

22 KILLED IN TRAIN WRECK.

Fearful Results of Collision Head-on.

Wind Blows Out Signal Light on the Marquette Railway and Trains Speed to a Fearful Meeting—Distressing Scenes as Dead and Injured Are Taken from the Wreck.

Grand Rapids, Mich., Dec. 26.—Twenty-two persons are dead and thirty-nine injured as the result of the collision this evening of two passenger trains on the Pere Marquette railroad a half mile west of East Paris, and six miles east of this city. The collision, which was head-on, was caused, according to the statement issued by the officials of the road at the general offices in Detroit, by the high wind blowing out the red signal lamp at McCords, where the westbound train, No. 6, should have stopped and returned orders to pass the eastbound train at Fox.

The officials deny a report that a misunderstanding of orders on the part of one of the engineers was responsible for the collision. According to the statement of the officials the trains were to have met and passed at Okdale Park, but to help the eastbound train the dispatcher issued new orders, fixing Fox as the meeting place. The eastbound train received its orders to this effect and the westbound train, instead of stopping at McCords, proceeded on to the station and the collision occurred.

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TERRIBLE STORM DOES MUCH DAMAGE

Many Vessels Are Wrecked and Lives Lost on New England Coast.

WIND BLEW A GALE. Blizzard Strikes New York, and With Heavy Snowfall and Biting Cold, Caused Much Suffering—Pall of Darkness Hung Over City at Midday; Lights Had to Be Lit.

Boston, Dec. 26.—After one of the mildest Christmas days, a winter's storm broke over New England today and was accounted for a number of marine disasters. Up to 10 o'clock tonight three wrecks had been reported and several other vessels had been in distress. One of the wrecks resulted in the loss of three men.

A number of little fishermen at Newport were caught off shore but all managed to reach port, although several men were severely frost-bitten.

The storm center passed over southern New England during the forenoon and the snowfall throughout this section was quite heavy, especially in Maine and New Hampshire, while wind velocities reaching more than fifty miles were reported from some points.

The northwester which set in as soon as the storm center had passed off the coast brought with it clearing weather and a cold wave and tonight the thermometer is rising rapidly while the north wind is blowing.

Reports from Maine and New Hampshire show that the storm in that part of New England was less considerably interrupted.

About eight inches of snow fell in this city but the fall was much heavier in the north and west.

Two Fishermen Lost. Cohasset, Mass., Dec. 26.—After losing one of her men while haddock fishing in the bay yesterday, the schooner Helen Jones, of Boston, Captain Manuel E. Jones, was wrecked on the rocks of the bay.

On Christmas eve, Rev. J. H. MacDonaid, pastor of the Fredericton Baptist church, was given by the male members of his church and congregation a beautiful gift.

SAD DROWNINGS IN NOVA SCOTIA.

Three Men All Sink in Same Hole.

Two of the Unfortunate Victims Were Skating and Broke Through the Ice—Father of One of Them Lost His Life in Vain Effort to Save Son.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Newville, a hamlet on the line of the Cumberland Railway & Coal Co. Road, was last evening the scene of a terrible accident, whereby Beverly Robertson, aged 40, his son Clifford, aged 14, and James Lockhart, aged 21, were drowned.

It seems that Clifford Robertson, Lockhart, and others were on Half Way River Lake skating when the ice gave way and the two fell in. Robertson's brother gave the alarm and a crowd from the store near by gathered. Among them was Beverly Robertson.

Clifford was holding on to the ice, when his father pushed a board out to him, but he was unable to get hold of it. His father then crawled out to the end of the board to assist him, when the board broke and he, too, fell into the water head first and was not again seen.

The elder Robertson leaves besides his wife, a family of seven, he being their only support. Lockhart belongs to a family of millmen and mill men, and the families of the drowned men were almost frantic with grief.

Montreal Must Pay FOR MILITIA'S SERVICES Judgment Given Against the City for \$18,600 for Protection During Longshoremen's Strike.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The city was condemned Saturday by Judge Fortin to pay \$18,600 for the services of the militia of this district to maintain law and order on the wharves at the time of the longshoremen's strike last spring.

The judgment forms a precedent as the responsibility of policing the front of Montreal.

