RAILROADS.

Intercolonial Railway.

On and after MONDAY, the 7th September, 1896, the trains of this Railway will run daily, Sunday excepted, as follows.

TRAINS WILL LEAVE ST. JOHN

Express for Campbellton, Pugwash, Pictou and Halifax.....7.00
Express for Halifax.....12.20
Express for Sussex.....16.40
Express for Quebec and Montreal.....17.10
Suburban Express for Rothsay.....20.45

Passengers from St. John for Quebec and Montreal take through Sleeping Car at Moncton at 20.10 o'clock.

TRAINS WILL ARRIVE AT ST. JOHN:

Express from Sussex.....8.20
Express from Montreal and Quebec (Monday excepted).....10.20
Express from Moncton (daily).....10.20
Express from Halifax.....16.00
Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton.....18.20
Suburban Express from Rothesay.....21.45
Accommodation from Moncton.....24.20

The trains of the Intercolonial Railway are heated by steam from the locomotive, and those between Halifax and Montreal, via Levis, are lighted by electricity.

All trains are run by Eastern Standard Time.

D. POTTINGER,
General Manager.

Railway Office,
Moncton, N. B., 3rd September, 1896.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RY.

Christmas and New Year's HOLIDAYS.

EXCURSION TICKETS will be on sale as follows: To Teachers and Scholars in Schools and Colleges, on presentation of authorized Certificate from Principal, from Dec. 11 to 24; good for return until Jan. 31. To Commercial Travellers, on presentation of their Certificates, on Dec. 18 and 19; And to the Public from Dec. 21 to Jan. 1 inclusive, all to be good for return until Jan. 7, '97, at

ONE FARE FOR THE ROUND TRIP.

Further particulars of Ticket Agents.

D. McNICOLL, Pass. Traffic Mgr., Montreal.
A. H. NOTMAN, Dist. Pass. Agent, St. John, N. B.

Dominion Atlantic R'y.

On and after 23rd Nov., 1896, the Steamer and trains of this Railway will run as follows:

Royal Mail S.S. Prince Rupert,

MONDAY, WEDNESDAY, FRIDAY, SATURDAY.
Leave St. John at 8.00 a.m., arr Digby 11.00 a.m.
Leave Digby at 1.00 p.m., arr St. John, 4.00 p.m.

EXPRESS TRAINS

Daily (Sunday excepted).

Leave, Halifax 6.30 a.m., arr in Digby 12.48 p.m.
Leave Digby 1.03 p.m., arr Yarmouth 3.55 p.m.
Leave Yarmouth 8.00 a.m., arr Digby 10.47 a.m.
Leave Digby 11.00 a.m., arr Halifax 5.45 p.m.
Leave Annapolis 7.00 a.m., arr Digby 8.20 a.m.
Leave Digby 3.50 p.m., arr Annapolis 4.40 p.m.

Pullman palace parlor Buffet Cars run daily (Sunday excepted) each way on Express trains. Staterooms and Parlor Car seats can be obtained on application to City Agent.

Close connections with trains at Digby. Tickets on sale at City Office, 114 Prince William Street, and from the Purser on steamer, from whom time-tables and all information can be obtained.

W. R. CAMPBELL, Gen. Man'gr.
J. SUTHERLAND, Superintendent.

STEAMBOATS.

1896 1896

The Yarmouth Steamship Co. (LIMITED),

For Boston and Halifax via Yarmouth.

The Shortest and Best Route Between Nova Scotia and the United States. The quickest time, 12 to 17 hours between Yarmouth and Boston.

Trips A Week, 4
THE STEEL STEAMERS
Boston and Yarmouth
UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE.

COMMENCING June the 20th one of the above steamers will leave Yarmouth for Boston every Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday and Saturday evening, after arrival of the Express from Halifax.

Returning, leave Lewis wharf, Boston, every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday at 3 p.m., making close connections at Yarmouth with the Dominion Atlantic Railway to all points in Eastern Nova Scotia, and Davidson's Line, and steamers for South Shore Ports Friday morning.

