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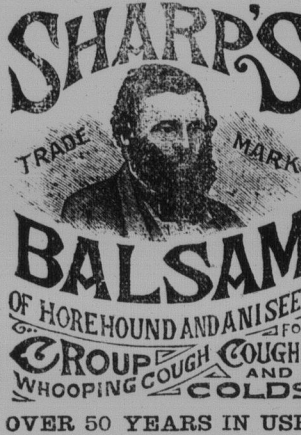
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FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 31.—

The commission of public works is calling for tenders for repairing White's Cove wharf, Queens county, Cole's Island bridge, Queens; for rebuilding Upper Keswick station bridge, York; rebuilding Shepody River bridge, Albert; for repairing Welsh bridge, Queens.

Local lawyers interested in the settlement of the estate of the late Wesley Vanwart are much chagrined over the decision of Judge Barker, in equity, regarding the costs allowed at the time of the hearing. Every lawyer in the city represented clients at the referee's court, and all had big claims for costs. Judge Barker allows some only \$50, others \$75, and others \$100. Administrator Willard Kitchen gets 5 per cent. of the estate for settling it.

**NEWFOUNDLAND.**

ST. JOHN'S, N. F., Dec. 31.—Captain Daws was today appointed minister of mines, and Henry Gear was appointed minister without portfolio, to fill vacancies in the Bond cabinet, resulting from the withdrawal of Chief Justice Horwood and Postmaster General H. J. B. Woods.

## THEY DON'T AGREE

Cable People do not Worry About Marconi's Method.

While the Latter Declares it Will be a Boon to the World.

Sir William Preece, the eminent electrician, was interviewed last Tuesday by the St. John's Gazette on the achievement of Marconi in sending wireless messages across the Atlantic. Sir William said he had no doubt of the possibility of putting America and England in communication by means of wireless telegraphy.

"In some of my papers," he pointed out, "I have expressed the conviction that signals could be sent to Mars if there be any on it."

Reminded that he had thrown some doubt on the signals which Mr. Marconi transmitted a year ago between Cornwall and the American continent, Sir William replied:

"What I said was that the signals could very well have been reproduced by atmospheric effects, and there was nothing conclusive at the time to show that they had not been. A signal not so open to this objection might have been chosen for the purpose of demonstration. That it was possible to send such a signal, I never doubted. I am not the least surprised that messages have been sent across the Atlantic. The puzzling point to me is why Marconi has not done it sooner in view of the length of time he has been engaged on the experiments."

Speaking of the probable effect of the achievement of wireless telegraphy generally, Sir William was emphatic in declaring that in his opinion, wireless telegraphy would never come into serious competition with the submarine cables.

"But," the interviewer interrupted, "the cable companies are reported to be disturbed in consequence of Mr. Marconi's latest effort."

"Old women shareholders, perhaps," replied Sir William.

"What are the principal obstacles in your opinion, Sir William, to wireless telegraphy becoming an important factor in our system of communication?"

"In the first place there is a want of reliability in connection with wireless telegraphy. It is possible to tap every wireless message."

"Probably you observed, Sir William, that such a possibility was denied on behalf of Marconi?"

"To my own knowledge three stations were tapped, and I have not the slightest doubt that tapping is possible at every station. In these circumstances there can be no privacy, which is essential in communication. Another obstacle to wireless telegraphy being largely used for commercial purposes is the low rate of speed at which messages under this system can be transmitted as compared with the cables. Over the new Atlantic cables messages can be sent at the rate of one hundred words a minute."

"Over one cable?"

"Yes."

"Is that the speed in actual practice on the average?"

"The speed in daily practice is seventy words a minute by hand and ninety words by automatic means. I am speaking now of the new cables. This rate of speed is not possible over the old cables, but the latter are now being done away with and new ones substituted."

"Don't you think it is possible to get up such a speed with the wireless telegraphy?"

"Anything is possible with electricity but there is no immediate prospect of wireless telegraphy competing with the cables as regards speed."

"Then do I understand you to think, Sir William, that wireless telegraphy will never be practicable as an important means of communication?"

"That's my view; it will never stand comparison with the cables."