In Our Language Becoming Corrupt In his article on this question in the 19th issue of the magazine, Prof. Lounsbury cites an amusing English dialogue by Beattie in which Swallow and Bookseller were supposed to be the participants. It shows that the language of the day was becoming corrupt.

Japan to Rush Railroad. Tokio, Dec. 28.—An extraordinary meeting of the privy council today approved the issuance by the cabinet of an emergency ordinance authorizing the guarantee of the principal and interest of an issue of 10,000,000 yen debentures for the purpose of expediting the work on the Seoul Fusan railway which is expected to be finished by the end of the year.

The ordinance also provides for all possible military expenses for the protection of the railway and other interests.

ROBBERS HOLD TOWN AT BAY WHILE THEY LOOT BANK SAFE.

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Fort Worth, Tex., Dec. 27.—A special from South McAlester (L.T.), to the Record, says:

A hold bank robbery, attended by a desperate band of robbers occurred at Kiowa, a small town 10 miles south of the city today, the robbers securing and destroying about \$28,000 which was in the bank.

The men gained entrance to the bank building through a rear window. The first charge of nitro glycerine made no impression on the safe, but the noise aroused residents of the town and soon a posse composed of fifty men was organized in the stock yards at the rear of the bank.

A volley of shots was fired at the building and was at once returned by the robbers. The robbers scattered on the outside of the structure. An innocent bystander was kept up for half an hour during which time the robbers continued their efforts to open the safe.

It required three discharges to force the door. The third explosion was terrific and almost completely demolished the safe as well as the interior of the bank.

Paper money was blown to shreds, large quantities of mutilated bills being left in the street. After looting the safe the robbers left the building from the front and backed off into the darkness, keeping up a fire on the posse.

It is said that one of the robbers was killed. The bank officials place their monetary loss at \$28,000.

Mr. W. H. Magee, of the I. O. R. audit office, Hon. John Burdick, ex-M. P. P., is contemplating a trip to Europe and the Holy Land. He will leave about the New Year.

A. R. Trentoway, of Halifax, is visiting friends in St. John for a week.

Sherman Peters, of Georgetown, arrived in the city on the late train on Saturday night. He drove down as far as Westfield on the ice.

\$200,000 FIRE AT TROY, NEW YORK.

Troy, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Troy's fifth big fire within a few weeks broke out today in the business portion of the city and caused a loss of \$200,000.

The flames originated in the back room of A. W. Hollister's store, located on the corner of 323 and 331 River street, and spread so rapidly that the four story brick structure was a mass of flames in less than five minutes.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

F. Leger, T. J. Buckley and B. B. Jo...

Tenders are called for the new ferry...

The provincial government has called...

The steamer Springfield, while lying...

News has been received in Bangor...

LeBaron Wilmut, M. D., once assistant...

Mrs. Amos Grass, a widow who is 77...

A reward of \$25 has been offered by...

Archbishop O'Brien, in a circular...

The Montreal express is keeping up...

The steamer Yarmouth went into dry...

Blanchard Fowler, J. A. Kelly, E. S....

For the Little Girls' Home, Mrs. David...

The collections taken at the doors of...

Stackhouse, B. A., who works at the...

It was announced a considerable time...

Charles D. Hober, school inspector...

Afternoon the wedding of M. Wetmore...

The steamer Boston was being from...

assist, who has resigned from...

James Dickie, of Cumberland county...

The treasurer of St. Vincent de Paul...

A lady's hand bag, containing a purse...

There is an exhibit in the window...

A Mauguerville store at the market...

High Dalrymple Whitehead, Kings...

The body of Charles Fenhall, C. P. R...

On Saturday last Mrs. Fenwick, who...

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ST. JOHN MEAT NEW YORK BANQUET

Function Given by Canadian Society to Honor Maritime Men.

MANY WITTY SPEECHES.

One and All Gave Vent to Great Enthusiasm for Their Mother Country, the Dominion—Speakers Indulge in Pleasant Rantery About St. John and Halifax.

Clean-lined, clear-eyed, looking as though they were well provided for...

A familiar touch was given to the presentation of the mother country...

The body of Charles Fenhall, C. P. R. checker, who died in the hospital here...

On Saturday last Mrs. Fenwick, who had a stand on the market, received word...

During last week there were eleven marriages and twenty-six in the city...

A handsome brass pipe was presented to Mr. Jones, of the C. P. R.

