

PEACE TALK MAY END IN DEADLOCK

Both Turkish and Balkan Delegates at Peace Conference Consider Opposing Terms Absurd -- Sublime Porte Wires Instructions.

CONFERENCE TO RESUME DISCUSSION SATURDAY

Constantinople, Dec. 26.—According to the Constantinople newspapers the Turkish counter proposals which were forwarded by telegraph yesterday to the plenipotentiaries at London comprise the maintenance of an effective sovereignty over the territory east of the line of demarcation, between the Maritza River and the Black Sea, including Adrianople; while west of the line the government would be content with the recognition of an autonomous regime. The government, however, refuses to entertain any idea of pecuniary indemnity.

Will Not Recede.

London, Dec. 26.—Both the Turks and the Balkan allies are standing by their guns on the peace terms. Both declare that it is impossible to recede from their positions. Nevertheless, those who think they know what is going on behind the scenes still believe that the probability of the conclusion of peace are greater than of the resumption of the conflict. The exchange of cipher despatches between the administration at Constantinople and Reichad Pasha continues, but the chief of the Turkish plenipotentiaries declines to divulge the nature of the reply which he will present to the Allies on Saturday, when the conference reassembles at St. James' Palace. It is understood that this will be an agreement with the additional promise that Turkey will apply to the European territories remaining to her the reforms which Count Von Berchthold, the Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, proposed before the war.

Defies Allies.

"While I cannot discuss the reply of the Ottoman government," said Reichad Pasha tonight, "nothing prevents me from saying that the terms the allies have proposed are simply absurd. They have produced this impression wherever heard, even outside of Turkish circles. It was never known that after the conclusion of an armistice one belligerent party could ask the other to cede territories bravely defended and still resisting with hero-

EVIDENCE POINTS

TO BROTHER BEING GUILTY OF MURDER

Did Abe Soosetea Commit Dastardly Crime and Then Attempt Suicide—Manitoba Police Investigating.

Winnipeg, Dec. 26.—Abe Soosetea, of Campor, north of Oak Point, was brought into the city yesterday, suffering from a rifle wound in the head which is expected to result fatally.

The wounded man went to visit his brother at Campor, where the latter has a homestead and where he intended taking up one himself. Some time yesterday afternoon Soosetea was shot and killed while working in the barn. It is alleged that the shot was fired by the wounded man who later attempted to commit suicide. Soosetea claims the shooting was accidental. The provincial police are investigating.

AEROPLANE IN WARFARE.

Washington, Dec. 26.—The navy department is bowing to the signal corps which has announced that aeroplanes can be used for the purpose of discovering the whereabouts and movements of submarines. It is said that experiments at Annapolis have developed the fact that the operators in the air craft can discover the presence of the underwater torpedos with out glasses, although they may be at a considerable depth. This, in the opinion of naval officers, may advance the plans of having aeroplanes as a part of the equipment of all the fighting craft in the United States navy.

CHILDREN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE PARENTS LOOKED ON

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—While Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Curran of Edward's Station, Carleton County, were in the stable getting ready to come to Ottawa for Christmas dinner yesterday morning, their house caught fire and their three children who were in bed, burned to death. The children were destroyed while the parents stood looking on, unable to do anything to save them.

THRILLING RESCUE OF 27 SEAMEN

Crew of Steamer Tripolitania Pulled from Vessel by Life Line—Spectators on Shore Effected Rescue.

Pennance, England, Dec. 26.—The Italian steamer Tripolitania from Genoa to Barry, Wales, was wrecked in Mouna's Bay, in the extreme southwest of England, this afternoon. Twenty-seven of a crew of twenty-eight men had a thrilling escape, the other was drowned. The vessel was buffeted by fierce gales from Christmas morning. The captain today found himself in a perilous position and unable to get out of the bay, and he determined to run ashore. The beach was lined with spectators who were powerless to lend aid and who watched the vessel all helplessly in the grip of the wind and tide. Finally the steamer's nose was pointed inshore and she drove in under full steam, running deep into the sandy bottom.

NEGRO KEPT POSSE AWAY FOR HOURS

Howard Davis Charged With Murder Used Revolver Until Darkness Covered His Escape—Arrested Later.

Columbus, Ga., Dec. 26.—After barricading himself in a house and keeping officers who surrounded it at bay for several hours, then escaping when he feared his adversaries would become too numerous, Howard Davis, a negro, was captured at Goat Rock, Alabama today, without resistance. Davis is reported to have confessed to killing Deputy Sheriff Wright near here Tuesday night.

NEW RECORD FOR GRAIN SHIPMENTS

Total Amount Moved Eastward by Lake and Rail Up to Aug. 31 Nearly 140,000,000 Bushels.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—It is expected that the last spike in the National Transcontinental Railway between Winnipeg and Cochrane will have been driven by Saturday night. This will mean that the first wheat train from the west, now waiting at Superior Junction, should pass through Toronto early in the week.

NO DISPLAY FOR WILSON.

Washington, Dec. 26.—Jeffersonian simplicity is to mark the coming inauguration of President elect Wilson. There will probably be the greatest outpouring of people that has ever marked the inauguration of any president, but according to Chairman William C. Easton of the committee, there will be no ostentation. He contends that true democracy demands that there be no display.

MET DEATH BY DROWNING.

Halifax, Dec. 26.—Angus Fisher, second engineer of the steamer Atlantic, son of Capt. William Fisher, of Port Mouton, was drowned at Liverpool today, while boarding the steamer Antia at that place.

STRIKE TIES UP MEXICAN RAILROAD

Two Thousand Men Want More Pay and Shorter Hours.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 26.—Two thousand shop employees of the National Railway of Mexico went on strike today because of the refusal of the management to grant an eight hour day and an increase in wages. The strike was called simultaneously at Nuevo Laredo, San Luis Potosi, Mexico City and Aguas Calientes. At Nuevo Laredo 100 skilled mechanics and 100 other employees walked out. The shops are closed.

Because of the already demoralized conditions along the line of railway as a result of rebel activity, the strike has caused the greatest concern. Railroad officials refuse to discuss the situation, beyond stating that the strike will not cause a leup of the lines, and that they believe a regular train service can be maintained. At a number of points, bridges and stations have been burned by the revolutionaries and long stretches of roadbed destroyed.

NEWS FROM FREDERICTON

Miss Esther A. Martin Appointed Deputy Registrar of Deeds—A Wedding of Note St. Mary's Has Indian Wizard.

Special to The Standard. Fredericton, Dec. 26.—The Royal Gazette has the approval of the appointment of Miss Esther A. Martin as deputy registrar of deeds for the county and city of St. John. Geo W Brown, of Hampton, Queens county has been appointed a provincial constable.

ANNUAL REPORT OF ALASKAN GOVERNOR ASKS FOR RAILROAD

County is Prosperous But More Money is Needed to Develop Natural Resources—Great Coal Beds Untouched.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 26.—Alaska has prospered in many respects during the last year, according to Gov. Walter E. Clark in his annual report submitted today to Secretary of the Interior Fisher. Gov. Clark deplores however, the present lack of railroad construction, and of cheap native fuel, declaring that proper development of the territory's resources demands adequate means of transportation and the opening up of the fuel resources.

