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TUESDAY	10,602
WEDNESDAY	10,229
THURSDAY	10,899
FRIDAY	11,890
SATURDAY	15,181
TOTAL	69,478
Daily Average	11,579
Average Daily Sworn Circulation First Six Months, 1906.	6,791

THE CONTEST

The two hundred dollars in gold which the Times offered to the most popular organization in the city, to be decided by the number of vote coupons sent in to this office, has been won by the St. John's L. O. F. The money goes of course to the local court itself, for its own purposes, which are purely benevolent, such as the care of sick or injured members of the order. Thus the fund will be devoted to a good cause.

In view of the magnificent showing made by the St. John's L. O. F. Band, with whom so many citizens and so many people all over the country were in sympathy, as shown from the ballots sent in from every quarter, the publishers of the Times have decided to present each of them with the sum of fifty dollars in gold as a Christmas gift.

Beyond question, the publicity given to them in this contest, and the fine spirit they have displayed, will be of great advantage to them, since universal attention has been directed to them in a very special way, and their future appearances will be before a more appreciative public. Other contestants who at one time were regarded as winners were the High School, St. John's and the Neptunes. These all displayed strength and proved that they had many friends, but in the later voting they practically abandoned the field. No other contest of the kind has ever aroused as much interest in this city.

THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

The following observations, made by the Montreal Herald, will be endorsed by readers who are at all imbued with the Christmas spirit, and should commend themselves to all:

"Christmas is scarcely the time to enforce the customary arguments against promiscuous charity. However virtuous may be the results of indiscriminate generosity, that extends throughout the year, it is hard to see how any great harm can result from a fairly free distribution of the good things of life by those who have to those who have not during a single week in the year. The Salvation Army is being attacked in certain quarters in the United States on account of the magnitude of its Christmas generosity. People who enquire at this season whether it would not be physically possible for the poor to get along without the gift of a turkey and a holly ham, and whether they are not therefore being pampered by such benevolence, may be excellent statisticians and philosophers, but it is safe to say they have very little of the spirit of true philanthropy."

THE PROPOSED CLUB

The free club for men, which it is proposed to open in the hall on Waterloo Street about New Year's, under the auspices of the Temperance Federation, is an institution that appeals to the citizens as one capable of doing much good. There is now no such institution on broad lines in this city—not even at present a Y. M. C. A., although in other cities such institutions are regarded as a necessity. If the lack of funds is at all a source of doubt regarding the proposed club, there can be no reasonable doubt that when once organized and doing the work it is designed to do, the funds will be forthcoming. Not should it be difficult to find earnest men, willing to help men, who would give of their time and effort to make the work of the club itself successful and beneficial not only to regular members but to the man on the street.

TICKLING HALIFAX

Mr. William Mackenzie of the Great Northern Railway, is reported to have assured the people of Halifax, at a banquet in his honor, that Halifax was the natural port for the arrival and departure of the mails. Experience has proved that there is delay to the outgoing mails because the Empire steamers are compelled to call at Halifax; and the incoming mails would reach Montreal at least as soon via St. John direct as via Halifax. Why then should any man, even at a banquet in his honor, make so sweeping an assertion as that made by Mr. Mackenzie? But he must have somewhat dampened the newly awakened enthusiasm when he went on to tell the Halifax folk that they might expect very little from the Grand Trunk Pacific, and should therefore turn to the Great Northern for comfort. Mr. Mackenzie is a very clever and enterprising railway man, and has large interests in Nova Scotia.

Dr. LeBeau's, the indefatigable health officer in Montreal, continues his crusade against impure milk. He declared this

week, says the Witness, that the federal and provincial governments should carry out milk inspection in such a manner as to prevent the sale of impure milk. There should also be refrigerator cars provided for the transportation of milk from the country to the city. Then all dairy keepers should be obliged to apply for a proper permit allowing them to carry on their business, which permit would be a guarantee that their premises were kept in a sanitary condition. This permit should be issued by the town or place where the dairy is situated. Then those who do not comply should be made to lose their license. Dr. LeBeau advocated a higher price for milk, if that were necessary to ensure its purity. A committee was appointed to make suggestions along the lines indicated by Dr. LeBeau.