T. D. Babbits, of Gibson, on Christmas Day, presented the Baptist church...

The death of Agnes, second daughter of Wm. Jones, occurred at the residence...

There will be a big lumber cut in Maine next year...

Miss Allie Moran, who recently resigned as teacher of the almshouse school...

H. N. Giggey died Saturday at his residence, 217 St. John street...

Irving Woodworth, an employee of the Albert Manufacturing Company...

It was announced a considerable time ago that the dominion government...

Charles D. Hober, school inspector of Kent and Westmorland counties...

SEASON'S JOY IN THE FATE AGAINST THIS IMMIGRANT

Woman Crosses Ocean Three Times Only to Be Deported.

ONCE WAS AT SAND POINT.

Every Time the Same Official Happened to Be the One to Reject Her, and This Was at Naples, Quebec, New York, and Saint John.

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CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Many Presentations of Which Telegraph Reporters Heard in the Special Time of Good Will.

AT THE ALMS HOUSE.

Many Visitors and a Merry Christmas—The Institution in an Excellent Condition.

The Christmas visit of the commissioners and friends of the alms house to that institution, took place Saturday afternoon...

Among those present were Geo. A. Knodd, chairman of the board of commissioners...

After card singing addresses were delivered by Mr. Raymond and others...

The alms house is in a flourishing condition, and the Christmas tree, laden with articles calculated to gladden the hearts...

The season's crop, planted and harvested by the inmates, has been large...

The Baptist ministers, at their meeting Monday, endorsed the work now going on for union of the Baptists and Free Baptists...

Queen's Precinctory Officers. Queen's Precinctory No. 22, Royal Black Knights of Israel, elected the following officers...

North Renfrew Elects a Conservative. The election in North Renfrew for the Ontario legislature today resulted in the triumph of the Conservative candidate...

Blion Lodge Election. At the eighty-first annual meeting of Blion Lodge No. 1, F. & A. M., Monday evening in Free Masons' Hall...

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MACAULAY BROS. & COMPANY.

To Out-of-Town Buyers We would like to submit.

Samples of Black Dress Silks, at 95c, \$1.00, 1.10, 1.15 to \$2.00 per yard.

Black Silks for Waists, 46c, 50c. to \$1.35. Colored Taffeta Silks, 75c. and 90c. per yard; and Fancy Waist Silks, 40c. to \$1.40 per yard.

Having made special purchases for Christmas Trade, and giving this notice in good season, any who propose making gifts of Black Silk Dress Pattern; Black or Fancy Silk for Waists, etc., can, by return of mail after receipt of their request, have our samples. We only ask that they be put in comparison with any house in Canada.

Our standard makes of Silks are well known to many. We wish others to understand their worth and value.

Please mention The Telegraph when you write.

IT WAS A HAPPY DAY FOR THOSE WHOM CHRISTMAS FOUND IN PUBLIC HOMES.

How the Great Day of Rejoicing Was Observed in the St. John Institutions—Bounteous Feasts, and in Some Places Christmas Trees and Gifts.

Christmas day, with mild, spring-like weather, was quietly observed in St. John. The churches wherein services were held were filled with large congregations.

The services were of special character, and the music was more than ordinary. In the cathedral the principal service was at 11 o'clock, when His Lordship Bishop Ousey celebrated pontifical high mass, and gave the papal benediction.

The sermon was preached by Rev. A. W. Meaham. There was pontifical vespers in the afternoon.

In the public institutions special care was taken to make the day a happy one for the inmates.

At the school for the deaf at Lunenburg Heights were given a happy time yesterday. Through the generosity of J. M. Humphrey & Co., who sent \$10, and other friends who gave cash presents, many gifts were brought for the pupils.

Through the efforts of Mrs. Hugh McLean (late of Salmon River), Mrs. W. L. Waring and Mrs. M. H. Case, many useful things were collected and these ladies decorated the Christmas tree on which were several gifts for each pupil.

At the Provincial Lunatic Asylum the day was devoted to the pleasure and amusement of the patients. The city staff remained on duty and gave their energies to making the day as cheerful as possible.

In the evening the patients were amused with the usual card parties, games of checkers, dominoes, etc., that take place nightly, and, in addition, a number of male patients and their attendants, gave a concert, in one of their halls, to the other inmates of the male department.

