



The Evening Times

LAST EDITION

THE WEATHER. Fine and cold today. Sunday, easterly gales, with snow and rain. Storm signal No. 2 is displayed.

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ONE CENT

WILL CLOSE HOTELS IF THEY CAN'T SELL LIQUOR

Moncton Hotel Men Will Adopt This Plan To Get Square.

There is an agreement between them to close up business if jail sentences for violation of the Canada Temperance Act are put into effect.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 14 (Special)—If one month's jail sentences for Scott Act violation, which, as a result of the decision of the Supreme Court of Canada yesterday, are unquestionably legal, are put into effect Moncton hotel keepers will close not only their bar-rooms, but their hotels and livery stables as well, in connection.

This is the statement made today by a prominent hotel man, who says there is an agreement between the local hotel keepers to that effect and that a round robin is to be signed by the dealers who will go under bonds to carry out the plan.

The three leading hotels will close and will do so in a few days.

The first Scott Act cases for some time were before Magistrate Kay in the police court this morning when he fined the proprietors of the American and Brunswick hotels \$50 and costs for violation of the act.

Three boys twelve years of age named Grey, Cushman and McLeod were this morning sentenced to three months each in Dorchester jail for stealing chickens.

The Maritime express train was divided into two sections today on account of the heavy mail and passenger traffic. On the first section were six carloads of passengers for St. John to take passage on the liner London to spend the Christmas holidays in the old country. There were three carloads of Christmas mail for the British Isles.

BACK FROM OTTAWA

Ald. Baxter Returned Today—The Others Will Come on Monday.

Ald. Baxter who was one of the civic delegates that went to Ottawa to interview the government on what extension matters, returned home today. Ald. Fernald and Mayor Sears has a little missionary work set to do in Ottawa. They will return on Monday.

Ald. Baxter when asked as to the result of his mission said that the despatch to another page of this issue fairly summed up the situation. While there had been no direct promise of assistance, the delegates felt reasonably sure that their request would be granted.

While in Ottawa Ald. McGoldrick had a conference with the deputy minister of railways regarding the need of lights and pavement on the railway property here.

A SWINDLING GAME

AUGUSTA, Ga., Dec. 13—It was learned here today that parties in New York have swindled banks in that city out of a large sum of money on fictitious cotton warehouse receipts, purporting to be from Augusta. Leading cotton firms in this city have been notified that the bogus receipts have been floated there for several hundred tons of cotton stored to be stored with the Savannah Valley warehouse. The swindlers aver that the warehouse is in the Central Georgia, but local cotton men know of no such place.

BURNED TO DEATH

MONTREAL, Dec. 14 (Special)—Ten men in the employ of the Canadian White Co., at Cedar, Quebec, had a narrow escape from being burned to death. As it was, one man named Edward Nagle was burned to death, all the others escaping in their night robes. The structure was burned to the ground.

KILLED BY AN AUTO

PARIS, Dec. 13—An old man was run down and killed today on the Avenue Champs Elysees by an automobile owned by James Watson, of Calumet, Mich. Neither Mr. Watson nor his French chauffeur were detained, for the policeman in charge of the regulation of traffic where the man was killed, died, half an hour later. The victim evidently was homeless.

MANY STEAMERS DELAYED BY VERY HEAVY WEATHER

NEW YORK, Dec. 14—Unusually heavy weather in the Atlantic, particularly between the Newfoundland banks and the English coast, has materially delayed all incoming steamers this week.

The Cunard liner Lusitania, which left Queenstown last Sunday afternoon, and under ordinary circumstances would have arrived here early today, has had to reduce speed and will not reach port until Sunday morning. The same is true of the American liner St. Paul, which left Southampton Saturday; the French liner La Yveline, from Havre, same date; the

GRAHAM OUTLINES SPENDING POLICY

New Minister of Railways Says His Department Will Continue To Spend Money.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 14—(Special)—"Forget the past and talk about what we are going to do," was the motto of Hon. G. P. Graham, at a meeting held last night at Richmond Hill in the interests of Dr. P. D. McLean, in Centre York. Mr. Graham wasted a post-office surplus, but admitted there were still in Ontario many places where people got their mail only once a week. He said that every dollar the government spent in steamship subsidies, the farmer got five.

The government, he said, was not spending its own money, but it was the people's money, and in his department the government was going to continue to spend it. For one thing it would build the Georgian Bay canal, which would cost \$125,000,000.

