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**ALMANAC FOR ST. JOHN, DEC. 19.**

Sun Rises, 8:06 Sun Sets, 4:38  
High Tide, 1:30 Low Tide, 8:07  
The time used is Atlantic standard.

**PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.**

Sailed Yesterday:  
Star Morion, Burchell, Port Maria.

**CANADIAN PORTS.**

Vancouver, B. C. Dec 18—Arr. at Moana, Worrall, Sydney (NSW) via Brisbane, etc.  
Halifax, Dec 18—Arr. 17th, str Empress of Britain, St John for Liverpool, Bonn, Sydney (N.S.) and sailed for Mexico; 18th, str Dominion, Liverpool, and sailed for Portland; A. W. Perry, Boston.

**BRITISH PORTS.**

Queensdown, Dec 18—Sd, str Lusitania, New York.

**FOREIGN PORTS.**

Vineyard Haven, Dec 18—Sd, str Silver Leaf, from Windsor for St. Anns, Nfld., from Port Greville for Fall River, Hanbury, Dec 16—Sd, str Monmouth, St. John.

**MARINE NOTES.**

Schs George Pearl, for St. John; Olin Miller and Pansy, for Parrsboro, and Adis Thibault, for Annapolis, cleared at Boston on Thursday.  
Schs Margaret May Riley, New York for St. John; Lucia Porter, Philadelphia for Colby; Jessie Lena, St. John for Pictou; Robert, from Gloucester (N.S.) Thursday.

**THE CIVIL SERVICE**

Ottawa, Dec. 18—The results of the civil service examinations are announced.  
In a list of twenty-one who passed the examination for clerkships in sub-division B of the second division, Harry B. Stevens, of Hillsboro (N. B.), was next to the first.

**Could Not Rest at Night. Back Was So Weak.**

"Weak, lame and aching back is the primary cause of kidney trouble. When the back aches or becomes weak it is a warning from the kidneys that everything is not right with them."  
Head the warning, cure the weak, lame, aching back by the use of any of the following three most deadly kidney pills.

On the first sign of anything wrong Dean's Kidney Pills should be taken. They go to the seat of the trouble and strengthen the kidneys, thereby strengthening the back.

Mrs. John Pugh, Parkdale, Man., writes: "I have used Dean's Kidney Pills and find nothing to beat them. I could not rest at night my back was so weak. I tried everything, but could not get anything to do me any good until I was told by a friend to use Dean's Kidney Pills. I tried them and I am not the same weak woman I was before. I am very thankful to have found so speedy a cure."

Dean's Kidney Pills are 50 cents per box or for \$1.25, all dealers or mailed direct on receipt of price by The T. M. Mearns Co., Limited, Toronto, Ont.  
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**COMMISSION OR BOARD OF CONTROL?**

Editor of the Times—  
Sir,—In regard to your observations on the action of the Trades and Labor Council in demanding a referendum on the question of adopting the board of control system, I would, I think, be fair to say that the action of the labor men was more an expression of the proper discontent with the present system or lack of system of civic government than the announcement of a settled policy, in fact it was stated at the meeting that the commission system would be an advance on the board of control. If the Times can educate popular opinion to the advisability of adopting the commission form, probably by the time the referendum is taken the labor men will be prepared to vote for the ideal form rather than for a board of control. For the moment the main consideration with them, doubtless, is to arouse interest in the possibility of improving the system.

Personally I think it is policy on the part of the labor representatives to raise the question of a board of control first. American cities did not jump from an unqualified system like that of St. John to the commission. Most American cities have had a sort of civic control, not unlike the Canadian board of control. American mayors have been elected with large executive powers, and chairmen of committees have exercised powers not unlike the controllers.

In St. John the mayor's powers are practically nil. His position is hardly one of dignity; at any rate the aldermen show little respect for it that no report has been brought in on an annual address delivered last April. Chairmen of committees have no powers—least of all the board of control.

Another thing that the chairman has been in the throes of a civic reformation for nearly a decade. Aldermen, as well as other politicians have been surprised by wholesale. Great interest has been focussed on civic affairs, and there has been a radical improvement in the city.

