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FROZEN UP NORTH. FREDERICTON KLONDIKERS HAVE A THRILLING EXPERIENCE. The Vancouver World, of December 21, has the following: Among the difficulties of northern life and travel is the trouble and discomfort of the cold weather in winter and the sometimes terrible results of freezing. By the sturdiest of men coming from Victoria this morning was a party of five northern men, who arrived by the steamer Rosalia last night from Skaguay. One of the five was George Batt-Mills, of England, who had been carried off the steamer, his disability having resulted from an awful experience he went through up north a few weeks ago. Both feet were more or less frozen, and though the greatest care was taken, getting him to his bed in room No 11 in the Hotel Vancouver, he fainted before that necessary operation was completed. Later to-day Mr. Batt-Mills was much better and at 1 o'clock had the injured limbs dressed, so that he expects to be able to leave again for home by the 10th of next month. The other members of the party were J. Jaeg, who went north with Mr. Batt-Mills; Dr. Dyle, the physician at Lake Bennett, who came down to take care of the wounded gentlemen; C. H. Boone, of Fredericton, N. B., to whose skill and courage the wounded men probably owed his life; and Inspector Pinrose, of the Northwest Mounted Police, who accompanied the party down, but is here on departmental business. They left Skaguay on Wednesday a week ago and the trip coming down was without particular incident. To a World reporter, Mr. Boone this afternoon gave a very interesting and graphic account of his trip that nearly cost them their lives. It may be mentioned that Mr. Batt-Mills is a wealthy Englishman, whose fame as a big game hunter has not infrequently been commented upon. An experience of his in South Africa recently appeared in the Grand Magazine. Hearing that there was an open spot in this country he came out and went north last March. He outfit in Vancouver and an interview with Mr. Jaeg appeared at that time in The World. The whole party registered from South Africa. "We had all been camping near Suttin River," said Mr. Boone. "There were nine parties of us altogether. Our own party from New Brunswick consisted of seven including myself; Batt-Mills' party numbered four, there being two in camp beside Mr. Jaeg who are still in camp. After going in by Skaguay, the boat was frozen on the river and before they struck the mouth of the Hootalinqua. From there they prospected and explored the country to Skeena lake, so that by the first of November they had joined ours and other parties in winter camp quarters near the lake. We wanted good horses and in order to make it tight it was necessary for us to go to the Coast. Though we had come in by way of the Hootalinqua we determined to go over the divide across country to Tagish post on November 9th, Batt-Mills, Jaeg and I left, as the party to make a trip and for several days we made good time. The 9th was a Wednesday and it was a week from the next Sunday that Batt-Mills' feet were frozen. On the Tuesday following I discovered it and then our troubles began. The weather had been fine up to that Sunday, but then it came to the thermometer 38 degrees below zero and the wind blowing a gale. We were in an exposed position on the mountain. On Monday, our leader complained of his feet being painful and on Tuesday I insisted that he should have his boots taken off. He wore a pair of large gaiters and one pair of Worcester socks, which, when he pulled off his socks the skin came off his feet and toes. Of course I saw that they were frozen, but there was nothing to do for it and I lashed at him, telling him that his feet were simply blistered by the kind of footwear he was using. We were then 40 miles away from our camp. Batt-Mills could not travel more than four miles a day and we had provisions for three days longer. Well, he struggled along in splendid style. I never saw such grit before, especially for a man who never did a day's work in his life. I had his feet wrapped in wool and with rubber boots he stumbled along very well. "On Friday we ate the last of our grub and I thought I was done up with it. We were still 30 miles from Tagish or any where else. On Saturday we got out at day break, walked six miles and camped

again at night with nothing at all to eat and the travelling very rough. On Sunday morning Jaeg and I went to find an old Indian trail and on it almost the first thing we met Tagish Jim and two Indian women. They gave us a pound of best and a cup of flour for only \$4. With that back at camp we made soup and went ahead a few more miles that day. Next morning we made a start and went to Tagish Post before night, having traveled 19 miles. During the last half of our journey Batt-Mills' feet were so painful and he got along without a complaint. He said afterwards that he could hear children singing and imagined that he was back again in England. At Bennett Dr. Boyle amputated several of the injured man's toes and probably one more will be amputated in Vancouver before the Englishman leaves for home. The members of Mr. Boone's party were George Black, George Graham, George Plender, George Emery, Sam Harkins and W. W. Body. THE CARRIER BOYS Of the Daily Telegraph Have a Handsome Souvenir. THE TELEGRAPH'S carrier boys greetings this year is in the form of a small pamphlet. The front cover is the Canadian flag, in colors. The flag is represented as floating from a flagstaff, and the folds are outlined to form the shape of the book. On the back cover the flag is again shown with the figures, in white, 1899. The flag staff is tipped with gold. On the first page are these words: "THE TELEGRAPH'S Carrier Boy is loyal and patriotic and wishes his patrons a happy and prosperous 1899." Then on next page is a winter scene, with the carrier boy going his rounds. Then appears the following poem, written by W. Paul McCormack, of North End:— Here's a greeting bold to our friends untold Of the handsome good old year, With a looker bright as the stars of night, Which heralds the new one here. We have been with you through the fleeting year, Which has passed with cares and joys, We have been with you in the days far down, We are kin to you in your heart and home— Your faithful carrier boys. We brought you the word when the sky was blue, We were with you when the smoke of sombre war, When the twelve-lion guns of Columbia's sons Bent Hispania's gates ajar. We were first with you in our snows afar, Where the Eagle smote and slew, Where the warship plied her grim bombardade, And the heroes of Roosevelt dared and died, When the old world fought the new. Asia, from the land of the burning sand, Where the Moslem mosques gleam bright, The tidings we bore to each cottage door, And the East was glad to hear our right, Where the faxon hand in its iron-willed might Came down on the Danish head, And the spectral fires of the desert glowed, Grown vengeful and bright over Gordon's tomb, Where the sword with the Moslem's head, And then in the strife of our city's life, And the winter heat of the unknown war, Where the hearts were glad or bright eyes grew sad, The tidings we brought each day, Through the summer heat and the snow and sleet. We've carried the changing tale Of the swish and swirl of our city's whirl, And the passing scenes which the hours unroll, Impelled by life's scotch gale. Yet while joys abound here's a health all round To the spirit of the times; And let's banish care while the ringing air Is alive with sweet-toned notes, So again to you all we give "Wear Well!" With a hearty, hearty cheer. With a tear for the days that are no more, And a joyful shout for the days in store, We wish you a glad New Year, And the old man would "good health!" The work was done in THE TELEGRAPH'S job printing establishment, and shows what St. John's taste, invention and skill can do in the way of handsome design and fancy printing. It is said that some of the boys have seen it to be the prettiest souvenir that has appeared in this city for years, and the news boys are proud of it. Related Steamers. BOSTON, Jan. 2.—Several belated steamers reached port today, among them being the English King from Antwerp, Saratonia from Glasgow, Bay State from Liverpool and the Scotia from Avonmouth. The captain all report violent weather at sea, especially after passing Sable Island. Steamer Essex from Baltimore and Norfolk, and H. M. Whitney from New York, which were due last night, did not arrive until late tonight. BRAVES FIGHT NEW BRUNSWICK GOVERNMENT.—J. H. Cannell & Son, King Street, have mounted for the provincial government two magnificent beavers which were captured on the Miramichi river. The government exhibited the collection of wild animals of New Brunswick at the Sportsmen's Fair at Weston in May last, the little Indian animal which forms part of the Canadian Coat of Arms was absent. Since then the government gave an order that two beavers be added to the collection. Life insurance is a good thing, but health insurance is a better one. It is the only way to protect your family from the loss of your breadwinner. Let every one remember that the rate of postage on letters to all parts of Canada and the United States is now two cents an ounce. SCOTT & BOWNE, Chemists, Toronto.

