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.50, 2.00 and upwards.

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#### THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 42; the lowest was 36; the temperature at noon was 36. The wind at noon was northwest, with a velocity of eight miles per hour. TORONTO, Dec. 31.—Forecast: Fresh southwesterly winds, mild and clearing. Wednesday, fresh westerly winds, fair and mild. Synôpsis.—A shallow depression is moving eastward across the Gulf, but at present heep or on indications of any important discuplance. The temperature is higher than velorize for the season throughout the Doningon. To the Banks fresh southwesterly spinds, Bay of Fundy to United States ports, resh southwest and west winds.

#### LOCAL NEWS.

The annual conference of school in-

Acme Skates, 390.; sleds and framers at cost. Duval's Umbrella Shop, 17 Waterloo street.

A convention to nominate opposition candidates in Albert county will be held on Jan. 12th.

The country market will be open to-morrow night till 10 o'clock, but closed on Thursday, New Year's day.

The 'children's Christmas tree and entertainment in St. John the Baptist church takes place this evening.

Alexander Chisholm, a well-known resident of Antigonish and brother of Wm. Chisholm, M. L. C., of Halifax, died this morning.

The North American Life Assurance Co., T. B. Lavers, special executive for the maritime provinces, presents its patrons with a handy pocket diary for 1903. Special values in women's flannelette waists is advertised on page 4 today by Messrs Morrell & Sutherland.

The D. A. R. steamer Prince Ruper will leave for Yarmouth to lay up for the season. The steamer Yarmouth will tomorrow go on the bay route.

There will be a rehearsal of the Chapman chorus in the York Theatre this evening at eight o'clock sharp. A full attendance is requested as Mr. Chapman will be here Friday evening.

The wind blow so hard last night in Carleton that the electric lights were all blown out. It has been suggested that the poles be set fire to as that seems to be the only way they can ever be illuminated.

The death occurred on Saturday at his home on Orange street, Moncton, of Wm. J. Cooke, the well known painter. Deceased leaves three children, two boys and one girl, besides a widow. Deceased was 50 years of age.

Last evening Isaac G. Stevens, who with Mrs. Stevens yesterday celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of their marriage, was agreeably surprised by the presentation of a purse of gold from his relatives in the city.

The prescribed twenty-one days of quarantine for the unfortunate immigrants detained at the island will be up Jan. 3, and if no further cases develop before that time they will be released after preparatory fumigation and allowed to go forward.

The Y. M. C. A. are making good preparations for the entertainment of the guests who will attend the reception in their rooms on New Year's Day. Harrison's orchestra will provide music and a fine programme is under preparation.

At St. Mary's church New Year's eve scryice, at 8 o'clock tomorrow evening. Christmas carols will be sung and limelight views shown, illustrating the Nativity. At the close Abide With Me will be sung by a quartette with beautiful limelight illustrations.

On New Year's afternoon and evening John H. Taylor, assisted by several others will give entertainments in the Orange hall at Fairville. Among the specialties will be bag-punching, dancing and singing and other attractive features.

PRESENTATION TO REV. H. F. WARING.

Rev. H. F. Waring, the retiring pastor of Brussels street Baptist church, was, last evening, tendered a farewell supper and presentation by the Young Men's Society of the church. Previous to the supper a programme of music and readings was carried out. The president of the society, Bayard Stillwell, on behalf of his colleagues, pre-sented Mr. Waring with a valuable brass and onyx clock. Mr. Waring gracefully made acknowledgement, after which came a round of speeches, and the happy gathering dispersed about cleven o'clock.

AN INTERESTING ARRIVAL.

There arrived in the city by the Montreal express today a clerical looking individual who claims to be a descendant of the Arabian knights, and who is supposed to be here for the purpose of preaching the gospel in the colony on Albion street. He was at last accounts, unable to speak a word of English, but was consigned, with care, to Michael George of Albion street, and by the kind offices of Defective Killen was transferred from the train to a cab, to be forwarded to his destination.

PROTESTANT ORPHAN ASYLUM.

The ladies' committee will meet on Thursday, Jan 8th, 1903.