Str. CITY OF St. JOHN,

will leave Yarmouth every Friday morning for Halifax, calling at Barrington, Shelburne, Liverpool and Lunenburg. Returning leave Pickford and Black's wharf, Halifax, every Monday Evening, for Yarmouth and intermediate ports, connecting with steamer for Boston Wednesday evening.

Steamer "ALPHA"

leaves St. John, for Yarmouth every Tuesday and Friday Afternoon, Returning, leave Yarmouth every Monday and Thursday, at 8 o'clock for St. John.

Tickets and all information can be obtained of
L. E. Baker,
President and Managing Director.
C. E. CHASE, J. F. SPINNEY, Agent
Secretary and Treasurer. Lewis Wharf, Boston.
Yarmouth N. S. June, 23rd 1896.

INTERNATIONAL S. S. Co.

TWO TRIPS A WEEK TO BOSTON.

COMMENCING Sept. 21st the steamers of this company will leave St. John for Eastport, Portland and Boston every Monday and Thursday evenings at 8 (standard).

Returning leave Boston same days at 8 a. m. and Eastport at 6 p. m.

Connections made at Eastport with steamer for St. Andrews, Calais and St. Stephen.

C. E. LAFORGE, Agent.

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HOW HE SERVED PAPERS.

AN OFFICER WHO WRONGLY INTERPRETED HIS DUTY.

A Case in Which Papers Were Served on the Wrong Person—An Investigation Refused the Officer—A Breach of Discipline is Always Punished.

It is indeed a bad job for any members of the police force who unfortunately manage to get the powers that be down on them. When there is a complaint against an officer it is not long before the officer in question is aware of it, and then he may look out.

Any breach of discipline or infraction of police rules is sure to meet with severe censure and he will probably be suspended for a few days for the chief will not tolerate any such breach.

A case in point happened a few days ago. It is a well known fact that police officers when off duty have the same authority to serve supreme court papers (such as subpoenas, bench warrants etc.) as is possessed by any members of the force of civil constables. In the case referred to a certain gentleman engaged a police officer to serve subpœnas on several witnesses that were needed in a breach of promise case which was to come before the circuit court at the last session, but which was amicably settled without coming to trial. One of the principals in the case needed five witnesses and engaged a police officer to serve the subpœnas, paying him for the service the legal fee of $20 each. As the police officer was in doubt as to whether he could legally perform the service, he consulted his sergeant who said that he was entitled to serve any such papers during the time he was off duty. Acting on this information the officer secured the subpœnas and served them. One of the witnesses required was a well known West End lady and when the official called at her residence to make the service he was informed that she was sick and he could not see her. Another lady who was one of the principals in the case was staying at the house at the time, and the policeman determined to serve the necessary papers on her thinking that the service would be perfectly legal and quite in accord with the manner in which such papers are served. The service was made and the police officer left the house fully satisfied that he had done his duty. A few days later the officer was surprised to hear that a charge had been laid against him at the Central station in which it was alleged that in serving the subpœna he had forced his way into the lady's house and acted in a manner entirely out of keeping with his position as a St. John police officer.

When he heard of the charge he at once went to Chief Clarke, protested his innocence and asked that the whole matter should be investigated. The chief informed the offending officer that no examination would be held unless the complainant in the case asked for one. In his opinion police officials could not serve Supreme court papers in any case and in doing so any policemen were liable to be suspended. This did not satisfy the officer who sought legal advice on the question. In company with a prominent barrister he visited the central station and again asked the chief to have the matter investigated.

Again the chief refused and the policeman left the station disappointed, expecting to be perhaps suspended for several days. Nothing further was heard of the matter and the charge has not yet been ventilated and will probably be dropped.

A HEARTY WELCOME HOME.

Mr. David Russell Returns From England and is Dined by Friends.

