SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Dec 18—Schs Lois V Chaples, (Am), 191, Robinson, from New York, AW Adams, coal.

Coastwise—Schs Lennie and Edna, 20, Stuart, from Beaver Harbor.

Dec 19—Str Lake Manitoba, 6,274, Taylor, from Liverpool, C P R, mdse and pass.

Str Manchester Commerce, Baxter, from Manchester via Halifax, Wm Thomson and Co, gen cargo.

Dec 20—Str Dunmore Head, 1,459, Burns, from Dublin, Wm Thomson and Co, bal.

Str Salermo (Nor), from Lewisport, Nfld, Wm Thomson and Co, bal.

ST JOHN, Dec 20—Ard, schs W L Elkins and Wm Jones, from U S ports, ballast.

Dec. 21.—Str Tritonia, 2720, Stitt, from Glasgow, Schofield and Co, general.

Sch James L Maloy (Am), 147, Whelpley, from ——, John E Moore, bal.

Sch Harry Knowlton (Am), 277, Henderson, from Portland, Me, J A Gregory, bal.

Sch Wm L Elkins (Am), 229, Dixon, from Castane, J W Smith, bal.

Coastwise—Schs Jessie D, 86, Smith, from Bridgetown; Thelma, 48, Apt, from Annapolis; Effort, 62, Milner, from do; Beulah, 80, Soires, from Quaco; str Centreville, 32, Graham, from Sandy Cove; Alph B Parker, 47, Outhouse, from Tyverton.

Cleared.

Dec 18—Coastwise—Schs L M Ellis, Lent, for Westport; Eastern Light, for Grand Harbor.

Dec 19—Str Tunisian, Vipond, for Liverpool via Halifax.

Str Kastalia, Wells, for Glasgow.

Str Montfort, Cross, for Bristol.

Sch Wm Marshall, Williams, for Washington, DC.

Dec. 21.—Sch Silver Wave, McLean, for Boston, cargo loaded at St Martins.

Sch Lula Price, Cole, for Boston.

Coastwise.—Schs Nina Blanche, Crocker, for Freeport; Lennie and Edna, Stuart, for Beaver Harbor; str Centreville, Graham, for Sandy Cove.

Sailed.

Dec 18—Str Bengore Head, Kinney, for Dublin, Wm Thomson and Co.

Dec 19—Str Dahome, Leukten, for West Indies via Halifax.

Str Suwanee, Gray, for Halifax.

Dec. 21.—Str Kastalia, Webb, for Glasgow.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

Arrived.

HALIFAX, Dec 17—Ard, strs Manchester Commerce, from Manchester for St John; Pouyer Quertier, from Provincetown, Mass.

HALIFAX, Dec 18—Ard, strs Rosalind, from St John's, Nfld, and sailed for New York; Briardene, from Tusket Wedge, NS, for Barry, (put in for repairs to main steam pipe).

HALIFAX, Dec 20—Ard, str Suwanee, from St John.

Sld, 19th, str Briardene, Crowe, for Barry.

British Ports.

KINSALE, Dec 20—Passed, str Lake Erie, from St John for Liverpool.

AVONMOUTH, Dec 19—Ard, str Monteagle, from St John.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 18—Ard, str Dominion, from Halifax.

MOVILLE, Dec 19—Sld, str Pretria, from Liverpool for Halifax and St John.

Cleared.

At Hillsboro, Dec 16, sch Annie Bliss, Day, for Jersey City.

BRITISH PORTS.

Arrived.

BROW HEAD, Dec 17—Passed, str Dominion, from Halifax, NS, for Liverpool.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 17—Ard, str Ivernia, from Boston via Queenstown.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 17—Sld, strs Canadian, for Portland; Pretorian, for Halifax and St John via Moville.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 16—Ard, str Kansas, from Boston.

MANCHESTER, Dec 19—Ard, str Manchester Trader, from St John.

CARDIFF, Dec 16—Sld, str Lord Ivergh, for Halifax.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 17—Ard, str Monteagle, from St John.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 16—Ard, str Cambroman, from Portland.

GLASGOW, Dec 17—Ard, str Hungarian, from Portland.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec 17—Ard, str Arabic, from New York for Liverpool (and proceeded).

Sld, str Cedric, from Liverpool for New York.

FREEMANTLE, Dec 17—Sld, str Sellasia, Purdy, for Adelaide.

SHANGHAI, Dec 17—Ard, str Himera, Lockhart from Kobe via Maji.