ROCKEFELLER ADVISES SCHOOL MAMAS TO SAVE THEIR PENNIES IF THEY WOULD LAND ON EASY STREET.

Tarrytown, N. Y., Dec. 26.—"Save your pennies," was the advice given by John D. Rockefeller today to a number of school teachers to whom he gave a sleigh ride about his estate. The young school mammas were so impressed with what they saw that one of them said as she alighted from the sleigh: "Just think, Mr. Rockefeller, you have this large estate with these houses to live in, while we must content ourselves with a small room in a flat." To which the oil magnate's laconic response was: "Save your pennies."

POINCARE TO RUN FOR THE PRESIDENCY

French Premier Has at Last Consented to Try for Office—Had Refused Several Times.

Paris, Dec. 26.—Premier Raymond Poincare yielding to the insistence of friends in the senate and chamber has consented to be a candidate for the presidency of the Republic. The members of the Senate and of the Chamber of Deputies, meeting as the National Assembly at Versailles, January 17, will choose a successor to President Fallieres. The republicans have recently been bringing pressure to bear on Leon Bourgeois, the former premier, to stand as a candidate, and only a week ago Premier Poincare made a last effort to overcome the objections of M. Bourgeois, but the latter declared that it was against his conscience to accept an office, the duties of which, his ill-health would not permit him to fulfill. M. Poincare himself had several times refused to accept the candidacy.

FEAR MANY LIVES LOST IN BIG FIRE

Firemen Rescue Many from Flames but Others Meet Awful Death in Tenement House Blaze.

San Francisco, Dec. 26.—Fire tonight destroyed a ten cent lodging house in the tenement district, and it is feared several persons may have lost their lives. Firemen rescued three persons found in a stupor and declare they heard the cries of others whom they could not reach. The interior of the building was entirely gutted. The clock of the lodging house could not be found, and it is not known how many lodgers were in the building when the fire broke out.

MURDERESS FACES DEATH PENALTY

Jury Declares it Will Bring in Extreme Verdict if Evidence Warrants—Husband Was Intoxicated.

Chicago, Dec. 26.—The death penalty will be asked in the case of Mrs. Harriet M. Burnham, who today was placed on trial in Judge Kerator's court charged with slaying her husband, Herbert E. Burnham, June 10, last. Attorneys for the state in their opening statement announced their intention of requesting the extreme penalty.

OIL KING POINTS ROAD TO WEALTH

Rockefeller Advises School Ma'ams to Save Their Pennies if They Would Land on Easy Street.

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UNION OFFICIALS FATE WITH JURY

Judge Anderson Instructed Jury to Carefully Weigh Evidence -- Separate Verdict for Each Defendant -- Prosecution Asks Conviction.

Indianapolis, Dec. 26.—Whatever is to be the outcome of the three months' "dynamite conspiracy" trial in which forty labor union officials are accused of complicity in the McNamara plots to destroy property, including the wrecking of the Los Angeles Times building, where twenty-one persons were killed, now rests with the jury.

Federal Judge Albert B. Anderson, a few minutes after five o'clock tonight, instructed the jury and ordered it to retire. The court then adjourned until 9:30 tomorrow, thus precluding the return of the verdicts before that time should they be found. All the verdicts, while separate as to each defendant, are to be returned at one time.

"How long will the jury be out?" was the question asked as the jurors filed out. A basis for a belief that verdicts would not be reached when court opens tomorrow and that the jurors may require a much longer time was found in the court's instruction to "carefully weigh all the evidence in the case." It has required at most twelve weeks to introduce the evidence.

EXPECT 200,000 COMING IN FROM UNITED STATES

This is Prediction of Immigration Superintendent Regarding Influx from U. S. During Present Fiscal Year.

Ottawa, Dec. 26.—That American immigration into Western Canada will total no less than two hundred thousand for the fiscal year of 1913 is the prediction of W. J. White, head of the Canadian agencies in the United States, who is in Ottawa this week. This is an increase for the year of seventy thousand. We predict another big rush this coming spring, as the big crop of Western Canada for next season, has been a great advertisement. Many American settlers from the west have been visiting in their home states and have been booming Canada.

FIRE WIPED OUT ONTARIO TOWN

Toronto, Dec. 26.—Fire completely destroyed the post office at York Mills this morning and wiped out as well the general store and private residence of Mr. Fulton, the postmaster, causing a damage of between five and six thousand dollars.

London, Dec. 27.—An Odessa despatch to the Post reports an alarming epidemic of cholera in Mecca, Arabia, where 10,000 pilgrims are now gathered. In the past four days, 1,714 deaths have been reported.

WIDOW BRINGS SUIT TO RECOVER DAMAGES

First Case of Its Kind to Come Before United States Court -- \$15,000 is Amount Sued For.

New York, Dec. 26.—The first suit ever brought here to recover damages for the death of a passenger in an airship was filed today in the Supreme Court by the widow of Victor L. Mason who was killed in London, England on May 13. Mrs. Mason sues the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., of London, for \$15,000 on a policy insuring her husband against death by violent means. The policy was issued by the defendants New York agents in 1906. Mr. Mason, the complaint says, was a passenger in an aeroplane, "for pleasure" when he fell out and was killed.

DEAD AT AGE OF 104.

New York, Dec. 26.—Miss Ellen Hortigan, a department store "girl" 104 years old, who was dusting counters at the store every morning up to a few days ago died from bronchitis in her lonely little flat yesterday. In a few weeks more she had said she would be 105 years old. Her friends in the big store had planned to make her Christmas a merry one by visiting her, but to their grief their plans were halted by news of her death.

SHUGRUE DEFEATED LEONARD.

New York, Dec. 26.—Young Shugrue of Jersey City, won from Jack Leonard the Philadelphia lightweight, in the eighth round of a scheduled ten-round bout here tonight. Leonard was completely outclassed.

DIED IN "POVERTY"; HAD MONEY AND PROPERTY

St. Louis, Dec. 26.—Examination of the body of Mrs. Sarah Johnson, who with her sister, Miss Mary Scott, died Christmas Eve of pneumonia apparently in dire want, revealed that a bag around her waist contained \$5,600 in cash and three gold watches. In Miss Scott's effects were found deeds and papers showing bank deposits. Little is known of the sisters. They arrived two weeks ago at the address where death occurred. Both suffering from colds which developed into pneumonia, they refused to have medical attention because of the cost, and even declined to go to a free hospital. They slept in single beds and used separate tables, dishes and silverware. Bills were evenly divided between them.