Mr. David Russell, manager of the Hawker Medicine Company has returned from England, where he been since early summer, in time to eat his Christmas dinner with his friends, and receive their congratulations upon his mission to the old country, the formation of a company with a capital of $300,000 which has purchased the foreign right for the manufacture and sale of the Hawker remedies. If in the dense population of the old countries the sale of the remedies is at all proportionate with the ready acceptance they met with here when placed upon the market the stockholder of the new company will not regret the venture.

It was no light task, as no doubt Mr. Russell found, to organize a company with such a large capital in a place to which he was a stranger and which was new to him. Therefore his success merits the greater appreciation from those in whose interest he went.

His personal friends entertained him at the International Cafe on Thursday evening and after indulging in a dinner that did justice to the reputation of the International, whiled away the pleasant hours in speech making and the proposal of those various toasts that brought many of the two score present to their feet, in their happiest and most brilliant vein. Mr. Russell responded modestly to the toast of the evening and when the party broke up he was heartily cheered.

REMINDERS OF THE SEASON.

Beautiful and Useful Calendars From Live Insurance Agents and Others.

Mr. W. W. Frink agent for the Boiler Inspection and Insurance Co., is liberally distributing calanders of this company. The work is handsomely lithographed showing a locomotive and train of cars going over a trestle. The leaflets are printed in good bold type in blue and black, with useful information to engineers on the margins of each.

The Mutual Life Insurance Co., of New York are showing an engraving of their head offices on their calander this year. It is printed on a heavy blue card with white leaflets printed in large black letters with Sundays and bank holidays in red. Mr. Robt. Marshall is agent for St. John.

The International Steamship Co's calander this year is similar in make up to that of last year A beautiful engraving of their new steamer St. Croix is printed on a heavy glazed mount and the letter press is neatly arranged in script type. The leaflets are small but of bold black type. A neat blue card is used as a hanger.

The Atlas Assurance Co. issue a bright and attractive calander with no particular design, but with large leaflets making as useful a business calander as can be found anywhere. It is really two calenders in one, as the full yearly calanders on the back are larger than usual and the leaflets are the full size of the cards which can be separated and two calendars made of the one.

The Provident Savings Assurance Society of New York with Mr. Chas. Gillespie as manager for the province of New Brunswick issue a very handsome callander in bright colors. The seasons are represented by four little girls in a game of 'Guess who.' Spring and summer have covered the eyes of winter while autumn stands over them strewing beautifully tinted leaves. This calander has a very striking effect and is much admired.

Mr. Edward L. Whittaker is issuing to the patrons of the Imperial Insurance Company neat calanders lithographed in colors. The leaflets of this calander give the moon's phases, the civil and religious holidays and are printed in good bold letters.

One of the richest calendars in coloring that has come to this office is that of the Western Assurance of Toronto represented in St. John by R. W. W. Frink. A figure seated on a globe, holding a shield with left hand, while the right upholds a wreath. The leaflets are of a rich cream with brown figuring.

The Royal Insurance Co. represented in New Brunswick by J. Sydney Skye issue a calender with beautiful crimson draped and crowned figure doing battle with denizens of the deep. The leaflets are white with pale lavendar figuring, making a very attractive ornament for any wall.

A calender reaches PROGRESS Office this week from Messrs. Geo. deForest & Sons that surpasses anything in the way of fancy calenders that has yet been received. It is a beautiful oval shaped clouded pale green and white sheet with "DeForests Sunny Days Union Blend Tea" in fancy gilt lettering. An open worked border is formed by the interlining of stems of apple blossoms, the same pretty pink and white flowers forming a wreath around the inside; while as if feasting upon lovely blossoms are six butterflys of varied colors, underneath the outspread wings of which are the calandar tablets. It will likely adorn the walls of many homes long after 97 has past for there is nothing to suggest the ordinary calander or advertisement.

Mr. Wm. M. Jarvis believes in home production, and furnishes a very pretty business calender done by the Maritime Steam Letho. Co., of this city. The calender is for the Liverpool and London and Globe Insurance Co., which stands out prominently in large black letters over a tinted globe. The leaflets give the moon phases with bank and religious holidays in red.

