

Fire Had a Fatal Ending

Friends of Mr. Elijah Mercer, of Shoal Harbor, N. D. B., had a letter from him on Saturday telling of a great calamity which recently befell him and the relation of which must excite feelings of sympathy in the hearts of all who read about it.

On Friday night, the 29th November, his house caught fire and despite every effort of friends and neighbours to save it the structure was consumed and Mr. Mercer and family were left homeless. Besides the house the entire contents were destroyed with the exception of two beds, and not a cent of insurance was held on the house or effects. The savings of years were lost to Mr. Mercer in less than an hour, but this loss, great as it was, would be bravely faced by the man but for another greater and sadder which occurred next day, Saturday, the 30th ult. This was the death of his faithful wife who was ill at the time of the fire and had to be removed from the burning house. Only a few days previously she had given birth to a baby boy, and the excitement consequent on the fire and her removal was fatal to her. A husband and four young children survive a loving wife and mother, the youngest child being only five days old when the letter was written. Mr. Mercer is a brother of Mr. Robert Mercer, pressman in the Telegram office and to him and the stricken husband and family the sympathy of the public will be extended.

Here and There.

FAIRBANKS make all types of engines, so do not have to sell engines for pleasure boats to fisherman. dec3,tf

CARTHAGINIAN LEFT—Word was received by Messrs. Shea & Co., Saturday evening, that the R. M. S. Carthaginian had left Liverpool that day for this port and would call at Halifax en route.

SEWING MACHINES.—In our great Annual Fall Sale of Pianos and Organs we also include Sewing Machines. The famous Expert B. at greatly reduced prices. **CHESLEY WOODS & CO., 144 Water Street.**

At 8 p.m. Wednesday, 11th December, 1912, the Regular Quarterly Meeting of the Masonic Club will be held. S. A. **CHURCHILL, Hon. Sec'y.** dec9,3f

The past has its pleasant memories, of days and hours well spent, but this week will long be remembered by those who take advantage of the truly colossal bargains in Curtains and Flannelette at **RODGERS' Dec. Sale.**

BRUCE PASSENGERS.—The S. S. Bruce arrived at Port aux Basques at 7.30 a.m. yesterday bringing Hon. W. C. Job, Miss N. J. A. Montgomerie, A. Johnson, C. Patten, W. M. Davis, E. Baggs, A. T. DeForest and Q. R. Wagner.

Boot and Shoe Workers' Union will hold a Card Tourney in the Mechanics' Hall on Monday night, Dec. 9th.—dec6,3f

NOTE OF THANKS.—Mrs. John Keough and daughters wish to thank the many kind friends who sent letters and telegrams of sympathy also floral offerings in their sad bereavement. Boston papers please copy.—adv. Caplin Bay, Dec. 7, 1912.

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SOLWAY SAILS.—The S. S. Solway sailed for Sydney on Saturday to take freight for here. There is still a deal of cargo at that place and to ensure delivery of Christmas goods the ship will likely make two or three trips to relieve the congestion.

Surveys and Reports on Mineral and Timber Areas; Surveys and Reports on Water Power facilities; Assays and Analysis. W. F. CANNING, Office 174 Water Street. Residence: Telephone 186.—nov11,1m

FLORIZEL OFF.—Work of loading the Florizel was continued after midnight Saturday up till five o'clock yesterday morning at which time she sailed for Halifax and New York taking additional passengers Mrs. C. V. D'Keeffe and five in steerage.

TO KNITTERS.—We offer at cost and charges to close out last of this stock, one of the celebrated Creel-man's World's Star Knitting Machines—brand new and a great bargain. **CHESLEY WOODS & CO.**

THANKS.—The Secretary-Treasurer of the Methodist Orphanage begs to acknowledge with sincere thanks the receipt of fifteen dollars from the Portland Grand Lodge of N. H. L. O. A. per Jordan Milley, Esq., Secretary.

WHEN SHOPPING TO-DAY

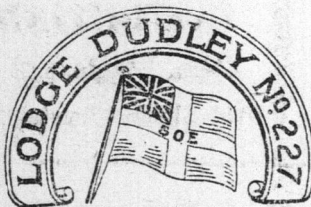
REMEMBER OUR
Annual Sale
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MARSHALL BROTHERS.

