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In the institutions of the city, preparations are under way to give all who will spend the great day there the happiest possible time. There will be bounteous fare on the Christmas table and gifts for those whom illness or other circumstances prevent enjoying the festive family gathering. For the little ones who are housed in there will be much to make the day bright and Santa Claus will not fail to have them on his list for a visit. Here are the plans:

**Protestant Orphanage.** At the Protestant Orphanage there will be a Christmas tree, with a visit by Santa Claus. There are about 80 children at the institution, and all are looking forward with keen, childlike interest to the old Saint Nicholas. Friends have donated considerable toward making the day a happy one for the children. Another feature will be the serving of Christmas dinner of turkey, plum pudding, and Yuletide trimmings. The Christmas celebration will be held in the afternoon, when friends of the children will visit them.

**Municipal Home.** The Christmas celebration at the Municipal Home will take place on Tuesday, December 30, when the commissioners will visit the home and presents will be given off a tree. On Christmas Day itself the programme calls for a substantial turkey dinner at the Old Ladies' Home.

At the Old Ladies' Home the Christmas observance will take the form of a happy Christmas dinner. No other special observance of the day will be made.

**General Public Hospital.** The General Public Hospital has taken on a Christmas appearance. The hall and wards have been trimmed under the direction of the Ladies' Hospital Aid. All the patients who are served with a special Christmas dinner, and the Ladies' Aid will provide the usual treat during the afternoon. A large Christmas tree has been provided for the children's ward, and each of the kiddies will have a visit from Santa.

**Children's Aid Home.** The kiddies at the Children's Aid Home will have their usual Christmas dinner and tree. Presents for the tree have been coming in from all the children who receive several gifts.

**Home For Incubables.** On Christmas day at the Home for Incubables the patients will have their turkey dinner, with all the other requisites. The Christmas tree and entertainment will be on Friday afternoon, the day following Christmas.

**Salvation Army.** The Salvation Army will be very busy during the Christmas season helping the poor. Baskets will be distributed among the many families, Major Burton said today. They are packed in a central place and forwarded to the four corps. In every case where the baskets are distributed tickets will be given every child under 18 years of age and these will entitle them to attend the Army's children's Christmas tree which will be given at the Charlotte street Citadel the first Monday in January.

**Evangeline Hospital.** At the Evangeline Hospital a special dinner will be provided for those there and the children by the Salvation Army. A Christmas tree will also be ready for these children.

During the Christmas season the members of the League of Mercy, under the leadership of Mrs. Burton, will visit the various public institutions and dispense Christmas cheer. A special Christmas dinner for the men at the Metropolitan in St. James street will be given on Dec. 30 at the Citadel in Charlotte street.

**Mater Misericordiae.** At the Mater Misericordiae Home the usual Christmas dinner will be served. The institution will be decorated for the occasion and the trays, which are used to carry food to those who are unable to leave their rooms, will also be trimmed appropriately.

At St. Vincent's Orphanage Christmas will be marked by a bounteous Christmas dinner and large tree for the children. Gifts will be given and every arrangement to afford them joy will be carried out.

**Seamen's Institute.** The Seamen's Institute will give a dinner on Christmas day to the 50 or 60 men around that institution who are out of work and unable to secure a berth on a vessel. The dinner is not for the seamen from vessels in port as they will have their dinner on their own vessels. The Christmas treat for the seamen on vessels in port will be held at the institute on Dec. 30.

**Industrial Home.** Christmas will be fittingly observed at the Boys' Industrial Home in East St. John. On Christmas Eve the boys will hang up their stockings and will eagerly await the "all up" call the following morning to see what good things have been left for them. At noon chicken dinner, with plum pudding, will be served, and in the evening the boys will gather around a large Christmas tree, when presents will be given to them.

**In the Jail.** The prisoners in the county jail will not be forgotten on Christmas Day. They will all receive a good substantial dinner, as well as some fruit, which Sheriff Wilson purchased personally for them. At the present time there are 21 prisoners in jail serving sentences for various offences.

**VAGRANT BUOY FOUND.** The C. G. S. Laurentian picked up the Point Prim gas and whistling buoy this morning off Delaps Cove, Annapolis county, N. S., and towed it to Bear River, where it was made secure. This buoy broke adrift some days ago from near the entrance to Digby Gut, and it had drifted to the place where it was finally located by the Government steamer this morning. The Point Prim buoy will be replaced at the first opportunity.

### ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC. 23.

High Tide . . . . . 10:00 A.M. High Tide . . . . . 4:46 P.M.  
Low Tide . . . . . 2:43 Low Tide . . . . . 2:16  
Sun Rises . . . . . 8:09 Sun Sets . . . . . 4:46

### LOCAL NEWS

**CHRISTMAS CABLES.** The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company are reintroducing this year their special cable service to the United Kingdom, special reduced rates. All telegrams and cablegrams are delivered on greetings forms.

