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STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 35; the lowest was 30. The temperature at noon was 34. The wind at noon was southwest, with a velocity of four miles per hour.

TORONTO, Dec. 18.—Fresh, southwesterly and westerly winds; cloudy, with light local snow. Friday, fresh, westerly winds; fair and continued mild.

Synopsis.—A series of low areas have been passing eastward across the northern portion of the Gulf, but at present there is no indication of any very important disturbance. The weather is mild throughout the dominion. Winds during today and Friday are likely to be fresh to strong both between Nova Scotia and the Banks and to United States ports.

LOCAL NEWS.

Toys as low as 10 cents a dozen at McLean's, 565 Main and 14 Dock streets.

This is Frank Higgins's Christmas. But for the zealous labors of D. Mullin, K. C., the youth would have been hanged today.

Miss H. Robertson, 244 King street, east, left for Halifax this morning, where she will spend the winter with Mrs. H. D. Blackadar.

Tonight five hundred 25 cent books (two for a quarter. For boys, girls and children. Morrell & Sutherland.

S. Z. Dickson, country market, is receiving today Christmas beef and poultry from the west. Among the beef is a magnificent steer that won the silver cup at the Guelph fat stock show.

The retail stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open till ten o'clock on Saturday, the 20th; Monday, the 22nd, and Tuesday the 23rd, and till eleven o'clock Wednesday, the 24th inst.

D. McArthur has opened up a big showroom up stairs for Christmas goods, and has added to his stock over \$1,000 worth of samples in dolls and fancy goods, which are offered at half the regular price. Great chance for Christmas bargains.

POLICE COURT.

Six Months for Begging—That Dog Fight Cost Ten.

William Colwell foolishly deserted the peaceful atmosphere of Gondola Point, and came to the city only to fall a victim to the snares laid for the unwary. He indulged too freely, but had not time to finish the big bottle which ornamented his hip pocket. There was quite a lot of liquor left in the bottle, but William will never smile again from it. He was arrested on Charlotte street between six and seven o'clock and this morning paid two dollars for his fun.

John Cain, who was arrested for begging from house to house on Waterloo street, was sentenced to six months. Orlan Weatherall addressed the court. He said in part: "Sir—Your honor, I am a peaceful man and try to go through the world without trouble, but I don't lay out to be a punching bag for no man. On Tuesday my dog and Hazen Campbell's got into a scrap on the Carleton floats and I was trying to get them separated. Mr. Campbell hissed them on and I kicked his dog in the ribs. Then he hit me on the face once, and twice on the side, and then on the eye. Isn't that true Mr. Campbell?"

"It is, Mr. Weatherall," said Mr. Campbell.

And the court imposed a fine of ten dollars.

WEST INDIA BOAT.

Orinoco Arrives With Cargo of Sugar—Will Berth at Sand Point.

The West India steamer Orinoco arrived off the island sometime last night. She was examined by Dr. March this morning and will probably come up the harbor this afternoon. The Orinoco has on board 600 tons of sugar, which will be sent to Western points via the C. P. R. Consequent to strong requests from the railroad people arrangements have been made for the Orinoco to have the use of No. 1 berth at Sand Point for the discharge of her cargo. This berth is allotted to the Manchester boats, none of which are in port at present. It is probable that the cargo of sugar will be unloaded from the ship to the cars as the piling of raw sugar in the warehouse would not produce results beneficial to dry goods which might subsequently be stored there.

CHARGE AGAINST POLICEMAN.

A matter which is creating some little interest in police circles is a charge made against Officer Marshall by Isaac Komlensky, of Mill street, yesterday, when Joseph Saxe, a clerk in Komlensky's shop was reported for working in the city without a license. It was stated that Marshall had gone into Komlensky's several times and demanded a Christmas present. When this was refused he threatened to report Saxe and later on carried out his threat. The case was to have come up in court this morning, but was postponed until tomorrow. Marshall emphatically denies the charge made against him.

N. B. HOCKEY LEAGUE.

A meeting of representatives from the principle hockey clubs of New Brunswick will be held in the rooms of the Neptune Rowing Club tomorrow evening to arrange for a provincial hockey league. Delegates will be present from St. Stephen, Fredericton, Marysville and the various clubs of St. John.

THE FISH MARKET.

The weather has again prevented fishermen from doing very much and as a result all kinds of fish are still rather scarce. Today's quotations are: halibut, fifteen cents per pound; cod and haddock, five cents per pound; cod steak, eight to ten cents per pound; smelts, eight cents to ten cents per pound; pickerel, six cents per pound; frozen herring, twenty cents per doz.

OPENING OF VICTORIA RINK POSTPONED.

On account of the continued mild weather the opening of Victoria rink has been postponed until Tuesday evening next, 23rd inst.