Merchants' Bank of Canada

Proceedings at the Forty-ninth Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

The forty-ninth annual meeting of shareholders of the Merchants' Bank of Canada took place at the head office of the bank on Wednesday, December 18th. Among those present were: Sir H. Montagu Allan, Messrs. K. W. Blackwell, Thomas Long, A. Barnett, C. C. Ballantyne, A. J. Dawes, F. Howard Wilson, J. Patterson, E. Fiske, J. Piddington, D. A. Lewis, R. Campbell-Nelles, W. A. Filion, C. R. Black, T. E. Merrett, A. D. Fraser, R. Shaw, H. B. Loucks, D. C. Macarow, W. J. M. Kilbourn and A. Dingwall.

The President of the Bank, Sir H. Montagu Allan, was asked to take the chair, and Mr. J. M. Kilbourn was appointed secretary to the meeting. The notice calling the meeting was read.

The minutes of the last annual meeting were presented and taken as read.

THE DIRECTORS' REPORT.

The President then read the annual report of the Directors and the Profit and Loss and General Statement of the bank covering operations for the past twelve months.

"On an average paid-up Capital of \$6,498,332, there has been earned the sum of \$1,388,844.62. Adding the balance brought forward from last year, there is still \$1,397,722.80 to be disposed of. This has been dealt with as follows:—Dividend of 10 p. c. on the paid-up Capital, \$649,004; written off Bank Premises, \$100,000; contributed to the Officers' Pension Fund, \$50,000; and added to Reserve Fund, \$450,000, enabling us to carry forward \$148,718.27 in the Profit and Loss Account. Your Directors consider this a favourable showing.

"Our Reserve Fund this year has been further augmented by the premium on new stock (issued at 175) amounting to \$560,760, bringing it up to \$6,410,760, or a fraction over 95 p. c. of the paid-up Capital.

"During the past year we have opened offices at the following points, viz:—

"In Alberta: Delburne, Alberta Avenue (Edmonton); Hanna, Hugheson, Redcliff, and Walsh; in Saskatchewan: Battleford; in Ontario: Brantford, Guelph, and Walkerville; in Quebec: Centre Street (Montreal), and St. Jovite.

"We have not closed any agencies. All the offices of the Bank have been inspected during the year.

"During the year we have lost two of our esteemed Directors, one by death and one by retirement.—Mr. Charles M. Hays, whose death we greatly deplored and whose loss was national, and, later on in the year, our valued colleague, Mr. Jonathan Hodgson, resigned, on account of advanced age. Mr. Hodgson has served on the Board of this Bank for over thirty-five years, and his advice at the Board's councils was very highly esteemed. During the last ten years he was our Vice-President. We hope Mr. Hodgson, in retirement, may enjoy many years yet of health and happiness.

"These vacancies on the Board have been filled by the appointment of Messrs. Andrew J. Dawes and F. Howard Wilson.

"Your Directors and the General Manager had under consideration for some time the advisability of asking your permission to change the termination of the financial year from the 30th November to the 30th April, as the general conditions in this country, in the Spring, are not so congested as in the Autumn, when the pressure on the resources of Canadian Banks is at its height. With this end in view, an amendment to the By-Law will be submitted for your consideration, changing the end of the financial year to the 30th April, and changing the date of the Annual Meeting from the third Wednesday in the month of December to the third Wednesday in the month of May.

"The Board of Directors of the Bank has hitherto consisted of nine members, and we have decided to ask you to increase the number to twelve. The necessary change in the By-Law will be submitted to you for your assent.

"Another By-Law increasing the amount of the Directors' remuneration to \$25,000 per annum, will also be submitted to you.

"Supplementing this report, I would like to say I visited most of the Western Branches during the past summer, accompanied by the Vice-President and Mr. Long, where we acquired a great deal of additional information bearing upon our business and met a great many of the customers of the Bank and the staff. I may say that the trip was full of instruction and we returned with a very much better knowledge of and acquaintance with our extensive interests in the West than we have had heretofore. We think we are safe in saying that the business of the Bank is on a sound basis throughout the country. We were impressed with the fact that the Bank is well represented at all points, and the business is being capably handled.

"We have much pleasure in testifying to the continued excellent work of the staff in recognition of which, and in view of the satisfactory results of the business for the past year and the strong representations of the General Manager, the Board has decided to depart from the policy hitherto followed and has granted a bonus to the staff.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

"H. MONTAGU ALLAN, President."

Statement of the Result of the Business of the Bank for the Year ending 30th November, 1912.

The Net Profits of the year, after payment of charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits, and making full provision for bad and doubtful debts, have amounted to.....	\$1,388,844.62
Premium on New Stock.....	560,760.00
The balance brought forward from 30th November, 1911, was.....	58,878.18
Making a total of.....	\$1,958,482.80

Reserve Fund Account.

Balance, 30th November, 1911.....	\$5,400,000
Transferred from Profit and Loss Account.....	450,000
Premium on New Stock.....	560,760
	\$6,410,760

Average Paid-up Capital during year ending 30th November, 1912, \$6,498,332.

Statement of Liabilities and Assets at 30th November, 1912.

LIABILITIES.		ASSETS.	
1. To the Public.			
Notes in Circulation.....	\$6,861,496.00	Gold and Silver Coin on hand.....	\$2,346,728.79
Deposits not bearing interest.....	\$17,340,321.41	Notes and Cheques of other Banks.....	4,529,797.75
Deposits bearing interest.....	44,322,569.99	Balances due to other banks in Canada.....	5,267,033.20
Deposits by other Banks in Canada.....	783,596.72	Balances due by Banks and Agents in the United States.....	534,944.20
Balances due to Agents in Great Britain.....	\$2,446,479.12	Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks in Canada.....	\$5,209,327.05
Balances due to Agents in the United States and elsewhere.....	279,828.49	Call and Short Loans on Bonds and Stocks elsewhere than in Canada.....	4,002,969.67
Dividend No. 101.....	167,886.28	Government, Municipal, Railway and other Bonds and Debentures.....	5,739,593.74
Dividends unclaimed.....	2,526.84	Current Loans and Discounts (less Rebate of Interest reserved).....	53,374,824.64
	\$70,809,749.24	Loans and Discounts overdue (loss fully provided for).....	184,290.54
2. To the Stockholders.			
Capital paid up.....	\$6,747,680.00	Deposits with Dominion Government for security of Note Circulation.....	306,000.00
Reserve Fund.....	6,410,760.00	Mortgages and other Securities, the property of the Bank.....	118,816.17
Balance of Profits carried forward.....	148,718.27	Real Estate.....	27,998.26
	\$8,411,697.51	Bank Premises and Furniture.....	2,427,331.06
		Other Assets.....	50,206.12
			\$8,411,697.51

E. F. HEBDEN, General Manager.

It was then moved by the President, Sir H. Montagu Allan and seconded by the Vice-President, Mr. K. W. Blackwell, that the report of the directors as submitted, be and is hereby adopted, and ordered to be printed for distribution amongst the shareholders.

In making the motion the President said: "I think you will all agree with me that this is a very satisfactory report. This statement of the result of the Bank's business for the year is better than at any time during the history of the Bank. You all know that no matter who the Board of Directors may be, or how clever they may be, there is very little that can be done by them except through the assistance of the Staff, and I may say that our General Manager has proved himself not only on this occasion but on various other occasions one of the best, and one who has devoted himself entirely to your interests. I have pleasure in testifying to the energy and zeal of the whole Staff.