**CITY PUBLIC WORK.** Survey parties are at work in Tucker Park, Commissioners' Fringe this morning, staking out the proposed roadway. Tenders for the erection of the new city stables will be called for after the Christmas holidays, he said.

**WANT 50 CTS. FOR TURKEY.** There was not a very large supply of turkeys in the country market this morning. Tomorrow more are expected. The price asked this morning was 50 cents a pound, some 85c, but the buyers seemed to be shy of investing, hoping for lower prices tomorrow.

**PAID TRIBUTE TO DEAD.** At St. Dunstan's church at both ends of a cash donation to the late Michael McDade, who for many years was a member of St. Dunstan's church and who died in Bathurst last week. He asked the congregation to remember Mr. McDade in their prayers.

**HELPED TWO FAMILIES.** In lieu of a cash donation to the Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund, the Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd. offered to deliver fuel to the value of \$10 to people in need of the same. The offer was gladly accepted and two names were supplied through a recommendation from the Associated Charities. Needless to say, the gift proved very acceptable.

**HELD AS HEADQUARTERS.** Carman Marshall is being held at Central Police Station on a request from the Commissioner of Provincial Police in Halifax. The telegram asking that he be apprehended if possible, what charge was against him. He is only 18 years of age. During the last few weeks he frequently applied at Central Station for a free night's lodging.

**CORNELIUS REGAN DEAD.** Cornelius Regan, a well known and highly respected citizen passed away in his 82nd year. He had lived in St. John all his life, and was a prominent member of Trinity Church and of the I. O. G. T. He leaves to mourn his wife and two sons, Clinton and Victor, all in St. John; also his mother, Mrs. P. Larkin of St. John; a brother, Harry Regan, also of this city, and a sister, Miss Minnie Regan, at home.

**REPORTING APPOINTMENTS BY CARDINAL O'CONNOR.** In reporting appointments by Cardinal O'Connell to vacancies in parishes of Boston diocese, the Boston Globe says that Rev. Michael F. Maguire, assistant at St. Mary's church, Randolph, is appointed pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Sagittary.

**BORN IN ST. JOHN.** Rev. Michael F. Maguire promoted to Parish in Boston Diocese.

**MONTCALM WILL BE AT SEA CHRISTMAS.** Is on Way to St. John—Marburn Due Here Tomorrow With 322 Passengers.

At least one of the Canadian Pacific Steamships met the Montcalm in the mid-Atlantic on Christmas Day. She sailed from Liverpool for St. John on Saturday.

**Special Entertainment.** Arrangements have been made by the shipping companies to have special programmes of entertainment for travellers on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. It is customary to have a big Christmas dinner, with a special church service on Christmas morning. On the eve of Christmas, or sometimes on Christmas night, dances are held in the first class and cabin class saloons. There will be Christmas parties for the kiddies and Santa Claus will visit the little ones.

**Marburn Due Tomorrow.** E. R. E. Cheever, M. P. of Ottawa, one of Canada's delegates on the inter-parliamentary tour of South Africa, is a passenger on the Canadian Pacific steamer Marburn, which is due to arrive at St. John tomorrow morning from Antwerp, Southampton and Cherbourg. The Marburn has 322 passengers, 1,480 tons of general cargo, and 350 packages of mail and parcel post. At Antwerp the steamer took on 20 cabin and 64 third class passengers; at Southampton 17 cabin and 148 third class, and at Cherbourg 22 cabin and 51 third. Included in the general cargo are approximately 200 tons for local merchants.

**VERNER OFFICERS, L. O. L. INSTALLED.** Good Reports on Year Are Read and Degrees Are Conferred on Several Candidates.

The installation of officers and the conferring of the Royal Blue and Royal Art degrees on several candidates were successfully carried out last evening at a meeting of the Verner Lodge, L. O. L., No. 1, which was held in the Orange Hall, Germain street. The annual reports were also read last night, and they showed that the lodge was in a very prosperous condition. In addition to the members of the lodge there were visitors present from other city and county lodges. District Master William M. Campbell was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

The officers installed last evening were: Worshipful master, J. Starr; deputy master, Alexander Phillips; chaplain, William Stanley Hawk; recording secretary, James E. Hurd; treasurer, Charles B. Barber; lecturer, James H. Peacock; secretary, Keith A. Barber; marshal, F. N. Perkins; foreman of committee, Charles W. Carvell; members of committee, John H. Burley, Henry Crawford, T. M. Todd and H. C. Rowley; auditors, J. H. Burley and H. C. Rowley.

### IS CHEERFUL OVER OUTLOOK FOR 1925

#### TRAVELERS' SECRETARY, REVIEWS SITUATION.

Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner Says Association Has Grown to 1629 Members.