SWANSEA, Dec 18—Ard, str Platea, from Sheet Harbor.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 18—Ard, str Alcides, from St John, NB

GRAVESEND, Dec 18—Sld, str St John City, from London, for Halifax and St John.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 18—Sld, str Montcalm, for St John, NB.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec 18—Ard, str Campania, from New York, for Liverpool, and proceeded.

LIVERPOOL, Dec 18—Sld, str Bovic, for New York.

Ard, str Arabic, from New York.

QUEENSTOWN, Dec 18, 8.05 p m—Ard off, str Cretic, from Boston, for Liverpool, and proceeded without communicating on account of gale.

At Demerara, Nov. 18, schs St Helena, Zinck, from Lunenburg (and sld 20th for Turks Island); 23rd, sch Josie Wyman, from Weymouth (and sld 20th for Turk Island).

At Barbados, Dec. 1, sch Foster Rice, Brinton, from Annapolis; 4th, sch Hibernia, McDade, from Charleston.

At Bermuda, Dec 18, sch Marjorie J Sumner, Corwin, from Jacksonville.

At Liverpool, Dec 21, str Lake Erie, from St John.

Sailed.

From Cardiff, Dec 12, str Usher, Cann, for Buenos Ayres.

From Gravesend, Dec 18, str St John City, Bovey, from London for Halifax and St. John.

FOREIGN PORTS.

Arrived.

GLOUCESTER, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schs Roger Drury, from Boston for Calais; Abbie Ingalls, from Bangor for New York; Cameo, from New York for Fox Island, Me.

NEW YORK, Dec 17—Ard, str Teutonic, from Liverpool.

Sld, str LaSavoie, for Havre.

SPARROWS POINT, Dec 17—Passed down, ship Astracana, from Baltimore for St John.

SALEM, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, sch O W Dexter, from Calais for Wellfleet.

NEW YORK, Dec 17—Ard, str Micmac, from Sydney, CB.

Cld, sch Dora C, for Port Greville, NS.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 17—Bound west, bark Cuba, from Port Greville, NS.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 17—Ard, sch Keewaydin, from Kingsport, NS, for New York.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec 17—Ard, strs Manxman, from Liverpool; Virginian, from Antwerp; sch Gen Scott, from Calais for Boston (and sailed).

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Dec 17—Sld, schs A P Emerson, for Vineyard Haven; Mary E, for Lynn; Canning Packet, for Boston.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec 17—Ard, bark Calcium, from Ivigtut.

Cld, strs Carthaginian, for St Johns, NF, and Glasgow; Nora, for Hillsboro.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Dec 17—Passed out, sch Edyth, from Philadelphia for Mahone Bay, NS.

DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, RI, Dec 17—Ard, sch Vineyard, from Jonesport for New York.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 17—Ard, schs Alaska, from Elizabethport for St John; Ida M Barton, from Port Reading for do; Alice Maud, from New Bedford for do.

BOSTON, Dec 17—Ard, strs Boston, from Yarmouth, NS; Hantax, from Halifax, NS.

Sld, sch Jennie Lockwood, for southern port.

At Norfolk, Dec 16, sch Ruth Robinson, Theall, from New York.

At Boston, Dec 16, sch Elwood Burton, from Port Johnson.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 18—Ard, sch Alma Dickinson, from New York, for an eastern port.

Sld, schs Keewaydin, from Kinsport, NS, for New York; Hunter, from St John, NB, for do; Seth M Todd, from Calais, for do; Francis Shubert, from Bangor, for do; E H King, from do, for do; Mildred A Pope, from do, for do.

BOSTON, Dec 18—Ard, strs Bohemian, from Liverpool; Sardinian, from Glasgow; Dominion, from Louisburg, CB; schs Valdare, from Bear River, NS; Elwood Burton, from New York.

Sld, strs Anglican, for London; Boston, for Yarmouth, NS.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 18—Sld, sch Ida M Barton, from Port Reading, for St John, NB.

CAPE HENRY, Va, Dec 18—Passed out, ship Astracana, from Baltimore, for St John, NB.

DUTCH ISLAND HARBOR, RI, Dec 18—Sld, sch Vineyard, from Jonesport, for New York.

Returned, sch Elm City, from Kennebec, for Philadelphia.

BOOTHBAY HARBOR, Me, Dec 18—Sld, sch Fortuna, for New York.

HYANNIS, Mass, Dec 18—Ard, sch Ida M Barton, from Port Reading, for St John, NB.

ANTWERP, Dec 17—Sld, str Mount Temple, for St John.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec 18—Ard, strs Hurona, from Shields; Hibernian, from Glasgow.