**WHAT MARCONI SAYS.**

SYDNEY, Dec. 30.—The dinner given at the Sydney Hotel tonight by the citizens of Sydney in honor of Mr. Marconi was one of the best functions of its kind ever held in the Maritime Provinces. The citizens' committee spared no pains in making preparations. The dining room of the hotel was beautifully decorated with flowers, and the electrical display, a novel feature of the decorations, was on a most elaborate scale. At the opposite ends of the table were placed two miniature Marconi towers, representing respectively, the stations at Table Head and at Poldhu, Cornwall. Between these two stations an electric spark flashed at intervals, signifying the passing of wireless messages.

Minister Willis spared no pains in making this all important part of the function a success, and also arranged for the most beautiful floral decorations ever seen at a banquet here.

Mayor Crowe presided as chairman and the vice-chairmen were Warden Levett and Alexander Dick. To the right of the chairman were seated Mr. Marconi, Mr. Shields, Mr. Vyvyan, engineer of the construction for Canada of the London Marconi Company; Mayor Burchell, of Glace Bay, and Mayor McKenzie, of North Sydney. To the left of the chairman were seated Premier Murray, Alex. Johnston, M. P., J. N. Armstrong, M. L. C., Marquis Solari, Dr. Kendall, M. P., Mr. Kemp, of Marconi's personal staff, and N. J. Gillis, M. P. P.

After full justice had been done the viands, Mayor Crowe arose and paid a high tribute to Mr. Marconi, and the distinguished inventor arose amid cheers and spoke at length on the progress of his invention. After reviewing the early stages of wireless telegraphy, Mr. Marconi referred to his proposal to establish communication across the Atlantic. He said in part:

"Two years ago I came to the conclusion that by using a much greater power the distance of signalling could be materially increased. I advised my company to erect a station at Cornwall, England, in order to determine whether or not it was possible to signal across the Atlantic. They carried out my idea at a cost of about \$100,000. I then went to St. John's, Nfld., and last

autumn as you all know I demonstrated the practicability of trans-Atlantic wireless communication. My reason in going to Newfoundland was because it is the nearest point in America to Great Britain. But, unfortunately the cable companies asserted the rights to every means of communication between Newfoundland and Great Britain, and barred everyone else, whether they tried to communicate by sea or air or the sky.

"At this stage of the proceedings I received a generous offer from the government of Canada to come here to try my experiments and I shall never forget the enthusiastic reception I received here. Every courtesy was offered to me by Premier Murray of Nova Scotia. I may say right here that the governments of the civilized world, as a rule are slow in taking hold of new inventions, but in my case the American, Canadian and Italian governments have proved the exceptions to the rule. The Canadian government, not only invited me here, but it voted \$50,000 towards the erection of a wireless station. It is my sincere hope that the government of Canada will not be disappointed in my work and sorry for the aid it has extended.

"And I would like to add that the Italian government has morally supported my scheme throughout. The assistance of the Carlo Alberto is no doubt fresh in your memories. His Majesty, the King of Italy, showed considerable enterprise in placing a ship of his navy at the disposal of wireless telegraphy and I may say that the assistance given me by the Carlo Alberto has aided me materially in bringing wireless telegraphy to this point. I thank King Victor Emmanuel of Italy for it."

"The cost of establishing a trans-Atlantic wireless telegraph service is less than \$200,000, while it costs \$4,000,000 to lay an Atlantic cable. From this you can readily see that wireless telegraphy can be carried on at much less cost than cables. At the present time the cable companies serve the purpose admirably, that is for the rich. But the masses, the great majority of people in the civilized world, are precluded from using the cable because of its cost. Wireless telegraphy, by bringing down the cost of communication over sea will do a great thing for mankind. As for Great Britain and her colonies and the great American republic to our south, it will give a better understanding between them all and strengthen to a large degree the family ties which bind them."

"As you are aware we are under contract to transmit messages for ten cents a word, but you need not be surprised if in the future wireless messages are flashed across the Atlantic at a rate of a word."

Mr. Marconi sat down amid cheers. Several other speeches were made, including that of Premier Murray, after which the assemblage dispersed.

**REV. MR. KERR'S SERMON.**

The Captain of the Scotch Curlers Preaches in Halifax.

Rev. John Kerr, who has charge of the parish of Dixton, near Berwick, who is the chaplain of the Royal Caledonian Club, and captain of the team of curlers which has just arrived in Halifax, occupied Dr. Black's pulpit at St. Andrew's church, Sunday night. His reading was from Matthew's gospel, beginning chap. 7, verse 21: "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father that is in heaven."

