

OVER THE PROVINCES.
A SUMMARY OF EVENTS AT HOME AND ABROAD.

What is going on Among Ourselves—The Daily Doings of Our Neighbors Talked About—People you know or of Whom you have heard.

Toronto, Jan. 1.—Wm. Polson, superintendent of the Polson Iron Works, died tonight, aged 67 years.

Moncton, Jan. 6.—(Special)—Rev. David Hutchinson, of Bramford, Ont., has accepted the call of the Moncton First Baptist church and is expected to take charge the second Sunday in February.

Halifax, Jan. 7.—The two masted schooner, Ayr, labored at Sambro. She sustained only slight damage.

The Ayr is 121 tons register and is owned by N. C. Scott, of St. John.

Truro, N. S., Jan. 6.—(Special)—Wesley N. J. engine driver of the I. C. R., died this morning after a long illness, the result of an accident on a shunting engine several years ago. Deceased was about 50 years old.

Halifax, Jan. 4.—The will of the late Dr. Farrell was filed in the Probate court today. It was largely made for securing an annuity of \$400 a year to his widow, the testator directs that the proceeds of all his personal property should be divided equally among his four daughters. The estate is valued at \$60,000.

Quebec, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The provincial election in Gaspere county took place today. Returns received up to midnight give Kennedy, (Independent), 140 majority over L. Boutilier, (Liberal), with about half dozen places to hear from.

Chatham, Jan. 4.—(Special)—Mr. Robert Loggie, of R. Loggie, Loggieville, had a vein in his leg severed by being struck by the runner of his sleigh while turning it. He had the wound dressed by a doctor but the flow of blood didn't stop entirely. Blood poisoning set in and Mr. Loggie left for Boston yesterday morning intending to have his leg amputated.

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THE VATICAN'S POLICY

Toward the French Republic—Pope Leo Discusses the China Situation.

Marseilles, Jan. 5.—Archbishop Favier, the head of the French mission in North China and vicar apostolic of Peking, arrived here today from the Chinese capital after a short visit to Rome where he discussed with the pope the situation in China. In an interview with a correspondent of the Matin regarding the conversation he had with the pope, Dec. 3, in the course of which his holiness made a highly important statement, of the vatican's policy toward the French republic, Archbishop Favier said: "I can affirm that Pope Leo XIII is well disposed toward France and has not the slightest intention of resorting to the severe measures which have been mooted, and that there is no question of a diplomatic rupture. His holiness said to me: 'I love France with all my soul.'"

Mr. Favier added that the pope would never discuss the situation of the Christians in China from France and that any effort of Germany to this end would remain fruitless. The archbishop is an optimistic regarding the situation and expresses the conviction that a settlement of the difficulty will shortly be reached. He proceeded for Paris, the minister of foreign affairs.

Kingston, Jan. 5.—The threatened trouble between the Jamaican laborers and American overseers of the "Ecuador" Railroad has been temporarily averted by the arrest of an American named Remals, charged with having instigated the recent shooting and the bad feeling, which still prevails.

Toronto, Jan. 6.—(Special)—A recently organized milk trust will be followed by a broad trust. The Ontario Gazette tomorrow will contain a notice of incorporation of a company with \$850,000 to acquire the principal city dairies and the Spinks four mills. Mr. Walter Massey, the head of the big implement firm, is behind both consolidations.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—(Special)—The following members of the Canadian contingent sailed on the Tunisian Thursday: Sergt. Stagner; 44, Brown; 232, Tunsted; 787, Robson; 47, Brown; 841, Purcell; 771, Wilkins; L. A. Purcell, who is on the Tunisian, is a Halifax man, and V. Sydney Brown and Herbert Brown are from Calgary, while Stagner is from the Northwest Mounted Police.

News was received of the death at St. Agathe, Que., of Mr. W. Woodbury Wells, M. P. E., for Westmorland. He was 40 years of age and well liked in the legislature. His wife was the daughter of Mr. Hiram Turner, of Port Elgin. She, with two children, survive. Mr. Wells belonged to the Independent Order of Foresters. He will be buried at Port Elgin.

Kingston, Jan. 6.—The British steamer Costa Rican, Captain Kelley, which arrived here this evening from Colon, Colombia, reports that a big battle was fought recently between the Venezuelan and the Colombian government forces and 2,000 insurgents under General Uribe, assisted by sympathizers from Venezuela, the battle ending in the defeat of the rebels, who broke into small parties, General Uribe escaping.

Grand Falls, Jan. 5.—An alarm of fire yesterday afternoon summoned a large number of fire fighting companies. The roof of the Smith house on Sheriff street caught fire owing to a defective fuse and the flames were extinguished only after the roof was seriously damaged. Grand Falls is sorely in need of a new fire engine and a modern system of water works. The introduction of a complete system of water works is now being agitated.