HAVRE, Dec 18—Ard, str LaCampagne, from New York.

JACKSONVILLE, Fla, Dec 18—Cld, sch Howard D Spear, for New Haven.

FERNANDINA, Fla, Dec. 18—Ard, str Roddam, from Halifax.

At Santos, Dec 16, ship J D Everett, Burgess, from New York.

At Rio Janeiro, Dec 12, bark Robert S Besnard, Andrews, from Rosario.

At Brunswick, Ga, Dec 17, sch H B Homan, Atkinson, from Barbados.

At Norfolk, Dec 17, sch Earl of Aberdeen, from New York.

At Philadelphia, Dec 17, bark Calcium, Blackwood, from Ivigtut.

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 19—Ard, sch Quetay, from St John for New York.

EASTPORT, Me, Dec 19—Sld, sch James J Maloy, for St John.

DELAWARE BREAKWATER, Dec 19—Passed out, str Carthagenian, from Philadelphia for St Johns, NF, and Glasgow.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 19—Ard, sch Hunter, from St John.

CITY ISLAND, Dec 20—Bound south, sch Lizzie D Small, from Bangor.

SALEM, Mass, Dec 19—Ard, sch Frank and Ira, from Boston for St John.

HYANNIS, Mass, Dec 19—Ard, sch Abbie Keast, from New York for St John.

Sld, schs Priscilla, for St John; Ida M Burton, for do.

RIO JANEIRO, Dec 19—Sld, str Leuctra, Grant, for Santos and New York.

BOSTON, Dec 19—Ard, str Tancred, from Sydney, CB; schs R Carson, from St Martins, NB; Canning Packet, from Digby, NS; Mary E, from Shulee, NS.

Sld, str Halifax, for Halifax, NS.

BOSTON, Dec 20—Ard, strs Cymric, from Liverpool; Columbian, from London; Boston, from Yarmouth, NS; Tancred, from Sydney, CB; schs Speculation, from Montague, PEI; Annie M W, from Jordan Bay, NS.

Sld, str Old Dominion, for Louisburg, CB.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Dec 19—Sld, schs Alaska, from Elizabethport for St John; Alice Maud, from New Bedford for do.

Passed, sch Dara C, from New York for Port Greville.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 20—Ard, schs Fortuna, from Windsor, NS, for New York; Abbie Ingalls, from Bangor for do; Andrew Nebinger, from do for do; Hannah P Carleton, from do for do; Sarah C Smith, from Portland for do; Morancy, from Hillsboro, NB, for New Haven; Alaska, from Jonesboro for New Suffolk; Salisbury, from Bath for Baltimore; Hope Haynes, from Portland (to discharge here).

Passed, str Old Dominion, from New York for Portland.

PORTLAND, Dec 20—Ard, sch Ellen M Mitchell, from Shulee for New York.

At Havana, Dec 21, str Pandosia, Starratt, from Philadelphia.

At Cebu, Dec 7, str Queen Olga, Chaplin, from Sydney, N S W.

At Norfolk, Dec. 19, sch Elma, Henneberry, from New York.

At Richmond, Va., Dec 18, sch R D Spear, Richardson, from New York.

At New York, Dec 20, bark John S Bennet, Page, from San Blas; sch Keewaydin, Dexter, from Kingsport; Francis Shubert, Starkey, from Bangor; Emily I White, Bryant, from do.

Cleared.

At Philadelphia, Dec 16, sch Maritana, Dawson, for Cardenas.

At New York, Dec 16, bark Cuba, Morrisey, for Port Greville, NS; schs Manhattan, Cook, for Yarmouth, NS; Erie, Bishop, for St John, NB; Elma, Henneberry, for Norfolk.

At Boston, Dec 16, sch Roger Drury, for St John.

At Norfolk, Dec 17, sch Ronald, for Manzanilla.

At Philadelphia, Dec 17, str Cora, Stabell, for Hillsboro.

At New York, Dec 17, bark J H Bowers, Dickson, for Weymouth, NS; sch Dara C, Ogilvie, for Port Greville, NS.

At Mobile, Dec 18, sch Margaret May, Riley, Berry, for Havana.

At Norfolk, Dec 19, sch Robert Ewing, for Halifax.

At Pascagoula Miss., Dec. 18, sch Adonis, Brown, for Kingston.

Sailed.

From City Island, Dec 16, sch Manhattan, Cook, for Yarmouth; sch Ida M Barton, for St John.

From Corunna, Dec 16, str Queen Alexandra, Harris, from Manila, for Antwerp.

From Junin, Nov 18, ships Muskoka, McDonald, for Charleston (has been reported for Hamburg).