The text was Isaiah 33, 17: "Thine eyes shall behold the King in His beauty. They shall behold the far-stretching land." The forceful sermon was a plea for human brotherhood and for applied Christianity. Our visions of glory should not exist in the thought of the beyond; they should be realized here and now; our part is not to dream of a better world, but to strive for the realization of the vision of the King in His glory on earth. Renan, disbeliever though he was in the godhead of Jesus, paid him the greatest of all tributes when he said: "Jesus will never be surpassed—all the ages will proclaim that among the saviors of the world none greater than Jesus." There are those who would sit down feebly and weep over the woes of humanity when they should work for its betterment. Purify your thoughts and life, and your visions of your Royal Master will reveal themselves in your own life and nature.

A patriotic reference was made to King Edward, to his kindness of nature, so like his loved and mourned royal mother. When he was stricken down on the eve of his coronation his greatest concern was not for himself, but for the people. He had the thousands of anxious, disappointed people of the nation.

Rev. Mr. Kerr referred to these international games as the bloodless battles that draw brave hearts the closer. When he arrived in Halifax the grip of the King had been felt. He said that the love Scotland bears this land is fully reciprocated. Telegrams of welcome from all the cities of Canada and the United States awaited their landing.

If you would find happiness try to lose sight of self and see what you can do to be of help to others.

**COAL SHIPMENTS VERY SHORT.**

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—As a result of the miners' Christmas celebration there was a decided shortage in the shipments of anthracite received here yesterday. The general sales agent of the largest of the coal-carrying companies said that the shortage would probably be more than 100,000 tons here alone and would last all week.

This agent received a letter from a woman in Manhattan in which she took the companies to task for supplying the tenement dwellers with coal while people who could buy it by the ton were neglected. It came to this, she wrote, that the people who helped to support the anthracite strikers in idleness and to prolong the strike by contributing to the strike fund are now being favored at the expense of others and she asked what the companies proposed to do about it. The recipient of the letter decided not to open a correspondence on the subject. The supplies for coal deliveries were kept up yesterday, notwithstanding the shortage.

**PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 31.—**The Philadelphia and Reading R. Co. today decided to continue the prevailing prices of anthracite coal during the month of January.

## THE SCOTCH CURLERS.

Something About Their Method of Playing the Game.

R. Keltie Jones returned this morning from Halifax where he met the Scotch curlers and learned from them their wishes in regard to the games to be played in St. John. The information gained by Mr. Jones is enabling the local clubs to arrange their programme so as to be satisfactory to all concerned.

The Scotchmen will arrive in St. John by the afternoon express on Saturday and will probably play four rinks, two from each of the city clubs, on Saturday evening. On Monday and Tuesday they will play five rinks each, the players to be chosen from all the city clubs and from the visiting teams who are coming. The details of these games have not yet been finally settled, but the contests will take place in the forenoon and afternoon.

On Monday evening the Scotchmen and other visiting teams will be entertained at dinner in the Royal hotel, and on Tuesday evening they leave by the late train.

Mr. Jones says he never met a finer body of men than the Scotch curlers. They are all perfect gentlemen, most of them holding high social positions in their own country, and have made themselves well liked in Halifax. As specimens of physical manhood they are also worthy of notice, one of them, Mr. Kirk, standing 6 ft. 4-1/2 in. and built in proportion.

The visitors are by no means champion players, and they know it. They have expressed themselves as not hopeful of winning many games in their tour, but do not want to be beaten in every game. They average nine days a year each season in Scotland, so have not the benefit of as much practice as the Canadian teams. They have never played in a covered rink or with artificial light. They don't know anything about the in or out turns, but as the lake and stream ice to which they have been accustomed is usually rough, they play straight handle altogether. Nor do they play from a hack, but from a board called a clannet, which is set in the ice. Since arriving in Halifax, Mr. Jones says, the Scotchmen have been taking advantage of every opportunity to learn the game as played in Canada. They are beginning to use the turns to the stones, and have adapted themselves to the curling house for sweeping. The Scotchmen brought with them were bunches of slender twigs, about three feet long, without handles. They were used with one hand, not for sweeping, as is understood here, but were merely shaken on the ice.

The Scotchmen all wear knickerbockers and bag tam o'shanter when playing, and most of them wear the knickers in the streets. They are out for a good time and are determined to have it.

The Halifax Echo says: "The Scotch curlers leave here Friday morning for St. John. A special C. P. R. sleeping car, the Calgary, will be attached to the train for the curlers' use and will carry them all through their Canadian tour."