A similar concert was given on the other side of the house by female patients and attendants. These concerts were the first of a series to be given at intervals by patients and attendants. Rehearsals take place in the evenings, and, as well as the concert, these are a source of pleasure to many.

Ward 6 (male ward) which, unfortunately, is the domicile of a number of juveniles, provided for the youngsters' benefit, and, mainly through the efforts of its attendant, a Christmas tree, was tastefully decorated and none of the children were forgotten. At the conclusion of the concert, which was much enjoyed, refreshments consisting of apples,

oranges, nuts, raisins, sand, etc., which were bountifully provided by the steward of the institution, were distributed, and at 10 p. m., after a pleasant day, the children retired to their homes.

At the Home for Incurables. The day was quietly, but very pleasantly spent at the home for incurables. A dinner served was very suitable to the occasion, and had all the delicacies of the season, while the best nurses, Miss Peck and her staff of nurses did everything possible to make happy the hearts of the patients under their care.

The children of the Protestant Orphan Asylum spent a very pleasant day. There were two Christmas trees—one for the boys and one for the girls—both of which were well laden with gifts which had been very kindly sent in by friends of the little ones. The usual turkey dinner was thoroughly enjoyed by all.

The day was most enjoyably spent. Many of the inmates went out to Christmas dinners with their friends, but those who remained enjoyed their dinner of turkey and plum pudding most thoroughly. In the afternoon, some friends dropped in and the remainder of the day was passed in music and social intercourse.

At the General Public Hospital a Christmas dinner was served the patients, and the abundant good things were heartily enjoyed. The customary holiday decorations were not in evidence on account of the improvements now being carried out in the wards.

Other Institutions. In the Mater Misericordiae Home, Sydney street, those who make their pleasant home there were given by the sisters a charge a nice Christmas dinner.

The Christmas treat for the children of St. Vincent's orphanage will be given next week.

In the Salvation Army Rescue Home, St. James street, good cheer was provided and under direction of the matron, Staff Captain Holman, all in this worthy institution spent a happy day. The Christmas feast was in the evening, and was followed by the depositing of two large Christmas trees, one of presents for the little ones and the other of useful gifts for the boys.

The boys of the Wigman Male Orphan Institution were given their usual good Christmas dinner. Next Tuesday night will be their Christmas tree.

The usual Christmas tree best dinner was given to the thirty-six prisoners confined in the county jail yesterday. Of the number imprisoned, eleven are women.

Ministers' Meetings. The Baptist ministers, at their meeting Monday, endorsed the work now going on for union of the Baptists and Free Baptists. The reports from the churches showed good attendance. Exchange of pulpits for the second Sunday in January was arranged.

Rev. A. B. Coburn presented suggestions for promotion of union on social lines between the Baptist churches. Rev. C. T. Phillips read a paper on Literary Features of Baptist Union.

The Methodist ministers, at their meeting heard reports of Christmas day services and were addressed by Rev. H. E. Blume on the work of the Campbells circuit. Reference was made to the serious illness of Rev. Silas James, of Gagetown, and Rev. Mr. Campbell was asked to send a message of sympathy.

Queen's Precinctory Officers. Queen's Precinctory No. 22, Royal Black Knights of Israel, elected the following officers at a meeting in Orange Hall, German street, Saturday night: John W. Curry, W. P. P. P. Philip Palmer, chaplain. Charles W. Stockton, Reg. James Elliott, treasurer. George A. Earl, 2nd lecturer. Fred H. Dix, 2nd lecturer. Charles B. Ward, 2nd censor. Rudolph Wortrich, 2nd censor. William Thompson and John Burley, standard bearers. George Forsyth, pursuivant. James Robinson, Thomas M. Corbett, Robert Rubin, V. T. Bell, Douglas McArthur, Andrew Robertson, committee.

The officers were installed by Past Precceptor C. W. Stockton, assisted by R. A. Brown, P. P. The reports showed Queen's Precceptor to have had a successful year with a good sum of money in the fund and all the necessary paraphernalia for conferring degrees from royal black to red cross.

AGRICULTURAL DAYS AT FREDERICTON.

English Expedition Burned Houses and Chapel, and Killed Several Women and Children—The Capture of a Private in the Petitcodiac River—Old Fort Frederick.