St. John has only recently had its civic complacency disturbed. Less than a year ago if any one suggested anything in St. John could be improved he was called a knacker and all good-godly citizens held up their heads in scorn.

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**REBUILD MESSINA**  
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The Italian Government estimates for the work was twenty-five years if carried out by local contract.

**P. E. I. Steamer Service**  
George Carvell, of the I. C. R. office, on Saturday received a telegram from Pictou to the effect that the steamship Northumbria had lost and he had left for Pictou on Friday. The steamship Earl Grey arrived at Pictou Saturday, and was to have left again yesterday morning for Charlottetown. Commencing today, she will make weekly trips every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7 o'clock. The steamship Mirlo is now on the Summerside-Charlottetown route, and will make her daily round trip as usual.

**CONTENTMENT**  
"That man looks pretty contented."  
"He ought to be. He has his winter flannels broken in and eight tons of coal in the cellar." Detroit Free Press.

**SEEKS DEATH AT HANDS OF HER SWEETHEART**

**Girl Puts Herself in Path of Bullet and is Killed as He Shoots at Target**

Belle Vernon, Pa., Dec. 18—Frustrated in an attempt to end her life, Miss Effie Smalley, seventeen years old, of Philadelphia, near here, escaped in front of the rifle with which her sweetheart, William Grant, twenty-one, was shooting at a target. A bullet pierced her neck and she died almost instantly. Grant, grief stricken, fainted, and upon being revived tried to turn the weapon on himself and fired, but the weapon was knocked out of his hands by a companion in time to prevent a double suicide.

The reason given for Miss Smalley's act is that her mother attempted to force her to be married to another young man. She tried to drink poison, while visiting at the house where the shooting occurred. Grant sneaked the bottle from her hands. Later he was testing a repeating rifle. The girl watched him fire several shots and then took her fatal step. Clarence England, who was in the party, shouted a warning to Grant not to shoot, but it was too late. Grant gave himself up to the police.

After the bottle of acid had been dashed from the girl's lips she and Grant plunged to escape, but her parents learned of the deed and prevented her from going away with her sweetheart.

**DOES NOT EXPECT TO SHOW A SURPLUS**

**Ontario Accounts it is Believed, Will Come out About Even**

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**The Growth CHILDREN**

depends upon proper nourishment—a balanced diet. The most frequent cause of the following ailments, is using weak, diseased, crooked bones.

**Scott's Emulsion**

supplies every element needed. It's a balanced ration of food as well as flesh. Every child should have a small dose daily.

ALL DRUGGISTS

**FAMOUS GEMS OF PROSE**

DANIEL O'CONNELL  
By Jean Baptiste Henri Lacordaire

From a "Panegyric of Daniel O'Connell," which was spoken in the Notre-Dame cathedral, Paris, in 1847.

SUCH was Ireland's condition when the eighteenth century opened, and was inaugurated under the hand of God by two peals of thunder; one exploded in the new world, upon shores as yet hardly known, and the other in the bosom of our own country. These two shocks of Providence warned the oppressors of Ireland; it caused them to suspect that a reign of justice and liberty was preparing in the conscience of men by such monumental catastrophes; and whether from fear or the rising of compassion they loosened a little the fetters which chained the life of their victim. Among the rights then restored was one, in appearance, of little value—that of defending private interests before the tribunals of ordinary jurisdiction. Assuredly, gentlemen, the commission seemed to be but of slight importance and of little interest for the future; but England had not reflected that it would give freedom to speech, and that to give freedom to speech is to deliver God; for speech from lips inspired by faith is truth, charity, authority. Speech teaches, strengthens, commands, combats; speech is the true liberator of consciences; and when oppressors open the field to it we may believe without being wanting in respect for them, that they know not what they do. Speech then became free in Ireland, and from the first day, in the very hour whilst it still wondered to find itself no longer shackled, it touched the heart and lips of a young man of five-and-twenty, and found that those lips were eloquent and that heart was great.