The Scotch curlers were defeated both by Truro and All-Nova Scotia in Halifax yesterday. Today the play is with individual Nova Scotians. Last night the visitors were dined by the North British Society.

Hon. Mr. Blair has given the party free transportation over the I. C. R. Campbellton will send two rinks and probably the club's piper to St. John on Monday.

**TO ADVERTISERS.**

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**HALIFAX EXHIBITION.**

Getting Ready For Next Year's Big Show.

A special meeting of the Provincial Exhibition Commission was held in Halifax on Tuesday evening. The president, Hon. J. W. Longley, was in the chair. The report of the prize list committee was presented and adopted. Only some slight changes were made. In the special department prizes for six days' racing.

Six thousand dollars, the same amount as last year, was voted for the special attractions and races. The president, Mayor Crosby, and the manager were appointed a committee to consider the kind of attractions to be put on.

It was decided to ask Col. Isaacson to take the position of superintendent of the fine arts department.

Ald. Rogers presented a resolution asking the city and government each to make an annual grant, so as to do away with a deficit. He suggested that the government grant be \$10,000 and the city \$2,000. The motion did not meet with the views of the other commissioners, and it was not pressed.

An endeavor will be made to have the government judge of live stock officials again at next year's show.

George E. Boak was appointed supt. of the fisheries department.

W. J. Clayton gladdened the hearts of the commissioners by stating that machinery hall would probably be completely filled at the next year's show. He also felt assured that if preference were given to provincial exhibitors, the main building would also be filled. Mr. Clayton was appointed special commissioner for the industrial department.

J. P. Longard was appointed superintendent of machinery hall. The president, T. R. Black, and the manager were appointed a committee to wait upon the members of the Halifax Riding Club with reference to putting on a horse show next year. There will be a parade of all prize cattle from two to half-past two o'clock on Tuesday and Wednesday, the second week of the show.

T. R. Black and the manager were appointed a special committee to look after the construction of some new stables for the speed horses.

## MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

The up town barbers will, beginning today, charge 25 cents for hair cuts. The sales of Red Rose tea in 1902 were enormous. That's because it's good tea.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

A. S. McLean, who proved so popular as clerk of the Dufferin hotel here, has assumed the position of clerk of the Queen at Fredericton. His friends will wish him every success.

Albert Earle of the west end, a brakeman on the Shore Line Railway, was knocked off the top of a car by a bridge near St. George yesterday and severely injured.

The West India steamer Oruro arrived in Halifax at eight o'clock yesterday morning and will probably leave on Friday for St. John. Pilot James Doherty is going to Halifax by tonight's train in order to join the steamer there.

The Carleton Curling Club has elected the following members to meet the Scotsmen on Tuesday evening: Skips—Jas. Scott and M. J. Mooney; ordinaries—Dr. Wheeler, J. R. C. Wilson, J. Fred Belyea, E. R. Taylor, Charles Gower and W. D. Buskin.

The Carleton Cornet band gave a reception in their rooms, City Hall, to many of their friends last evening. There was a round of songs, instrumental selections and impromptu speeches and the old year was duly passed out of existence and the new year ushered in with music. Their many friends throughout the city will wish the boys a very happy and prosperous New Year.

D. C. Clark, contractor for the McLeod wharf, was presented yesterday afternoon with an address and a heavy gold band ring, having engraved on the inside the Masonic square and compass, and on the inside the words "D. C. Clark, by employees, 1902." Wm. Johnson read the address, to which Mr. Clark made a suitable reply, and Foreman Wm. Howard presented the ring.

The lady and gentleman boarders at Carvill Hall, last evening, presented proprietor Bond with a magnificent silver top desk of the latest design, the very best and latest to be had from Manchester, Robertson & Allison, stock and bond with an exquisite China jardiniere. In Mr. Bond's hands Carvill Hall has already achieved a reputation that extends to the Pacific Coast of Canada and to the remotest border of the United States. There were no speeches. Mr. Bond is a born hotel man, and a most enterprising one.

After today the insurance firm of McLean & Sweeney will be formed by Col. H. H. McLean and M. Driscoll Sweeney. Also H. F. Puddington will become a member of the legal firm of Weldon & McLean.

David Kominsky, who was taken to Montreal on the charge of securing goods under false pretences, is in the city again, his case having been temporarily disposed of.

Last evening a happy party of members of St. John's Presbyterian church gathered at the residence of Miss Craig, St. Paul street, and presented to her a handsome ring, inlaid with pearls and opals; also a brooch with pearls. Miss Craig has been in the church choir for 16 years.