Messrs. J. & A. McMillan issue a calander that is considered by all business men the most useful calander for an office. The workmanship from a printers standpoint cannot be surpassed. There are seven printings on the card of the calander besides two on the leaflets, which are in very large black figures, giving the moons phases, Sundays and bank holidays in red. Messrs McMillan have been issuing this calender with different ideas and changes for a number of years. The work is all done in their own establishment.

C. E. L. Jarvis issues a very pretty calandar for the Queen Insurance Co which is much larger than the ordinary insurance calandar. It is a pretty figure design, highly colored. The calandar months are large and in two colors.

Too Late for Publication.

Society letters from Dorchester, Digby and Windsor were not received at this office until Friday morning, entirely too late for publication, as PROGRESS has explained many times.

IT WAS NOT ACCEPTED.

CAPT. MURPHY OF THE W. E. C. TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION.

But It Was not Accepted By the Engine Co. —It was Owing to a Little Social Trouble He Cannot Resign as a Member for a Good Reason.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—The Daily Echo, the other evening, had a paragraph stating that Captain Murphy, of the U. E. C., had tendered his resignation as captain, but that the company had refused to accept it. An in that short item there hangs an interesting story, which is something like this:

Some little time ago the U. E. C. had a social at their rooms to which invitations were issued by a committee. The captain obtained a number of blank forms for invitations and filled in the names of several people whom he desired as guests. This was all right as regards all those he asked except in the case of one very respectable citizen. To this man, good as he is, the committee had an essential objection, and this was, that during the troubles which led up to the expulsion of the U. E. C., from fire duty in Halifax he had taken an active part against the majority of the company. He was looked upon with eyes similar to those that would desert his comrades during a strike and work for lower wages. The captain, nevertheless, without consulting the committee, invited this enemy of the U. E. C. When the night of the social came round this invited one presented himself at the door. One would have thought that rather than make trouble the reception committee would have allowed Mr. Blank within their hospitable doors. But not so; they told him that there was no room for him either in the hearts or the hall of the U. E. C. In vain he showed his card of invitation. It was from the captain, true enough, but the committee repudiated the captain's right to issue such an invitation and to such a man. Back to the street he sadly turned his footsteps and homeward went.

The social passed off pleasantly enough, but next day the captain heard how his would-be guest had been treated. His mind was made up. It was that no longer would he act as captain of the U. E. C. The regular meeting was held a few days after, and the captain's resignation was laid on the table. The meeting refused to accept it, on the ground that a month's notice of the resignation of an officer is necessary. More than that, his resignation as a member, even, would not be accepted, though for another reason. That reason was that at a previous meeting the captain had become responsible for the fines and dues of another member who was a little in arrears. When a member does this he is just as responsible for the amount as if the money were due by himself personally. This cash was not forthcoming, hence the resignation of the captain, as a member of the U. E. C., could not be entertained.

At the next meeting of the union engine company Mr. Murphy's resignation as captain will be promptly accepted, but he cannot get out of the membership unless either the member for whose dues he became responsible pays up, or he foots the bill himself. When that money is paid Captain Murphy may sever his connection voluntarily, but otherwise he must stay in the company or go out as an expelled member, of course the brother member's dues will be paid all right and Captain Murphy will go out of captaincy and membership in the U. E. C. in an honorable way. One cannot think otherwise.

The union engine company trouble, for years past, is one with which PROGRESS readers have been made familiar from time to time. In a word the organization came into conflict with the city over the application of a man for membership whom the company did not wish to enroll. The city council stepped in and ordered the acceptance of the man. More kicking was followed by the expulsion of the company as the city's fire department. In all this protracted strife Captain Murphy was the moving spirit. He controlled a majority of the company and they stuck to him like bricks. Had it not been for Mr. Murphy the trouble might not have arisen, or at least it would not have reached such an extreme as it did, and ended as disastrously for one volunteer fireman. He was a good leader and the men who followed him did so with great fidelity. The company keeps up its organization as a social club, but the glory is departed. It did seem a little rough for Captain Murphy to ask to the social referred to sworn enemy of the U. E. C., and if it was harsh procedure in refusing him admittance it was only what the commitee thought to be a kind of sportan justice which the circumstances entirely warranted.