AMERICANS UNEASY ABOUT THE SITUATION IN THE PHILIPPINES. WASHINGTON, Jan. 2.—Nothing more has been heard at the war department from General Otis at Manila. The situation is irritating in the fact that according to the experience of the last few days, it is not to be expected that anything more can be heard from Lioilo for a day or two at least, except in the very improbable event that the American force has been repulsed in their efforts to make a landing and has been obliged to return to Manila. It is surmised from the reports that General Miller is proceeding with more tact and with less roughness in his dealing with the insurgents than appeared from a first impression of the reports. His purpose apparently was to avoid such a formal recognition of the insurgents as might tend to embarrass the United States government hereafter, but at the same time not to deal harshly with them. If they can be brought to see the rectitude of his decisions. Therefore the officials are of the opinion that there will be no actual hostilities between the forces arrayed against General Otis and his men, but that at the worst the former will retire from the city without accepting or rejecting the American overtures until they have heard from Aguinaldo. Gen. Otis has taken steps to acquaint Gen. Miller with the various instructions of the president, and a special messenger is now on his way from Manila to Lioilo. Although the officials profess the strongest belief that no serious trouble will occur, they have taken the precaution to expedite the dispatch of military reinforcements to General Otis' command in the Philippines. Orders have been issued for the 20th regiment of infantry at Fort Leavenworth to move in haste so as to be in San Francisco by the seventh instant in order to embark on the military transport being fitted out to sail for Manila on that date if possible. The other infantry regiments which are under orders to proceed to the Philippines by the Pacific route—the 8th and 22d regiments—will follow as soon as means of water transportation can be secured. Three other regiments are also under orders to proceed to Manila by way of the Mediterranean and Suez canal. These are the 4th, 12th and 14th infantry. They will make the trip on the new transoceanic route, via Honolulu, and unless present plans miscarry they will embark at New York on the 17th inst. Major General Lawton, the hero of El Caney, who has been ordered to take command of the military force in the Philippines under the direction of Major General Otis, as military governor of the Archipelago, will accompany the expedition from New York after a conference with the president on the administration of affairs in the Philippines. LOCAL NEWS. MONEY ORDER OFFICE.—The post office at Medford, York county, will be made money order office on January 1st. THE TWO CENT LETTER RATES for Canada and the United States is now in force. The post office inspector received official notification from Ottawa Saturday. FOUND DEAD.—Mr. William S. McKeown, formerly of this city, but for the past 12 years resident at Dorchester, Mass., was found dead in bed there on Monday morning last. He had been acrimoniously apoplexiated. Deceased was a married man and was 67 years of age. He was a member of Wellington fire department, No. 1. LOST BOTH THUMBS.—About a month ago a workman in the Coldbrook Rolling mill named Michael Bowers had a thumb taken off while working at the mill. He was laid up from work until a few days ago when he returned to his duties. On Saturday afternoon while once more working at the mill he lost the other thumb. He is now in a hospital and is very unfortunate enough to lose his other thumb. CLOSE SEASON FOR GAME.—The close season for all kinds of big game begins today, Jan. 1st. The season now past has been a very successful one for sportsmen. Big game has been very plentiful, and more large specimens of moose and caribou have been captured this season than ever before in a like period. Figures as to the number of different kinds of game taken are not available. CONTAGIOUS DISEASE.—During the year the city has enjoyed a singular immunity from contagious diseases. But for the mild type of diphtheria which prevailed in the North End during the autumn, the total number of cases would be marvellously small. During the year there were 78 cases, while last year there were 171. In diphtheria there were 68 cases and 10 deaths; scarlet fever 4 cases, no deaths; measles 1 case, no death; total deaths, 15. SOCIAL GATHERING.—A social gathering occurred at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gillies, Springfield, Kings county, Friday evening, December 30th, when a number of the young people of that place spent a very pleasant time in games, etc., after which refreshments were served. The young people then left for their respective homes, leaving best wishes with the host and hostess for the coming new year. POLICE AND CIVIL COURTS.—Statistics to hand so far show that there were 1,411 arrests dealt with by the police magistrates last year, against 1,363 in the previous year. There were 833 drinks last year, against 788 in 1897. The police court receipts were \$34,690 last year and \$34,443 in 1897. Of course, the license law fees are not included in this. The liquor fines last year were \$1,270 and \$1,622 in 1897. Part of these go to the government. The civil court receipts last year were \$1,822 45, against \$1,844 56 in 1897. There were 3,259 summonses issued in civil court last year as against 2,865 in 1897. WILL LEAD FOR BELFAST.