Santa Claus will surely fill the stockings of Police Commissioner O'Meara of Boston. That good man has just designated 95 different streets in Boston as streets that may be used for coasting. The order reads: "On these 95 streets coasting will be permitted until further orders, on all week days at such times as any large schools in the respective localities are not in session, and until 10 o'clock in the evening. Should a physician report in writing to a commanding officer that the recovery of a sick person living on the line of a coast in his division is likely to be prevented or seriously retarded by the action made by the coasting, the commanding officer, with the approval of the superintendent, will further restrict the hours for coasting in that particular street."

The city of Halifax has practically decided as a corporation to go into the manufacture of cars. It will invest \$125,000 in a mortgage on the proposed new car works, and also grant ten years tax-exemption. The task of securing new industries by this method should be an easy one.

All who are in any way interested in fruit culture should read the letter of Mr. J. S. Climo in this issue of the Times. Mr. Climo tells of practical experiments of great value.

Have you made up your mind what you will buy? Read the Times advertisements.

CLUB FOR MEN SOON TO OPEN

An Organization on the Broadest Lines May be Opened About New Year's.

The proposal to open a free men's club in the mission hall on Waterloo Street, under the auspices of the Temperance Federation, has met with so much favor among those citizens to whom the committee have thus far appealed for financial aid that they will report to the Federation next week urging that they be authorized to complete plans and open the club as soon as possible, perhaps on New Year's eve.

There are two rooms in the building, both on the ground floor. The larger one will seat over four hundred people, and the smaller one would accommodate probably fifty or sixty men. The larger room could be utilized as a general reading room, and place for general entertainment and meetings, and the smaller one for games.

It is intended to hold a public temperance meeting every Sunday evening from 8.30 to 9.30, with music and bright, brief addresses. The club would be conducted on the broadest lines, consistent with successful management, and open to any man who cared to avail himself of its privileges. It is believed that the sympathy of the citizens would be so universal that it would be possible to have a short programme of general entertainment every evening, while there are many ways in which members of the club might contribute to its interest as a meeting place for men. Broadly planned, it should do very effective work along the lines of other organizations which are more restricted in their membership. The proprietors of the mission hall are doing the city a good service in agreeing to the use of the building for this purpose.

KEITH'S THEATRE

The last touches will be given to the interior of Keith's Theatre today in readiness for the opening of the new playhouse on Monday. For days past, workmen have been all over the building putting it in order and there has been much to do for the former York has been thoroughly renovated and redecorated. The redecoration of the lobby in shades of pink and white gives a splendid appearance. Everything is spick and span and patrons of the house cannot fail to appreciate the change.

The opening bill is certainly diversified, containing many excellent features and suitable to almost any particular taste. Speaking in vaudeville parlance the "head liner" will be Milton and Mrs. Dolly Nobles in "Why Walker Reformed." Written and produced by himself, it is specially arranged to give full scope to the ability of each. Whittle, the ventriloquist, has earned an excellent reputation in England and America and Bill and Ward are a specially attractive dancing "act." A sketch by Levine and Leonard, introducing the troubles of a first class singing Reddy and Carrier will fill the bill. The comedy will be partly in the hands of Owen and Herbert and cannot fail to please.

His Excellency Lieut-Governor Snowball Mayor Seam and members of the council have been officially invited to attend at the opening performance on Monday evening. Seats are now on sale at the box office for the entire first week.

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Scores open till 11 tonight.

St. John, Dec. 22, 1906.

CALL AT HARVEY'S TO NIGHT

Turkeys Free Today and Monday

We have secured another lot of choice Turkeys and will give one with each sale of TEN DOLLARS, or over, today and tonight, and Monday, as far as they go. See our Overcoats, Suits and Furnishings goods:

MEN'S SUITS	.....	\$4.95 to \$24.00
MEN'S OVERCOATS	.....	3.95 to 20.00
BOYS' OVERCOATS	.....	3.75 to 13.50
BOYS' 3-PIECE SUITS	.....	5.50 to 10.00
BOYS' 2-PIECE SUITS	.....	1.85 to 5.50

See our Ties, Mufflers, Gloves, House Coats, Etc.