From Eliesmereport, Dec 16, bark Avoca, Dernier, for Ship Island.

From New York, Dec 17, sch Elma, for Norfolk.

From Las Palmas or Santa Cruz, Dec 16, bark Alexander Black, Buck, for Mobile.

From City Island, Dec 18, sch Eric, for St John.

From New York, Dec 20, bark J H Bowers, for Weymouth; Milton, for Jacksonville, and went into Sandy Hook Bay.

From Savannah, Ga., Dec 18, str Kelvinbank, Ryder, for Parrsboro.

From New Bedford, Dec 17, sch Alice Maud, Hawx, for St John.

From Rosario, Nov 4, bark Bessie, Spurr, for Rio Janeiro.

From Norfolk, Dec 18, sch Ronald, for Manzanilla.

MEMORANDA.

Passed down at Marcus Hook, Dec 16, sch Hartney, for Nassau.

Passed Prawle Point, Dec 16, str Pontiac, Melkle, for Galveston via Norfolk, for Hamburg.

Passed Gibraltar, Dec 16, strs Nordkyn, Beers, from Yokohama for New York; Patrian, Gotuzza, from Naples for New York; 17th, Picqua, Felkins, from Trieste, etc, for New York.

Passed out at Delaware Breakwater, Dec 17, schs Edyth, from Philadelphia for Mahone Bay; Maritana, from do for Cardenas.

In port at Demerara, Dec. 2, str Ocamo, Fraser, from Halifax, etc., via Trinidad; arrived Nov 30, to sail 9th on return.

SPOKEN.

Bark Luiara, from Buenos Ayres for New York, Dec 14, lat 31.50, lon. 70.

Reports.

MACHIAS, Me, Dec 18—The sch Nellie Eaton, which sailed from here this morning, for a Sound port, is reported ashore on Moosabec Head full of water.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 20—Sch Salisbury, from Bath for Baltimore, stopped here today to procure a port anchor to replace one broken on Nantucket Shoals.

Sch Hannah F Carleton lost anchor on Nantucket Shoals during the westerly gale and procured another here today.

Sch Hope Haynes, before reported being fouled by sch Hannah F Carleton in Portsmouth harbor and sustained loss of jibboom, arrived today to discharge. She will repair here.

THE DEATH ROLL.

NEWTON, Mass., Dec. 20.—Former Mayor William P. Ellison, well known in Boston financial circles, died here today, aged 68 years. He had suffered for some time from a complication of diseases.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Frederick R. Coudert, the well known New York lawyer, who has been living in Washington, is dead.

KINGSTON, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Colonel John McEntee, well known throughout the Hudson River Valley, is dead, aged 68. He served with distinction during the civil war. For many years he conducted a large foundry and boiler factory here.

DETROIT, Mich., Dec. 20.—E. W. Meddaugh, for many years general counsel of the Grand Trunk railway, died at his residence at Grosse Pointe farm today. He had been ill a year with heart trouble. Mr. Meddaugh was 70 years old and was born in New York state.

15,000 MILES FOR THREE DOGS.

Connecticut Man Brings Wolf Hounds from Siberia.

Joseph B. Thomas, jr., of Simsbury, Conn., has just returned to this country from Russia and Siberia, whither he went for the sole purpose of securing several Russian wolf hounds, a dog that is so rare now that even the Czar of Russia has been unable to obtain a genuine specimen.

Unable to find a genuine wolf hound in Russia, Mr. Thomas went hundreds of miles across the steppes to the hunting lodge of Grand Duke Nicolia Nicolaivitch, near Perchina, Russia, where he found 100 wolf hounds of the type that has not been ruined by inbreeding.

The breed, which is known as Borzol, has never before been exported from Russia, though it is one of the oldest in the world. Though the dogs are now considered among the finest in the world, little has been known of them outside of Siberia and Russia, owing to the facts that they are very rare and that they are owned by kennels situated in remote parts of the Czar's domain.

The Russian wolf hounds are used by hunters who, mounted on Khirgez ponies, wait until the dogs drive the game from the woods, when it is despatched by means of a clever thrust of a long Caucasian dagger.

Mr. Thomas brought back with him as a result from his 15,000-mile journey, three fine specimens of the dogs, the finest of which was a present from the Grand Duke Nicolia.—N. Y. Journal.

BRIDE IN AMBULANCE.

The Only Carriage the Groom Could Get—Livery Drivers' Strike in Chicago Makes Great Trouble.