—The Head line Glen Head sailed from Ardrossan on Sunday for St. John to load for Belfast. The S. S. Danmore Head has arrived at Dublin from New Orleans and will sail from coaling port next Sunday for this port to take in cargo for Belfast. CATTLE KILLED.—On Saturday, while a number of cattle were being driven from the sheds at Sand Point on board the steamship, two of the number were killed. In driving the cattle towards the ship they pass along a run which is across the track of the bruisemen made a flying shot with a box car with the result that it crashed through the run knocking a couple of the animals down and injuring them so badly that a butcher was called and the animals slaughtered on the spot. COMING TO ST. JOHN.—The very many friends of Bandmaster Charles Hayes, who a number of years ago was so successful as director of the 62d band in this city, is coming back to the city to reside. After leaving this city he went to Fredericton, where he was for a long time in charge of the Infantry School Band and a few years ago was transferred to the school at Kingston, where he has been very successful. He has retired and will in the future reside in the West End. WIPED OUT THE DEBT.—Rev. D. Henderson asked the congregation of St. Andrew's to contribute enough on Christmas Sabbath to wipe out the floating debt so that the church could breathe the air of freedom once again, and his parishioners responded so liberally that the debt was wiped out and \$25 left over for congregational purposes. The C. E. Society of St. Andrew's presented a beautiful silver cake basket and silver to their pastor, Rev. D. Henderson, on Christmas eve; while the choir presented a handsome writing desk to their leader and organist, Miss Edger. The choir of the church also remembered Mr. Abel Simonds at Christmas.—[Chatham World, Dec. 29.] FIRE AT FAIRVILLE.—The sky was brightly illuminated early Sunday morning by a fire in Fairville. The fire occurred about 1 o'clock in the one and a half story wooden dwelling house on the Manawagonish road, owned by the city, which was occupied by Ex-Police Officer George Moore. The house was empty, there being no furniture in it, and there is no cause given as to how the fire originated. It only took about half an hour for the fire to completely destroy the building. The Fairville firemen responded quickly but could not save the building. DEATH OF FREDERICK FOWLER.—At five o'clock Sunday morning Frederick Fowler, well known and greatly esteemed in this city, passed away at his home on St. James street after a long illness. Mr. Fowler was a splendid singer and was most widely known through his musical connections. At the time of his death he was a member of the quartette of Exmouth street church. For many years he has been employed in positions of trust by Messrs. Manchester, Robertson & Allison. He was a prominent member of the Knights of Eynia. Mr. Fowler was 38 years of age and leaves a wife and three children. CHANGES OF TEMPERATURE.—The rainfall of Saturday morning ceased what little snow remained since the previous day to disappear. The rain was quickly followed by a light fall of snow, which melted upon reaching the ground. Snow began falling again about 2 p. m. and continued until Sunday afternoon. It was attended by a high northeast shifting to northwest wind and a decided fall in temperature. In the early morning of Saturday the mercury was considerably above the freezing point. At midnight the reading was 11.7 and on Sunday morning the lowest temperature recorded at the observatory was 0. During the day a tear was recorded and at 8 p. m. dropping again to 1.6 below zero with clear sky and high northwest wind.—[Chatham House Weather Bulletin.] DEATH OF JAMES BELVER.—The death occurred Saturday night of ex-Alderman James W. Belver, of the Old Fort, West End, after a lingering illness. Mr. Belver was well known throughout the city and in aquatic circles was at one time one of the city's finest oarsmen, and on different occasions during harbor regattas has picked crews of fishermen friends whom he pitted against crack men-of-war, with the result that St. John was always victorious. At one time Mr. Belver was a successful alderman for Guys ward, Carleton. For the last few years he has been in poor health, and gradually grew worse until death came. He was a kind, good natured man, with hosts of friends, who will be very sorry to hear of his demise. He was about 48 years of age, and leaves a wife and four sons to mourn their loss. A MILITARY SOUVENIR.—Among the handsome souvenirs of the season is one which the officers of the Sixty-Second Fusiliers are sending to their friends. The souvenir is a neat pamphlet. The covers are printed in colors, on the front being the union jack and the regimental colors, with the coat of arms of the corps and a fusilier. At the top of the page are the dates "1868-1898." On the back two soldiers are shown, one in the uniform of today and one wearing the regimentals of a hundred years ago. A crown is above them and a wreath of oak leaves with a beaver in the center below. This page also bears the inscription "Lieut. Colonel MacLean and officers of the 62d St. John Fusiliers wish their comrades a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year." Within the covers the first page contains a picture of Lieut. Colonel MacLean and the succeeding pages contain the portraits of the other officers of the corps grouped and arranged according to rank and seniority.