Talking about the Intercolonial Railway, he said he would not discuss whether the road was mismanaged in the past or not, as he did not want to take up an ancient history. He said the government had to try to make money out of the Intercolonial, as this road had been built to increase the railway facilities of the Dominion. Mr. Graham said his department alone, this year, was asking for \$40,000,000 in estimates, \$20,000,000 of which was for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

After calling down the opposition for introducing a resolution in the house assuring the government for negligence in the collapse of the Quebec bridge, Mr. Graham said it was not quite the thing to censure the minister before the commission that had appointed him made its report.

Signals of distress were heard at the Bishop Rock lighthouse at 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Two life boats at once put out and found the Thomas W. Lawson anchored in a dangerous position just north of Gunners Rock. Great seas were running and the life boats although they were unable to render assistance on this occasion, estimated \$20,000,000 of which was for the Grand Trunk Pacific.

At the request of the captain of the Lawson the St. Mary's life boat, the masts of which had been broken off in attempting to rescue the crew of the schooner, was taken to the assistance of the St. Agnes life boat, which was left standing by. A little later, however, this life boat had to leave, as one of its crew was believed to be dying of exposure.

SENT UP FOR TRIAL

Ex-Mayor Burchell, of Gloucester Bay, Goes to the Supreme Court.

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SUNDAY PERFORMANCES

Reported That Two Moving Picture Theatres Will Show Sacred Pictures Tomorrow.

It is stated today that tomorrow two of the moving picture houses will be running in full blast. The hours will be from 7:30 p. m. to 10. In one instance at least the proceeds, a silver collection, will be divided between the Protestant and Catholic orphanages. Whether others will follow the example and open their doors is not known, but it is not thought improbable.

11,000 SHEEP DROWNED

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 13—News came today from Entiat, Washington, that 11,000 sheep were recently drowned at Mad River.

The sheep were being driven from the Cascade Mountains to the Entiat Valley and winter quarters. While the flood was going down the mountain side, the leaders slipped on the ice-covered ground and pushed over a precipice into the river below. Like Panurge's sheep, the rest of the flock plunged into the river, despite the efforts of the shepherds to restrain them.

APPLE SHIPMENTS

The total shipments of apples from the different Atlantic ports up to the present date have been: Montreal, 624,930 barrels; New York, 300,950 barrels; Boston, 237,570 barrels; Portland, 111,267 barrels; and St. John, 213,290 barrels from all ports, to date, this season have been 1,520,131 barrels.

Truant Officer McMann is busily occupied in rounding up truants and keeping track of those who are absent from school for wild reasons. Mr. McMann says that among the latter are two boys, both of whom were in court this morning, whose mother declared that the lads had to work in order to support her; but the official has been given to understand that neither of the boys has been at work half the time, and if on investigation this report turns out to be true, he will see that they are put to school and kept there.

LARGEST SCHOONER IN THE WORLD IS RECKED; ALL DROWNED SAVE ONE

The American Seven Masted Schooner Thomas W. Lawson Wrecked in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands, Last Night—Only One Member of Her Crew Saved—A Grim Tale of the Sea.

HUGHDOWN, Scilly Islands, Dec. 14—The American seven-masted schooner Thomas W. Lawson, wrecked in Broad Sound, Scilly Islands during a fierce gale last night and so far as known all her crew except one man were lost.

The schooner turned turtle during the night and is now floating bottom up. Three dead bodies have been found off Annet Island, an uninhabited island of the Scilly group. The sole survivor who has been landed at St. Agnes by the St. Agnes life boat, is only partly conscious at this time.

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While the others were almost completely exhausted. About 2:50 a. m. today the lookouts at the St. Agnes and Bishop's Rock light-houses and the coast guards missed the lights of the Lawson at the same time, and when a life boat returned to the scene oil floating on the waves indicated a disaster. A few minutes later the life boat crew found the Lawson bottom up.

Searching in the vicinity the St. Agnes life boat picked up the solitary survivor, a man named George Allen, of London and found three bodies off Annet Island. The survivor and the dead were brought back to St. Agnes. The gale is still blowing fiercely and the seas are running mountains high. A doctor from St. Marys has gone out in a lifeboat to render assistance to other possible survivors. Among the drowned was W. C. Hicks, a Scilly pilot who managed to scramble on board the Lawson during one of the attempts of the St. Agnes lifeboat to help the ill-fated ship.