What is next in store for the U. E. C. The company has come through so much that predictions are dangerous. The members think at least, that they can get along without Captain Murphy.

MEMBER OF THE H. F. D.

Obliging His Neighbors.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—Circumstances could be imagined under which close proximity by a saloon keeper to the city hall, with its army of lynx-eyed officials, would be a disadvantage to the saloonist. On the other hand it may be a benefit. There are one or two near the city hall at present one of whom at least finds it to be not a bad thing for him and the officials; some of them also find it a rather good thing. Enough said.

"NEDDY" WANTS TO BE MAYOR.

Alderman O'Donnell Thinks he Stands a Chance of Election.

HALIFAX, Dec. 17.—How would 'His worship Mayor O'Donnell' sound in a Haligonian's ear? Alderman Edward O'Donnell intends doing all he can between now and the end of April to make it possible for the magic words to be heard in all their grim reality. So the knowing ones are saying, and it is a fact that the alderman is hard at work canvassing. Not only that, but he has commenced an active campaign of speech-making in the city council. What makes alderman O'Donnell confident that if he goes into the mayoralty battle in earnest he will win, is the recollection of his sweeping ward election last spring. On that occasion he was opposed by W. E. Brenner, a candidate who had all themoral support and some of the active assistance of members of the city council, who to a man said they did not want Mr. O'Donnell among them. Yet when the ballots were counted it was alderman O'Donnell by a majority of two to one. It is no wonder, then, that Edward O'Donnell thinks he has a good chance of success should he appeal to the larger electorate of the whole city.

It seems now that Mayor McPherson will offer for re election, thus making his third term. Alderman O'Donnell would like nothing on earth better than to beat the mayor or even to give him a close call For some reason or other the alderman seems to have a special grievance against Mayor McPherson losing no opportunity to show his cordial dislike. This kind of thing becomes monotonous after a while. Perhaps Alderman O'Donnell's antipathy is caused because he thinks that everything that is wrong, or anything that any one else does than himself must be the worst kind of a mistake. With the mayor Alderman O'Donnell asks and wants no quarter. A striking instance of this was furnished at the last meeting of the city council. Mayor McPherson had appointed three or four committees and wound up by naming an eminently respectable committee. Its work was to meet a delegation from three mentioned societies of the city to devise some suitable way of celebrating the sixtieth anniversary of Queen Victoria's reign next year. Alderman O'Donnell was included by his worship on this committee, but no sooner had he been named than, with a flashing eye, he rose and threw back the nomination in the mayor's face, saying: 'Thanks, your honor, I decline!' There was silence in the council chamber for a moment, for all knew what was meant by the alderman's declining in that abrupt way. When his worship recovered from the blow he quietly named Alderman Ryan in the irreconcilable's place. The greatest loser by that little transaction was alderman O'Donnell himself.

Notwithstanding what Alderman O'Donnell may consider his good chances of winning a mayoralty election against Mr. McPherson, if he is a wise man he will stay where he is. A section of the people may be fooled, or indulge in a little pleasantry as in this ward election last spring, but the whole of the people are not likely to do anything of the kind. It Alderman O'Donnell puts himself against Mayor McPherson next May, he will simply become, as an alderman was recently heard to remark, "his own lord high executioner." Don't you do it, alderman!

Mr. Murphy Got the Check.