CHICAGO, Dec. 21.—The strike in Chicago of the livery and hearse drivers is causing considerable trouble at present, and more serious developments are threatened in the event of the spread of the tie-up to include stablemen and stockmen. Should these men go out, the ambulance service of the city would be greatly crippled. On Saturday, nearly seventy-five funerals were held in Chicago, the bodies of the dead being carried in wagons, which were in several instances attacked by the strikers.

Permission to move sick from their homes to hospitals was denied in many cases by striking livery drivers.

Determined that the striking livery drivers and resulting famine of carriages should not interfere with his wedding, Antonio Losasco, manager for a commission firm, has hired a hospital ambulance and driven his prospective bride and a bridal party in triumph to the church of the Assumption, where the ceremony was perfomed.

Strike pickets who endeavored to stay the progres of the gaily bedecked ambulance wagon through the streets were brushed aside and outdistanced by the fast running vehicle which was put at a gallop all the way.

BIRTHS.

JOHNSTON—In this city, on Dec. 20, to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston, a son.

RANDOLPH.—At Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 20th, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles F. Randolph, a son.

WITHERS—To Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Withers on Dec. 14th, a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

ADAMS-WILLIAMS—At McAdam Junction, Dec. 12, by the Rev. J. B. Flewelling, rector of Canterbury, Charles E. Adams of McAdam, to Fanny B. Williams of Sugar Brook.

RYAN-VAUGHAN.—At Mount Morris Baptist Church, Fifth Avenue, New York, on Dec. 17th, Miss Georgine Vaughan of St. Martins, and Dr. J. H. Ryan of Sussex, by the Rev. Dr. Bitting.

RHODES-DUMMER.—At Brookline, Mass., Dec. 9., by the Rev. Avery Shaw, William R. Rhodes and Marian F. Dummer.

DEATHS.

BELYEA—At Carleton (West End), on the 14th inst., Solomon Belyea, aged 89 years and three months, leaving a wife and nine children to mourn their loss.

CAMPBELL—At Fairville on Nov. 29th, of congestion of the lungs, Eva May, youngest daughter of Edward and Addie Campbell, aged 11 months.

COX—In this city on Dec. 17th, W. J. Douglas, eldest son of William J. and Agnes Cox, aged ten years and three months.

FAULKNER—In Carleton on December 17th at the residence of Henry M. Lee, Mary Faulkner, in the 87th year of her age. (Moncton and Boston papers please copy.)

HANDY—At St. Andrews, N. B., Dec 17th, Levi Handy, aged 86 years and 4 months.

McCOURT.—At Musquash, Dec. 20, Patrick McCourt, aged 68 years, leaving a wife, two sons and three daughters to mourn their sad loss.

McANDREW.—In this city, on Dec. 21st, at her residence, 26 Leinster street, Marianna, widow of the late David McAndrew, aged 69 years. —(Boston and Albany, N. Y., papers please copy.)

McFARLANE—At Norton, Kings Co., Dec. 18th, Mabel C., eldest daughter of Thos. A. and Loretta McFarlane.

REID—At his residence, 24 Pitt street, St. John, Dec. 19th, Thomas Reid, aged 60 years.

HISTORY OF THE PACING HORSE.

Side-Wheelers Date From Time Before Christ.

Ever since Dan Patch's remarkable exhibition at Memphis, when he succeeded in going a mile in 1.56 1-4, much discussion has occurred respecting the origin and history of the American pacer.

Just when and where the pacing horse had his origin seems hopelessly lost in antiquity. At least 400 years before the Christian era the great sculptors of Rome and Greece modeled some of the equestrian work upon horses showing the pacing gait. Relics of some of the early Grecian friezes are still preserved in the British museum and distinctly show the horses in pacing attitude.

At the beginning of the Christian era large numbers of pacing horses existed on the British Islands and were known by the name of "ambulaturas," or horses that "amble." During the period that Rome occupied the British Islands under the conquest, extending over a period of some 500 years, the pacer was the favorite for saddle or light driving. Upon the seal attached to Magna Charta—that great charter of human liberties wrenched by the barons from the tyrannical hands of King John upon the plains of Runnymede, in England, in 1215—is emblazoned a knight of honor mounted upon a pacing horse.

After the settlement of the American colonies some of the horses that were brought from the mother country to some of the colonies were pacers. In the early history of Pennsylvania we find well authenticated reports of pacing horses and races. The distinguished Thomas Matlock of Philadelphia is authority for the statement that at an early period the pacer was regarded as the "genteel horse; that the trotter was deemed to be a base breed, and that all races were pace races."

