LOCAL MATTERS OF INTEREST.

of the number were females. There

There were eight deaths in the city during the past week. The causes were as follows:— Urdemia, bronchitis, collapse, maramus, diphtherla, consumptions. tion, heart disease and cerebial apo-

Rev. Edward Skagen, a native of Norway, and for some time past rector of the Danish Church of England at Grand Falls, N. B., died yesterday at the General Public Hospital. The late Mr. Skagen was 38 years of age and ne to this city about two weeks ago for treatment. Owing to poor health he resigned his pastorate about two months ago and was on the eve of rerning to Norway. He is survived by his wife who is at present staying at 62 Waterloo St. The funeral will be held from St. Mary's Church, Monday. at 2.20, p., m. Interment at Fernhill.

Oscar Roberts, a would-be passenger on the Sussex train, made things rather lively around the Union Deput Christmas eve. Roberts made himself so objectionable on board the train before it left that I. C. R. Officer Smith was compelled to take a hand. Roberts oblected strongly to this proceeding and starled a general rough house. After a tussle the man was landed in the lockup, although Officer Smith had his shoulder badly sprained and several the S.D. A. church called at the home

Contrary to the usual custom none of the prisoners in the county jail Ritchie in conversation with The Star, said that he had never gone over be better for the inmates of the jail and the public at large if they were

At the conclusion of the services in Tabernacle Church last night the pastor, Rev. W. J. Kierstead, baptized three candidates. This makes a total who have joined that church sine: March 1, under the pas-torate of Rev. Mr. Keirstead. The Young People's Society of Christian Endeavor will hold their anniversary meeting tonight and elect their offi-cers On Tuesday night the choir will give a concert with interesting pro-

Mrs. James Hogan, mother-in-law of

Friday's rain took away the greater part of the snow on Lily Lake and left the ice in fairly good condition. Over shousand persons went out to the lake yesterday and there were many who enjoyed a spin. The ring for the overs of fast skating. Logan and Evans were present and some friendly sprints were indulged in.

The Norwegian steamer Alice ar with Carolina with a cargo of hard consigned to Rhodes Curry & Co.,

At a meeting of the temperance workers of Duker ward held on Saturday, the petitions were returned and signatures certified to be correct. A goodly number signed the petition which is now ready for presentation It is understood that a final meeting of Lorne, Lansdowne and Victoria wards

yesterday morning and striking his head on the sidewalk sustained a scalp anthem. Tabernacle Church choir; wound. He was rendered unconscious.

The ambulance was summoned but when it arrived the Englishman had rest Stackhouse. revived and had taken a walk up . The concert closed with the singing Sydaey street with Policeman Lucas. by all of "God Save the King." He was bewildered and it was not un-til he had reached Leinster that he informed the officer that he boarded at the annual Christmas festival of Saint the Cheney House on King square and Mary's Sunday school, held in the he was assisted there. His excuse for school room last evening. Indeor falling was that he had only been in the blooming country a week and had and a programme of songs and recit-not got used to the blooming ice on ations was carried out. Supper was

Rev. L. A. McLean addressed the lowed by the appearance of Santa Thorne Lodge meeting yesterday additional in the person of Charles Morriternoon in Haymarket Square Hall. A. son, who distributed gifts to the child-H. Patterson presided. Mrs. M. A. ren. Thorne and Rev. Mr. McLean sang solos. Rev. Mr. McLean said that he was opposed to the liquor traffic te-cause it was a non-product and therenot a legitimate business. All other businesses gave a return for the other businesses gave a return for the money in goods that made for the betterment of the buyer either spiritually or mentally. He was opposed to the saloon also because it dealt in stuff that takes away manhood and depreciates the skill and energy of men. The saloon is also an enemy of the home. Misery and discord entered the home with intemperance and displaced comfort and love. The speaker closed a fine address with an appeal for more energette. fort and love. The speaker closed a fine address with an appeal for more energetic work on the part of the temperance people to pull down the evil of strong drink. Rev. W. O. Raymond will address the meeting next Sunday.

TUESDAY

A pretty wedding took place at Mal den, Mass., Christmas Eve, when Miss. Gertrude Swift, formerly of St. John was married to Chaucey S. Williams, of Dorchester. Mass. Rev. W. E. Dorothe R. C. R. band taken on the fair grounds at Toronto and on a gold plate fastened to the frame was the inscription "Presented to J. B. Lambkin by the band of the Royal Canadian Regiment, 1908." The gift was in recognition of Mr. Lambkin's assistance in arranging for the transportation of the band to and from the Toronto Fair.