"We travelled through the West this summer, the Vice-President, Mr. Long and myself. We had an enjoyable trip with beautiful weather. We travelled as comfortably as we could, but we had hard work to do, all the same. We stopped at twenty-one places in twenty-six days, and we went over the business of the Bank in these places and discussed matters with the Managers. We found everywhere that the enthusiasm was tremendous, and that all were profoundly impressed with the prosperity of the country and with the prosperity of the Bank, and that all were entirely devoted to the interests of the Bank which was a very satisfactory state of affairs, indeed."

The General Manager, Mr. E. F. Hebdon, made a few remarks in regard to the report and the business of the Bank.

The following by-laws were then taken up and considered and the amendments passed unanimously:—

By-law No. I. That the Annual General Meeting should be held on the third Wednesday in the month of May in every year.

By-law No. III. Increasing the number of directors to twelve.

By-law No. VI. Providing for the remuneration of the directors.

In reply to a question by Mr. Patterson as to the period to be covered by the next statement, the Vice-President said that it would cover five months and then a regular annual statement.

Messrs. A. Piddington and J. Patterson were appointed scrutineers, and one ballot was cast electing the following directors: Sir H. Montagu Allan, K. W. Blackwell, Thomas Long, Alex. Barnett, F. Orr Lewis, Andrew A. Allan, C. C. Ballantyne, Andrew J. Dawes, F. Howard Wilson, Farquhar Robertson, George L. Cairns, A. B. Evans.

In an motion of Mr. C. R. Black, seconded by Mr. A. Piddington, a hearty vote of thanks was passed to the President, Vice-President and Board of Directors.

It was also moved and seconded by the same gentlemen that an expression of warm appreciation of their services be tendered the General Manager and the staff. Passed unanimously.

The President then declared the meeting closed.

At a subsequent meeting of Directors, which followed immediately after, Sir H. Montagu Allan and Mr. K. W. Blackwell were re-elected President and Vice-President respectively.

(Yarmouth Herald.)

A very quiet wedding took place at the residence of the bride's uncle, R. J. Melvin, at Apple Tree Hill, on Wednesday evening, when Myrtle Belle, daughter of Mrs. Henry M. Etter, of this town, was united in marriage to Theodore S. Shaford, of Halifax. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Dr. A. M. Hill, of the Presbyterian church, in the presence of relatives of the bride. Among the guests were Mrs. William Patterson, of Springfield, Mass.; Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Smith, of Millford, Mass.; George Etter, of St. John, and Mrs. George E. Tutin, of West St. John, and Just Brichman, of Dartmouth, who was the officiating clergyman. Rev. W. R. Robinson, on December 22, the groom has resided in Carleton for eight months, Mr. and Mrs. Brichman will reside on the West Side.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Robert H. Gordon was held yesterday morning from the residence of Mrs. C. N. Skinner, Crown street, interment being in Fernhill cemetery. Rev. G. A. Kuhring conducted the services.

The funeral of the late William Ellis was held from his residence, 72 Sydney street, yesterday afternoon at 2.30. Rev. W. F. Gaetz conducted the funeral services and interment was in Fernhill cemetery.

The funeral of Mrs. T. Grey Merritt of 214 Main street, was held from St.

WEDDINGS.

The wedding of Miss Olive Pearl Eagles, daughter of Henry Eagles, of West St. John, and Just Brichman of Aarons, Denmark, took place at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. W. R. Robinson, on December 22. The groom has resided in Carleton for eight months, Mr. and Mrs. Brichman will reside on the West Side.

CHURCH CHOIR ENTERTAINMENT.

Carriethen Street Methodist Church Choir, Assisted by Children, Presented Annual Concert Last Evening.

The Christmas entertainment by the choir of Carriethen street Methodist church was held last evening in the church. The attendance was large, and the entertainment had many bright features. The Christmas concert, is an annual event in connection with the church and is always enjoyable. Last evening's entertainment was no exception to the rule, and the lengthy programme was followed with interest throughout. A pleasing feature was the part taken by the children who assisted the choir in carrying out the choruses, anthems, etc., while the orchestral accompaniment gave additional charm to the well rendered numbers.

The choir was under the leadership of John Bullock, and the excellent manner in which the entertainment was carried out was evidence of careful preparation and reflected credit on all who took part. During the evening a short address was given by the pastor, Rev. T. J. DeLinstead. The programme was as follows:—

Chorus—(a) "In the Light." (b) "Bells of Bethlehem." (c) "Let Songs of Praise Resound." "Joy to the World" Prayer.

Anthem—"No Room for the King." He is King—Hope of Ages." Welcome—Six children. Christmas Story—Exercise by five girls. Song—"Christmas Lullaby." Recitation—Alma Roberts. Chorus—(a) "Chiming Christmas Bells." (b) "The Christmas Message." Recitation—"Miss Santa Claus." Freda Hoyt. Recitation—"The Fruit for Me." Gordon Fairweather. Recitation—"The Children's Day." Kitty Williams. Anthem—"The Christmas Message." Recitation—"The Thrift for Me." Agnes Cross. Recitation—"Santa's Airship." Ethel Brindle. Recitation—"Jolly Jack Frost." Ella W. Jones. Chorus—"The Christmas Paean." Recitation—"The Little Mite." Teddy Jones. Recitation—"Merry Christmas Time." Christian Mercer. Recitation—"Christmas Lullaby." Ronald Wilcox. Recitation—"Remember Lullaby." Collection—"Remember the Poor." Recitation—"Chiming Bells."—Ronald Wilcox. Recitation—"His Father's Escape." Chester Martin. Recitation—"Hang up the Baby's Stockings"—Doras Brindle. Song—"See my Pretty Little Stockings." Chorus of angels.

PROVINCIAL PERSONALS.

(Chatham Commercial, Dec. 24)

J. J. McNeely and family left for St. John this morning.

(Newcastle Advocate.)

J. D. Creighton spent part of last week in Moncton.

Miss Lillie M. Hubbard of Casillias is in town on Saturday.

Miss Ethel Allison is here from Mt. A. for the Christmas vacation.

J. M. Lewis, editor of the Victoria County News, Perth, was in town on Saturday on his way to Parrsboro, where he will spend a few days at his home.

Gordon Atkinson, who is studying in the United States, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Station agent and Mrs. Atkinson, Derby Junction.

Messrs. Wm. McGrath, Jas. Donovan Al. Black, Wm. Ashford and Jack Creighton have returned from St. John where they have been employed on the Courtney Bay Works for some time.

(Fredericton Mail.)

George E. Stopford, who has been in the Canadian West for some years is in the city spending the Christmas season. He is the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum.

(Chatham World.)

Miss Annie McDonald of Boston is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Andrew McDonald, Water street.

Miss Tena Walling, trained nurse of Montreal, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss May Ivory, of Fredericton, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Flanagan, Henderson street.