The committee heartily thank all those who so generously donated to the Kmas trees and in various ways kindly remembered the orphans. They also take this opportunity of conveying to the Artillery band a cordial vote of thanks for their concert, which was highly appreciated and proved a great help to the institution.

### RECENT DEATHS.

John C. Murphy, who once ran a brush factory at the corner of Union and Carmarthen streets, died recently in London.

Michael F. Lawler, of Brookville, died yesterday at the home of his brother-in-law, Henry Dolan, Paddock street. He was in his ilst year.

#### PERSONAL

W. J. Mahoney, who has been spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at Melrose, W. C., returned ome today. Rev. Mr. Schofield and F. M. Sprou

Secretary G. B. Wilson of the Y. M. C. A., left for Pictou last evening to attend a conference of those connect-

ed with the boys' work department of the association in the provinces. W. A. Denaldson of Glasgow, head of the Donaldson line of steamers, arrived in St. John this morning from Sydney, accompanied by Mrs. Donald-

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Mrs. Geo. D. Ellis is seriously ill ather home in Wolfville, N. S.
G. H. Duggan of the Dominion Steel
Co., Sydney, came to St. John this morning.
George Price, druggist, left yesterday for Boston. The members of the Drug Clerks' Association presented him with a handsome pair of military brushes.

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Mrs. Thomas Sweeney of Union street left yesterday for New York with her daughter.

Miss Della Vanwart, daughter of John Vanwart, of the firm of Vanwart Bros., grocers, leaves the day after New Year's for Boston, where she will enter upon a probationary term of study as a professional nurse in the Homeopathic Hospital on Concord street.

street.

Rev. Dr. J. A. Morison, minister of St. David's church, left yesterday morning for two weeks' rest and vacation. He goes to the northern section of the province and will visit former college frients.

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Richard Mansfield's company, is to
appear shortly in a sketch entitled;
Out of the World, which deals with
native life in the Philippines, says the
New York Herald.

Ernest H. Turnbull of London is in
the city, the guest of Frank Starr.
Lee Jordan, son of Mrs. James G.
Jordan, had an arm amputated the
other day at Royal Victoria Hospital,
Montreal. Mrs. Jordan and her son
Bert have gone to Montreal.

Mrs. Rupert E. Olive is home from
her Boston trip.

Mrs. McCully, wife of Dr. O. J. McCully, is spending a few days at the
residence of Julge Wells, Moncton,
The choir of St. George's church,
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Mrs. Smallwood and Miss Blanche Smallwood of Charlottetown, are the guests of Mrs. Paul Lea, Moncton. They are en route to California for the

POLICE COURT. Will Fight the Case—Selling Liquor in Carleton.

On Friday night Albert Hodges was arrested by Officer Thomas Sullivan for being drunk and shouting on King Square. Upon request the case was postponed until this morning, when John L. Carleton appeared for the defendant. Officers Sullivan and Baxter, who made the arrest, gave evidence to the effect that Hodges had been using aggravating expressions, had shouted on the streets and threatened to beat Sullivan. He had also resisted arrest, and in the tussle one of Sullivan's thumbs was injured. Hodges had his head cut and an eye injured, and this the officer said was caused by his falling against a brick wall at the police station. Sullivan admitted having struck Hodges while endeavoring to put him in the lockup.

Mr. Carleton hinted that the case would be carried further, and as the witnesses for his client were not present, asked that the matter be adjourned until two o'clock.

Yesterday afternoon Sergt. Ross and Officer Lee visited a restaurant in the old engine house on St. John street, Carleton, kept by John H. Sherwood, where they believed liquor was being kept for sale. They found nine bottles of liquor, which were seized and this morning Sherwood oppeared to answer the charge made against him. Evidence was given by a number of those concerned and a fine of fifty dollars or thirty days' jail was imposed.

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The Elder-Dempster boat Lake Erie is expected to arrive on Saturday. She has on board eight first cabin passengers, twenty-eight second cabin and four hundred and fifty steerage.

The Furness steamer Evangeline, Capt. Heeley, from London via Hallfax, arrived yesterday afternoon. She is getting rid of her cargo at the Pettingill wharf.