HALIFAX, DEC. 17.—John T. Murphy, city electrician, is a subject for congratulation on account of the preference shown for him by the committee of the Halifax club. Mr. Murphy is not a member of the Halifax fire department, strictly speaking; nevertheless he was singled out by the Halifax club as the recipient of a $25 check because of his services on the occasion of the fire last week at the club building. Captain Connolly was on hand and District Chief Inglis was there at the time of the location of the fire, for it was hard to find. One of the members of the H. F. D. spoiled a suit of clothes, yet when it came to the giving of a $25 check, John T. Murphy, was the happy recipient. Mr. Murphy was on hand and did good work all right, yet as he is not a member of the H. F. D., but a paid employee of the city, together with the other circumstances of the case, it is a little remarkable that he should have proved "the luck man." There is no doubt about it, Murphy is a good fireman, and accomplished good work on this occasion, but at the same time the club's little discrimination in the matter of this $25 has caused some comment among the firemen.

Umbrellas Made, Re-covered, Repaired Duval, 17 Waterloo.

THE MOTTO ON THE WALL

A SIGN IN THE CITY BUILDING CAUSES DISCONTENT.

But a City Father Solves the Problem by Turning the Words Toward the Wall—The Aldermen Now Smoke Without any Scruples About Rule Breaking.

One of the principal adornments of the committee room in the city hall is a plain sign which reads "No smoking allowed in this room during the time committees are in session." The sign has caused no little amount of amusement among the members of the council and others whose business calls them to the said room and many are the ways that the wily aldermen adopt so as to indulge in a weed occasionally and still not openly defy the expressed rule. A meeting of one of the boards was held a few days ago at which considerable business was transacted. The discussion was uninteresting and as the time went on several of the aldermen began to get uneasy and restless. More than one wistful glance was cast in the direction of the card by some who carried fragrant cigars in their vest pockets yet did not like to light them while the notice occupied such a prominent place. Finally one of the city fathers, who is noted for his genial ways and general popularity, and who occupies a very prominent place in the council as chairman of one of the committees solved the problem. He gazed longingly at a choice cigar; and was unable to resist the temptation to smoke, so he arose from his seat walked over to the wall where hung the card that was the cause of all his tortures, and with the air of a martyr turned it toward the wall so that instead of a menacing mandate only a piece of white-cardboard was visible. Then he resumed his seat and with a very broad grin of satisfaction on his face commenced to smoke. His example was followed by several other aldermen and soon cigars were burning in the mouths of nearly every "father" while the room was filled with the aroma of many different weeds. The aldermen now reverse the card when ever they want to smoke and the man who in augurated the idea is quite a hero among his colleagues.

HIS VISITS HAVE CEASED.

The Reason why a Young man no Longer Goes to Carleton.

A good story is going the rounds of a well known young insurance man who is very popular with the ladies and who has many intimate friends of the gentler sex in various quarters of the city. A few weeks ago he met a young lady who resides in the west end and who is regarded as one of the belles in that section of town. The acquaintance progressed and the young man's attentions became so marked that his friends began to think that the west end belle had made a big hit. On Sunday evening last he visited Carleton and in company with the young lady went out for a walk. When he arrived at the young lady's residence she extended a cordial invitation to him to visit West End on the following evening.

He accepted and the next evening wended his way Carletonward. Arrived at the East side ferry landing he was surprised to see his lady friend coming up the floats. He accosted and reminded her of her engagement whereupon she told him she had an errand to the city but would return on the next boat.

He offered to accompany her but she declined his offer and said if he would proceed to Carleton she would meet him. He did as she requested but at the time appointed for the meeting she failed to appear. A few minutes later another admirer of the Carleton girl, who by the way resides in the west end, walked leisurely down the floats. His east side rival saw him but as the two are not on speaking terms no words passed between them and the east-sider waited patiently for the boat to arrive. It did and a few minutes later the young lady walked up the floats accompanied by her shrewd West End friend who had divined the purpose for which the city man was waiting and in order to secure the girl had passed through the turnstiles and met her at the end of the floats. It cost him the price of ferryage but as he had the young lady to himself all evening he probably regarded it in the light of a good investment. Meanwhile his city rival was sorely disappointed and for a few days was in the very slough of despond. He has recovered, but vows vengeance on the west end man, and it is said visits Carleton no longer.