THE FUN BEGINS.**John the Greek and Chris Nichols Have a Slight Disagreement.**

In the transfer of passengers from the Lake Champlain from the C. P. R. to the I. C. R. last evening the latter road agreed to pay the expenses of moving the baggage from Sand Point to the depot. Among the passengers was a boy bound for Montreal, who had no money. A subscription was taken among his friends and a ticket purchased for him. While at the depot he was approached by Chris Nichols, who demanded from him fifty cents for baggage transfer. The boy said he had no money and Chris took his satchel to keep until the money was forthcoming. The boy then appealed to John the Greek who started on the warpath and succeeded in locating the satchel in the baggage room. He was on the point of returning it to the boy when Chris appeared on the scene and "wanted to know what he was doing." John told him and Chris demanded the satchel. "De gouvernement wants fifty cents an' I am de gouvernement. You will pay to me dose fifty cents or give me de satchel." John declined. This morning he told the remainder of the story. "Says I to him you go away and on top of you mit yourself you jump. Go away and sit down back. An' den he tried from me to take dose satchel, but I laff and Chris go twirlin' round and round and I soak him mit de satchel one, two tree time. After he pick himself up I vas mit de boy an' de satchel join' to de train an' Chris come along behind an' grab my coat on de tail. I never see vat he does, I never hear him talk but I s'vings round' let's him have it fair in de nose. Look at my knee Saxe sit me. Den he go to de policeman for have me arrested but de policeman tell him do de same ting as I say, 'Go an' sit himself down away over back.'"

LOW FREIGHTS.

Rate in Deal is Lowest in History of Shipping of This Port.

The charter made here the other day by a steamer to load deals for the West Coast of England at 30 shillings a standard, is the low water mark for deal freights in this port. Last year the prevailing rate was 60 shillings for tramps and the average since 1889 when as high as 70 shillings was given, has been about 42 shillings. This, of course, is for tramp boats, which allow a shipper to send to any port and to fill the ship with his own lumber. Liners which only run to stated ports and only carry deal when sufficient cargo to load is not obtainable, have always obtained lower rates.

The cause of this unprecedented condition is a surplus of tonnage, coupled with the shortage in grain coming to this port for shipment, contrary to expectation, so that the ships coming here take anything they can get, even deal at 30 shillings, which makes an unprofitable cargo. Other freights are also lowered by the same causes.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Miss Margaret E. Sinclair was held at half past two o'clock this afternoon from her late home at 177 Leinster street. Services were conducted by Rev. L. G. McNeill and Rev. D. J. Fraser and the body interred in Fernhill.

This forenoon at eleven o'clock the funeral of the late William J. White was held from his late residence on Adelaide Road to Cedar Hill cemetery. The service was conducted by members of the Adventist congregation.

This morning the body of the late William H. B. Wallace was taken to Brown's Flat for interment. Services were conducted at his late home 139 Victoria street last evening.

SKATERS RETURN.

The steamer St. Croix arrived from Boston this morning after a rough passage. Among her passengers were Mike Walsh and Ned Dalton, who have been in the city since their return from South Africa. Their return to St. John on the day of the opening of Victoria Ring is a happy augury for the booming of racing around the old circle this winter.

Two ladies had to seek refuge in the men's waiting room in the east side ferry station yesterday afternoon. The ladies' room was colder than a barn. Last evening no light was burning in the hall that gives access to the floats.

EVERYTHING THAT'S SWEET.

At this season of the year every person indulges in candy. The store of Leonard at 173 Water street, offers special inducements to Xmas shoppers. Beginning today fresh candies can be purchased there at very special prices. And goods that ought to tempt any purchaser are splendidly shown.

CHRISTMAS FRUIT.

J. F. Estabrook & Son have a complete stock of all kinds of fruit for the Christmas trade, and are receiving daily consignments. They are prepared to supply the retail trade with the best qualities of Almeria grapes, figs, prunes, dates, California Navel, Jamaica, Valencia, and Florida oranges, and fancy Northern Spy apples.

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A NEW MILL.

Emery Sewell, of Lincoln, says the Gleaner, is erecting a large and modern mill at Maudserville. Mr. Sewell has purchased the machinery of the Fraser mill at Covered Bridge, and has moved it to Maudserville. The work of construction of the mill is well under way and the machinery will be placed in as soon as possible. Sawing will not be commenced, however, until spring.

Mrs. Malcolm McKay arrived on the Boston express today.

HURT AT I. C. R. PIER.**Thomas Farren Dangerously Injured by Falling Freight on S. S. Oriana.**

Thomas Farren of the North End, a laborer, employed at the I. C. R. terminal pier was seriously and perhaps fatally injured this morning while assisting in the loading of the steamer Oriana.

He was standing in the hold under a hatch through which flour was being loaded. As a sling with several heavy bags was descending, Farren went to jump backwards out of the way, his head struck a piece of projecting timber and he fell right under the lowering mass which fell on him with fearful force. As soon as the bags could be removed from his body Dr. T. E. Morris was summoned and found the man suffering from a comminuted fracture of the left leg between the knee and the ankle and from severe internal injuries about the abdomen. It is from these injuries that the doctor fears mortal results.