Hon. George E. Faulkner, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association, who was in the city today, expressed himself as pleased with the outlook for business in 1925 and said he believed the low level of depression had been reached and the march on the up-grade to prosperity begun.

**Association Prosperous.** Speaking of the Travelers' Association Mr. Faulkner said it was most prosperous and in the 42 years of its existence had grown steadily in usefulness. When it was organized in 1882 it had a membership of 105 and the total financial resources were \$291.83. In the year just closed the membership had grown to 1629 and the financial resources to \$233,827.79. Since its organization there had been paid to the members of its members the magnificent sum of \$114,266.

**Business Conditions.** Talking of business conditions in Nova Scotia, he said the year 1924 had been a very good one and many business houses had been able to close the books this year with the entries in black ink. The result of the year had been the case for the last three or four years. The apple growers of the Annapolis Valley had been blessed with good crops and they had received good prices for their apples, which in turn was reflected in general business conditions.

He referred regretfully to the fact that only about one half of the usual fleet was fishing off the Grand Banks this year, the other half supposedly being engaged in the rum running business. While they might be making as much money, he said, it seemed a pity to leave legitimate business for a demoralizing trade, which did not add anything to the permanent prosperity of the country.

**Unsettled in Sydney.** The sore spot in the province, said Mr. Faulkner, was Sydney where conditions were very much unsettled. He said he hoped that the negotiations now under way between the Company and the workers would be brought to a conclusion satisfactory to both sides without recourse to a strike.

**At Wembley.** Mr. Faulkner said the First Congress of Empire Commercial Travelers' Association, held at Wembley, was a great success. The delegation from Canada numbered 21, from Australia, two; from New Zealand, two; from South Africa, two. J. H. Dodgson, of Glasgow, was elected vice-chairman. The Congress was visited by the Lord Mayor of London and by Lord Leitch, president of the London Chamber of Commerce. Much business of interest to commercial travellers was transacted and the bonds of friendship were strengthened by the exchange of opinions.

**Belongs to St. John.** "Rev. Michael F. Maguire was born Jan. 8, 1874, at St. John, N. B., coming to this city as a youth. He took his philosophical and theological studies at St. John's, Brighton, and at the diocesan seminary in Baltimore, being ordained in the latter city by the late Bishop Curtin on June 19, 1901.

The late Archbishop Williams assigned him first to St. Edward's church in the Montello district, Brockton, where he remained for a few years, and then he was transferred to Randolph."

**NOT ONE BEFORE.** There were no prisoners in the dock in the police court this morning. The charge sheet, marked "nil," being handed to Magistrate Henderson.

**As Hiram Sees It**

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "are rabbits plentiful in the Settlement this winter?" "I see lots of tracks in the snow," said Hiram. "Mind when we used to set snares in the old waste an' in among the second growth spruce an' birch?" "The snow and the frost brought it all back to me," said the reporter. "I could see myself in a pair of moccasins made for me by Jno Paul out of old bootlees, racing along the path on winter mornings to visit the snares—while the trees around me cracked and snapped with the frost. I would like to do it all over again!" "Come an' do it," said Hiram. "You kin hev a fast-rate winter—an' make some money. You kin get twenty-five cents a pair fer rabbits to feed foxes." "What?" cried the reporter. "Feed foxes on the most delectable pottle in the world? Sacrifice a rabbit for a pulpine holiday? You wrong me, Hiram, to think I would for a single moment entertain so unworthy an ambition."

"Well, then," said Hiram, "come out an' hev a rabbit pottle yourself." "Ah!" said the reporter. "Now you are talking. 'Break the news to Mrs. Hornbeam. Shall we say next week?' 'Sure thing,' said Hiram.

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For Boys	General	
Hosiery . . . . 55c. to \$1.50 Sweaters . . . \$1.50 to \$7.50 Gloves . . . . 85c. to \$1.75 Mitts . . . . . 15c. to 75c. Toques . . . . 55c. to \$1.10 Bath Robes \$5.50 to \$7.50 Overstockings . \$1.10 to \$1.50 Jersey Suits . . \$2.75 to \$4.50 Blouses . . . . 85c. to \$1.50 Shirts . . . . . \$1.35 to \$2 Neckwear . . . 55c. to 75c. Snow Suits \$2.25 to \$5.75 Pullovers . . . \$1.60 to \$3 Braces, Belts, Garters, Shoes Boys' Shop—4th Floor	Club Bags Clothes Brushes Suit Cases Military Brushes Trunks Shaving Sets Toilet Rolls Motor Rugs Bridge Sets Hat Boxes Collar Bags Smokers' Sets Ash Trays Manicure Set Cigarette Cases Key Holders Letter Cases Tobacco Pouches Portfolios Shaving Brushes Men's Shop—1st. Floor	
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