St. John's, Nfld., Jan. 6.—The Newfoundland government has not been informed of any progress toward the settlement of the French shore controversy by the British and French governments. Officials here take it for granted that "four parlers" have been opened by the French for a renewal of the negotiations. The British government cannot agree to such a proposal without the sanction of Newfoundland. All claims in the colony are opposed to such a settlement and the action of the colony will depend upon the concessions which the imperial authorities suggest.

Cobourg, Ont., Jan. 6.—(Special)—The spirit of the Congregational church tonight was covered with bottles of beer and whiskey and packages of cigarettes purchased by small boys, while the pastor delivered a scathing address denouncing the laxity of the license inspectors. He declared that liquor was sold after hours and on Sunday in every hotel town, gambling was rampant and on the increase. He gave notice that tomorrow 27 charges of infraction of the liquor law will be laid. The hotel men are panic stricken.

Major Tarbox's recent lecture to his officers regarding the enforcement of the prohibitory law stopped the sale of liquor here so suddenly that it seemed magical. Marshal Miller and his officers are almost daily entering places where liquor is supposed to be sold and so far have been able to make a good thing out of nothing. This shows how effective the law is when you have a mayor and council with sufficient courage to enforce it. (St. Croix Courier.)

Toronto, Jan. 5.—(Special)—The Telegram's special cable from London says: Major Reade, of the Shropshire Light Infantry, has been selected to succeed Col. Eiton as commandant of the Royal Military College, Kingston. He is a well known officer. Col. Kitson goes to Washington, United States, as a member of the diplomatic corps.

Ottawa, Jan. 6.—(Special)—In regard to the press cable announcing the appointment of Major Reade, as commandant of the military college, Kingston, the militia department says that no appointment has been made. It is generally understood that Col. Oter has been recommended for the position.

St. Christopher Gazette, Haseler, Danish West Indies, Monday, Dec. 10th: "We record with regret the death of Tuesday last, the 4th inst., of Mr. James Kearney, engineer, an old resident of this island. Mr. Kearney, who was born in Ireland some 72 years ago, practiced his profession in St. Kitts for over 40 years, and was well-known and universally respected in St. Kitts and Nevis. At one time Mr. Kearney took an active part in politics, his influence being always thrown on the side of freedom and liberalism. He was a humorous and effective public speaker and as a raconteur had few equals. Much sympathy is left for his bereaved daughters."

The above, taken from the St. Christopher Gazette, refers to a gentleman known to many St. John people, for he has often visited here. Many in St. John will learn with sorrow of his death. He was a cousin of Mrs. Chne, wife of Pilot Richard Chne.

THE CADET BOOZE HAZING.

Evidence of the Young Man's Parents

Mother Wept While She Told of Her Boy's Sufferings—Medical Testimony—A Brother Cadet Tells of Being Hazed Because of His Religion

Bristol, Pa., Jan. 4.—In the inquiry into the death of Oskar, the son of Oscar, the father said, he was present at different times by six physicians from the time he resigned at the academy until his death. The young man had never had any throat or pulmonary troubles previous to going to West Point. Oscar said that trouble him before he went to the academy.

He said his boy was up to the average in his studies and that he was proficient in mathematics. According to Mr. Boose Oscar was a good-natured, gentlemanly fellow, and a lover of athletics.

Chairman Dick then asked: "Why did you make official complaint to the superintendent of the academy of your son's treatment?"

"I firmly do," was the reply. "Then why did you not make official complaint?"

"I did not wish to have any publicity and did not know at that time the seriousness of the case, nor that there was any redress."

Mr. Sarah E. Boose, mother of Oscar, said that her son was in rugged health when he went to the academy, but when he left he was broken down in health and never was in good physical condition after that.

Harvey Station, Jan. 7.—Considerable hemoak bark is being hauled here for shipment. The bark is chiefly from the Smelt fishing grounds.

Mr. Chas. Blanchard, of Northampton, Mass., who has been visiting at the residence of Mr. Michael Donohue during the Christmas holidays, returned home Friday.

Miss Emily Hunter, the popular teacher in the primary department of the Superior School, will be in town for a few days in Boston and vicinity, returning here Saturday to resume her duties.

Miss A. M. Keith has returned from a short visit to friends in Kings and Westmorland counties.

The sacrament of the Lord's supper was dispensed in the upper church yesterday morning. The attending clergy were: R. pastor, Rev. Jas. A. McLean, preached from Exodus 12:14.