W. O. RAYMOND, LL. D. CHAPTER XIII. (Continued.)

THE ENGLISH TAKE POSSESSION OF RIVER ST. JOHN.

Colonel Monkton evidently was not very much elated at the success of his expedition, for a few days after his return he wrote to Lieut. Governor De Lancey of New York: "I am sorry I can't give you a better account of our proceedings up this river. But I was attended with so many unavoidable delays and impediments that we were only able to go up about 25 leagues, which is above 10 leagues short of St. Anne's—where, if we had been able to have reached it, is by very certain accounts of no importance, being only a village and not the least sign of a fort.

"We burnt the village and some straggling houses and destroyed everything that could be the least serviceable to them, so that I should think that they will in the spring be obliged to retire to Canada. The river, after passing the Falls, is as fine a river as ever I saw, and when you get up about 10 leagues the country is level, with fine woods of Oak, Beech, Birch and Walnut, and no underwood and the land able to produce anything. We have just finished a pretty good ford here, where the old French fort stood, which will be a footing for anything that may be thought proper to be undertaken hereafter."

During Colonel Monkton's absence up the river work was continued at the fort, so that it must have been nearly finished at the time of his return. It received the name of Fort Frederick, and the remains of its ramparts may still be seen at "Old Fort" in Quebec.

In the plan of St. John harbor made by Colonel Robert Moore of the Royal Engineers in 1774, there is an outline of Fort Frederick very nearly identical as regards situation and general form with the sketch of Fort Menagouche (or "Fort de la Riviere de St. Jean") made in October, 1707, by the Sieur de Villieu. We have further proof of an interesting nature that the situation and general plan of the new fort was identical with the old French fort in one of the letters of the Marquis de Vaudreuil, in which he tells us that about the time Fort Frederick was nearing completion a French Canadian, kept there as a prisoner, made his escape, and on his return to Canada described the new fort as exactly the same size as the old but much stronger, the terraces being at least ten feet in thickness, and upon the terraces were palisades ten feet high in the form of "chevaux de frise." The Frenchman had mounted 18 cannons mounted on a calibre of 24, and the English had told him they expected to mount in all 30 cannons of 24, and of 12.

Fighting on Petitcodiac River. On the 11th November Colonel Monkton sent Major Scott to Petitcodiac with the Light Infantry and Rangers in quest of a French privateer that had been at the St. John river and which, with one of her prizes, was said to have taken shelter there. He was directed to seize the vessel and bring them off, together with any of the Acadian inhabitants he could find, and to burn and destroy all the houses, barns, cattle, grain, etc. On his return he was to send Captain Deane's company to Fort Cumberland.

Major Scott's company sailed with promptitude, for barely a week had expired when he returned to St. John with the privateer schooner and prize sloop, which he had found in two different creeks up the Petitcodiac river. The parties sent out by the Major destroyed upwards of 100 houses and barns, much grain and a good many cattle. They captured 30 prisoners, including women and children. The Acadians seem to have made some resistance, however, and a Lieutenant McQuinn and three men of Captain McQuinn's company and two men of the Light Infantry were captured by them.

The troops that had served in the St. John river expedition were now distributed among the garrisons at Fort Cumberland, Windsor, Annapolis and Halifax, with the exception of McQuinn's, Stark's and Brewer's companies of Rangers and a small detachment of artillery, ordered to remain at Fort Frederick under command of Major Morris. There was a more considerable garrison than could well be accommodated there during the winter, but such was not Monkton's intention, for he writes in his journal: "The Fuel of the Garrison not being as yet laid in, I leave the three companies of Rangers, viz., McQuinn's, Stark's, and Brewer's, and have ordered that Captain McQuinn's company should hie and remain the winter, the other two after completing the wood to come to Halifax in the vessels I had let them."

Monkton sailed for Halifax in the man-of-war "Squirrel" on the 21st of November, and with him went the 2nd Battalion of the Royal American Regiment of which he was the commander.