Suddenly the lakes of Ireland held upon their waves the breezes that ruffled them, her forests stood still and trembling; her mountains seemed as in expectation. Ireland heard free and Christian speech, full of God and country, skilful in maintaining the rights of the weak, calling to account the abuses of authority, conscious of its strength, and imparting it to the whole people. Truly it is a happy day when a woman brings her firstborn into the world; it is a happy day when the captive sees again the full light of heaven; it is a happy day also when the exile returns to his country; but none of these delights—the greatest which man enjoys—produces or equals the thrilling of a people who, after long centuries, hear for the first time, human and divine language in the plenitude of their liberty; and Ireland owed that responsibility to this young man of five-and-twenty whose name was Daniel O'Connell.

**IN THE CHURCHES**

**Subjects of Interest Death With in St. John Prospects on Sunday**

**Peace for the World Topic of Two Clergymen — Rev. J. H. Batty Addresses Three Congregations — Church Union — St. Mathew's Anniversary**

In Centenary Methodist church last evening, Rev. Dr. Fladgers preached an eloquent sermon on "Peace." The speaker declared that the United States government has profited this year more than three times as much as it ever did in any single year, when the sealing privileges of a world peace, touching on the settlement of the fisheries dispute between Great Britain and the United States of the flags, and the proposal of Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King for a celebration of 100 years peace in 1917. Reference was made to the contribution of \$100,000,000 by Andrew Carnegie to forward the cause of peace and of the willingness of the great nations of the world to join in a movement of this kind. The time had come for the churches to make an interval of peace and good fellowship among the nations of the earth.

In Main street Baptist church Rev. David Hutchinson, D.D., preached an eloquent sermon on "Peace." The speaker declared that the history of the world he said had been a record of great and bloody wars, but the tendency now was to settle disputes by arbitration. Matters which fifty years ago would have led to war were now being settled by arbitration.

Rev. J. H. Batty, pastor of the Central Methodist church of Moncton, on Protestantism and the speaker seemed to have the sympathy of the audience with him throughout and although it was Sunday and the meeting was in a church, he was frequently applauded by vigorous clapping.

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**CONSTITUTION FOR ALSACE-LORRAINE**

Interest in Vote on New Legislation Will Centre in Universal Suffrage

Berlin, Dec. 18—The Bundestag yesterday adopted the draft of a constitution for Alsace-Lorraine which will be laid before the Reichstag after the Christmas recess. It provides for two chambers, and a governor appointed by the emperor. The upper chamber will consist of thirty-six members, one-half of whom would be ex-officio or selected by chambers of commerce, agriculture and labor, and the other half appointed by the emperor upon the nomination of the Bundestag.

The lower chamber will be made up of members elected by the universal suffrage of those who have acquired the age of 25. The voters over thirty-five years old, will have two votes, and those over forty-five years, three votes. The ballot will be secret.

Public decision in anticipation of the constitution for Alsace-Lorraine has centered on the question of suffrage owing to chancellor Von Bethmann Hollweg's refusal of universal suffrage for Prussia.

**PUT CHECK ON SMUGGLING OF CHINESE AND OPIUM**

San Francisco, Dec. 17—Recent discoveries of extensive smuggling of opium and Chinese immigrants into this port have brought from the authorities an order that vessels from the Orient are henceforth to be placed under watch as soon as they enter the harbor. Two customs officers are to be sent out to meet each arriving steamer at the Golden Gate.

Hitherto it has been the practice to allow the steamers to come to anchor in the stream before sending inspectors aboard and in case of a vessel arriving at night, to leave her unguarded till daylight.

It is believed that much of the successful smuggling has been carried on by lowering the contraband over the vessel's side before the arrival of the watchers from the immigration bureau and the customs department.

**HON. G. E. FOSTER MUST PAY \$2,600 COSTS**

Toronto, Dec. 17—The high court decided Hon. George E. Foster must pay J. A. Macdonald as a result of the recent libel trial costs amounting to \$2,600.

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Leather Hand Bags, all sizes, - - - - - From \$.75 to \$ 5.50  
Leather Dressing Cases, - - - - - From 1.50 to 18.00  
Men's Cigar Cases, - - - - - From .75 to 3.50  
Men's Leather Pocketbooks, - - - - - From .50 to 3.75  
Ladies' Gold Bracelets, - - - - - From .50 to 18.00  
Ladies' Umbrellas, - - - - - From .60 to 6.50  
Men's Umbrellas, - - - - - From .75 to 6.00

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