

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Jan. 24—Sch. Morancy, Stephenson, from New London, J. W. Smith, com.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

At Halifax, Jan. 23, ship Damara, for Liverpool via St. John's, N.B.

BRITISH PORTS.

At San Francisco, Cal., Jan. 22, ship Marathia, Pearce, com.

FOREIGN PORTS.

At City Island, Jan. 27, ship Ninaro, Haley, com.

MEMORANDA.

Passed through the locks at Buenos Ayres, Dec. 9, bark Cuba, Earle, from Rosario for Santos.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Jan. 25.—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that the outer buoy of Barnegat Inlet, coast of New Jersey, has dragged from its proper position.

PORTLAND, Me., Jan. 24, 1909.

(East Penobscot Bay, Maine.) Notice is hereby given that Porcupine ledge buoy, a red and black horizontally striped spar, reported drifted to the westward of its proper position Jan. 18, was found to be in position January 21.

SPOKEN.

Ship Helga, from New York for Chetoo, Jan. 2, lat. 41, lon. 51 W.

PREACHERS AND PRESSMEN.

(From the Hamilton Times.) There may be need in Toronto for a better understanding between the press and the pulpit; Rev. Mr. Hincks knows more about that than we do.

MANUAL TRAINING.

Manual Branch of Modern Education Discussed by Prof. Robertson.

Faults of Present School System and Remedies Suggested—Manual Training in the Formation of Character.

His most ardent admirers would not claim that Prof. Robertson was an orator. He makes no pretensions to the part himself. He just stands on the platform and talks straight at those in front of him with a voice to which the Scots burr still clings broadly.

On the platform in the High School assembly room was His Honor Lieut. Gov. McClellan, Hon. John V. Ellis, Geo. Robertson, M. P., Recorder Skinner, Dr. Bridges and Alderman W. W. White.

In introduction, Prof. Robertson discussed the relation of education and knowledge. Knowledge, he said, began in wonder, which must be excited in the child before true progress could be made.

By an easy digression he turned to that part of education of which he was to speak—Manual Training. This was entirely separate from technical education. It aimed to train the pupil for his own sake, whatever line of life he was to follow.

Continuing, he discussed the educative effect of cardboard work and wood-working and in illustrating his remarks, told of visits he had made to manual training departments and the great differences between them and ordinary schools where there was nothing to arouse the boy's curiosity—to lure him out into wonder.

The manual training course at present, he said, took half a day each week for three years, and it had been noted, in schools where it had been adopted, that the pupils in this branch made more progress in ordinary studies than when their whole time was taken up by them.

Manual training in rural schools, in the form of nature studies and school gardens, was next discussed. The idea was not to make farmers or horticulturists, but capable men and women. The only fault of the present system was its specialization in favor of the professions, whereas it should be general and for the people.

its value as an educational factor elaborated.

Manual training schools had been established all over Canada, and in no instance had one failed. There were five such in Nova Scotia and Ontario at the expense of the province, and these were to be increased during the coming year by five and seven respectively.

Education to prepare for life must make the boy capable of body, intelligent of mind and unselfish, said the speaker. In connection with this he discussed the requirements of the three R's to answer the requirement and showed how manual training by demanding concentration and perseverance and cultivating self-reliance contributed to true character building.

In a brief and appreciative speech Lt. Gov. McClellan moved a vote of thanks to Prof. Robertson. This was long and hearty.

PIGION CATCHING IN SICILY.

Large quantities of pigeons come to Sicily from Africa in the spring and leave again in the late autumn. In order to catch the birds, a large number of towers were built in the hills of the Lombards, about 800 in the valley La Cava del Tirreno, near Salerno.

A man is posted on one of the towers to watch for the approach of the pigeons, and when he sights a flock, he signals their approach by shouting.

BIRTHS.

BACON—On Tuesday, January 21st, 1909, at the rectory, Musquash, N. B., to the wife of the Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, a son.

MARRIAGES.

BOSTWICK-JARVIS—In Saturday, the 25th inst., by the Rev. John deSoyes, Charles M. Jarvis, of the village of Musquash, N. B., and daughter of William M. Jarvis, Esq.

BURDITT-SMITH—At the Riverside Baptist Church, New York, on Monday, January 26, 1909, by the Rev. Mr. Smith, pastor of the Riverside Church, and brother of the bride, William F. Burditt, Jr., formerly of New York, and Katherine Adina Smith of West Virginia, U. S.

MEDIAHARD-MUNRO—On January 23rd, at the home of the bride's parents, 215 King street east, by Rev. Dr. Morrison, of St. David's Church, assisted by the Rev. W. W. Egan, of Calvin Church, Smith, pastor of the Riverside Church, and brother of the bride, William F. Burditt, Jr., formerly of New York, and Katherine Adina Smith of West Virginia, U. S.

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DEATHS.