The first distinctive family of pacers of any considerable importance on this continent of which we have any authentic account was undoubtedly the Narragansetts. Just how they originated, whence they came, and whither they went, are questions that have not been answered to the entire satisfaction of turf readers. The first reliable historical account of those animals was given by Rev. Dr. McSparrow, who was sent to the colony of Rhode Island as a missionary in 1721. At that period they were in great general favor throughout Rhode Island as saddle and track horses. From the same authority it appears that the great popularity at home spread abroad, and that long before the death of this eminent divine (which occurred in 1759), by reason of exportation to Cuba, Canada and the British West Indies the race became entirely extinct in New England.

As the first discovery was after the pacer's popularity ceased in England, and as the description of this family of horses corresponds almost exactly with that given of those possessed in England years before, a plausible theory as to the origin is that the foundation of this family came to Rhode Island from England, and that they were one and the same family of horses; that for several generations Scotland had a pacing family, called the Gallopways, which were nothing but rather large-sized ponies, and that for several hundred years Iceland has had a family of pacing ponies are historical facts. With the restoration of Charles II. and the ascension of that monarch to the throne in 1660 began the English love for running horses, and as that sport-loving people gradually introduced the race horses of Arab and the Barb, the pacer gradually sank in public favor and finally became entirely extinct in England, and it is believed that country has not had a pacing family within her borders for more than 200 years.

Much mystery and uncertainty exists as to what became of the vast number of pacers that for several hundred years constituted an important factor among the pleasure-going people of England. It seems more than probable that the extinction was caused first, by interbreeding with the other races of non-pacing horses until the pacing gait was obliterated. Based upon undisputed historical facts and corroborated by an unbroken chain of circumstances, it is believed that the following conclusion is warranted: Some time prior to the last century, Canada imported from England a large number of pacers, and about the same time a large number of the English pacers came to Rhode Island, either directly from England or through Canada. Many of the Narragansett pacers went to Canada, and from Canada came to Kentucky the first pacers known in that state, and Tennessee secured from Kentucky the foundation upon which its pacing structures have been built.

A SMALL BOY'S REQUEST.

On Friday afternoon a young boy walked into the C. P. R. offices on King street and somewhat surprised the clerk by asking for a ticket to Chicago. He was about thirteen years of age, small in stature and neatly dressed. He had just completed his term at the Rothesay School for boys and was on his way home to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents. In appearance he seemed much older than he really was and had no fear of traveling such a long distance alone.

During his stay at the collegiate school, he, along with a small companion, had the misfortune to be quarantined for scarlatina, but notwithstanding this fact he, by diligent and careful study, was able to take his examinations along with the remainder of his class.

U. S. XMAS GIFTS WORTH $4,408,960 FOR EUROPE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Statistics compiled by the superintendent of the money order division, New York postoffice, show Christmas gifts of American coin reaching a total of $4,408,960 were carried to Europe on the liner St. Louis, which sailed Saturday, Kaiser Wilhelm on Tuesday and the Oceanic on Wednesday. Of this sum England received $628,399.

The total amount forwarded in domestic money orders to points in the United States and Canada on Thursday alone was $2,381,706.

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FREDERICTON.

Death of a Prominent Resident of York County.

A House on the Royal Road Quarantined for Smallpox—Jolly Hunting Party Had Great Luck.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 21.—The death of David Currie, a well known resident of Mactnaquac, occurred suddenly yesterday morning at the home of his nephew, Dudley Currie. He arose in the morning as usual and went outdoors, and while returning staggered and fell, and before assistance reached him, was dead. He was 77 years of age and leaves two brothers. The funeral will be held Wednesday morning.

Harry Braithwaite, the well known guide, returned this afternoon from his hunting grounds on the Miramichi, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Robinson of New York and Miss Bradford of Sherbrooke, the members of his last party. The party had exceptionally good luck, having succeeded in getting three moose, three caribou, two deer and a bear. They left for their homes tonight full of praises for New Brunswick as a hunting country.

W. A. B. McLellan, at present of the staff of the Bank of B. N. A. at London, Ont. and who is now enjoying three weeks' holidays here, has been transferred to the branch here, and will take up his duties January 1st. He entered the service of the bank here, and was only transferred to London in September last. Mr. Carlisle, the present teller of the bank, will go to St. John.

The home of Owen Shortill, a well known farmer living on the Royal road, has been placed under quarantine by Dr. Muller, chairman of the county board of health. Mr. Shortill was taken ill on Friday last and the health authorities were not notified until yesterday, when Dr. Mullin pronounced the disease smallpox. He is a son-in-law of Daniel Green, now quarantined for the same disease at Nashwaaksis. All the members of Mr. Shortill's family have been vaccinated.