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Miss Margaret C. Sharpe, who passed just evening, when Santa Claus in all away at her residence, 58 Pitt street, his glory came down the chimney onto away at her residence, 58 Pitt street, yesterday, will be received with regret by a large circle of friends and acquaintances. Miss Sharpe was one of the ablest and most widely known teachers in the public schools of this city, where she had taught for upwards of thirty years or ever since. city, where she had taught for upwards of thirty years, or ever since the free school system was established. Her sphere of work lay almost exclusively in the Victoria school; and she was engaged there when taken if last summer. Miss Sharpe was the eldest daughter of the late Henry and Happah Sharpe and leaves one sister. Hannah Sharpe and leaves one sister, Miss Alice, living at home. She is sur-vived by three aunts. Miss Rebecca. Ruddick, who lived with her and Mrs. Dinah McAlary and Mrs. Ruddick, of ipton, and William and John Ruddick, of Boston, are uncles.

On Monday evening the members of of Elder J. O. Miller and presented him with a fur lined coat and cap as a mark of the esteem in which he is held. The coat was presented by Arthur Cameron who made a short address. Elder Miller is a true instructor of the Bible, and has won many friends in this city. A suitable reply was made by Elder Miller, thanking the donors by Elder Miller, thanking the donors for their liberality and kindness, after which a social repast was served by the ladies. Speeches were delivered, and music was furnished by Mrs. Judson Hamilton, after which the gathering broke up all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Miller a Happy New Year.

Hen. D. V. Landry, commission agriculture arrived in the city yesterday on his way to Fredericton to attend a meeting of the Provincial government, to be held there on Wednesday. He is at the Victoria. Hon. Dr. Landry announces that the meetings of the agricultural committee will be resumed on Jan. 4, in Albert county, Phillip Grannan, fell on Main street and meetings will be held thereafter yesterday morning, when returning in Westmoreland, St. John, Kings, from church, and broke her thigh. The York and Northumberland counties. ambulance was summoned and she is hoped to have a report ready for was conveyed to Mr. Grannan's residence.

Members of the commission were recently in Ontario studying conditions

WEDNESDAY

Wm. Douglas Geldart, of Coverdale, Albert Co., and Miss Emily Sarah Crisp, daughter of Rev. James Crisp, bride's father, assisted by Rev. Nell McLauchlan, in the presence of only the immediate friends and relatives. After a wedding repast had been served Mr. and Mrs. Geldart left for their home in Coverdale.

At the regular quarterly meeting of amherst. As the river is frozen at the official board of the Portland street amherst the steamer will be obliged Methodist church, held Monday night, discharge her cargo here. The it was unanimously decided to extend steamer had a rather rough voyage an invitation to the pastor, Rev. Neil

Lorne, Lansdowne and Victoria wards will be held tonight. By that time arrangements will have been completed and the petitions for the four wards will be presented to His Worship the Mayor on Tuesday.

John Norden, an Englishman, fell on the north side of the King square yesterday morning and striking his

Lorne, Lansdowne and Victoria wards tended and all enjoyed an excellent programme. Following are the numbers on the programme: Anthem, Tables, duet, James Belyea and Miss Belyea; olub swinging, T. Himes; banjo and bones duet, Quartette; reading, Alex. Baird; solo, Mr. Hazelwood; reading, C. H. Wasson; reading, Miss Thomas; solo, John Wodnesday avening, Dec. 16th, to witness the marriage of his youngest daughter, Miss Maude Winnifred, to

James Jeffreys, of Millidgeville avenue, and John Campbell, of Kennedy street, broke through the ice near Millidgeville Monday morning and but for the timely arrival of Frank Irvine both men would have drowned. The men intended fishing through the ice and walked into an airhole. Their cries for help were answered by Irvine, who effected the rescue.

TO MEET AT CENTENARY

Unique Gathering at Church On New Year's

Morning

On New Year's morning in Centenary Church in this city, at 10.30, there will be a gathering of a most unique character. It has once or twice in the press before and the proposition is this: All the Methodist Sunday schools of

St. John and also those of Courtenay Bay district, numbering ten in all, meet at 10.30 and will have a splendid programme of song, some short adesses, and will exchange greetings wiht similar gatherings in Montreal These gatherings have been held for

a number of years, first in St. James' Church, Montreal, and afterward some of the other points taking up the Montreal, Toronto, Hamilton, Winnipeg and Vancouver, and the gathering our city this year completes the chain right across the continent. The body of the church will be reserved for the different schools and it is expected that quite a large number of the friends of the different schools

An offering will be made during the service to defray the necessary expenses in connection with the work.