An Erring Wife. Winnipeg, Jan. 2.—Mrs. Savage, wife of W. R. Savage, mayor of Wellington, Kas., eloped with Frank Oyer, her husband's cousin, some nine months ago. Mrs. Savage's sister arrived here last week and with the aid of detectives located the erring woman and finally induced her to return home. A little daughter was brought from Kansas City by Mrs. Savage. While in Winnipeg Mrs. Savage had to suffer in seeking for a living. Oyer had disappeared. Mayor Savage is a very rich man and his erring wife had been raised in luxury.

A Pioneer Brewer Dead. Boston, Jan. 4.—William Treadwell Van Nostrand, one of the pioneer brewers of this country, died this afternoon at his home in Charlestown, after an illness of some months, from which he never rallied, largely because of his age. Mr. Van Nostrand was born in Hempstead, N. Y., October 1, 1821.

Baywater Notes. Baywater, N. B., Jan. 4.—The snow lies about a foot deep and the ice on the river, having benefited by the recent frost, is now safe for the winter traffic. A great number of teams cross the ice daily. The young men of Baywater have opened an excellent open air rink and extend a cordial invitation to their friends in city and country to enjoy a spin. A large number of the young people gathered on the rink New Year's eve and united in skating the old year out and the new one in.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gibbons held their annual New Year's party at their residence, Baywater.

THE BRITISH MINISTER

Proposes Draft of a Commercial Treaty With China.

Shanghai, Jan. 7.—Sir Ernest Mason Satow, the British minister to China, has proposed to the other foreign envoys here to propose to the Chinese government a draft of a commercial treaty with China based upon the following conditions:

First—Freedom for all coasting vessels. Second—Freedom for all vessels to land waters, especially the Yang Tze Kiang.

Third—Permission to import foreign salt. Fourth—Adoption of regulations encouraging Chinese investments in foreign countries.

Fifth—Steps extending China's exports and imports. Sixth—Protection of trade marks. Seventh—Protection of treaty ports.

The draft has not been accepted by the powers and discussion regarding it has been postponed.

Isaac Goff's Terrible Experience While Smelt Fishing. Eastport, Me., Jan. 4.—While smelt fishing on the Penmanquam river, near Fenwick, yesterday, Isaac Goff, 24 years of age, broke through the ice and for nearly an hour and a half struggled for his life in the ice cold water while the steam registered 11 degrees below zero.

Several times he drew himself onto the treacherous ice, which repeatedly broke under his weight, but finally succeeded in drawing himself out very much exhausted. A number of persons witnessed his struggles from the bank of the river but were powerless to aid him and only for his great presence of mind and great endurance he would surely have drowned.

Goff came to this city today for medical attention, having suffered intensely from the effects of his accident.

Big Fight on Board Ship. Berra, Portuguese East Africa, Jan. 4.—On the arrival of the German steamer Hertzog at Berra with 136 Abyssinians and Somalis for the Rhodesian mines, the crew as they were eating, were informed by the firemen that they would be compelled to work in chains. Thereupon they refused to go ashore.

Portuguese police troops were summoned and a big fight ensued, the "Boys" barricading the fore deck. Victory rested with the police after an hour's fighting. One Somali was killed, and several were wounded. Nine of the police force were wounded. Subsequently it was found that there were only 50 "Boys" on the steamer, the remainder having jumped overboard.

YOUR BEST WORK cannot be done unless you have good health you cannot have good health without pure food. You may have pure food by taking Hood's Sarsaparilla now. You cannot realize good food it will do you until you try it. Begin taking it today and see how quickly it cures your rheumatism, catarrh or scrofula.

All these ills are cured by Hood's Pills. See. Killed by Explosion. Schenectady, N. Y., Jan. 5.—Patrick Curley was instantly killed this morning by an explosion in a gas house in this city. He was using a torch at the time and when he opened the door of the condensing room his lantern ignited some gas which had escaped. The building was wrecked.

Germany's Export Trade. Washington, Jan. 6.—Germany exports to Canada about six times as much as she imports from that country, according to a communication to the state department from Consul Winter at Annaberg, Germany. On the whole, however, the consul states, German products are losing ground in British North America. Germany's principal articles of export to Canada are raw sugar, railway supplies and toys.

SEA-SICKNESS NAUSEA, and maladies of this type yield quickly to the almost magical power of Norville, and if you suffer periodically from any of these troubles, just keep Norville at hand. A few drops in sweetened water will give almost instant relief and in course of half an hour the cure is completed. Your money back if you do not find it so.

The Fredericton Cathedral Fire. Fredericton, Jan. 7.—(Special)—The damage to the Cathedral, as the result of the fire Tuesday last, has been appraised at \$150,000.

Papers in the York election petition were served on the respondent at his residence in Marysville Saturday evening.

