorne, is being warmly congratulated on the promotion to the rank of major in the seventy-first Regiment.

DEATHS. McCARTHY in this city, on the 13th inst., Denis McCarthy, in the 64th year of his age, leaving a wife, four sons and seven daughters to mourn his loss. He was buried in the cemetery from his late residence 313 Union street, at 8.30 o'clock (e.s.d.) Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

THE TIMES' NEWS REPORTER.

Editorial note.—The Times has engaged the services of a new reporter. He is a young man of great and varied talents, but a remarkably vivid imagination, this morning.

Mr. Jamesy Jones's condition is unchanged today. The boil on his neck is still very painful.

Although flour has advanced, a prominent baker said today that there would be no change in the price of sour bread.

Aid. Christie inspected the Salvation Army Travellers' Home this morning, and expressed his warm sympathy with the good work done.

A singular incident occurred in a city boarding house at supper time last evening. One boarder asked another to pass the butter. The butter moved across the table itself, and a plate that seemed to come from the stove, made this remark: "Maybe you think I can't walk." The incident was the subject of much wondering comment.

Next summer automobiles will only be permitted to scare horses and kill people at the rate of ten or fifteen miles an hour.

The rumor that a well known King street merchant had suddenly left the city, arose out of a misapprehension.

He is an enthusiastic curler, and when a friend asked him to attend a social function on Thursday evening he replied: "I can't. I'm going to skip tonight."

There was more than the usual amount of sulphur at the end of the policemen's sporting match last evening.

The solemn silence around City Hall these days is not funeral. The aldermen are lost in meditation.

The Times had an interesting talk today with Mr. Josh Jenks, the popular Duke ward citizen. The rumor that Mr. Jenks will be a candidate for the city council is premature. Mr. Jenks has prepared a requisition and has had it signed by a large number of our leading citizens, but he is not seeking a nomination.

Mr. Jenks has peculiar notions with regard to representative positions. He believes that the office should seek the man. He desires us to state that if he is unable to present the requisition to all his friends for signature it will be because of the shortness of the time. He has no desire to be a candidate. If pressed

very hard, however, he might be induced to offer. The petition will be found at his office, ready for signature. It is men like Mr. Jenks, who do not seek office, that we need at the council board. As already stated, he is not after the honor. It is after him, and frequently keeps him awake at night.

"What we want at the council board," said Mr. Jenks, "is good men—the best men—not men with an axe to grind. Mr. Jenks uses a backsway.

Russian vessels must be considered a serious breach of neutrality."

A Chinese Report.

Huanshan, via Mukden, Jan. 14.—Chinese report that Field Marshal Oyama has been there since December inspecting troops. They also report that a Japanese military base has been established on the island of Lulus and that army troops are arriving there who do not resemble Japanese. According to the Chinese, the troops at Yankow are being drilled and as soon as they are trained, they will be sent to the front. It is said there is a concentration of troops at Tomitan, east of the railway and that large bodies of troops are forming on each flank of the position. The Japanese are building numerous armoured trucks for the railway and armoured wagons for automobile quick fires. The Japanese are also buying large quantities of wire and grind-stones all of which are being moved to the front. Drilling is proceeding at all parts of the Japanese lines.

Russian Cavalry Routed.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—11 a. m.—An additional report from the Japanese headquarters state that the Russian cavalry which was defeated in the neighborhood of Yankow Wednesday retreated in a disorderly condition to north Takaoka south of New Changwang, leaving 82 killed and 1,000 wounded. Many abandoned their arms and accoutrements in their flight. It is believed that the Russian cavalry has been routed near New Changwang Friday.

Germany is Neutral.

Berlin, Jan. 14.—The Japanese government, taking cognizance of an impression that Germany has not observed strict neutrality, has sent a formal despatch of thanks to the German government. It expresses the conviction that Germany has fulfilled her duties as a neutral throughout the war with exactness and especially during the recent events in the war zone.

Jap Press is Critical.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Noon.—The French sharply criticized for permitting the ships of the second Pacific squadron of the Russian navy to make a prolonged stay at Madagascar. Herebefore the Japanese press and people, realizing the peculiar position in which France was placed, have disposed to judge her actions too severely by the Asahi today says: "It is no longer possible to overlook the prolonged stay at Madagascar, neutrality nor her disregard for the obligations of a neutral nation."

"Cooling the ships of the second Pacific squadron in French ports has culminated in allowing Rear-admiral Rozhanski to visit the Japanese fleet now reported in the Indian ocean."

"Such action is little less than heroic, and if France is sincere in her promise of strict neutrality, the ships of the second Pacific squadron ought long ago been sent away or dismantled."

"Further temporizing for the purpose of rendering assistance to the

Tokio News.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Prince Fushimi and his suite are expected to arrive in Tokyo tonight.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—The naval and military attaches, members of parliament and others who left Tokyo for the Japanese transport, Manasu, to witness the fall of Port Arthur, have returned to Tokyo. They visited General Nogi and Field Marshal Oyama, while on their journey.

Russian General Speaks.

Tokio, Jan. 14.—Lieut. General Naden who is one of the Russian officers who gave up their parole at Port Arthur and who has arrived here in sixty years old. He said in an interview:

"When I entered Port Arthur, I was a major-general. Since then I have been promoted to the rank of lieutenant-general and commanded the fourth division during the siege. I lived in the trenches. The bravery shown by the Japanese navy is beyond comparison. Its achievements are unparalleled with the Japanese navy and the Russian

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