ANALYTICAL CHEMIST TELLS OF PATENT MEDICINES

A graduate in organic chemistry who has made a study of many of the best-known patent medicines on the lowing is the receipt of a well-known secret preparation, and is known to authorities to be one of the best stomach and liver tonics. It is prescribed by many of the best physicians.

This mixture cures constipation and ness. The receipt:

STARVING THOUSANDS IN ITALIAN CITIES IN MURDER-OUS STRUGGLE FOR FOOD

(Continued from Page One.)

ater, there are no drugs or surgice

sels of food.

Late dispatches state that the city of Palmi contains 1,500 dead and twice as many injured. Two-thirds of the centre of the relief organization and all social functions have been

Messina as appearing like a huge incandescent furnace. The fire spread to the buildings that had not yet fallen, completing the work of destruction. The Straits of Messina is now choked with corpses of men and animals. At the present time there are twelve warships at Messina-four Italian, four British and four Russian-as well as a number of destroyers and steamers, the latter belonging to the Italian General Navigation Company. The injured are being carried aboard the steamers and will be removed to

The relief work now is well begun, but hundreds of persons are wanderscheme, until today this is done in ing about the ruins like madmen They are being given food and clothing as fast as it is possible.

NAPLES PROSTRATED NAPLES, Dec. 30 .- Time only confirms the unspeakable horrors of the overpowering catastrophe. History will perhaps never divulge its supremest individual tragedies, for earth and sea ruthlessly claimed thousands of human beings, and the flames mercilessly completed the unfinished devastation. Naples, vibrant with the memory of Vesuvius, is prostrated anew at the

Those who have expert knowledge on the subject, agree that the centre of the cataclysm was the Strait of Messina, which also is the centre of the loaded with provisions, but she had to paster of Zion Church, were married market, states that many have virtue, but as a rule people have to pay for The ceremony was performed by the color of the bad weather the ceremony was performed by the color of the bad weather the ceremony was performed by the ceremony was the telluric disturbance extended, abating little by little, northerly as far as Cape Vaticano and southerly as far as the Bay of Catania, ravaging the west-ern region of Calabria and the eastern coast of Sicily for a distance of nearly one hundred miles

BROUGHT MANY REFUGEES.

The Therapie brought thirty German and 600 other refugees. During the voyage to Naples, several injured women died, and one child was born.

A physician named Condo, a native of Messina, said he escaped by climbing over the fallen roofs. Houses vanished with the suddenness of a dream and daylight showed nagely two miles. ressels from the opposite coast which carried the news that Reggio, too, had

the survivors of the earthquake are she reached this port, in some cases abandoning their children. Ten more steamers with fugifives are expected to arrive here within the next day or the conditional transfer of the case o Therapie hastily left the ship when

as many injured. Two-thirds of the town was laid waste. All the villages adjacent suffered as severely.

The king has telegraphed Premier Glollitt, informing him that Reggio is in the same awful condition as Messina and announcing that a Russian steamer with 500 injured will arrive at Naples tomorrow. His majesty asks that all preparations be made for their reception at the hospitals and requests that the ship be sent back with all the doctors that can be mustered.

Despatches from Catania described and all social functions have been postponed.

The few refugees who have arrived here from Calabria are almost too unnerved to speak of their terrible experiences. One states that an express that all preparations be made for along the line in its journey. The passengers demanded that they be taken back to Reggio, where they found a scene of desolation. While searching for friends, fresh shocks occurred and practically all the passengers were

Admiral Mirabello, the minister of marine, left here tonight for Messina.

CATANIA, Dec. 30.—People wept from emotion when they saw the King and Queen of Italy come ashore. The women threw kisses to her ma Both were practically carried up the pler in the arms of their subjects. The presence of the king has acted as a general inspiration. Even the wound-ed found fresh strength when they learned his majesty had come among them. An aged man who had been abandoned inder a beam that apparently had crushed out his life, revived moment at the shouts of greet ing to the royal party. He stre out his hand and raised his head long enough to call out: "Now I can die happy. Long live the king." He then fell back and expired.

PRISON COLLAPSED.