Rev. Father Carney of St. Dunstan's church yesterday celebrated the 19th anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood, and in commemoration of the event the Sunday school presented him with a bouquet of carnations.

The sad death occurred at St. Marys on Saturday evening of Van Buren Smith, aged 70 years, after an illness of rheumatism and other complications, brought on after a severe attack of la grippe.

Deceased formerly resided at Houlton, but removed to St. Marys after the big fire in the Maine town about three years ago, when his place was burned. Besides a widow, he leaves two daughters, Mrs. Harry Burtt, wife of the well known Phoenix Square harness maker, and Miss Minerva Smith of Houlton, and one son, Roderick O., of New York, all of whom were at his bedside at the time of his death.

The remains will be taken to Houlton on the 6.25 train tomorrow morning for interment. Funeral services were held at his late residence at St. Marys at 3 o'clock this afternoon, Rev. C. F. King officiating. George W. Adams is the undertaker in charge.

The bishop of Fredericton held a confirmation at the Cathedral instead of the usual evening service yesterday. Sixteen candidates were presented by the dean, one of whom was from the parish church and had been prepared by Rev. Canon Roberts. The bishop addressed the candidates before the laying on of hands, explaining at length and with great learning the history and meaning of the sacramental rite, and after they had been confirmed gave them a most affectionate and fatherly talk on the difficulties of the Christian life, and how they should be met. There are few prelates of the day who have given more study and research to the subject than the bishop of Fredericton and his words are worthy of the closest attention. A large congregation witnessed the ceremony, which was rendered the more interesting from the fact that while some of the candidates were very young, there were among them those who were no longer so. The hymns were very appropriate, and were sung with great heartiness, a feature which is becoming a characteristic of the Cathedral services.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—H. A. Williams, who last week resigned the position of superintendent of rolling stock of the Canadian Pacific railway, has been appointed assistant general manager of the Erie railway, with headquarters at New York. He will assume the duties of his new position about the beginning of the year. Mr. Williams came to the C. P. R. from the Soo line, of which he was mechanical superintendent.

TORONTO, Dec. 21. — Margaret Bragg, aged eleven, of Lorne avenue public school, London, Ont., was awarded first prize for the best two-hundred word essay on "Lord Strathcona," offered by the Imperial Order of the Daughters of the Empire.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—The Dominion Coal Co. today declared a half-yearly dividend of three per cent., payable January 1st. The final arrangements of the separation of the coal company from the Dominion Iron and Steel Co. were also completed.

OTTAWA, Dec. 21.—Mr. Foster addressed a large and enthusiastic gathering of the Canadian Club this evening on the fiscal campaign in Britain.

There are some 75 or 80 people who landed in St. John on Sunday from the Lake Manitoba held by the authorities at Sand Point. The greater portion of them are detained because of lack of means.

The Countess of Minto has brought from Japan a handsome jinrikisha, and there will be a new fashion in Canada next summer.

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OLD BACHELOR'S CHRISTMAS.

(S. E. Kiser, in New York Journal.)

He stretches and yawns and rubs at his eyes,
Poor old bachelor!
No loved ones troop in to implore him to rise,
Poor old bachelor!
The room is in order, his trousers are where
He hung them last night, on the back of the chair
And the change that he felt in his pockets is there—
Poor old bachelor!

No fires to start and no furnace to shake,
No loved ones around to spend all he can make,
Poor old bachelor!
Nochiding for what he neglected to do;
He sits down alone when his breakfast is through
And he reads—and he gets to remembering, too!
Poor old bachelor!

He walks through the streets and sees wreaths that are green,
He hears happy voices, and knows what they mean,
Poor old bachelor!
The church bells are ringing—"Rejoice, ye!" they say;
The choirs are singing—he trudges away,
And sits down alone, at the close of the day—
Poor old bachelor!

The hair that falls over his temples is white,
Poor old bachelor!
Long, long he looks out at the gloom of the night,
Poor old bachelor!
On a table beside him an old picture lies
That he took from some place near his heart, and he sighs,
And something like tears seem to gleam in his eyes—
Poor old bachelor!

A LITTLE STORY.

Mr. Bolter and the Child Who Won Him.

"Of course, it's all right for the child to come here for a visit," Bolter said: "but keep her away from me. I'm past the age when it amuses me to have a child tearing around the room and jumping up on my knees to play horse. I like children and mountains at a distance."

"I'll see the child doesn't bother you," Mrs. Bolter returned. "But she's my niece's child and I can't very well tell them that she isn't welcome."