A Tragic Event. In the month of January following, a tragic event took place at or near St. Anne's, an account of which has been let us by our early historians, Peter Fisher and Moses H. Perley, in substance as follows:

After the winter season had fairly set in, a party of the rangers at Fort Frederick, under Captain McQuinn, set out on snow-shoes to reconnoitre the country and to ascertain the state of the French settlements up the river. They first went to the settlement at Kingsport, which was not far from the mouth of the river, and there they encountered Captain McQuinn's loss his life by the falling of a large birch tree, which one of the rangers cut down on the hillside—the tree came thundering down the mountain and killed the Captain instantly. Lieutenant Moses Hazen succeeded to the command, and the party continued up the river to St. Anne's Point (now Fredericton), where they found quite a town. They set fire to the chapel and other buildings, but a number of the French settlers gathered together, whereupon the Rangers retreated, and, being hotly pursued committed several atrocious acts upon the people who fell in their way, to prevent their giving information. By reversing their snow-shoes and making forced marches they got back safely to St. John.

This story, considerably modified in some of its details, finds confirmation from a variety of sources. (1) Sir Jeffrey Amherst, commander of the forces serving in America, writes in a letter to Governor Lawrence, "You will have heard of the accident poor Capt. McQuinn met with as likewise of the success of his Lieutenant in demolishing the settlements at St. Anne's: on the recommendation of Major Scott I have preferred Lieut. Hazen to Capt. McQuinn's Company." In a subsequent letter Amherst says: "Major Morris sent me the particulars of the scouting party and I gave a commission to Lieut. Hazen, as I thought he deserved it. I am sorry to say what I have since heard of that affair has sullied his merit with me as I shall always disapprove of killing women and helpless children. Poor McQuinn is a loss, he was a good man in his post."

(2) Further confirmation of the charge of barbarity is found in the journal of Rev. Jacob Bailey of Pownalboro, Maine. This gentleman had occasion to lodge at Norwood's Inn, in the town of Lynn, Massachusetts, on the night of Dec' 13, 1759, and speaking of the company he found there says: "We had among us a soldier belonging to Capt. Hazen's company of rangers, who declared that several Frenchmen were barbarously murdered by them, after quarters were given, and the villain added, I suppose to show his importance, that he 'split the head of one scoundrel, after he fell on his knees to implore mercy.' A specimen of New England candour!"

(3) A statement is to be found in a despatch of the Marquis de Vaudreuil, dated May 8, 1760, that a number of Acadians living at the River St. John were surprised on the night of the 27-28 January, 1760, by a detachment of New England troops who burned their houses, carried off twenty-three prisoners and killed two women and four children, whose scalps they bore away.

Tells of Women and Children Killed. (4) Still further light is thrown upon this transaction by some notes appended to the names of certain Acadians, who had served as officers of militia in Acadia, and who were living in 1767 at Chebourg. We learn that the Sieur Joseph

"The plan of Villieu appears in Dr. Gessner's Historic Sites in New Brunswick," p. 179. "Moses Hazen was an older brother of William Hazen, who settled at St. John. He distinguished himself under Gen. Wolfe on the Plains of Abraham. In the American Revolution he fought against the British, raised a corps known as 'Hazen's Own,' and became a Major General in the American army. He was a prominent loyalist during the American Revolution, and a leader of Annapolis, N. B."

Bellefontaine had once owned a large tract of land on the River St. John, near St. Anne's, and that he was appointed Major of the militia on the river by order of the Marquis de la Galissoniere, April 10, 1749, and always performed his duties with fidelity until made a prisoner by the enemy. At the time of the mid-winter raid on St. Anne's he had the misery of seeing one of his daughters with three of her children massacred before his eyes by the English, who desired by this act of cruelty and the fear of similar treatment to compel him to take their side. On his refusal he barely escaped a like fate by his flight into the woods, carrying with him two other children of the same daughter. The young mother so ruthlessly slain was Nastasia Bellefontaine, wife of Eustache Pare. The other victims of this tragedy of the wilderness were the wife and child of Michel Bellefontaine—a son of Joseph Bellefontaine. This poor fellow had the anguish of beholding his wife and boy murdered before his eyes on the refusal to side with the English.

The village of St. Anne's was left in a state of desolation. Moses Perley says that when the advance party of the Mangerville colony arrived at St. Anne's Point in 1762, they found the whole of what is now the Town plot of Fredericton cleared for about ten rods back from the bank and they saw the ruins of a very considerable settlement. The houses had been burned and the cultivated land was fast retreating into a wilderness state. Nevertheless the early English settlers reaped some advantage from the improvements made by the Acadians, for we learn from Charles Morris' description of the river in 1768, that at the site of the old French settlement at St. Anne's Point there was about five hundred acres of cleared upland in English grass from whence the inhabitants of Mangerville got the chief part of their hay for their stock. "They inform me," says Mr. Morris, "that it produces about a load and a half to an acre." He adds, "The French Houses are all burnt and destroyed."