New Officers.

The T. A. & B. Society held their annual meeting yesterday afternoon. The reports of the past year showed progress. The election of officers resulted in the re-election of the old guard, viz:—

President W. J. Ellis.
Vice-Pres. L. J. Griffin.
1st Asst. V.P. M. F. Summers.
2nd Asst. V.P. M. F. Summers.
1st Treas. P. Hanley.
Secretary Geo. J. Coughlan.
Cashier T. J. Redmond.
Fin Sec. J. Quinn.
Gr. Marshal N. J. Murphy.
Club Management: M. Tobin, M. Hartney, J. Murphy, J. Nangle, F. Woods and M. Hynds.



At the regular meeting of this Lodge, to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 10, the officers for the ensuing year will be elected. All members are requested to attend. By order of the W. P. C. W. DUBLE, Secretary.

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We read and play together;
We tramp across the hills and fields,
When it is pleasant weather.

And when from school with eager haste
I come along the street,
He hurries on with bounding step,
My glad return to greet.

Then how he frisks along the road,
And jumps up in my face!
And if I let him steal a kiss,
I'm sure it's no disgrace.

Oh, had he but the gift of speech
But for a single day,
How dearly should I love to hear
The funny things he'd say!

And what he knows, and thinks, and feels
Is written in his eyes;
My faithful dog cannot deceive,
And never told a lie.

Yet, though he cannot say a word
As human beings can,
He knows and thinks as much as I,
Or any other man.

Come here good fellow, while I read
What other dogs can do;
And if I live when you have gone,
I'll write you're history too.

McMurdo's Store News.

MONDAY, Dec. 9, 1912.
The "Nylo" Chocolates are something exceptionally good. They are guaranteed to contain nothing but the best chocolate, sugar, and cream, and are put up in the most careful clean manner possible, in neat boxes. Price \$1 a box.

Have you yet seen our perfumes? No. Then now is the time. We have them open now and ready for sale. They make a finer display than ever. I include some new as well as all the most popular of the older and Convoiser, and Grossmith, of London; standard odors. They comprise the specialties of L. T. Piver and Roger and Gallet, of Paris. The Vinolia Co. Vantine and Colgate, of New York, and others; and the prices have a wide range.

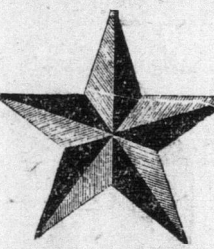
Pretty Wedding.

A very quiet but pretty wedding took place at St. Thomas's Church, Sunday, December 8th, when Mr. Jordan Moores led to the altar Miss Caroline Wheeler. The bride was neatly attired in a gown of white silk with hat to match, and was assisted by her sister, Miss Elizabeth Wheeler, and her cousin, Miss Janie Wheeler, both of whom wore white with hats to match. The groom was assisted by the bride's two brothers, Mr. John Wheeler and Mr. Joseph Wheeler. The bride was given away by her father, Mr. Joseph Wheeler. After the ceremony the happy couple drove to their future home, Forest Road, where an excellent supper was enjoyed.

Don't forget that little 10 cent bottle of Essence of Ginger Wine for Xmas at Stafford's Drug Store.—dec9,tf

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Announcement!

As the weather has been so backward all this fall, hardly a fine day for photographing, and the Xmas Season is drawing near, I wish to inform all my friends and the public generally that I am now prepared to do Night Photographing by Electric Light.

Work guaranteed to be as good as by day.

You need not wait for a fine day, any night will do.

Call early and secure your Xmas and New Year Photographs before the extra busy time comes, and while the extra low prices are on.

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Solicitor Advised a Settlement.

Editor Evening Telegram.
Dear Sir,—In your Editorial comments on the Condon case, published in Saturday's issue, you say: "The Council declares in one of the preambles to the Resolutions passed yesterday, that its legal officer advised in this and similar cases, the Council was not legally liable."
You then quote the preamble, which is as follows:—

"Whereas the Council had been advised from time to time by its Solicitor in somewhat similar cases that the City was not responsible in such a case, and this case was contested by the Council in order to have a judicial decision upon the principle of liability in the matter."