The search up to noon failed to discover any further survivors. The number of drowned is said to be 18. Allen is very seriously injured and may not recover. From what has been learned from the semi-conscious man, it seems that the schooner encountered prolonged bad weather and lost all her boats on the trip from Philadelphia. She sighted the Scilly Islands yesterday afternoon and finding her

MUST MAKE BETTER GAS

Board of Health Objects to Odorous Products of St. John Railway Co.

Considerable complaint has been heard recently about the disagreeable odor of the gas supplied by the St. John Railway Co. and the board of health has now taken a hand in the matter.

As a result of several communications and complaints the board of health on Wednesday decided to notify the company that they would have to improve their gas supply. The gas is said to be injurious to the health, hence the action of the board.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Changes in the Scott Lumber Co.—Cold Weather.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 14—(Special)—Directors of the Scott Lumber Co. are in conference here today with H. A. Powell, K. C., and representatives of the M. C. Dutton Lumber Co. of Springfield, Mass. It is understood that an arrangement is being made by which the Springfield concern will acquire the bulk of the output in future. John Scott will retire from the position of secretary-treasurer, and likely be succeeded by A. R. MacCay, of Springfield. William J. Scott will continue as president and manager.

Mayor McLeod, who has been doing petrical missionary work in Victoria, B. C., returned home last evening. Pork has dropped to seven cents a pound by the increase in the local market. The curtailment of operations in the lumber woods this winter has affected the price. The weather here continues very cold, but the river has not yet frozen over, though it is full of running ice. The mercury registered ten below last night.

Thirteen deaths were reported at the office of the board of health during the week, as follows:—Heart disease, two; apoplexy, pneumonia, meningitis, diphtheria, septicaemia, malnutrition, premature birth, hepatic serositis, tubercular meningitis, phthisis pulmonaris, and exophthalmic goitre, one each.

THE OIL OF SPEECH

Mr. E. H. McAlpine received the following wire this morning from Ottawa:—"My dear Mr. McAlpine, I receive by the press report that you called Hazen a liar. I believe that once, in a moment of mental anguish, I said something of like import to you, my dear Edward, to restrain yourself. No doubt there are liars, but we must conduct ourselves as becomes leaders in a great party. Sincerely yours, WILLIAM."

"COME HOME AT ONCE TO YOUR HEART BROKEN WIFE"

PRIEST MAY RULE SOUTH SEA ISLANDS

Buys Two Rich in Tropic Products for \$125,000 From the British Government.

HONOLULU, Dec. 13—Fanning and Washington islands of the Fanning Islands group in the south Pacific, have been sold by the British Government to a San Francisco citizen, for, although the sale was well advertised, the price paid was only \$125,000. The islands are about midway on a straight line between San Francisco and Sydney, Aus. They are coral atolls, low ridges covered with coconut trees from 60 to 80 feet high and including shallow lagoons. They were discovered by Capt. E. Fanning of the British ship Betsy in 1788, and since then have been under the British flag.

The delights of life in these beautiful South sea gardens evidently appealed to Captains Greig and Bignall, for they lived there with their families for many years. They owned the islands and were looked upon as kings. The natives worshipped them. Both are dead and so ownership reverted to the crown.

It is estimated that there are about 2000 tons of guano on Washington island. Fanning island finds a good source of profit in her pearl oysters, and twice a year a schooner from Honolulu calls for a cargo of copra. Grain and vegetables have been grown on the islands, and Messrs. Greig and Bignall had no difficulty in raising pigs, fowl and cattle. There are snipe, duck and curlew to be shot, and plenty of land crabs.

BOSTON, Dec. 14—The Lawson, which was not insured, was commanded by Captain George W. Dow, Melrose, Mass.

NEIGHBORS ANGRY AT GYPSEY COLONY

The "Hose" Method of House Cleaning Not in Favor in Harrigan's Alley.

A gypsy colony that has taken quarters in a flat in Harrigan's Alley, off Braselton street, has made it rather interesting for the people residing unorthodoxly there by their unusual method of house cleaning. There are about thirty in the party, the majority being children, with a good sprinkling of babies. When it is desired to clean the floor the hose is turned on and the debris is swept out the door. Thus far the neighbors have not complained, but the people under the floors on the people under the floors cannot understand English. It is possible however that the people interested will very soon start talking or acting in a way that the foreigners will understand as they do not propose to put up with the present condition of affairs much longer. Even the landlord appears to be powerless.