"Oh, she's welcome if she keeps her distance," Bolter said.

The child, Mariana, arrived that afternoon. She was a rosy, serious-eyed, small person, who listened quietly while Mrs. Bolter explained that while "Uncle William" had kindly feelings toward little girls, he did not care to see or visit with them at close range.

"I s'pose he's like our dog, Tiger," observed Mariana, thoughtfully. "Our coachman says he's a kind dog and means well, but he isn't used to children, so he might bite if I went near his kennel."

Mrs. Bolter smiled and changed the subject.

When Bolter came home to dinner Mariana was introduced to him. She made a quaint little courtesy from across the room and then turned to visit with the fat Persian cat.

When dinner was over they all went into the library. Mrs. Bolter presently was called to the telephone.

Bolter put down the financial page of his evening paper at last and looked towards Mariana, who had retired to a far corner. "Why don't you come up to the light?" he asked.

"Oh, I don't want to trouble you," the child answered, not stirring.

"I don't bite," said Bolter.

"That's what our coachman says about our old Tiger," the child returned.

"Who is Tiger?"

Mariana folded her small hands in her lap. "Why—I didn't mean to talk to you, but it isn't polite not to answer questions, is it? Tiger is our dog. He lives in the kennel by the stable. Our coachman—his name's John—says that Tiger has kind feelings toward me, but he isn't used to little girls and he might bite if I went too near, so I don't——"

Mariana stopped suddenly. She saw whither the conversation was tending.

"I hope I wasn't saying anything that wasn't polite," she added.

Bolter's eyes twinkled. He found the child diverting. "You implied that I was a little like old Tiger that was all."

Mariana flushed, but continued to look at him with serious, trustful eyes. "Well, Aunty Bolter said you had kind feelings for me, but that I mustn't not bother you and then I said it was like what John said about Tiger. Of course, I can't help being a little girl and you don't like little girls, close to you and I can stay over here with——"

Bolter looked at the small valiant figure. "But I do like little girls," he said.

"At a distance," Mariana corrected, gravely.

"No, right here close to my heart," Bolter made a swoop and gathered the child into his arms. "Now, sit on my knee and tell me all about everything."

Mariana looked at him with a slowly dawning expression of delight. "Why, Uncle William, I believe we're going to like each other after all!" she said.

When Mrs. Bolter returned from a protracted talk at the telephone she found her small guest asleep in her husband's arms. He held her tight and at the same time was trying laboriously to read the price of May wheat at arm's length.

"I'm sorry the child's bothering you," Mrs. Bolter exclaimed hurriedly. "I didn't think she would go near you."

Mrs. Bolter smiled, too, and was careful not to remind him of what he had said of children and mountains being best at a distance.

LEGAL REQUIREMENTS MET.

(San Francisco Call.)

The title of official peacemaker given to Judge Graham because of his habit of refusing to divorce couples with a large family, unless it is shown that it is absolutely impossible for them to get along in peace, usually rests lightly upon the judge. There are times, however, when he does not think so much of it.

A few days ago he was about to leave his chambers, when a big, wild-eyed German rushed in. His head was swathed with yard after yard of bandage stuff, and his face was almost covered with plasters of every size. Pointing a shaking and badly scratched finger at the judge, he shouted: "You did id, Chudge, you did id."

"Did what?" asked the judge, stepping behind his desk and touching a button that summoned his bailiff from the court room.

"Ach," almost yelled the excited German, coming closer to the judge and shaking his dilapidated finger and head, "I am broke all over. It iss your fauld. My wife vas mat because she did not vas get a divorce by your court. She came by the house back, and she say to me: 'I bet I get dot separations tomorrow. I make der grounds.'"

RESCUED THE CREW.

DIEPPE, France, Dec. 21.— The French bark Quevilly, Capt. Cousin, from Marcus Hook, Pa., Nov. 24, has arrived here and reports having saved Capt. Edwards and five men of the crew of the American schr. Ira Bliss, of Port Jefferson, Long Island, who were found clinging to the wreck of that vessel, hundreds of miles off the American coast.

The captain and the five men comprising the crew had been clinging to the wreck for 26 hours. The latter asserted that though they were seen by several steamers, not one of them stopped to pick them up. In spite of the fact that a heavy gale was blowing, Capt. Cousin caused a boat to be lowered and rescued the shipwrecked men.

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It cost New York city $2,078,814.11 to spend $8,012,569.12 for land in the new Croton watershed and $1,811,089.93 to spend $2,567,373.12 for lands adjacent.