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NEW VESSELS.

A List of all the new Vessels Registered at the Port of St. John, N. B., for the Year ending 31st Dec., 1898 showing the Rig, Tonnage, Register Dimensions, Place of Building and Builders' Names.

Table with columns: Name of Vessel, Rig, Tonnage, Register Dimensions (Length, Breadth, Depth), Where Built, Builders' Names.

SUMMARY.

Summary table with columns: No., Rig, 1898, Tons, No., Rig, 1897, Tons, No., Rig, 1896, Tons.

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Table with columns: Name of vessel and rig, Tonnage, Where Built, When Built, Name and Address of Owners.

Vessels Wrecked, Broken Up, Sold to Foreigners, and Transferred to Other Ports During the Year 1898.

Schr Karelie, 124 tons, built at St. Martins, N. B., in 1884, by David D Long, master, Alexander Cole. Sailed from Dorchester, N. B., on the 5th Jan, 1898, for Salem, Mass., with a cargo of plank, went ashore at West Quaco Head, N. B., on the same day and became a total loss. Vessel owned by Edwin C Anderson, of Dorchester, N. B.

was there condemned and sold. Owned by C McL Troop, St John, N. B., and others. Schr A J, 45 tons, built at Noel, Hants Co, N. S., in 1879, by A J O'Brien. Was wrecked off Hantsport, N. S., on the 29th Dec, 1898. Vessel owned by George Newcomb, of Parrsboro, N. S.

By D Walden LeB Brown, of St. Martins, N. B., in 1875, by James Dwyer, his only tools being an axe, saw and auger. Taken on board by his family they reached Philadelphia en route to California, where the vessel was purchased by parties there, and was exhibited at the great World's Fair of 1876. Schr Ranger, 70 tons, built at Grand Lake, N. B., in 1887. Was broken up at Washedoak Lake, Queens Co, N. B., in 1894. Vessel owned by David A Vail, of Cambridge, Queens Co, N. B.

"TWO CENT LETTER RATE."

HON. MR. MULOCK ADDS ANOTHER TO HIS MANY ACHIEVEMENTS.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29—The Christmas box of inter-imperial penny postage is to be followed by a New Year's gift of a two cent letter rate throughout Canada, beginning January 1. At last session the government secured the passage of an act authorizing the reduction of the domestic rate to two cents when deemed advisable. When the London conference named Christmas as the day upon which the imperial penny postage rate should take effect the government decided to avail themselves of the power conferred upon them and reduced the domestic rate at the earliest possible moment. As the reduction involved important financial considerations it was necessary in fixing the day for the inauguration to have regard to the system of keeping the public accounts, according to which the fiscal year begins July 1. In that view it was deemed advisable to bring the change into operation on the first day of the second half of the fiscal year, hence the selection of January 1, 1899, as the day for the inauguration of the two cent rate. The proclamation will appear in Saturday's Gazette announcing the reduction. In this reform Hon Mr Mulock has added another to his many achievements during his administration.

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A. W. PETERS DEAD.

A prominent Man Passed Away in New York.

Mr. A. Welleley Peters received a despatch from New York conveying the sad intelligence of the sudden death on Thursday of his brother Augustus W. Peters, chairman of the borough of Manhattan. Mr. Peters, who was 54 years of age, was the youngest son of the late Benj. L. Peters, Esq., police magistrate of St. John, a brother of the late Judge Peters and a member of a well known New Brunswick family. In his early life he was a clerk in the customs here, but went to New York nearly 30 years ago, and had there a very successful career. He was for a number of years chairman of the Consolidated Stock and Petroleum Exchange, a position to which he was annually elected year by year, and was very popular among the large membership of that body. Mr. Peters identified himself with the Democratic party in New York and held office on several occasions in its managing committees. When the Grand Central Hotel was founded he was elected by an immense majority chairman of the borough of Manhattan, a position which he was to hold for three years. He was a very active member of the Masonic fraternity and was the president of the New York of the Grand Royal Arc Chapter of New Brunswick. In his younger days he took a deep interest in the State militia, and had been a member of the Old Guard of New York. A man of fine presence, of a kind and genial nature, a warm heart, he had the love of his friends and acquaintances. Announcement of his death was a sad shock to his brother and sisters in St. John, 41 years of age, and there will be much sympathy felt for them. In all probability his body will be brought to St. John for interment. He was unmarried. The office which Mr. Peters held as chairman of the borough of Manhattan, which includes the whole island of New York, is a position of honor and responsibility, and carried with it excellent emoluments.

New York, Dec. 29—Mr. Peters attended the meeting of the board of public improvement yesterday afternoon, and appeared to be in his usual good health. He came home last night in his usual good spirits, and talked with Mr. and Mrs. Henri Chaurant, with whom he was spending the night. When he went to his apartments to prepare a speech to be delivered tonight at a meeting of Mystic Burners, in which order he was a member of high standing. He gave no intimation of illness as he went upstairs. While the family was sleeping this morning Mr. Chaurant was aroused by the barking of a pet dog in the house.

He had a note in Mr. Peters' room a moment later that caused him uneasiness and he hastened upstairs to see if his friend was all right. As he entered the room he saw Mr. Peters dressed in his night clothes, lying on the bed, with his feet on the floor. The gas was burning. Mr. Chaurant hastily sent across the street for a doctor.

Washington, Dec. 30—The Canadian government, in a telegram from Postmaster General Mulock to Postmaster General Smith, announces that it has reduced the domestic letter rate from three to two cents per ounce commencing January 1. The new imperial postage between the U. S. and Canada letters are sent from this country to Canada for two cents, the domestic rate of each country applying to each letter sent. The reduction was made reciprocal and for the first time permits letters to be sent from the other side at two cents of these countries. Postmaster General Smith calls the attention of all postmasters in the country through the Associated Press to the reduction in Canada, and has the following: "Jumping across to the other coast we find a very small and juvenile representative of the St. John Posters. He is doing his best at the early age of eight years, to become proficient in the use of a very important instrument for without the bone cells there would be very great difficulty in getting through military manoeuvres of any kind. This youthful militiaman is Brigadier E. Alban S. Burdette, and he is the son of Major E. T. Burdette, of the same corps."

