

CALENDAR

Of Temple of Honor and Temperance of N. B. Victoria, No. 2—Meets every Tuesday...

THE WEATHER

Forecast—Fresh to strong southwest wind. Low local showers, but on the whole clear...

ON AND AFTER DEC. 2nd

CHURCH NOTICES

LOCAL NEWS

No one should fail to see Tuff's display of toys, fancy goods, etc. See their list in this issue.

Joseph Howe, the well known alumnus of Acadia University, passed through the city yesterday on his way to his home for the Christmas vacation.

Business is in full swing at Chas. Francis & Co's three stores. They have just added to their meat store a stock of fresh British Columbia salmon and halibut.

With every dozen photos from \$3.00 up we give away a large \$3.00 photo of yourself. Have your sitting early, Isaac Erb & Son, photographers, 13 Charlotte street. Phone 718.

As a tribute to the memory of the late Col. Ray, once mayor of St. John, the city council will meet at City Hall at 2:30 on Saturday afternoon and in the body at Trinity church where the obsequies will be held.

Macaulay Bros. & Co. are holding a special sale of very dainty and choice designs in hand-worked linen collars, pillow-cases, five o'clock covers and doilies. They have also now in stock the new gold belt, so much in demand.

Storm warning signal No. 3 was displayed at one o'clock from the signal station, Custom House, indicating a fresh to heavy gale at first from the eastward. A heavy rain storm is now on the westward of Boston and Montreal.

The Ladies' Auxiliary of the Seaman's Institute request that the kind friends who are making comfort bags will please send them in on Tuesday, 26th inst. The ladies will meet at the City Hall on Tuesday to arrange for the annual concert and comfort bag distribution.

Gold or silver-plated specialties make a nice and useful Christmas present. Remember that each pair of glasses purchased during the holiday season carries with it the privilege of afterwards having the eyes tested by D. Boyaner, the optician, and the correct lenses given absolutely free of charge. Call at 651 Main street.

With the weather cleared, tonight's shopping throng should be a record-breaker. At M. H. A.'s every preparation has been made to meet the great throng, which starts in after supper time this evening. All day tomorrow, from 10 o'clock to 12 noon, the right to bedtime, Mercantile pipes, in cases and out; cigar holders, cigarette holders, cigar cases. Havana cigars absolutely at your own price, any reasonable offer accepted. Help us to clear out our surplus stock, and we will help you by giving you your own price. Call and look over our stock. We are pleased to show you same, being proud of the prices at which we are selling. Louis Green's, King street.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

The country market presented a busy appearance this morning. Crowds of citizens, venturing their way from one stall to another, asking the price of turkeys and other seasonal wares, the majority buying, kept the merchants bustling, and this morning's rush was the heaviest of the season.

In spite of the predictions of the merchants, turkeys are selling cheap, and the best grade can be had for 25c. per pound. Farness are steadily bringing more turkeys into the market, and there is a mere possibility that the price of the birds may drop a cent or two.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

New Victoria Hotel—Richard Benham, Lawrence (Mass.); John Bell, Toronto; Jas. Ashton, Lynn (Mass.).

NEW YORK COTTON

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Cotton futures opened steady January, 11.37; Feb., 11.80; March, 12.10; April, 12.50; May, 12.90; June, 13.30; August, 13.90; Oct., 14.50.

THE BOYD FIELD SEWER

Was Discussed by Water and Sewerage Board This Morning—To Prepare Plans.

A meeting of the water and sewerage board was held this morning to discuss the matter of a sewer in Cedar St. It was decided that Supt. Murdoch should prepare plans and estimates for a public sewer and in the meantime work on the Boyd field sewer should stop.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

Miss Marjorie Barnaby has returned from Wolfville, where she has been studying at the Seminary.

Miss Alice Gertrude Jardine, of Exton, who is attending the U. B. at Fredericton, arrived in the city last evening on her way home to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss H. Hazen returned yesterday from Halifax, where she has been attending the school, Fredericton, arrived in the city last evening to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Home and Cecil Porter are home from Halifax and Montreal respectively, and have been identified with some of the local operatic and musical organizations of the country, and have also appeared in the best of the vaudeville houses throughout the states in their singing specialties of high class musical numbers, a treat in carrying out of the provinces which the artists mentioned above, Mr. Smith and Miss Carter will open their engagement with the Waite Company at the Opera House on Christmas day.

BUBBLING WITH REASONS

"The air was full of reasons and I simply reached out and used the one wanted," said Daniel Webster, our reason for our price is that we are overstocked; we know that is our own fault, but it is hard to foresee a quiet season. We have 5,000 more pipes in cases today than we should have. Our desire is to force the sale of the entire lot before next Tuesday morning. It is to our advantage to sell at any price in preference to carrying this stock till next year.

WINTER PORT ITEMS

The Donaldson line steamship Concordia's outward cargo is valued at \$84,201. She is now on her way to Glasgow from this port.