An interesting incident connected with the French occupation was related many years ago by the grandmother of the late Judge Fisher to one of her descendants. This good lady came to St. Anne's in the fall of 1783 with the Loyalists. Not very many months after their arrival, there was so great a scarcity of provisions that the unfortunate people in some cases were obliged to dig up the potatoes they had planted and eat them. As the season advanced their hearts were cheered by the discovery of some large patches of pure white beans, marked with a black cross. They had been planted by the French, but were now growing wild. In their joy at this fortunate discovery the settlers called them "the staff of life and hope of the starving." Mrs. Fisher says she planted some of these beans with her own hands and that the seed was preserved in her family for many years.

SOME FIGURES ABOUT GREAT BRITAIN'S TRADE

The fiscal retroversion now in Great Britain has already called into being statistics enough to fill a small library. Some of these are put forth as tables to assist short rules to general readers. Such short cuts are apt to afford pretty treacherous footing. You must know all the conditions, or statistics are of little value as guides. Where we find that there is a certain set of statistics which go to show that the balance of trade has run so heavily against Great Britain in the last few years that the wonder is that there is any British export trade left. Yet for the nine months of the year ending September the exports of British and Irish produce and manufactures had a total value of \$1,077,873,395. At this rate the total for the year should be in the neighborhood of about \$1,400,000,000.

Of course Great Britain imports vastly more than she exports. The excess of imports in the nine months of the year covered by the figures cited above is put as high as \$861,000,000, using round figures. Great Britain, it must be remembered, has to import the food for her people, the raw materials which she works up into manufactured goods. Thus in 1902 the articles of food and drink imported by the United Kingdom, valued at \$242,000,000. Raw materials for the textile industries, were valued at \$383,000,000, and those which went into other branches of manufacturing amounted to \$244,000,000. Manufactured articles which entered the ports of the United Kingdom were valued at \$465,000,000. Of course the trend of trade has been strongly against Great Britain for a number of years. That no one questions. She has no longer the apparatus of a monopoly of manufacturing for the world she once possessed. Her own home market is invaded by the manufacturers

APPLE SHIPPERS LOSE HEAVILY.

Comments of Inferior Fruit Demoralize the English Market.

Toronto, Dec. 24.—Canadian and United States fruit exporters have lost considerably on recent shipments of apples to the Old Country and the Continent, where prices declined several shillings per barrel. Advice received here yesterday report a partial recovery in Liverpool, prices having advanced three shillings the last three days. Eben James said that shippers expected the apple trade on the other side to improve after Jan. 1. The cause of the slump abroad were primarily the enormous arrivals in Liverpool during the past month, the shipments having averaged 200,000 to 240,000 barrels per week for the six weeks prior to Dec. 15. A large percentage of these consisted of inferior fruit, and as heavy consignments on the Saxonia were injured by frost, they had to be put on the market so cheaply that good apples were rendered almost unsalable. Heavy deliveries of oranges in England were another factor in the demoralization of the market.

Greater loss in this trade was prevented by the absence of supplies of home-grown apples in England and on the continent of Europe. While most of the shippers are said to have made considerable profits earlier in the season, much of this must have been lost in the last decline. Toronto exporters are, however, hopeful of recovering their losses before long, as the shipments of apples from all the American ports last week dropped off greatly, being only 15,250 barrels, against 24,075 for the same week last year.

SAVED FROM DEATH.

Italians Had Street Car Conductor in Bid to Fix When Help Came.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—While taking the car from the end of the line on Stafford Road to City Hall tonight, Conductor Edward Kelly of the Old Colony street railway, was attacked by three Italians and after a fight was rescued from almost certain death by his motorman, Chas. Estes. The place of the assault is a lonely one.

When the noise of the struggle reached the motorman the car had gone half a mile, the wild fighting going on meanwhile inside the car. When Estes entered one of the Italians was striking at the exhausted conductor with a knife. Estes attacked them, Kelly joined and the Italians were driven off.

OFFERS OF FREIGHT GREATER IN CANADA.