Brigadier Sturdee has been seen on the streets on many occasions with the 62nd, and in regard to fatigue he is trapped with the corps of Capt. Queen's Birthday on this visit to Maryville and Fredericton, and for his age stood it admirably and was the centre of attraction. The young bugler is ornate in his duties and the "pet" of the battalion.

In the Christmas issue of the Navy and Army Illustrated of London, Eng., a journal that is widely circulated throughout the world, is a fine article on the Pacific coast. After speaking of the Pacific coast it presents a very fine illustration of the youngest militiaman in Canada, and has the following: "Jumping across to the other coast we find a very small and juvenile representative of the St. John Posters. He is doing his best at the early age of eight years, to become proficient in the use of a very important instrument for without the bone cells there would be very great difficulty in getting through military manoeuvres of any kind. This youthful militiaman is Brigadier E. Alban S. Burdette, and he is the son of Major E. T. Burdette, of the same corps."

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Schr Deer Hill, 341 tons, built at Moss Glen, Kings county, N. B., in 1891, by Gabriel Merritt; master, C W Burns, sailed from this port on the 23rd Nov, 1898, for Santos and was abandoned in Latitude 38° 42' sec north; longitude 62° 49' sec W, on the 12th Dec 1898; crew saved by Br S S Pawnee; vessel owned by Wm H Merritt of St. John and others.

Schr Elizabeth, 23 tons, built at St. John, N. B., in 1887, lost years ago; vessel owned by Francis Duxey, of St. John, N. B. Schr Beena Vista, 14 tons, built at St. Martins, N. B., in 1887, by D Walden LeB Brown. Was broken up at Musquash, N. B., about 1890. Vessel owned

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Bold Attempt at Robbery.

Boston, Dec. 29—What is thought by the police to have been a bold attempt at robbery was frustrated by the screams of the elevator boy in the Franklin Savings Bank building, No 5 Park square, this afternoon. The thief, a colored man, entered the elevator in the building, which is run by Ernest E Sewall, 16 years old. While on his journey to the top of the building one of the young men seized the boy, while the other tried to place a cloth saturated with chloroform over the face. The latter succeeded in rendering the thief unconscious. The man left the elevator down to the ground floor again and tried to escape. One of them, however, Geo E Ryan, 24 years old, of Woburn, was captured and turned over to the police. His companion escaped. When Ryan was searched at the police station a bottle of chloroform and a cloth saturated with the liquid were found. Ryan was silent as to what he had intended to do with the drug. The police are trying to find his companion.

Nova Scotia Captain Missing.

PROVIDENCE, R. I., Dec. 29—The Haytian brig Union, with a cargo of logwood for eight years, of this city, tied up at Pomeroy's wharf this morning. Her captain, Thomas Daughney, left the brig at Newport and has not since been seen. The mate, Rudolph Bohm, brought the vessel from Newport and is now in charge of her. The captain has acted peculiarly for the past few weeks, having a strange fear that the crew had conspired to kill him. He has carried a revolver of late, and one refused to come from his cabin unless he could have police protection. It is feared that he may have come to some harm. He was from Liverpool, Nova Scotia.

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THE NEWFOUNDLAND QUESTION: The London correspondents of the New York papers are not always safe guides.

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that France must have in return the whole right bank of the Niger and certain territory up to Lake Chad.

THE INSOLENCE OF THE FRENCH IN NEWFOUNDLAND has been fed by the conduct of the commanders of British war ships.

THE RETIREMENT OF SPAIN FROM CUBA is a momentous event, for the islanders have held that island with hardly a break for more than four hundred years.

MR. BLAIR AND STODEN: The result of the interview which was published on Saturday, between Recorder Skinner and Alderman Blair.

TWO CENT POSTAGE: The Hon. Mr. Mulock has made the term of his administration of the post office department the most memorable epoch in the postal affairs of Canada.

THE QUESTION OF REVENUE: The other newspapers had having any other excuse for attacking the government because of the rejection of the rate of postage on letters in Canada.

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SENT TO ST. JOHN: FUNERAL SERVICES OVER THE REMAINS OF A. W. PETERS.

New York, Dec 31.—The funeral services over the remains of Augustus W. Peters, president of the Borough of Manhattan, took place tonight in Scottish Rite hall on Madison avenue.

Capt. W. H. Smith, of the Royal Naval Reserve, has promptly suspended the master and mate of the Yarmouth S.S. Company's steamer Express for the loss of that vessel off Bon Pointe Island, Shelburne, last September.

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BURNED TO DEATH: Moncton Child Meets with Fatal Accident.

Moncton, Jan. 1.—The clothes of a 3-year old child of Gifford Atkinson, of Bunterton Ridge, on Thursday last, while standing in front of the stove, caught fire.

RAIN CAUSES LANDSLIDE: PARIS, Jan. 2.—The heavy rains of the last 36 hours burst the main sewer at Bievres, 25 miles north of Versailles.

CUBANS CONTINUE TO ARM: HAVANA, Jan. 2.—The continuance of the Cuban in arms is the most puzzling question connected with the administration of the island.

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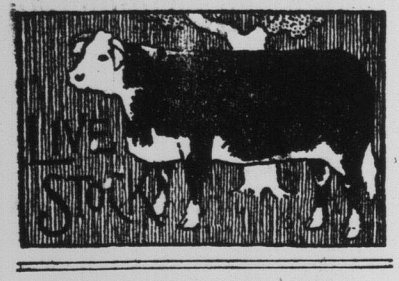
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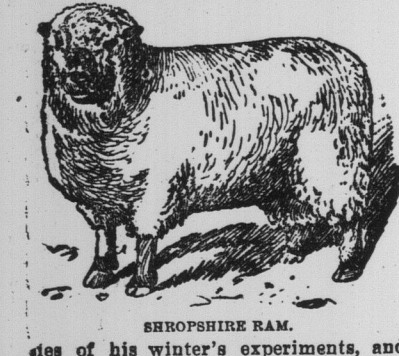
CHOPS AND BACON.