After applying primary treatment Dr. Morris had the ambulance sent for. When it arrived after the usual annoying delay, the injured man was taken to his home on Paradise Row where he resides with his mother. He is about 45 years old and unmarried.

BE THOU THE ORPHANS' HELPER.

There should be a crowded house at the York Theatre tomorrow evening to hear the Artillery Band concert in aid of the Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Following is the programme:

1. March—Sons of Liberty T. H. Loscy
 2. Selection—Bohemian Girl Halfe 3rd Regt. G. A. Band.
 3. Song—Even Bravest Hearts Must Die D. B. Pidgeon.
 4. Vocal Waltz—Times Gone Bye. 3rd Regt. G. A. Band.
 5. Selection—The Stein Song St. Andrew's Church Male Quartette.
 6. Selection—Reminiscences of Scotland 3rd Regt. G. A. Band.
 7. Song—Love's Trinity De Koven Miss Blanch Shute.
 8. Reading—From the Habitant Rev. J. A. Morison Ph. D.
 9. Waltz—Schwebenden Geister (Ariel Spirits) 3rd Regt. G. A. Band.
 10. Selection—Don Yo Cry Ma Honey St. Andrew's Church Male Quartette.
 11. Song—The Sword of Ferrara A. C. Ritchie F. F. Bullard.
 12. Selection—A Night in Berlin J. Hartmann (Fantasia on German airs.) 3rd Regt. G. A. Band.
- God Save the King.

THE SALE OF PILSENER.

Its Prohibition Has Hit the Beer Shops Hard.

The order prohibiting the sale of Pilsener beer in beer shops went into effect on Monday last and those who hold licenses are now beginning to feel the effects of the measure. The sale of Pilsener was brisk at almost all seasons of the year and now it is said to be impossible to procure it anywhere excepting in a saloon. On this account the beer sellers are losing a lot of business while the sale of the liquor dealers has not materially increased.

At first the beer licensees were unwilling to believe that the sale of Pilsener was prohibited and many of them called at the inspector's office to obtain further information. They were told decidedly that no more Pilsener should be sold outside of licensed saloons after Monday, and no time was granted for the disposal of the stock then on hand. This caused considerable dissatisfaction, but so far as can be ascertained the order has been complied with. The beer sellers naturally feel somewhat indignant over the step which has been taken.

GUESS AGAIN.

The Telegraph this morning published a fairy tale about a tub of butter being stolen by a lady from a man in the country market, and made the awful threat that unless the butter were returned the matter might be aired in the police court. The butter was not stolen, but was bought and paid for by the lady who took it. The man who originally owned the butter was standing in the market when a lady priced it. Then it was weighed and she paid for it. Later on, while the countryman was away she came back and took her purchase, and the countryman, returning, imagined it had been stolen. The Telegraph has another guess.

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McARTHUR'S BOOKSTORE, 84 KING STREET.**Christmas Bargains**

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Elegant Berry Sets, 45 cents.
65 cent Table Sets for 45 cents.
Parlor Lamps, 65 cents, \$1.75, \$2.40.
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Toys in endless variety at wholesale prices.

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McLEAN'S DEPT. STORES, 565 Main Street and 14 Dock Street.**CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SMOKERS!**

HAVANA CIGARS, in boxes of 25, 50 and 100.
DOMESTIC CIGARS in boxes of 10, 25 and 50.
BRIAR PIPES with and without cases.
PLAIN AND FANCY MEERSCHAUM PIPES.
CIGAR AND CIGARETTE TUBES AND CASES.
Rubber and Leather covered TOBACCO POUCHES.
TOBACCO JARS, PIPE RACKS, HOOKAH'S.
Asbestos and Imitation MEERSCHAUM PIPES, etc.

CHARLES BAILLIE, 70 King St.**SHOOTING SUPPLIES**

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Fruit Sets, 35 Cents Each.
Cake Plates, 15 Cents Each.

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For the Children, we will give for a short time a Patent Soap Bubbler with every purchase of 50c. or upwards.

At Christmas Time

Many people suppose they are charged more for purchases than at other seasons of the year. This is no doubt true, especially in the case of fancy and useless articles.

I am selling special lines of Footwear designed for Christmas Presents at almost the cost, including Men's, Boys' and Children's Rubber Boots. All kinds of Slippers, Gaiters, Rubbers, Overshoes, Skating Boots, Warm Lined Walking Boots, Etc.

If you wish your Christmas money to do the most good and be the most highly appreciated, make your purchases at my store.

REVERDY STEEVES,

44 BRUSSELS STREET, - - - Opposite Baptist Church.

FIRE IN CHARLOTTETOWN.

CHARLOTTETOWN, Dec. 17.—The Charlottetown market house was burned down this morning. The cause of the fire is unknown. The loss is \$10,000; insurance, \$5,000. Three bands

having rooms in the building lost instruments valued at \$1,300.

Alwives have advanced 25 cents in the last ten days and are expected to go higher.—Halifax Chronicle.