The Allan liner Bavarian, Capt. Wallace, from Liverpool via Halifax, reached St. John yesterday afternoon and docked at No. 2 berth about three o'clock. She landed a few passengers. The Bavarian has a large quantity of general cargo, which is being rapidly discharged.

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The boys' work committee and young ladies' league of the Y. M. C. A. called last evening upon John E. Irvine, Garden street, and presented to him a handsome carving set, the presentation being made by President Frank White, of the boys' branch. After Mr. Irvine had gracefully acknowledged his appreciation of the gift a short musical programme was carried out, consisting of a plano solo by Herbert Smith, violin solos by the Misses Nase, Miss Maud March and Miss Helen Irvine, a reading by Miss Archibald and brief addresses by Rev. G. M. Campbell, S. B. Wilson and Hon. R. J. Ritchie.

#### TIDE TABLES FOR 1903.

The tidal survey of the Dominion Marine Department have just issued a neat and very handy vest pocket book, containing the tide table for St. John for the year of 1903, and a table showing the time difference between St. John and other Bay of Fundy

#### A BAD FIRE

That the Firemen Found very Hard to Fight.

Statement of the Losses and Insurance-The Building Practically Ruined

About two o'clock this morning an alarm of fire was sent in for a blaze in the big brick block on Germain street owned by the McLaughlin estate and occupied by several firms. The basement, where the fire started, is utilized by the London House wholesale for the storage of fancy goods and by Slocum & Farrel for the storage of potatoes. The street floors are occupied by Jas. Patterson, tailor; A. L. Spencer, musical instruments and fancy goods, and J. J. Christle & Co., shoemakers' supplies. The second floor is occupied by M. A. Seekey as sample rooms; Haroid Climo, photographer, and the Monitor Publishing Co. The top flat is used as a printing office occupied by Fred Dolg.

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basement and was discovered by some young people at a dance just across the street. The hook was pulled at once and the apparatus soon arrived, along with Officers Marehall and Sullivan. When the door of Spencer's store was broken into an immense volume of smoke poured out, and it was so dense for some time that the firemen were at a lose to know just how to handle it.

Streams were run in from the alley on Church street and through Patterson's, store, the salvage corps taking care to cover all goods, After a time smoke came pouring from the upper windows, and the fire fighters went to work there. Ladders were run up and streams carried into the second floor.

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During the early progress of the fire two men, Sam, Ross and Wm, Taylor, fell from a ladder, Taylor sustained slight injuries to an ankle, while Ross received a severe cut on the head which required a large number of stitches. The surgical work was performed in the smoking room of the Royal Hotel.

After the fire once showed in the upper rooms it spread rapidly, raking each floor from rear to front, and in a short time burst through the roof, sending up a mighty sheet of flame and a shower of sparks. The flames raged firecly and the diremen worked all the harder, but it was soon realized that the building would be completely gutted. After fighting the fire from all, sides possible, Chief Kerr ordered the new ladder truck into operation, and for the first time in active service the big ladder went skywards. After fifteen minutes or so a stream was carried to the top and poured through the roof. From this on the fight was a hard one.

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When the big ladder went up it was necessary to cut telephone and electric light wires, with the result that darkness prevailed except where the flames showed.

No. 1 engine was in front of the Masonic Hall with two streams, and No. 3 at Hall's corner, gushing out three streams. The second alarm brought No. 4 Co., and their engine was connected at the Royal Hotel corner.

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The two injured men, after having their wounds looked after, were removed to their homes and made as comfortable as possible. Both attribute the cause of their fall to the fact that they were overcome by smoke. After five hours of the hardest work the firemen have had for a long time the flames were finally subdued and the apparatus sent back to their stations, only a few members of the Salvage Corps being left to act as police in keeping guard on the building and preventing a further outbreak.