Rivalry of Species at the Minnesota Agricultural College.

Professor Shaw, head of the department of animal husbandry at the Minnesota State Agricultural College, has instituted a new series of experiments, says the St. Paul Pioneer Press. The farm has just purchased 130 lambs, and in a few days more Professor Shaw will cover four of the most popular sheep breeds in the northwest—Cotswolds, Merinos, Oxford and mixed Shropshires and Southdowns.

Some 35 or 40 of each class will be used in the experiments. They are all on hand now, with the exception of the Oxford, and these are expected almost any day. The lambs were purchased at the New Brighton yards and are from a large number brought in from the Montana ranges for finishing. Each lot is a representative collection of grade lambs, half bloods or better and selected with an eye to as perfect uniformity as possible between the four classes. The conditions seem to be good for a fair test of the fattening qualities of different breeds.

The system of feeding will be changed somewhat from former years, owing chiefly to the higher prices of grain. Barley was one of the leading components in last winter's scheme of feeding, and it was found to work splendidly, but barley is one of the question this year on account of the price, so Professor Shaw will replace it with corn. In place of corn ensilage and clover hay, corn fodder and sorghum will be mainly used for the roughage. Otherwise the system of feeding will practically follow that which has been found to give the best results for the money in previous years. Professor Shaw is enthusiastic over the possibilities of his winter's experiments, and somewhat expects to get some results that will be of interest and value to the agricultural world.



SHROPSHIRE RAM.

Every indication points to an improved horse market in the near future. The great number of scrabs which have found their way to the markets and for which there is no demand from any quarter has led to a certain extent to a glutted market, and the price of good horses has been affected by the number and cheapness of these inferior animals, says Dr. M. W. Haviland in Maine Farmer. What to do with horses for which there is no market is a serious question, and the breeding of these animals should certainly cease and a new departure from methods now in use be taken. The farmer who sells a horse at 4 or 5 years of age for \$50 or \$80 is not getting anything above what the animal has actually cost to place him upon the market. It seems strange that a breeder should duplicate an experiment which yields such poor returns. It appears to the writer that the present situation is promising to the breeder of high class horses. A really good 15 or 16 hand horse, of true carriage or gentleman's roadster type, has always brought a good price and will continue to be in demand in all the future. The supply of such animals is practically exhausted, and this fact taken in connection with a revival of business that is sure to follow our late war with Spain, can only result in good prices for superior animals. We have not been breeding since the depression in prices and consequently have but few horses. We need have no fear that the horseless carriage, so much talked about, will ever take the place of the horse. It is too expensive and complicated to come into general use, and there are now as many horses used in the cities as there ever have been, while the demand must steadily increase as the business of the world increases, both for work and pleasure.

Demand for Horses.
Several years ago, when good brood mares were cheap, farmers were advised to pick up a few, breed them and take care of the foals. Subsequent events have proved that this advice was good. The man who has a strictly high class 1-year-old or 4-year-old is not looking in vain for a buyer. Good horses are getting scarce, and little wonder. They have been going to market at a rapid rate during the past three years. The past ten months at Chicago alone 105,000 head were handled, and the year's business at other points is the greatest on record. Many have gone out of the country, and more will go. This year is the first of the revival of breeding, and it will be at least five years before the foals of this breeding can go to market. This means that for the next five years we must depend largely on our present supply of horses, and it is likely to be much reduced during that period.—National Stockman.

Kansas Hogs.
The quarterly report of Secretary Corn of the Kansas board of agriculture is devoted wholly to the pork producing interests of Kansas. He leads the porkers until, were swine endowed with the gift of reading, they would swell up to the proportions that would entitle every one to a blue ribbon at a county fair. He tells of the hog as a mortgage remover in terms that almost tempt the casual reader to embrace the first hog he meets. The report shows that in 1897 there were 3,899,494 hogs in Kansas, worth \$11,997,470. This was an increase of 568,000 hogs over the year previous, and the increase in value of pork products was proportional.

DOCKING HORSES.

The Royal Agricultural Society Resolves Against the Practice.

At the recent meeting of the Royal Agricultural Society of Great Britain the following resolution was adopted on motion of Sir Nigel Kingscote: "That at and after the Maidstone meeting of 1899 no foals with docked tails be allowed to be exhibited at the society's country meetings; that at and after the meeting of 1900 the same rule shall apply to yearlings as well as foals, and that at and after the meeting of 1901 to 2-year-olds also."

In support of the resolution the mover said that he felt he had no occasion to apologize for bringing the matter of the docking of horses before the society again, as, in his opinion, the practice had become a hundredfold more needful since the matter was last considered in 1893 and 1898. He gave to the secretary the notice which he had put upon the agenda for the meeting at Four Oaks park, where he was shocked and disgusted to see the extent to which docking had been carried, not only with the aged and young horses, but with the cattle also, and, altogether, to his mind, the best exhibit of horses he had ever seen at a royal show.

In discussing the question Earl Spencer mentioned in regard to the question of docking horses that very little difficulty arose. Probably it might arise in some small degree from the construction of carriages, but he went so far as to say that it would be better to alter the carriage rather than keep short tails. As to affecting the supply of the country, he could not believe that in the least. Would they say that because they made a better looking animal, and one more in accordance with nature, that they would drive the people who bought horses from the country? He could not allow that for a moment. It was entirely a question of fashion. In old days it was the fashion to crop horses' ears, and it was a singular thing with regard to this question of horses' tails that the horse which they considered the pride of England—viz, the race horse—always had the longest tail possible. Where they required to diminish weight they still kept the tail. He was very glad to think they did so. With respect to hunters, there was no doubt in his mind that it was an enormous addition to the beauty of a horse to have a good tail, and he went so far as to say that the docking of a horse was prejudicial to its power of turning. He had docked horses, and he had one now, a hackney, with a very short dock. He had bought him with a dock, and he had had to dock him again. They were prejudicial to the power of turning, and he (Lord Spencer) could not see that particular horse round to open a gate. This was due to the docked tail. The greatest discomfort and cruelty to a horse was its being deprived of the power of whisking away flies while in the field. The system of leaving foals and breeding mares with a miserable pretence of tail was heinous, and he might almost say indecent.