WINCHESTER REPEATING RIFLES

Marlin Repeating Rifles, Cartridges, Cartridge Belts, etc.

T. McAVITY & SONS, ST. JOHN, N. B.

THE VICTORIA-MONTREAL RIDDLED WITH BULLETS.

Colored Men Taken from Jail and Shot.

Madison, Fla., Jan. 4.—Two colored men, Jim Denson and a half brother, were taken last night about 10 o'clock from the county jail here by persons unknown, carried into the woods about a half mile from town and hanged. The bodies were riddled with bullets. A few weeks ago they were charged with killing Frederick Redding, a farmer residing in the northern part of this county.

An order had been issued and published calling a special term of the circuit court to be held in this county on the seventh for the purpose of trying the men.

Decided to Wind Up the Company's Affairs. MEETING AT MONTREAL. Took Action Saturday Afternoon, Dependent on the Willingness of the Creditors to Wait—If They Press, the Company Will Go Into Liquidation.

Montreal, Jan. 6.—(Special)—A big meeting of shareholders of the Victoria-Montreal insurance company held here Saturday afternoon, decided to wind up the affairs of the company as soon as possible and conclude the existence of the Victoria-Montreal.

Mon. William Pugsley, the president, was in attendance and on behalf of the directors, submitted reports showing the company to have paid out \$115,000 in losses since the beginning of the business in the spring of 1899, and present outstanding liabilities of \$60,000. The books show American agents and the late manager, Messrs. Thos. A. Temple & Sons, owe the company \$50,000. The directors report did not speak of this as a valuable asset. It is estimated that the shareholders may get back about a third of the money they have paid for stock.

It is believed that 75 per cent. of outstanding claims against stock can be collected. As the calls amount to \$272,500 this will realize about \$200,000. There is a further asset of \$50,500, a deposit with the government, making a total of \$250,500. The liabilities are \$239,330, to which must be added \$25,000, the estimated cost of re-insuring risks held by the company, or a total of \$117,330. This taken from the estimated assets, leaves \$133,161 for the shareholders, or about 32 per cent. of the subscribed capital of \$410,000.

The company will wind up its affairs if the creditors are willing to wait. If any of them press their claims the Victoria-Montreal will go into liquidation.

A HORRIBLE CASE. Finnish Murder of a Young Woman. Maricota, Ohio, Jan. 4.—As Miss Nellie Morris, aged 19, was returning home to her father's place at Hackney, through the fields, she was accosted by Walter A. Weinstock, eighteen years of age. He made indecent proposals to her and when she ran, he threw her to the ground. She fought hard, finally getting to her feet. Weinstock then with a razor cut her across the neck, severing the muscles and the jugular vein. Miss Morris gasped the razor. Her fingers were cut off, her vest gashed and both her arms badly disfigured. Physicians say she cannot live many hours and late tonight it was reported she was dead. She is the daughter of Benjamin Morris, a business man of this city.

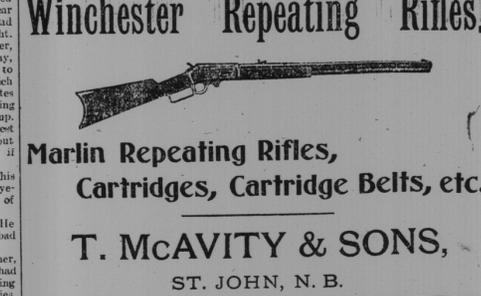
Weinstock was held by a crowd of men, who removed him to a building where more than 1,500 men watched over him. A telephone message was sent to McGonagallville for officers. There is talk of lynching him and as late as 11 o'clock tonight the people of Hackney are all up and a mob is being organized to hang Weinstock. Weinstock recently returned from the reformatory, where he served a term for attempting to kill his father.

Spanish Ministerial Crisis. Madrid, Jan. 5.—It seems certain that a ministerial crisis will occur after the suspension of the sittings of the chambers. Some of the ministers say the marriage of the Princess of Asturias to Prince Carlos, second son of the Count of Caserta, will occur during the first fortnight of February.

One Hundred Cases of Smallpox. Kansas City, Mo., Jan. 5.—The number of smallpox cases in Kansas City is 100. New York, Jan. 5.—Three new smallpox cases were reported today to the board of health.

Accoun's Short. New York, Jan. 5.—August Friebe, 48 years old, formerly a bookkeeper for the George Under Breeding Company, was arraigned in the Harlem police court today, on a charge of making false entries to an amount of over \$100 in the books of the company. Expert accountants have found a shortage of \$21,000.

An Actor Bankrupt. Boston, Jan. 5.—Walter Jones, well-known as an actor, the one who played a conspicuous role of a tramp in "1492" today filed a petition in bankruptcy with liabilities of \$23,338.



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