MONTELEONE, Dec. 30.—The local prison collapsed and all the convicts, calculated to number 1,800, lost their A gathering of travellers who were misery and woe from Messina, confided arrival of a train, were crushed under to her care. The hospitals, hotels and the debris of the building. It is not at the railroad station, awaiting the

homes are crowded with refugees, and the people are vieing with one another among them. All the railroad stations within a radius of twelve miles of Reggio have been destroyed. The sea is still strong. A torpedo boat left Santa Venera for Reggio TOO EARLY FOR TOURISTS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.-Had the disster in southern Italy occurred a month later ,according to local man- that he always is ready to come for

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COMPLETELY SWEPT AWAY. NAPLES, Dec. 30.—The sea front at as filled with naked, hungry and help-Reggio has been completely swept away according to statements of refugees. It is a mass of wreckage from essels of every kind that were in the narbor. It is impossible to approach Reggio by sea or by land. For a distance of twelve miles from the city roads, bridges and tootpaths have been uprooted. Even the face of the coun- ing all kinds of difficulties, the oper try has changed. It has been impossible to get into Reggio even with automobiles. It is believed that there are point close to the city. Orders still a great number of people in the been given that the wire be held exbut of slow starvation, simply because ment authorities. it is impossible to get in supplies.

Several Calabrians here, who have relatives and friends in the stricken district, have gone out of their minds because it is impossible for them either to go to their homes or get news or their loved ones.

MORGAN'S GENEROSITY.

ROME, Dec. 30.—The news of J. P. Morgan's contribution of \$10,000 was communicated to the government by Ambassador Griscom, who also inform. Diplomatic Relations Between ed the Duke of Aosta, president of the national relief committee of the dona-

The people are touched by the promptitude with which Mr. Morgan has contributed. They recall the fact agers of European tourists' agencies, a much greater number of Americans and other foreigners must have perish-

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bringing the greatest hardship to the less people. Shelter and food are im-

perative. The minister of telegraphs this moning received the first despatch direct from Messina. It comes from the operators sent there to re-establish telegraphic communication. sage says merely that after overcomaters succeeded in stretching a wire and installing their apparatus at a

WITHOUT REASON

Brazil and Argentine Are Now on Good Feeting

A telegram received here from Palmi says the continuance of the storm is London. Ontario

'COUNT' HAMON

Embezzlement Char ges Against Him

FLEES IN TIME

Maintained Sumptuous Offi ces Where He Edited The American

PARIS, Jan. 6 .- "Count" Louis Mamon, formerly known in America and Europe as "Chairo the palmist" and before that as plain John Warner, is a fugitive from France tonight and the entire American and English col ony is discussing one of the most meteoric and mysterious careers which ever dazzled Parisian society.

Hamon is charged with embezzle ment, and his sumptuous offices where he edited a newspaper, called the American, and conducted a bank and other enterprises, to which Americans loaned capital, are bare and empty, scores of creditors having descended and seized overything. The complainants against Hamon are Mrs. Julia P. Newell and Mrs. Josephine Pomercy, formerly of New York, but now residents of Paris, who claim that they turned over to Hamon stocks to the market value of 500,000 on which Hamon agreed to raise a loan through London banks of \$150,000. They allege, however, that Hamon neither negotiated the loan nor eturned the stock, in consequence of which they began a criminal action gainst the Hamon bank.

An examining magistrate opened an hvestigation, after which, according to Hamon's secretary, Hamon learning hat a warrant was about to be issued or his arrest, left for London. The ecretary also asserted that the women intrusted their money to Hamon for he purchase of stocks, but the deals esulted in neavy losses owing to a reak in the market. He declared that Hamon owed the women only \$7,000. amon had been a dashing figure in aris since his arrival here six years go. He lived in costly apartments in le Rue du Bois de Boulogne. Considerable mystery attaches to his dtle, which has been questioned. He claimed to have inherited it from his father, who received it from the Pop

INVESTIGATING UNITED STATES POST OFFICE

WASHINGTON, Jan. 7.—With a view of ascertaining how the \$22,000,000 appropriated annually for the expenses of the postal service is expended the House Committee on post office expenditures has started its probe. Chairman Wagner's committee is enaged in examining conditions in the ffice of the purchasing agent. It has been ascertained that a large quantity of supplies has been purchased by the

office, entirely independent of the annual contracts designed to cover everything that the service needed. These

purchases ranged in amount from 25 cents to \$25,000 and covered a multitude So far as the committee has gone, the act purchasing agent has been able to give a satisfactory reason it is said, for the purchases.

TORONTO, Jan. 6.-Alexander Rose was sentenced to penitentiary for life yesterday. His specialty was robbing women with violence. He attacked a shop girl in a Toronto store and broke her nose before robbing the till and after being placed in jail made his escape with five others. Rose was finally captured in West Virginia and brought back home.

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