RAPPAHANOCK IS AT HALIFAX

Furness Liner Had Rough Time On Trip Around St. John.

HALIFAX, Dec. 14 (Special)—Furness liner Rappahanock, arrived in port this morning from St. John after a rough experience. Owing to the extreme cold, the ship was delayed in leaving St. John and spray flew over her quickly turning to ice. Captain Buckingham, reports he did not see a gale but a heavy sea. The water percolates through the floors on the people under the floors cannot understand English. It is possible however that the people interested will very soon start talking or acting in a way that the foreigners will understand as they do not propose to put up with the present condition of affairs much longer. Even the landlord appears to be powerless.

A CASE OF DESTITUTION REPORTED IN CARLETON

Entirely destitute, without a stitch of clothing, lying on a rickety bed on which was a covering of horse hay for a mattress and covered only by some old mats and rags, an old man named Rooney, was discovered a few days ago in an old tumble-down house on Germain street, west end, by an official of the board of health. The old man had formerly been a laborer but of late was unable to work and he was too weak to help himself. The official interested himself in the case and had the old man removed to the Alms House where he is now well cared for and comfortable. Doubtless there are other cases much like this if they were only known.

A CHINESE DOG FOR THE QUEEN

VANCOUVER, B. C. Dec. 13—What is known as a Chow Chow, a thoroughbred Chinese dog, arrived in Vancouver today en route to England, being a Christmas present from the Empress of China to Queen Alexandra.

The chow has a royal pedigree dating back hundreds of years. Royalty and mandarins alone are allowed to breed them. He like the rest of his breed, has a coal black tongue.

Arrangements are being made to have a Christmas tree at the school for the Deaf, Lancaster, and any contributions toward this object will be gratefully received.

Robert Maxwell, M. P., will address the gospel temperance meeting under the auspices of Thorne Lodge, I. O. G. T., in the Tabernacle church tomorrow afternoon, special music.

No. 3 storm signal was ordered up this afternoon at 1:25.

The funeral of W. H. Small will take place tomorrow afternoon at 3:45 o'clock from St. David's church. The body is now at N. W. Brennan's undertaking rooms.

The case of Purdy vs. Porter was concluded in the circuit court this morning, when Mr. Justice Huntington gave judgment in the plaintiff's favor, assessing \$50 for rentals collected by Capt. Porter, and reserved leave to have the defendant move to a higher court relative to his honor's decision.

PROVINCIAL ELECTIONS TO BE HELD NEXT MONTH?

There is a persistent rumor that the provincial elections will take place about the 11th or 12th of January. It is stated that Hon. Dr. Pugsley will be in the provinces from the time the house rises next week until the date named. The Times learns from a source which ought to be reliable that the party here expect the elections to be brought on before the middle of January.

THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

MILLIONS COMING

OTTAWA, Dec. 14 (Very Special to the Times new reporter)—The luncheon given to the St. John delegation was the most delightful affair of the kind in the long history of delegations from St. John. The following is a stenographic report of the conversation:—"I am delighted, gentlemen. It is a pleasure indeed to talk with you about the great future of St. John—(Mr. Sears, allow me)—I have always felt—(do some more, Ald. Baxter)—that St. John must become the great winter port—(Some of this for you, Ald. McGoldrick?)—of Canada. Whatever the city may ask, I can assure you—(thank you, Ald. Frink)—the government will be disposed to consider—"

(Mr. Sears, you are really eating nothing in the most liberal and sympathetic spirit—(Ald. Baxter, will you see that Ald. McGoldrick waits for nothing)—I assure you that—(Walter, another plea for Ald. McGoldrick)—(Mr. Sears)—all of my colleagues—(can I do anything for you, Mr. Sears?)—are most sympathetic, and realize the importance of this—(Ald. Baxter, I am afraid you are not well-served, really)—which the citizens of St. John have made—(Ald. McGoldrick)—that I represent such a constituency—(Some fruit, Ald. Frink)—to secure for St. John the millions to which she is so justly entitled. It has been a great pleasure, I assure you, to meet you in this informal way and learn your views—(that will do, Walter, thank you, now, gentlemen, shall we withdraw?)"

Orchestra in the distance playing: "in the sweetest and by-and-by."

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