J. N. HARVEY, Clothing and Furnishings, Opera House Block.

The BUSY ONE

who wants time to look around, but has no opportunity, can easily get out of the difficulty by purchasing a "Queen Quality" Gift Certificate. This is printed in green and gold, and is our guarantee to properly fit and deliver to the bearer one pair of our famous

"Queen Quality" Shoes.

By this method is done away with all difficulty about style or size, and the recipient is enabled to select just the kind desired.

Queen Quality SHOES Sell at \$3, 3.75, 4.50 and \$5 Try this method, it's quick and satisfactory.



Fireplace Fittings.

A COMBINATION OF USEFULNESS AND BEAUTY.

Superior Holiday Gifts

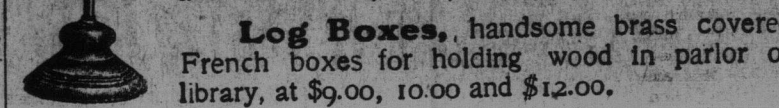
Brass Fire Irons, \$2.00, 2.50, 3.00, 3.50 and \$4.00 per set. Consisting of shovel, tongs and poker.

Brass Sets Complete, as shown, \$4.75.

Brass Andirons, \$5.00 to \$20.00.

Wood Baskets, in rattan, very strong and serviceable, \$2.25 and \$3.25.

Log Boxes, handsome brass covered French boxes for holding wood in parlor or library, at \$9.00, 10.00 and \$12.00.



EMERSON & FISHER, 25 GERMAIN ST.

A Great Assortment

... OF ...

CALENDARS

... AT ...

The Floods Co., Ltd.

31 and 33 King Street.

The assortment includes all the New Artistic

Caleendars—The Christy, Old Home

Scenes, St. John Souvenir

Calendar.

THE GREATEST BARGAINS, FOR A SHORT TIME

A number of Exhibition Carriages and Toboggan Pungs for sale at reduced prices.

A. G. EDGEcombe, 115-129 City Road

Tel. No. 547.

Mince Meat,

Chopped Suet,

Cake Lard,

Cooked Hams.

JOHN HOPKINS, - 133 'Phone 133.

OUR XMAS PRESENT TO YOU.

A PAIR OF HIGH GRADE SCISSORS with cash sales of \$3.00 or more. Or A 50 CENT POCKET KNIFE with cash sales of \$5.00 or more. Ours are the LOWEST PRICES in town.

Bargains in Shoes and Clothing.

C. B. PIDGEON, Cor. Main and Bridge Sts., N.E.

Big Rush at Wetmore's, Garden Street

The many pretty Christmas novelties and great variety of useful goods at low prices, bring the people.

RE-VAMPED

Everybody works my daddy! He gets worked all day! After he builds the ferry. Mother's sure to say: "Go bring in the washing. Sift the ashes, too!" Everyone who lives in our house Has work for dad to do.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

JUST LOST.

In a fishing competition at Yarmouth the prize for the smallest catch was won by a lady, who landed a whiting weighing 114 ounces. Another lady, who had caught a chub was at first thought to have a winning chance.

A DOUBLE WRENCH.

"Well, we've married Mabel to a French count."

"If you've married Mabel to a French count, I've married her to a French count."

"Yes, an' I hated to part with that million dollars, but the woman folks would have it."

REASONABLE DOUBT.

"I owe you a debt of gratitude, old man."

"Thanks. Shall I put that in my list of assets or liabilities?"

WISDOM OF AN EMPEROR.

A man's conscience begins to hurt him awfully but when he hears there is a warrant out for his arrest.

If introspection could be made impartial it would be a good habit.

It is only the rich who know about the blessings of poverty.

The proofreader must be so-called because he is proof against the effects of what he reads.

ONCE BITTEN.

As one of the London police courts a young hooligan was charged with assaulting an elderly man.

"Young man," said the magistrate, "I'm surprised at a big, strong, healthy-looking fellow like you always getting into trouble. You seem to be continually wanting to fight. Why don't you go for a soldier?"

A mile illumined the magistrate's face when the youth replied, "I did once, your worship, and he nearly killed me."

COULDN'T FIND HIM.

Sir Robert Bell is an Irishman with much the usual amount of humor.