Miss V. C. Wright has gone to Moncton for the Christmas holidays.

Stanley Daley is home from Shives Athol for the Christmas holidays.

Allan J. Cameron, of Athol, Mass. is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Stohart.

Messrs. Clair McCallum and Robert Nealy came home from Campbellton to spend Christmas.

DETECTIVE LUCAS MAKES ARREST OF ROUGH CUSTOMER.

Night Detective Fred Lucas made a rather important capture about a half-hour after last midnight, when he arrested James Donnelly, a suspicious character.

The detective was going his rounds and when he neared the Clifton House the night porter of the hotel informed him that a man had entered the small alley adjoining the residence of J. R. Stone on German street. The officer went to the rear of the building and found Donnelly in a woodhouse or storeroom at the rear of Mr. Stone's residence. When the officer confronted him, Donnelly said: "Well, you didn't catch me breaking, did you?" He was placed under arrest and locked up in the Water street lock-up. When searched nothing was found in his pockets, and he is suspected to be a hard luck seaman off one of the ocean-going steamers.

Donnelly was seen by the officers about Water street earlier in the night and he informed Officer Howard that he was a member of the crew on board the C. P. R. steamship Empress of Ireland, while he informed Detective Lucas that he was a seaman on board the liner Kaituma. The latter steamer has gone to sea.

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The choir was under the leadership of John Bullock, and the excellent manner in which the entertainment was carried out was evidence of careful preparation and reflected credit on all who took part. During the evening a short address was given by the pastor, Rev. T. J. DeLinstead. The programme was as follows:—

Chorus—(a) "In the Light." (b) "Bells of Bethlehem." (c) "Let Songs of Praise Resound." "Joy to the World" Prayer.

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PROVINCIAL PERSONALS.

(Chatham Commercial, Dec. 24)

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(Newcastle Advocate.)

J. D. Creighton spent part of last week in Moncton.

Miss Lillie M. Hubbard of Casillias is in town on Saturday.

Miss Ethel Allison is here from Mt. A. for the Christmas vacation.

J. M. Lewis, editor of the Victoria County News, Perth, was in town on Saturday on his way to Parrsboro, where he will spend a few days at his home.

Gordon Atkinson, who is studying in the United States, is spending a short vacation with his parents, Station agent and Mrs. Atkinson, Derby Junction.

Messrs. Wm. McGrath, Jas. Donovan Al. Black, Wm. Ashford and Jack Creighton have returned from St. John where they have been employed on the Courtney Bay Works for some time.

(Fredericton Mail.)

George E. Stopford, who has been in the Canadian West for some years is in the city spending the Christmas season. He is the guest of his sister-in-law, Mrs. H. G. C. Ketchum.

(Chatham World.)

Miss Annie McDonald of Boston is here on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Andrew McDonald, Water street.

Miss Tena Walling, trained nurse of Montreal, arrived home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parents.

Miss May Ivory, of Fredericton, is spending a few days with her aunt, Mrs. Geo. Flanagan, Henderson street.

Miss V. C. Wright has gone to Moncton for the Christmas holidays.

Stanley Daley is home from Shives Athol for the Christmas holidays.

Allan J. Cameron, of Athol, Mass. is visiting his sister, Mrs. William Stohart.

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VESSLS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.

Corican, Liverpool, Dec. 20. Oruro, Demerara, Dec. 20. Sheenandah, London, Dec 7. Man. Importer, Manchester, Dec 8. Kwara, Shields, Dec 9. Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec 14. Lake Champlain, Antwerp, Dec. 19. Fomeranian, Havre, Dec. 21.

VESSLS IN PORT.

Man. Commerce, 344, Wm Thomson and Co. Empress of Ireland, 8,023, C. P. R. Co. Athena, 5,523, Donaldson Line. Monticelli, 3,300, Canadian Pacific. Hesperian, 6,124, Allan Line.

SCHOONERS.

Cora May, 117, N. C. Scott. Hunter, 187, Sound, D. J. Purdy. Priscilla 102, A. W. Adams. J. Arthur Lord, 189, A. W. Adams. Emily I. White, 296, N. Y. C. M. Kerrison. Ann Louise Lockwood, 266, A. W. Adams. Rebecca M. Walls, 56, C. M. Kerrison. Willena Gertrude, 271, C. M. Kerrison. Charles C. Lister, 266, master.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B.

Arrived, Thursday, Dec. 26. Stmr Eskimo, 99, Pike, from Apple River for Bath; in for harbor.

Schr Jacobus, 336, Marshall, from Windsor to New York; in to complete loading, C. M. Kerrison. Cosatwise—Stmr Connors Bros., 49, Warnock, Charles Harter; schrs Susie Pearl, Black, St. Martins, and old; Dorothy, 49, Hill, Cheverie.

Cleared Dec. 26. Stmr Empress of Ireland, Forster, for Liverpool via Halifax, C. P. R. pass, and mds.

Schr Harold B. Consens (Am), Bar, Bridgeport, Stetson Cutler & Co., lumber. Sailed Dec. 26. Stmr Calvin Austin, Mitchell, for Boston via Eastport.

Schr Wandriam, LeCain, New York, C. M. Kerrison. Schr Ida M. Barton, Boston, C. M. Kerrison. Schr Henry D. Hay, Holmes, New York, C. M. Kerrison. Schr Mercedes, LeCain, Digby, C. M. Kerrison.

DOMINION PORTS.

Parraboro, N. S., Dec. 26.—Ard stmr Corcoran, Macdonald, Yarmouth; Eastington, Stevenson, Portland. Old stmr Coruna, Macdonald, Yarmouth, with 1,150 tons coal; Eastington, Stevenson, Louisburg; in ballast.

Schooner Klondike, Willgar, is loading the cargo of the wrecked schooner Bessie G., for Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

La Palma, Dec. 25.—Passed stmr Albuera, Lockhart, bound from Hull to Rosario. Santa Fe, Dec. 25.—Sld stmr Leuca, Butler, for Havre.

New York, Dec. 25.—Ard stmr Nana, Hillaboro, N. B. New London, Dec. 25.—Ard schrs Calabaria, Macdonald, Yarmouth; do: William D. Hilton, do: Lanie Cobb, Calais; Annie R. Lewis, Boston; Vineyard Haven, Dec. 25.—Ard bkrts.

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SEALED TENDERS

addressed to the undersigned and endorsed under the heading of "Reconstruction and Enlargement of Wharf at Dorchester, N. B." will be received at this office until 4 P. M., on Monday, January 29, 1913, for the reconstruction and enlargement of the Old Railway Wharf (so called) at Dorchester, Westmorland County, New Brunswick, to commence at Postmaster General's pleasure.

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BRITISH PORTS.

Belfast, Dec. 22.—Ard stmr Rathlin sailed, Brennan, New Orleans. London, Dec. 24.—Ard stmr Lake Erie, Carey, St. John for Havre.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS.

Tenerife, Dec. 12.—Stmr Glenaby, for a United States Gulf port, while at anchor was struck on the stern by a Westergate in leaving port; former vessel slightly damaged and will be surveyed; latter proceeded and damaged, if any, unknown.