Said to be a Dull Christmas.

Merchants are complaining that this is a dull Christmas. There are always plenty of people to complain but the preparations for the festive season are manifestly not on so extensive a scale as in past years. The reason assigned for this is the tendency of people to buy cheaper presentation gifts and this is no doubt accounted for by the "scarcity of money" as compared with the "good old days." But still the merchants have made the season thus far an active one in the way of [redacted] say that there is not plenty to be selected from any store that is visited.

DESTROYING AN ILLUSION.

A School Teacher who Attempts to Explain Santa Claus' Identity.

If any of the harmless little delusions that render childhood a rosy dream, are left to the children of the present day it will certainly not be the fault of the present day teacher, if all are like the one of which PROGRESS heard this week.

It appears that in one of the younger departments of the Victoria school, a passage in one of the lessons brought up the subject of Santa Claus, ever an interesting one to children in every part of the world, and by whatever name he is known. The teacher, a young lady, who should certainly have confined herself to the work in hand, made a point of discussing the matter with her little pupils, and asked those who believed in Santa Claus to hold up their hands.

A few years ago this request would not have been made; or had it been, would no doubt have met with a univeral show of hands. The children in the care of this particular teacher however had profited by her remarks upon the subject and only two tiny hands in a distant corner of the room were timidly uplifted as a sign of their faith in the lovely old legend. Perhaps they had not fully understood the teacher's explanation or the idea of a Santa Claus was so much of a reality to them that they could not throw off the belief at a moments notice. However that may be, they so unhesitatingly professed their faith, that the teacher, possibly regretting her part in the uncalled for scene, went on to say in a tone that was not intended for the two little disciples of Santa Claus: "Well, children I am sorry to shake anybodys belief but really there is no such person as Santa Claus." and then followed an elaborate explanation of the various ways and means by which the the Christmas gifts find their way into Christmas stockings.

There are parents in this city who will resent this teather's action and will certainly not thank her for her remarks. Childhood's illusions and dreams are brief at the best and the little ones should be allowed to retain them as long as possible; and an instructor or instructress of youth should confine themselves strictly to their regular work.

FERRY MISARRANGEMENT.

The Problem of Economical Administration Discussed.

The officials of the head of the ferry service in conjunction with the director some time ago discussed the problem of the economical administration of the affairs of that, indispensable adjunct of civic life. Their endeavor was among other things to so arrange matters that the expenses of the ferry as far as possible would be borne by all those whose residence or business compels frequent crossing. In connection with the then discussion of the problem and which they solved to their own satisfaction at least and in connection with the solution of the ticket plan as to whether the then existening system which was in force for a period of three months at a time by way of experiment—would be continued for a year—the fact was elicited that the business of the ferry had materially increased from the date of the arrival of the first winter port steamer. This increase related to teams as well as foot passengers. Now good sense; leaving good judgment aside altogether—would say that under similar circumstances arrangements would be so made that the largest of the ferry steamers by the city would be used during the season when this increased business would be done. But what is the fact! The larger boat is now laid up for a general overhauling and the smallest one in use to meet this service. The superintendent of the ferry knows well that this small boat is wholly inadequate for this duty, because before the larger boat was taken off the route she was on many occasions obliged to leave behind several teams on either side of the ferry, and for the reason that on her deck at these times she was carrying all she could accommodate. If the superintendent did not see this his subordinate officers could easily tell him the fact. It is the fact and being so there is the less excuse for this mismanagement.

A Hint to the S. P. C. A.

The last shipment of cattle by the winter port steamers was witnessed by a large crowd of people. Mr. Roffey and his men were on hand and it is reported that the weapons used in the handling of the cattle were entirely foreign to this section of the country, and too severe for any human being to use. As the cattle would come from the cars into the yard for inspection they would receive probes from spears in the hands of the men, and pushed around from place to place in this manner. Dr. Frink the well known veterinary was on hand in his position and it is said he could not stand this kind of treatment and gave the men to understand that there was no necessity for so doing.