Even when a joke tells against himself he is quick to appreciate it. Not long ago he alighted at a country railway station in Ireland, intent on a lecture, and was surprised to find no vehicle awaiting him.

After a time a servant approached and inquired if he were Sir Robert Bell.

"Yes," said the genial astronomer. Then the man apologized for the delay.

"I was told," he said, "to meet an intellectual-looking gent."

EASTERN TOWNSHIP DAIRY PRODUCTION

Combined Value of 1906 Output \$831,533 Against \$640,969 a Year Ago.

The following is the annual financial statement of the Eastern Township Dairy Producers' Association, for the season ending December 31, 1906, as reported by W. H. Lynch, secretary of the exchange:

BUTTER.

Month. Bore. Price. Value.

April .. .. . 1906 \$10.41.39

May .. .. . 1906 10.78.14

June .. .. . 1906 11.25.00

July .. .. . 1906 11.52.10

August .. .. . 1906 11.93.20

September .. .. . 1906 11.93.20

October .. .. . 1906 11.93.20

November .. .. . 1906 11.93.20

December .. .. . 1906 11.93.20

Total .. .. . 1906 \$705,908.35

CHEESE.

Month. Bore. Price. Value.

May .. .. . 1906 \$1,790.39

June .. .. . 1906 2,770.00

July .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

August .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

September .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

October .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

November .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

December .. .. . 1906 2,400.00

Total .. .. . 1906 \$20,560.00

Grand total .. .. . 1906 \$726,468.35

Compared with the season of 1905:

Butter, 1905 .. .. . \$674,700.00

Butter, 1906 .. .. . \$705,908.35

Gain in butter .. .. . \$31,208.35

Cheese, 1905 .. .. . \$1,790.39

Cheese, 1906 .. .. . \$20,560.00

Loss in cheese .. .. . \$18,769.61

Taking both butter and cheese for 1906, as compared with 1905:

Butter and cheese, 1905 .. .. . \$676,490.39

Butter and cheese, 1906 .. .. . \$726,468.35

Gain in both .. .. . \$49,977.96

THE NEW ROSS CARTRIDGE

A correspondent writes to the Times: "The experiments carried on last summer by Sir Charles Ross with a cold high velocity cartridge have resulted in the production of a cartridge giving the tremendous muzzle velocity of 3000 feet per second. The Ross Rifle Co. have commenced the manufacture of sporting rifles to use these cartridges. Their superiority for large game is without question. It seems an absurdity that the Canadian Militia cannot promptly reap the benefit of these great improvements in ballistics, the result of Canadian energy and enterprise, on account of the inertia of the imperial war office, which insists upon a rule for uniformity of cartridge among the self-governing colonial forces which is non-existent when applied to the small arms in the British service, noted for its non-uniformity in arms and ammunition."

J. MacQuire, the station agent at Digby, had a cold bath as the steamer Yarmouth was leaving the wharf at Digby for St. John. He was standing on the coping of the pier and slipped off, falling about twenty feet into the water. Falling between the wharf and the steamer he went first into the water, luckily without touching either the wharf or the boat. He swam to a post and catching a rope that was thrown to him was soon drawn out, none the worse except in appearance.

Miss Lola Stearns, daughter of Thomas Stearns, Fairville, under the care of Dr. M. L. Macfarland, is recovering from a severe attack of diphtheria.

Dolls, Toys and Fancy Goods.

Best assortment in St. John. Best lines going fast. Don't fail to get our prices before buying. Store open every evening until Christmas.

ARNOLD'S DEPARTMENT STORE 65-67 Charlotte Street, St. John.

THE IDEAL CHRISTMAS GIFT.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS should serve a double purpose. They should supply something really needed in the home, as well as procure a happy surprise for the relative or friend to whom the gifts are made. A few suggestions:

A Morris chair, a fancy rocker, a music cabinet, a parlor cabinet, a dressing table, a chiffonier, a writing desk.

Ladies' secretaries, ladies' fancy rockers, willow rockers, buffets, dining chairs, china closets, sideboards, dining chairs, homes, etc.

Children's high chairs and rockers, toy sets, sleds, frames, sleighs, rocking chairs, etc.

parlor tables, hall mirrors, hall trees, hall chairs, odd bureaus and commodes, iron and brass beds, etc.

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