Port of St. John, N. B., Has Preference With Many Shippers Over the Maine Port.

The marked difference in the amount of freight that is offered at the Canadian Pacific Railway winter terminal, St. John, and the amount at the Grand Trunk Railway winter terminal, at Portland, is shown by the announcements made by the managers of the leading steamship companies running out of the two ports.

PRETTY WEDDING AT YOUNG'S COVE.

George Smith United in Marriage to Miss Ellen McLean Wednesday Evening.

Young's Cove, Queens Co., Dec. 24.—The home of James McLean, at Young's Cove, Queens county, was the scene of a pretty and interesting wedding at 5 o'clock Wednesday evening, Dec. 23. The bridegroom, George Smith, 21 years of age, was united in marriage to Miss Ellen McLean, 19 years of age, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McLean. The ceremony was performed by Rev. R. W. Torrance, pastor of the Baptist church at Young's Cove. The wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents at Springhill Thursday afternoon to Miss Margaret J. Cameron, Rev. Z. B. Gross officiating. The young couple came to Moncton to spend Christmas with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Harrop. The young couple leave on Monday for their future home in New Glasgow (N. S.), where the groom is druggist with the firm of I. Matheson & Co.

THE CHILF WEEDS IN CLOVER AND TIMOTHY.

The spread of noxious weeds can be attributed to no single cause. They seem to be naturally adapted to rapid spreading, and besides various natural agencies, artificial agencies which aid in their dissemination. Not the least important among these agencies is the seed grain trade. Almost every farmer purchases yearly seed of grain or grasses and clover with little thought of introducing weed seeds in this way. As a matter of fact, it is estimated that each year perfectly free from weed seeds of some kind. Occasionally these are not particularly injurious, but not infrequently they are most undesirable, and, being introduced unconsciously, gain a strong foothold before their presence is suspected. In this connection our planters and farmers should be warned from the department of agriculture at Ottawa should be of interest as they show to what extent these conditions prevail.

FUNERAL INSTEAD OF A WEDDING.

Young English Woman Travels 4,000 Miles to Wed Man Who Is Killed in B. & O. Horror.

McKeesport, Pa., Dec. 27.—After a journey of nearly 4,000 miles, which was to have had its termination at the nuptial altar, Miss Lillian Bennett, of Westchester, England, today stood in the presence of the remains of her betrothed, Ambrose Good, who was killed in the wreck of the Duquesne Limited last Wednesday evening. The scene in the little darkened parlor of the home of Thomas R. Good, brother of Ambrose, was very pathetic.

MONTREAL CHOIR GOES ON STRIKE.

Pastor Criticized Lady Members for Eating Confectionery During Christmas Service and Wouldn't Apologize for His Remarks.

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The choir singers of Melville Presbyterian church, Westmount, struck today because Pastor Winfield declined to apologize for his criticisms of the members whom he accused of unbecoming conduct. During the Christmas service some of the lady singers brought confectionery to the church and ate it during service.

ST. JOHN CONSERVATIVES AT MONTREAL CONFERENCE

Montreal, Dec. 27.—(Special)—J. D. W. J. Thorne and S. D. Scott, conferring with the Conservative

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Weddings. At the Wesley Memorial parlour at Moncton on Wednesday evening last, Howard Frites, brakeman on the M. & B. railway, was united in marriage to Miss Gertrude Lutz, of Covadale, A. C. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Penna.

Austin P. Harrop was married at the home of the bride's parents at Springhill Thursday afternoon to Miss Margaret J. Cameron, Rev. Z. B. Gross officiating. The young couple came to Moncton to spend Christmas with the groom's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George J. Harrop. The young couple leave on Monday for their future home in New Glasgow (N. S.), where the groom is druggist with the firm of I. Matheson & Co.

Ellis Wetmore, of Hampshire's Mills, was married on Thursday evening to Miss Minnie Johnson, of Lewistown. The ceremony was performed at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. J. Hutchinson. The wedding took place at 8 o'clock Wednesday evening of Miss Bertha Kathleen Dinning, of Uthman, de Garfield section, of Margville. The ceremony took place at the home of the groom.

Kate—"Fred says I'm the sweetest girl he ever saw." Ruth—"Why he said the same thing to me only a week ago!" Kate—"Yes, so he told me. He was only rehearsing, you know."

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