In the shooting matches held by the St. John Rifle Club yesterday Edward Parren won the first prize and Charles Beers the second.

Members of the Neptune Rowing Club to the number of 35 had a turkey supper in the club rooms last evening. F. E. Hamington presided. Supper was served at 8.30. After supper a brief programme was carried out including speeches from several members, and vocal selections by R. S. Ritchie, John H. Kimball and Homer Forbes.

John McMulkin, mate of the steamer David Weston, will leave today for St. John where he will consult a specialist with a view to recovering from the effects of an accident which he sustained on board the Weston early in the autumn.

The 45 prisoners in the county jail were yesterday afternoon given their annual Christmas treat by the St. John Prisoners' Aid Society. The treats were distributed, after which a special service was held. Rev. Mr. Hamilton gave an address and singing and brief talks were given by Mrs. Seymour, Mrs. Heffner, Mrs. Cassidy and Mr. Rogers. A distribution of booklets was also made.

The purchase of the Maritime Casket Company's stock by the firm of Snow & Co., Ltd., of Halifax, has been completed and Messrs. E. St. George Tucker and E. D. T. Snow arrived from Halifax yesterday to get the stock in shape for shipment. The price paid was \$2,725. Part of the stock will be shipped to Halifax and the balance to Amherst. The work of shipment will occupy a week or ten days.

**PROVINCIAL.**

M. McDade sold 150 shares of N. B. Petroleum Co.'s stock in Moncton on Tuesday at \$5.50 per share.

**GENERAL.**

Joseph Wilfrid Blondin, of Boston, has been sentenced to life imprisonment for having killed his wife. He took the sentence very coolly.

Hard coal was quoted at \$11 a ton in Boston yesterday.

**MONCTON MAN KILLED.**

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 31.—James McDermott, L. C. R. engineer, has received announcement that his son, F. J. McDermott, had been killed in a railway wreck at Trinidad, Colorado. He was twenty-three years old and formerly worked in St. John.

(Moncton Transcript.)

Fred J. McDermott was 23 years old and was born in Moncton. About four years ago he was night clerk in the Brunswick Hotel in this city. He left here and went to St. John, where he worked for a short time, subsequently proceeding to Boston. A little over a year ago he left Boston for Colorado, where he met his fate. His many young friends in Moncton will learn with extreme regret of his death.

CONNELLSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 31.—Fifteen thousand miners and coke workers of the Connelville, Lower Connelville and Latrobe regions got a 10 per cent wage advance for a New Year's gift.

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R. E. is blue, And her cheeks the hue Of shells when washed. On her pink-white pliz There New, Ariz. The least complexion Wash.

Lal could I win The heart of Alma. I'd ask for nothing more. But I only dream Upon the theme And Conn. it over and over.

Why is it, pray, I can't Alas. This love that makes me ill? N. Y. D. W. Kan., Nev. Ver. I propose to her my will?

I shan't task 'Twould be to ask This gentle maid to wed; And so, to guess My suit, I guess Alaska, Pa. instead.

PERRONA, N. S.

A Boon Town That Proved a Disappointment.

A Sydney despatch says that the smelting works at Perrona, N. S., will probably be closed down. This leads the Halifax Echo to say—

"Perrona, in Pictou county, is likely to become like unto one of those deserted towns sometimes seen in the west, where the breath of prosperity blew upon a hamlet for a day, and made it into a 'City,' then the lean years came and the inhabitants moved away, leaving only a collection of empty houses as monuments over the graves of shattered hopes."

"Perrona started out bravely. It was to be a city. Its highways were laid out symmetrically as those of Philadelphia, and rejoiced in such high-sounding names as Victoria avenue, Main street and so forth. Farmers for many miles around either put corner-lot values on their farms, or abandoned farming to go into business—these were in a hurry to 'get in on the ground floor' in the new city. Stores without number were built, hotels were erected, churches were up, and the boom extended up the Bay, or Valley to the Mile village of Bridgewater."

"Then, with everything ready to pounce upon it, the very instant it should make its appearance, the boomers waited for the volume of trade."

"The business career of the most of the boomers was brief, and they retired again to their farms, if they were so lucky as to have them remaining, to give place to another crop of speculative adventurers. The small amount of business in the place was divided up among so many that it was impossible for all to make a living. Few succeeded in doing so, as a matter of fact."