Shortly after the engines and hose carts had gone those on guard found a blaze near the roof of the building. They endeavored to extinguish it with buckets of water but being unable to do so sent in a still alarm to No. 3 station, which brought out three's hose cart. About the same time three or four other small fires were noticed in different portions of the building where the goods were so density packed that the water had not soaked through. These also received a share of attention and were suitaking where the goods were so densly packed that the water had not soaked through. These also received a share of attention and were quickly extinguished, but Chief Kerr, who recresponded to the still alarm thought it advisable to remove quantities of stuff from the building for the purpose of preventing further outbreaks. In order to do this he rang in an alarm about half-past nine o'clock. The apparatus which answered the call was sent back but the men were put to work and cleared out large cases and packages of goods in which the fire might have a chance to spread. During the whole forenoon a line of hose was kept in the building and was brought into use several times when small fires were discovered.

Today the ruined building was visited by thousands of people, who, however, were not admitted. The interior is a complete wreck for where the flames did not reach, almost everything was destroyed by water.

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The burned building is owned by the D. J. McLauchlin estate, and is insured in the London & Lancashire. The amount is said to be \$10,000.

A. L. Spencer, costumer, carried \$1,000 in the Western, R. W. W. Frink, agent.

D. & J. Paterson have \$1,500 on their stock, \$500 with Mcssrs, Jarvis in the Liverpool, London and Globe, and \$1,000 in the Connecticus.

Slocum & Ferris, who had potatoes stored in the building, carry \$700 in the London Assurance Corporation, R. W. W. Frink agent.

L. R. Morton has \$500 with G. G. Fairweather.

Fred. Doig, printer, has \$1,000 in the National, with T. B. & H. B. Robinson.

son.
N. A. Seeley the tailor has \$300 in the
Keystone, A. Gordon Leavitt, agent.
Harold Climo carried \$1,500 with A.

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Two Stores. Cheapest in Town. McLEAN'S DEP'T. STORES.

565 Main Street and 14 Dock Street. C. Fairweather. Mr. Climo estimates his total loss at over \$8,000. All his negatives, the result of years of work. were destroyed, as well as a large stock of supplies which had just beer

received.
The London House Wholesale, which lost some goods, have insurance in the Angla-American sufficient to cover the

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Acadia Lodge, I. O. O. F., carried \$200 on their lodge room furnishings in the Royal.

D. Magee's Sons lose slightly by smake damage, as do the tenants in other buildings adjoining the one in which the fire took place.

Out Price 50c East

A LOUISVILLE BLAZE. LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 30.-A fire that started at 11.15 o'clock last night in the wholesale whiskey house of Bonnie Bros., in the heart of the wholesale whiskey district, caused a loss of \$100,000 and threatened for a time to destroy the general offices of the L. and N. R. R. and other valu-able property. The flames, however, were under control after a hard fight, and the principal damage was confined to the building in which the fire attart to the building in which the fire started, the first three floors of which were occupied by the Bonnie Bros, and the top floor by the auditor's office of the Louisville and Nashville railroad, Bonnie Bros were the heaviest losers, their stock, valued at about \$85,000, being almost totally destroyed. Wright and Taylor, wholesale whiskey dealers, also sustained some loss. The Louisville and Nashville railroad Company's loss was not serious. The loss is thought to be fully covered by insurance.

HARDWARE MEN MEET.

A meeting of the Hardware Men's
Association was held this morning in
the offices of the S. Hayward Co.
Matters of interest to the trade were
fully discussed. Besides the local

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Art Calendars left, the kind

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members including G. Weldon, Thos. McAvity and Lee, there were present Edward Stairs, of Stairs, Jones & Morrow, Hallfax, W. H. Sterns of Pullen & Co., Hallfax, and George C. Childs, of Montreal,

#### CATTLE SHIPPING

A big train of twenty-eight cars of cattle and sheep for the S. S. Manchester Importer, is expected about midnisht tonight. The train, which is beinging 480 cattle and 569 sheep, left Montreal at 2 p. m. yesterday. The animals on arrival will be placed in the new sheds at the Pallast wharf They will be examined there by D. Frink and will be loaded on Thursday.

#### SKATING BOOTS.

I have extra values in Women's Chocolate Skating Boots at \$1.50, regular \$2 goods.

#### REVERDY STEEVES.

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