The head line steamship Dunmore Head Capt. McKernan, arrived in port this morning in ballast.

Furness steamship Gull of Ancud, Capt. Foxworthy, arrived from London via Halifax with a large general cargo. See under head of imports, this issue.

C. P. R. steamship Monmouth Cape left London yesterday for this port direct with a large passenger and freight list.

The Norwegian fruit steamer Veritas, Capt. Utne, arrived this morning from Kingston, Jamaica, with a full cargo of fruit for this port and the west.

A GOOD DISPLAY

At Watson's toy and stationery store, corner of Charlotte and Union streets, can be found a large assortment of appropriate Christmas gifts.

On the second floor, toys of every description are on display, ranging in price from a few cents up.

On the first floor are some beautiful articles, such as high class writing paper, and envelopes, books and novels, musical instruments, leather goods and celluloid cases.

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS

Protestant Orphan Asylum School Held Exercises This Morning.

The closing exercises of the Protestant Orphan Asylum school took place this morning. A programme of recitations and songs was carried out, and the morning was spent most enjoyably.

POLICE COURT

More Unfortunates Sent to Jail for Christmas Day.

In the police court this morning Annie Doherty and Emma Lester were fined \$5 each or two months in jail for drunkenness. Both were taken to jail in default of payment.

Robert Clancy was given in charge by Guy Ramsey, son of C. H. Ramsey, for breaking the furniture in their house on St. Patrick street. The complainant stated that the charge was correct, but the defendant claimed that he staggered and falling knocked a lamp over, but did not break the furniture. Judge Ritchie thought that Clancy was in bad state from rum, and remanded him to jail.

Three coshens appeared to answer to the charge of violating the I. C. R. regulations pertaining to hackmen, on the 19th inst. They were: Thomas Short, Andrew Watson, and John McManus. All pleaded guilty, and a fine of \$20 was allowed to stand against them.

The magistrate stated that the coshens have to obey the regulations in future. The public were complaining about the manner in which they were soliciting passengers beyond their houses, and the authorities at Ottawa were calling upon the officials to enforce the law. His honor warned them to be beyond the railing at the depot again.

Frederick Watson and Frank Donnelly were reported to have some offence on the 20th inst., but as they were not notified they did not appear.

William McQuade was adjudged guilty of Christmas party on Sunday, 19th inst., and was fined \$100. E. S. Ritchie, who appeared for the defendant, stated that he would appeal the case.

EDUCATION IN QUEBEC

Mr. Groulx strikes a strong and noble note when he speaks of the education of the people and education is the foremost of all provincial policy, and that it intends to make it the keystone of his administration.

The first year of his political life and the aim of all his efforts. We have every reason to believe that the determination of an earnest and able statesman, who has a strong grasp of the responsibilities and duties of his office, will be a success.

It is gratifying to see that the province can never advance as it should until its educational position in the Dominion has improved. His words will find a responsive echo throughout the province, men of intelligence and good will, carrying out of the provinces, which we feel more deeply than Mr. Groulx himself the fact that he is making an increase in the number of schools, and that the teacher shall be trained and that the education of the people shall be the basis of the progress of the province.

It is gratifying to see that the province is giving to teachers holding diplomas the bonuses to municipalities (or rather prizes, for there will be five given in each of the present municipal districts) are not to be given where teachers without diplomas are employed or where teachers are paid less than one hundred dollars a year. Again, the normal schools of the province are to be increased in number.

All these measures, which we feel are the two prime needs that the teacher shall be trained and that the education of the people shall be the basis of the progress of the province, are the basis of the progress of the province.

FUNERALS

The funeral of the late Daniel McDermott took place from his late home, Broad street, at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. Father Chapman conducted a burial service in St. John the Baptist church, and interment was in the old Catholic cemetery.

The funeral of Robert T. Taffar took place from his father's residence at 2:30 this afternoon. Rev. W. E. Raymond conducted the burial service, interment being made in Fernhill.

The funeral of the late George Pile took place from his brother's residence, Portland street, at 9 o'clock this morning. Rev. S. Howard conducted a service, and interment was in Cedar Hill. The "North Star" recognizes a Maritime Lodge, 297; Sons of England, and the I.O.O.F., attended.

JAPAN IS IN CONTROL

LONDON, Dec. 22.—William Pritchard Morgan, the consul-general of Korea and charge d'affaires of the Korean legation since the suicide of the acting minister, eight months ago today, handed over the legation to the Japanese embassy and the consulate to the Japanese consul general under the arrangement transferring Korean affairs to the control of Japan.

FATAL RAILWAY WRECK

PHOENIXVILLE, Pa., Dec. 22.—Three trainmen were killed today in a wreck on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad at Perkiomen Junction, caused by a collision between a milk train on the Reading division and a Perkiomen Railroad freight train. Traffic was interrupted for several hours.

THEY'RE ALL HAPPY NOW

Civic and Government Employees Receive Their Monthly Pay Today.