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Fitting Carriage Horses for Market.
It is not a rare thing for the dealer to get more money out of a horse than the man who bred and raised him to market. He has received such instances are quite often held up by the farmer's money and willing advisers to show what the farmer who bred the horse failed to get—all because he didn't go on and fit him for the city buyer. We have little patience with the people who are always seen when the farmer has missed it in instances of this kind. They rarely know anything about the business of fitting horses for the city market. They have no idea of the time, patience, money and skill required. They do not see the five or more horses that are bought and tried and found wanting for every one the dealer succeeds in making into a real good one. They do not know that all this is simply impossible for the farmer, even though he were capable of doing it, in which case he would have no business farming.—National Stockman.



GRAIN DRILLS.

Comparative Advantages of Hoe, Shoe, Press and Disk Forms.

There are three objections to hoe drills for small grain: It is impossible to regulate any sharp pointed plow that has no bottom so as to control the depth. The seed bed is seldom perfect. There are some depressions and round points for the wheels, and in the soil are many irregularities of firmness and trash obstructions. In most seed beds, if you follow a hoe drill, you will notice that the hoe occasionally jumps nearly or quite out of the ground and plunges in again entirely too deep. If you watch closely, you will see that as the hoe rises the bottom end is thrown backward enough so that most of the wheat for six inches, at the drill mark is doubled over that last row, leaving a very narrow strip of grain on the six inches. In plunging in again the momentum of the drill hoe's weight, together with the suction, sends it too deep for a few inches. The churning and plunging certainly mean very irregular sowing.

In buying a shoe drill one should see that it is so constructed that the shoes can be forced in deep enough to cover the seed bed to be in better condition and especially more level than for a hoe drill. If the seed bed is very loose—which of course is a mistake—the deep horse tracks are not as well filled by the shoes as the hoe, as it divides the soil instead of plowing through it. In all these small depressions the wheat may show. But it will all be covered if all works right, and I have observed in the part of the country where by morning, whether a shaver passes or not, I have never seen as nice and really good a job of sowing done by any drill as by my wide heeled shoe drill in a good seed bed, and the wheat did not come up in a line, but in a strip an inch wide.

The shoe drill does not ride over trash very well, unless the surface has been broken ahead of it. If a little dead weed, it will not bother by clogging. My man carries a forked stick, and if trash gathers pushes it against the earth so the shoe will slip behind. The grain is dropped close behind, so that enough earth falls back to cover the seed. This machine I have never used. Of course the depth would not be as uniform as with a shoe drill, but would not be so irregular as with a hoe, says an Indiana farmer, whose views, as originally expressed in The Rural New Yorker, are here given.

Michigan Apple Crop.
Although the crop of Michigan winter apples is not to be a large one in best of condition, it will be in excess of that of any other part of the Rocky mountains and is already in exceeding brisk demand in the market. Everything of the apple kind in Michigan this year will command a good price. Buyers are already in the field for cider apples and drying stock, many evaporators having been erected within the state by men who have been engaged in that industry elsewhere. The early fall fruit is selling at what would be very high prices in ordinary years, commanding 30 to 50 cents per bushel, according to a bulletin of the State Horticultural Department. The same authority states that there is comparatively little damage noticeable from the codling moth, but there is an abundance of scab. This is particularly the case with orchards that were not sprayed last year. The state affords few large commercial apple orchards. Although the total product is great, it is gathered in comparatively small amounts, nearly every farmer having an orchard of more or less extent.

The Cuckoo and the Shrike.
In investigating the food habits of the cuckoo and the shrike the department of agriculture finds that the insect food of cuckoos consists of beetles, caterpillars, cicadas, bugs, wasps, flies, caterpillars and spiders, of which grasshoppers and caterpillars constitute more than three-fourths. The great majority of the insects found in the stomachs were harmful kinds. Nearly half of the cuckoo's food was found to be caterpillars. The food of the shrike consists of mice, and all birds and insects, the latter mainly grasshoppers. Furthermore, the attacks of the shrike are often directed against the English sparrow, now so obnoxious in many parts of the United States.

CHRISTMAS TREE FOR THE INMATES OF THE BOYS' INDUSTRIAL HOME—AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

Friends of the Boys' Industrial Home assembled last evening at the head of King street for the purpose of taking buses to go out to that institution, which was about to celebrate its annual Xmas festival. Two immense sleighs fully freighted with humanity, took their departure from the appointed place at 7:30 o'clock, and duly delivered their loads at the reformatory building, where the visitors were received by the officials of the institution, Mr. E. Austin, superintendent; Mr. James H. Austin, matron; and Mrs. Land, teacher.

They found the building brightly illuminated and decorated for the occasion, the work all being done by the boys and their teachers, in a manner highly creditable to their taste and skill. The institution now contains 24 boys, who seem to be making excellent progress in education as well as in the other work to which it is devoted. The guests were met in the school room by Lady Tilley and Mrs. E. C. Skinner, who have been very active in the work of organizing the institution, Lady Tilley being in fact its founder. Among those present were the following: Mayor and Mrs. Sears and Miss Daisy Sears, Judge and Mrs. Barker, Police Magistrate and Mrs. Ritchie, Mr and Mrs John E. Irvine and Miss Irvine, Mrs. Stockton, Lucy Tilley, Mrs. R. O. Skinner and Miss Skinner, Mr. L. P. D. Tilley, Mr. O. N. Skinner and Miss Skinner, Mr. H. B. Hoyt, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bullock, Mrs. B. R. Macaulay, Mrs. David Brown and Miss Brown, Miss Murray, Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Mott, Mrs. Prescott, Mrs. G. F. Smith and Miss Smith, The Nurses Keynote, Miss Lynch, Miss Mackay, Mr. E. M. Edmond Ritchie, Miss Soemmel, Mrs. Alex. Wilson, Miss Sadlier, Mrs. Gleason, Miss B. Baird, Miss Florie McKellan, Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Woods.