London, Dec. 24.—Stmr Coronia, from New York, before reported in collision outside Liverpool bar, had two bow plates pierced.

MARINE NOTES.

OFF FOR THE ANTIPODES. Stmr Tokomaru, Captain Kelly, which left this port Wednesday for Australia, Dec. 24, is the most valuable cargo that ever left St. John, said to be worth over \$500,000, which includes that loaded at New York.

MEETING SEVERE WEATHER.

It is expected the Allan Royal Corral which has the Royal mail on board, will not arrive until next Saturday or Sunday on account of the severe Atlantic gales reported not having abated.

GOING TODAY.

The Royal mail steamship Empress of Ireland, Captain Forster, is scheduled to sail this afternoon at 3 o'clock with about 1,100 passengers and a full freight including grain and a large shipment of United States meats.

ACCIDENT ON THE RIPON.

Queenstown, Dec. 25.—The British steamer Ripon, which sailed from Fowley, Dec. 21 for Philadelphia is returning to Queenstown for medical aid, two of her crew having been seriously injured in an accident.

CITY OF SAINT JOHN

Water and Sewerage Department. SEALED TENDERS will be received up to 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Friday, the 27th day of January, 1913 for the purchase and removal of the Pulp Mill at Mispec in the City and County of Saint John, known as the "Mispec Pulp Mill," together with Digesters, Machinery, etc., as shown on the list therein standing belonging to the City of Saint John.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1912.

PUBLIC WORKS EXPENDITURES.

The Times laments with a gush of crocodile tears that the provincial expenditures for public works were \$42,475 less in 1912 than in 1911. Yet it is only a few months ago when the Times was charging the Fleming Government with the grossest extravagance because of the large expenditure in 1911 for public works. This, of course, was during an election campaign in which the candidates who enjoyed the advocacy of the Times in this city were so badly defeated that they forfeited their deposits.

It was explained at the time and is not yet forgotten by the public, that the unusual expenditure for public works in 1911 was to place the bridges of the country in a condition to make them fit for traffic. Notwithstanding that the Government supported by the Times had added about three-quarters of a million dollars to the permanent debt, which in common honesty should have been met out of current revenue and has since been paid from that source by the present Government, the old Administration left the wharves and bridges of the country in a tumbledown and dangerous condition, so bad that it required an enormous expenditure to make them safe. As an evidence of this the expenditures on account of ordinary bridges from 1904 are given below, as well as the number built and repaired:

	No. of Bridges.	Amt. Ex.
1904	234	\$80,180.86
1905	246	80,758.48
1906	250	86,301.54
1907	386	94,179.78
1908	528	168,535.24
1909	694	154,916.90
1910	666	162,524.35
1911	650	236,128.95

The total expenditures for public works, not including permanent bridges, since 1909, have been as follows:

1909	\$210,097.41
1910	328,443.26
1911	416,265.31
1912	373,286.46

This statement shows that 1911 was an exceptional year. The total expenditures were \$87,822.05 in excess of those of the previous year, of which \$73,000 was for the repairs of bridges. That the Government have not been neglectful of their duty in connection with the roads and bridges of the country is shown by the fact that the public works expenditures in 1912, while less than in 1911, are \$44,843.20 more than in 1910. This does not look like starting the public works of the country.

It is not saying too much for the Government to state that the roads and bridges of the country are today in better condition than they ever were. The weather conditions of the past season were a severe test on dirt and gravel roads—the kind we have always had in this Province—and they stood the test as well as could be expected. There is a constant comparison between the macadamized and brick-paved roads, which have been built in many sections of the country, but it must be borne in mind that the cheapest macadam construction costs about \$22,000 a mile. It is not possible without resorting to direct taxation to procure such roads in New Brunswick, and an extensive educational campaign must precede any attempt to make the general public share in the expense of better roads. Even automobile owners, who are constantly demanding better roads, have not yet advanced any plan by which the money required to build them is to be obtained.

It is noteworthy that the Times and other organs of the same stripe are continually criticizing the Government, but at the same time they heartily endorsed Senator King, who moved an amendment to Mr. Borden's bill to grant Federal aid to the Provinces for the construction of better roads. This amendment the Liberal majority in the Senate adopted and the result was the delay of a grant which would have done much to have improved the roads during the past year.

PROGRESS IN NEW BRUNSWICK.

Commenting on the provincial financial statement, the Times says: "The condition of the roads and bridges, the still backward condition of agriculture, the demands of education and the need of increased population call for an Administration that is both bold and prudent, and one which will produce results commensurate with the expenditure. With practically no opposition in the House, Mr. Fleming has a great opportunity. Up to the present time he has not taken full advantage of it, as the financial statement shows."

This is pretty nearly what the Times repeated in its columns, barring the last sentence, for a month prior to June 20th, that fatal day when the Liberal Opposition to Mr. Fleming and his Government were practically wiped out. It is not Mr. Fleming's fault that agriculture is in a backward condition in New Brunswick. The blame rests on the shoulders of other men whom the Times heartily endorses. For several years before the present Government came into power the Agricultural Department was administered in such a way that the money spent for its upkeep was practically wasted. It was claimed for Mr. Ferris, the Commissioner, that he was a practical farmer. If he was, it was the only thing he was practical in, for if ever any department of a Government was permitted to go to seed it was the Department of Agriculture for the Province of New Brunswick, under Mr. Ferris, who lacked in everything that was essential to the success of this important branch of the Administration.

When the Government changed in 1908 the policy of the Agricultural Department changed also, and it took on new life, which has been followed by beneficial results. Such a thing as a commercial orchard was not thought of in New Brunswick until two years ago, although some of the finest apples produced in the world were grown within

its boundaries. It was left to the present Government to bring out the commercial possibilities of fruit growing in New Brunswick, and this they have accomplished. While the agriculturists of this Province do not produce all that the people consume, they have been growing larger crops and have become exporters of some classes of farm produce, and all this has been done since 1908, a fact the Times would recognize if it were not politically blind.

It is rather ridiculous for the Times to charge Mr. Fleming with either lack of boldness or prudence. Both characteristics were fully displayed by him in arranging for the construction of the Valley Railway. Any one familiar with the history of the Province, and who has followed the various efforts of interested parties to prevent the plans of the Government being carried out, cannot but realize that Mr. Fleming accomplished a herculean task in bringing his plans to a successful conclusion. Not only did he carry the project through the Legislature and obtain grants to aid in the construction of the bridges from the Dominion Government, but he negotiated a contract for the construction of a railway which is admittedly the best in the interests of the Province that New Brunswick ever entered into.

CONTRIBUTION NOT A PERMANENT POLICY.

The London Free Press gives a timely and well merited rebuke to the Canadian Courier, whose editor might be expected to do better than fall into the Liberal misrepresentation that Mr. Borden's proposals, as embodied in the Naval Aid Bill, are the permanent naval policy of the Conservative party. In the course of his speech Mr. Borden, in anticipating this objection, made his position clear beyond question. He said:

"In presenting our proposals it will be borne in mind that we are not undertaking or beginning a system of regular and periodical contributions. I agree with the resolution of this House in 1909, that the payment of such contributions would not be the most satisfactory solution of the question of defence."