Civic and government employees are wearing a happy smile today in consequence of "the powers that be" paying monthly salaries this morning instead of a week later, as is usual. This will enable the men to make their Christmas purchases in plenty of time to act the part of Santa Claus in a befitting manner.

This morning Chamberlain Sandall was kept busy distributing to the men of the various departments the following amounts:—

Official, \$2,073.03
Public Works, 675.01
Police, 2,330.45
Fire, 1,588.69
Salvage, 100.00
Market, 184.30
Light, 228.00
Ferry, 1,050.03

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

Chicago Market Reported by New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clinch, Banker and Broker.

Table with columns: Yesterday's Closing, Today's Opening, and various stock prices including Amalgam Copper, Am Sugar, etc.

CHICAGO MARKET REPORT

December wheat, 84 1/2
May wheat, 87 1/2
July wheat, 88 1/2
Domestic coal, 79 1/2
Domestic iron, 11 1/2

WALL STREET

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The feature of the opening was the aggressive strength of the local market. Blocks of thousands of shares of these stocks changed hands at substantial increases over yesterday's closing prices.

AN ASSIGNMENT

WINNIPEG, Dec. 20.—The Canadian Co-operative Investment Company assigned in court Dec. 12 to the Northern Trust Company, and the assignment was made voluntary. Liquidation was ordered, and the company took advantage of withdrawal claims and the amount necessary to meet the withdrawal claims was \$20,000.

DOMINION COAL

Dominion Coal continues to show evidence of a steady decline in the price of coal. The Montreal market, as a rule, goes up. The Star, are not quite so optimistic as the Boston market in predicting a rise for the stock this winter. The majority believe, however, that the stock will go on a dividend basis in the early part of the year.

MONEY AND MARKET

On November 8 call money rates registered as high as ten per cent., and on November 15 rates advanced to 5 per cent. Money ruled about 10 per cent. for a week and gradually receded to from 1 per cent. to 4 per cent. on November 21. From that date there was an advance again, which culminated with 27 per cent. money on December 1. Since then the rates have been easier.

CONDENSED ADVERTISEMENTS

WANTED—KITCHEN GIRL VICTORIA... WANTED—TABLE GIRL AT PARK... WANTED—GENERAL SERVANT FOR small family Apply 127 Douglas Ave.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO

Opened Today for Christmas Trade New and Exquisite Chiffon Lace and Linen Neckwear For Ladies and Misses. New Belts in Leather, Silk, and the now most popular Gold Belt Long Silk and Chiffon Scarfs. Handsome Waist Lengths of Flannel, Zella Cloth, Challies, White Mercerized Mattings, etc., put up in Fancy Boxes. JUST READY FOR A GIFT TO YOUR FRIENDS. Cost only 95c, \$1.10, \$1.25 to \$2.25 Each. LADIES' UMBRELLAS, with choice new handles, \$1.50 each, regular \$2 quality.

MACAULAY BROS. & CO. Special Christmas Sale

LADIES' LEATHER HANDBAGS We are showing a Special Line of the above Goods in Black and Brown, Regular Prices \$1.00 and \$1.25, by Special Purchase we can sell them at 75c. and \$1.00 each. Just the thing for a CHRISTMAS GIFT. I. CHESTER BROWN, :-: 32 and 36 King Square.

Some Few Goods

Ladies' Silk Blouses, Cream French Delaines, Fancy Lures for Waistings, Ladies' Umbrellas, all kinds, from 40c. to \$4.00 each.

ROBT. STRAIN & CO., 27 and 29 Charlotte St Christmas Offerings

A Great Reduction in Prices of Street Coats for This Week. The third lot is a splendid line of LADIES' STREET SKIRTS, new and hand-some patterns, pleated and button trim, in black and colors; a nice assortment to choose from, \$5.45 up to \$8.00. Now your choice of the whole range from \$1.00 to \$2.50, and a big stock of Christmas Gifts.

MONTGOMERY'S, 7 and 9 King Street, DIRECT IMPORTER.

23 lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1.00 Cleaned Currants 6c. California Raisins 6c. Store open every evening till 9 o'clock. ROBERTSON & CO. 562-564 Main Street, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Holiday Presents at The Big North End Store, 335 Main Street.

You can make your friends happy at little cost to yourself if you choose your remembrances from our stock where good quality and low prices reign.

S. W. McMACKIN, 335 Main Street, North End.

Watch For Our Advertisement.

Do not forget the cheapest place in the city to buy Confectionery. Just think—over 12 tons, all NEW GOODS. Our Motto: Pure Clean Goods. The Latest Specialties. Prices cut in two—at

CHAS. F. FRANCIS & CO., 141 Charlotte Street, 70 and 72 Mill Street.

GRAND Clearance Sale

To make room for Holiday Goods. Big Sale on Today. PEOPLES' DEPT. STORE 142 Mill St.