This preamble, I submit, does not allege, as you have inferred, that the Legal Officer advised the Council in this case, that it was not legally liable. Further, it could not have been the intention of the mover of the Resolutions, that such an inference should be deduced therefrom, as he knew that when the Collector had been made aware of all the facts in connection with Condon's case, he advised the Council to negotiate a settlement of the claim.

The similarity or dissimilarity of other cases to that of Condon's, must entirely depend on the facts surrounding them, and the application of the law, in each case, would be governed by the facts disclosed.

As a brother professional I know you will appreciate the reason why I trouble you with the publication of this note.

Yours very truly,
F. J. MORRIS.
St. John's, Dec. 9th, 1912.

The New Champion.

Twenty years ago Jim Corbett was champion, in line followed Fitzsimmons and Jeffries, these were good enough, until plain black JOHNSON arose. The same is true of Motor Engines, the champions good enough in their day vanished when the plain "has been" and would be's who copy our advertisements and make claims to simplicity, strength, and durability make themselves ridiculous when prospective buyers compare their machine frilled with pipings to get out of order with the plain FRASER without a frill. Nine out of ten who examine all engines and their records, buy a FRASER.

Buyers get catalogues and compare cars, or if possible see the machines for yourselves before buying, and common judgement will tell you the FRASER is the Fishermans Engines. dec5,tf

Disabled Steamer Arrives.

The tramp steamer Nyassa arrived in port yesterday in a crippled condition. She was bound from Glasgow to New Orleans. She encountered continuous rough weather and about a week ago while riding in a heavy north east gale a mishap occurred in the engine room. The weather continued stormy and the captain decided to put into St. John's as it would be unwise to continue the passage under such adverse conditions. The Nyassa is a steel screw steamer, 2,779 tons gross; 1,786 net; 320 feet long, 49 feet broad and 21.3 feet deep. She was built in Glasgow in 1899 by J. Reed & Co. and is owned by Messrs. MacLay and McIntyre, of Glasgow. Mr. T. Cook is looking after the supplying of the ship. Repairs will be effected immediately by the Reid Cos. as to get the steamer away as soon as possible.

It looks like Xmas at the NATIONAL STORES, with Toys, Dolls and Fancy Goods around. Come and see our decorations. THE NATIONAL STORES.

Juke Arraigned.

On Saturday afternoon at 2.30 the prisoner John Juke, who stands charged with the murder of John Sears was arraigned in the Supreme Court. On being asked to plead, he pleaded not guilty in a firm voice. The Attorney General moved for trial on Monday (to-day), but Furlong K.C. for the defence intimated that he was not ready for an immediate trial and the trial was set for Monday the 16th. Hutchings K.C., Deputy Minister of Justice moved for a special panel of 48 jurors, and it was so ordered. The Court then adjourned.

Police Court.

Three drunks were discharged.
A 60-year-old trader of Tor's Cove charged with converting to his own use \$126.25 the property of A. T. Ritchie elected to be tried in the Supreme Court.

Three drunks were fined \$2.00 or 7 days, and one was fined \$1 or 3 days.

A vagrant who was released on suspended sentence for larceny, was today sentenced to 30 days.

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The Coronet Packet of 10 Attractive Cards, 20c.
The Duchess Packet of 50 Children's Cards, 25c.
The Empress Packet of 12 Artistic Cards, 25c.
The Prince Albert packet of 12 Beautiful Cards, 30c.
The Orient Packet of 12 Very Choice Cards, 30c.
The Princess Packet of 10 Excellent Cards, 40c.
The Red Cross Packet of 12 Charming Cards, 40c.
The King George Packet of 12 Superb Cards, 50c.
The Queen Mary Packet of 12 Delightful Cards, 60c.
The Empress Packet of 12 Lovely Cards, 60c.
The Premier Packet of 12 Newest Cards, 75c.
Boxes containing from 6 to 25 Cards.
The choicest and most artistic that the British Art World can produce, at 15, 20, 25, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75c. box.
Handsome Lace, Silk Padded and other Cards, singly boxed, at 5, 7, 10, 15, 20, 30, 40, 50, 60, 75, 90c., \$1.00, \$1.25 and up.
Xmas Post Cards in all the newest designs, at 2, 3, 4, 5c. and up. Special prices to shopkeepers on this line.
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