This statement, as the Free Press points out, is plain enough for any intelligent person to understand and similar statements were made by every member of the Government who took part in the debate, and by other speakers on the Conservative side. Mr. Foster went even further and showed conclusively that the Naval Aid Bill did not impinge upon constitutional relations or responsible government. He said:

"Under this Bill, which the House is asked to pass, the authorizing is done by a Canadian Act enacted by a Canadian Parliament. The vote is passed through its three stages and made law by the Canadian Parliament. The money that is voted is expended by the Governor-in-Council by order of the Canadian Parliament. The construction of the battleships and the purpose for which they are required are indicated by the Canadian Parliament. The ships are to be placed at the disposal of the Admiralty by order of the Canadian Parliament and they are to be put there for the common defence of the Empire by Act of the Canadian Parliament. And the terms and conditions are entrusted to the Government of this country in consonance with the Government of Great Britain."

Canada by this contribution of three battleships is neither giving away self-government nor control of expenditures but is doing something definite and practical for the naval defence of the Empire for the first time in her history. Yet the Courier, following the lead of Liberal organs, comes out with the declaration that "Mr. Borden and his associates are turning over one of our national functions, that of defence, to the authorities of 'Downing Street,' that this is 'unpleasant,' 'galling,' etc."

The reply of the Free Press is very much to the point and is worth quoting. "The Canadian Courier," it says: "cannot produce one jot of evidence that contribution is the permanent policy of the Government. The files of Hansard bear pages of proof to the contrary. But it is ready to swallow the Liberal misrepresentation, which places a contribution in case of need beside a Liberal policy that, on the face of it, is an attempt to make some political capital rather than assist the Empire."

"The Courier admits that the Laurier policy is late in coming, and that this is a legitimate criticism. It might be added that it is not nearly so late in coming as it would be in being realized. Sir Wilfrid says that all the facts presented by the Premier were known to him four years ago. If that is so, why did he then propose a navy of four small cruisers and six destroyers, divided between two oceans, where today he feels that the same situation calls for two fleet units double the force that the Admiralty asked for at that time? Clearly, the devotion of the Liberal leader to the welfare of the Empire takes on strangely increased proportions when he can no longer carry out the promises he makes and it is power he is seeking. Such a devotion when it was within his power to carry it out would have been better understood and appreciated."

"The people of this country have the definite promise made and repeated in the House of Commons that the permanent naval policy of the Borden Government will be brought forward in due time, and that when it is brought down the people of Canada will have an opportunity to pass upon it by a general election. It will then no longer be the policy of the Conservative Government exclusively, but the policy of the people of Canada. The Liberal party has presented its opportunist proposals. It remains to be seen if they will stand by them through coming elections, and it remains still further to be seen how they will compare with the permanent policy that the Borden Government has given its pledge to present."

Current Comment

Not Worth Noticing.
(Vancouver News-Advertiser.)

The Liberal Ottawa Free Press fears that Mr. Borden's Drednought policy may provoke reprisals from Germany, whereas the Laurier programme would not have such effect. This is a doubtful compliment to the Laurier proposition, but it is just. Germany would not consider the Laurier navy worth noticing.

Worthy of Imitation.
(Ottawa Citizen.)

Germany has decided to confiscate all the dime novels within the Empire. This will spoil next year's crop of Lettie Louises, but will add vastly to the general harvest of good citizenship. In this Germany may well be imitated.

The Blight of the Billboards.
(Toronto Globe.)

Billboards are now recognized as a danger as well as a disfigurement. They help the breeding not of germs, whose existence or function is a matter of faith, but of destructive insects.

Reducing the Cost of Living.
(Hamilton Spectator.)

Here is a hint for people anxious to know how to reduce the cost of living. Co-operation—if not in production—in preservation and distribution, is the way out.

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NEWS IN SHORT METRE

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Police Court.

Alfred Edward Gibbs, aged 28, charged with shooting Leo Quinlan in the Pacific Hotel, Carleton, on Tuesday evening was arraigned in the police court yesterday morning. He pleaded guilty. The complainant when called that he was in the Pacific Hotel between twelve and one o'clock and was sitting in his room when the prisoner came in with the revolver in his hand. After explaining that the weapon was not loaded he pulled the trigger. The witness said he felt something strike his side. He then ran out of the room. On examination he found that the bullet had gone through his clothes and had scratched his side. He said that he never had any words with the prisoner. Philip Henry Tubbs said the revolver belonged to him and that he had loaned it to the prisoner several weeks ago. Hearing was then adjourned until this afternoon at two o'clock to allow the complainant to produce the clothes he had on at the time of the shooting. Five prisoners were before the Magistrate on a charge of drunkenness. Two were fined \$5 or two months in jail; one got off with \$4 or ten days in jail; another was fined \$8 or thirty days in jail, while the fifth was remanded. Rudolph Drillon charged with assaulting his wife was fined \$20 or two months in jail. Edward Maher charged with drunkenness and profanity was fined \$12 or forty days in jail. The case of Daniel Littlejohn charged with assaulting Robert Waters came up. W. Milligan was examined after which the case was dismissed.

Bank Clearings.

The bank clearings for the past week were \$1,913,745. Corresponding week last year \$1,494,865.

Appointed Manager.

Ward C. Hassen, at present accountant of the Bank of Montreal here, has been appointed manager of the new branch which will open at Chubb's Corner at the beginning of the year.

A Court Incident.

The case of Hanson vs. Noel was reviewed from Magistrate Aillingham's court yesterday afternoon. Judge Forbes. The evidence showed that the judgment was for \$5.00 and the costs for \$4.80. His Honor scored Colonel Gens, who gave evidence for the plaintiff and ordered him out of the court telling him that he paid little attention to his oath. His Honor then advised the parties to settle the matter themselves. J. J. Smith appeared for the plaintiff and J. A. Barry for the defendant.

PROVINCIAL.

Timber Leases Purchased.

Fredericton, Dec. 26.—Two timber leases were sold at public auction at the Crown Land Department today. A limit of two square miles on McKenzie's Creek on the Nashwaak was bid in by the Parlington Pulp and Paper Company, who outbid Peter Woodworth, the applicant, and paid \$50 per square mile. Another limit of 3.2 square miles on the Nashwaak was bid in by W. G. White, of Gloucester county, the applicant, at the upset price of \$20 per acre.

Fire Loss Settled.

Moncton, Dec. 26.—Appraisers on buildings owned by H. G. Marr, St. John, and the Melan Co., burned early Sunday morning, have completed their work. Mr. Marr was allowed \$3,075. The appraisers, Messrs. A. C. Chapman for Mr. Marr, and R. C. Donald for the company, The Melan Co. on loss on the building was adjusted at \$200 by L. B. Read, Moncton, acting for the Fidelity-Underwriters and Northern, and E. H. Fairweather, St. John, for the Anglo-American and United London and Scottish. The Melan Co.'s loss on stock was adjusted by E. H. Fairweather and C. E. J. Paris, St. John. The amount was \$200.