ALMON—At London, England, on January 26th, 1909, Mary Allan, wife of Lewis J. Almon, and eldest daughter of the late Hon. John Robertson.

GRIFFITHS—At St. John West, on Jan. 26, at 11 o'clock, William Griffiths, beloved wife of Alexander Griffiths.

HOWARD—At Bluefield, West Virginia, January 21st, Gwendolen Travis, beloved wife of Alfred Howard, and daughter of Edward Thoroughgood Parker Shewen, C. E., in the 27th year of her age.

MILLS—On January 24th, Alfred Mills, second son of the late William Mills.

ONWELL—In this city, on Jan. 27th, Alice, widow of the late Michael Onwell.

A STRAIGHT SHOT Brought About By Accident.

A lady who accidentally began eating Grape-Nuts and quickly discovered the strength that she gained, felt disposed to write regarding the food.

She says, "Grape-Nuts has done so much for me. When I came out of school I was broken down in health from overwork and nervousness. Every summer during the hot weather I have been practically exhausted and generally have lost five pounds or over."

TERRIFIC EXPLOSION

In the Central Part of New York City.

Murray Hill Hotel, the Grand Union Hotel, and the Railway Station Damaged.

Six Persons Were Killed and Over One Hundred Were More or Less Injured by Showers of Debris and Broken Glass.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—The reserve supply of high explosives stored at the Park avenue shaft of the Rapid Transit tunnel blew up shortly after noon today, and carried death to six persons, injury to a hundred others, and serious damage to much property.

The irregular square formed by the Murray Hill hotel on the west, the Manhattan Eye and Ear Hospital and the Grand Union hotel on the east, and the Grand Central station on the north, was the scene of the explosion.

The sunken approach to the street railway tunnel used by the Madison avenue line cuts through Park avenue, and the shaft for the Rapid Transit subway was run down beside it at the intersection of East 42nd street.

The coroner then opened court as a sitting magistrate, had the men arrested and held them without bail. More protests came from Mr. Jerome, and the coroner changed his decision, holding the men in \$10,000 bail each.

NEW YORK, Jan. 27.—Mayor Low set tonight that he would write to Alexander E. Orr, the president of the rapid transit commission, and the other commissioners, requesting that they immediately ask General Contractor John B. McDonald to ascertain from the sub-contractors their method of handling and storing explosives.

District Attorney Jerome visited the scene and made an investigation to guide him in the official inquiry and the possible criminal prosecution which may follow.

The damage may exceed \$1,000,000. The first estimate of the Murray Hill hotel placed the loss at \$100,000, but afterwards the hotel was abandoned as unsafe. If the building is condemned the loss on it alone will approach \$1,000,000.

There was a clash in court this afternoon between District Attorney Jerome and Coroner Goldenkrantz. Mr. Jerome was in his office examining Shaler, Bracken and McGrath, the men under arrest, when a policeman assigned to the coroner's office entered and, under the coroner's instructions, demanded that the prisoners appear before that official. Mr. Jerome al-



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PRINCE OF WALES

BERLIN, Jan. 26.—Today passed without any disrespect being shown to the Prince of Wales, who arrived here yesterday evening to represent King Edward at the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Emperor William next Monday.

The last experience abroad of the Prince of Wales was his departure, amid thunderous cheers, from the shores of Newfoundland, while the streets through which the prince was obliged to be driven today on his way to visit the British ambassador, were without a single British flag.

While receiving the most elaborate attentions from the family of Emperor William and from German officialdom, the Prince of Wales must feel the chilling attitude of the German public. Almost all the newspapers refrain from editorial comment on his visit.

The only object of the visit of Prince Henry to the United States is the cultivation of this sentiment. The German Emperor could give the United States no better proof of the feelings and sentiments animating him and the German people.

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loved them to go, but he and his assistants followed. Coroner Goldenkrantz, who had already impounded a jury, opened court and listened to an affidavit by a patrolman which said he had arrested the three men and that there had been an explosion.

The luncheon terminated at three o'clock, when Emperor William returned to the castle and the Prince of Wales took a train for Potsdam, there to visit the Duchess of Albany and to lay a wreath upon the tomb of the late Empress Frederick.

RECENT DEATHS. On Saturday morning Mrs. David D. Robertson received a cable despatch from London informing her of the serious illness of Mrs. L. J. Almon, and this was followed shortly after—about midday—by another despatch conveying the sad intelligence of Mrs. Almon's death.

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The Charlottetown Guardian announces the death on Wednesday last of Lieut. Col. Theophilus McLeod of the 82nd Regiment. The sad event took place at his home in Hunter River. His Mrs. Alexander Binney is a relative of Mrs. Houston.

The death is reported of Mrs. Almedis S. Griffiths, wife of Louis A. Griffiths, which occurred on Friday afternoon at the private hospital on Hazen street. Mrs. Griffiths was fifty-nine years of age.

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