The first business on hand was the inspection of the building, after which the guests assembled in the room, where a handsome Christmas tree had been erected, laden with good things for the boys. Judge Barker, who is one of the trustees of the institution, made a brief speech welcoming the visitors and directing attention to the intelligent and orderly appearance of the boys who are in the institution. This commenced the work of distribution of the gifts, each boy receiving a substantial remnant of Christmas, in the form of good things. The company then adjourned to the school room, which was beautifully decorated with lanterns, pictures, and the work of the pupils and their teacher. Here Mayor Sears acted as chairman, while a very interesting program was carried out by the boys. This included a Christmas carol, followed by the singing of the boys in the form of a play, "White and Blue." Then came a Christmas dialogue, in which Herbert Lobb, Jerry Maher, John Patschell, Isaac Anderson and Wm. Holm, William Watson, J. Francis, Dick Williams and Harry McNeil took part. Then followed more singing by the boys, then the singing of the boys in the form of a play, "White and Blue." Then came a Christmas dialogue, in which Herbert Lobb, Jerry Maher, John Patschell, Isaac Anderson and Wm. Holm, William Watson, J. Francis, Dick Williams and Harry McNeil took part. Then followed more singing by the boys, then the singing of the boys in the form of a play, "White and Blue." Then came a Christmas dialogue, in which Herbert Lobb, Jerry Maher, John Patschell, Isaac Anderson and Wm. Holm, William Watson, J. Francis, Dick Williams and Harry McNeil took part.

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Free Water for Yarmouth.
YARMOUTH, Dec. 28.—A public meeting of the ratepayers last evening unanimously passed a resolution to apply to the legislature for an act to authorize the town to grant free water for fire protection and freedom from taxation for 15 years for the new industries employing over 10 hands. It was intimated that the Yarmouth dock and Yarm mill might within a year enlarge their mills so as to employ 150 hands and pay out \$70,000 a year in wages.

Memorial Services for Morrill.
COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 28.—Out of respect for the late Senator Morrill, of Vermont, and in recognition of the educational value of his services to this country, the Ohio State University, which, with more than 50 other colleges and universities in the United States, is observing the centennial of the birth of Morrill, will hold memorial services, probably during the second or third week of the new term.

CUSTOMS MATTERS.

New Forms of Entry and Invoice Certificates in Effect Monday Next.

The despatches from Ottawa have before contained reference to the change in the forms of entry and invoice certificates at the customs house, to go into effect on Monday next. The matter of the change is known to all business men, but a circular received yesterday by Collector Reel, under date of December 27, gives further information and some discretionary powers to collectors. The circular reads:

MEMORANDUM.
Customs Department, Canada, Ottawa, 27th Dec., 1898.
To Collector of Customs—
Temporary instructions regarding new entry forms and invoice certificates referred to in Memo, 1022 B.—
1. The old entry forms "For Duty," may be used in passing amended entries during 1899, (as in such cases no certificates are usually required to be taken or subscribed).
2. Invoices having attached thereto being informed in respect of the requirements of the new form—collectors taking due precautions, however, for the entry of goods at their proper value for duty.
3. Respecting certificate "J" on invoices of merchandise for entry under the general tariff, collectors may use a reasonable discretion in accepting invoices for entry without this certificate, for a limited time, as provided in memo, 1022 B.
The certificate "J" may be accepted temporarily if on paper firmly annexed to the invoice, and an alternative form of the certificate "J" may also be used at the option of the exporter, if in effect as follows:—
This invoice is true and correct; and where the prices shown therein are less than the ordinary prices at which the same articles are now sold bona fide by the exporter at this place for consumption in this country in like quantity and condition on usual credit terms, or for cash if universally sold only for cash, the latter prices are shown on the margin or elsewhere on such invoice.
4. The regulations in respect to marking numbers on packages and invoices from the United States and other countries, required for the identification of the goods and packages, are to be strictly enforced with as little delay as possible, giving importers when making entry due notice to comply with the law. All imported packages when not properly marked and numbered on the outside so as to identify the contents of such packages with the corresponding mark numbers on packages and invoices to be subject to detention and special customs examination after 1st March next.

Will Vote Against Quay.
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 29.—Secretary of the Commonwealth David W. Martin, who is a state senator-elect from this city, stated today that he intends to enter the Republican caucus at Harrisburg next Tuesday night to agree on the party candidate for United States senator to succeed M. S. Quay. He says that he will vote against Senator Quay in the caucus, but that he will abide by the decision of the meeting and vote for whoever is chosen. The friends of Senator Quay claim they will control the caucus and the decision of Senator Martin, they declare, insures the re-election of Senator Quay.

Duels at Buda Pest.
BUDA PEST, Dec. 28.—A third duel was fought between M. Kabil, a son-in-law of M. Horansky, and M. Kenedi, a journalist. Swords were the weapons, and both men were wounded.

The Emperor Will Visit.
LONDON, Dec. 29.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Daily Mail says that early next year Emperor Nicholas will visit Emperor-King Francis Joseph of Austria-Hungary, and King Humbert of Italy.

Advertisement for Boker's Best skates. Includes text: "FREE No Money Required. For Selling a few Packets of Exquisite Perfume at 10 Cents each." and "THE HOME SPECIALTY CO., TORONTO." Also includes illustrations of skates and a watch.