GENERAL.

Had Diamond in Fish.

San Bernardino, Cal., Dec. 26.—A man who had his name as Hitchcock had a diamond weighing a carat and a half cut out of the flesh of his arm yesterday. He said the gem had been sewed in his flesh in South Africa. Hitchcock asked the surgeon to do the job in a hurry, as he wanted to give the diamond to his wife for Christmas. Hitchcock refused to say why he had the gem imbedded in his flesh.

Treasurer in Trouble.

Teheran, Persia, Dec. 26.—Mornard, a Belgian, who succeeded M. Morgan Shuster as treasurer general of Persia's finances after the American had been bundled out of the Shah's domains, is in conflict with the Teheran government as a consequence of an astonishing personal attack on him at the premier's residence.

McBride to England?

Vancouver, Dec. 26.—A despatch from Victoria to the World says there is a strong probability of Sir Richard McBride leaving the leadership of the British Columbia government to become Canadian high commissioner in London in succession to Lord Strathcona. The despatch adds that Sir Richard would bequeath the mantle of the leadership to Attorney-General Bowser.

Shoots Up Wedding.

Taylorville, Ill., Dec. 26.—John Belder, a carpenter, armed with a revolver, interrupted a wedding party at the home of his mother-in-law, Mrs. Edna Fisher, last night, shot and seriously wounded Mrs. Fisher, fired several ineffective shots at his wife, at the bridal pair and at policemen who were summoned to the house, and was himself mortally wounded by one of the policemen. It is feared that Mrs. Fisher, a woman of sixty-eight, will die.

Son of John Brown Dead.
Akron, Ohio, Dec. 26.—Jason Brown, ninety years old, second son of John Brown, famous as the leader of the raid on Harper's Ferry, W. Va., at the

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outbreak of the civil war, died at his home here last night.

A Massacre.
Brainerd, Minn., Dec. 26.—Crazed by wood alcohol, a camp of lumber jacks in the vicinity of Bomdijl turned Christmas Day into a massacre. Armed with axes the members of the crew attacked each other and when the fight was over, fourteen men lay dead from alcohol and wounds.

Killed France.

Hammond, La., Dec. 26.—George Abbott, manager of the Hammond Bottling Company, was shot and killed yesterday afternoon by his sweetheart, a man who had been practicing a divorce after their Christmas dinner.

OBITUARY

John Hastie.
Windsor, N. S., Dec. 25.—The suddenness of John Hastie's death at Halifax Tuesday afternoon, has caused deep sorrow for Mrs. Hastie, who has many intimate friends here. There is keen regret felt for the loss of so estimable a citizen as Mr. Hastie, although his residence has been of only a few years' duration. Early in November Mr. and Mrs. Hastie left for Greenview Junction, N. S. His wife, to visit Mr. Hastie's mother at the old homestead, Mr. Hastie going as far as Copenhagen on business. They arrived in Halifax a week ago last Sunday, on the steamer Virginian and Mr. Hastie was then so very ill he was immediately removed to the Victoria General Hospital, and was only operated on for appendicitis the day previous to his death. He was only forty-one, and came here from St. John a few years ago to become manager of the Windsor Foundry and Machine Company. Mrs. Hastie was

with her husband during his illness, and for her goes out the deepest sympathy for a loss so heartbreaking and especially at this season of the year, when happiness should be the keynote of the yuletide season. Mrs. Hastie arrived here today with her husband's remains, which will be laid to rest in Maplewood cemetery Friday afternoon. Mrs. Hastie's mother, Mrs. Sinclair, arrived here this evening from St. John and a sister, Mrs. Angeline, is expected from Montreal tomorrow.

Dorothy, the eight-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Mitchell died today after a short illness from diphtheria.

Stephen Hassay.
Death came suddenly on Saturday afternoon to an aged resident of Hoyt Station, Stephen Hassay, ninety-two years old, who had lived alone in his home since the death of his wife four years ago, was found lying dead on a lounge in his house about four o'clock. He had been around, apparently in his usual health during the morning, and his death was learned of only when a neighbor entered the house. Coroner John Murphy was notified and decided that death was due to natural causes.

The funeral took place on Tuesday and interment was made in the Catholic cemetery at Fredericton Junction. He is survived by one son in Arizona, and one daughter, Mrs. William Bell, of Greenview Junction, N. S. His wife was buried in the Baptist cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth McGill.
Mrs. Elizabeth McGill, wife of John McGill, passed away at the Home for Incapacitated yesterday morning after an illness of a year's duration. Besides her husband, who is at sea, Mrs. McGill is survived by her father, John Williams. Mrs. McGill was in her 39th year. The funeral will be held today from the Home for Incapacitated, interment to be made in Cedar Hill cemetery.

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ANNUAL MEETING OF THE UNION BANK OF CANADA

HELD AT WINNIPEG, DECEMBER 17, 1912.

The Annual Meeting of the Union Bank of Canada was held at noon Tuesday, December 17, at the Head Office, Winnipeg. The meeting was largely attended.

The chairman read the annual report of the directors as follows: The directors beg to present to the shareholders the following statement of the result of business for the year ending 30th November, 1912, together with a statement of the assets and liabilities of the Bank:

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes items like Balance at credit of account, Net profits for the year, and Premium on New Stock.

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During the year the head office of the bank was transferred from Quebec to Winnipeg. During the past year forty-three branches and agencies of the bank have been opened in the following provinces—Ontario, 13; Alberta, 9; British Columbia, 4; Manitoba, 5; Saskatchewan, 12.

The President, Mr. John Galt, addressed the meeting as follows: I beg to move the adoption of the report, seconded by Mr. William Price of Quebec, and Mr. R. T. Riley, of Winnipeg, our vice-presidents.

The financial position and the net profits of the past year will, I trust, meet with your approval. The present year marks an epoch in the bank's history, and it is, therefore, fitting that I should make a few remarks on the present position of the bank—its policy and the scope of its operations.

On July 1st the head office was removed from the city of Quebec to the city of Winnipeg. Such an important event calls for a review of the progress of the bank in past years and an explanation of the reasons which, in the opinion of your directors, necessitated this change.

The great growth of our institution is coincident with, and largely due to, the development of the West. The following figures will show how rapid this growth has been:

On the 31st of May, 1904, only eight and one-half years ago, when the present general manager took charge, our capital was \$2,500,000; reserve fund, \$1,000,000; and total assets, \$30,602,110. Today these figures are—Capital, \$5,000,000; reserve fund, \$3,300,000; and total assets over \$69,000,000; or double the capital, over three times the reserve fund, and well over three times the total assets.

We have opened this year a number of new branches, but we can assure you that this has not been done without careful consideration and a close examination of local conditions. One not conversant with western life would find it difficult to realize the change made each year in a few months by the incoming thousands of new settlers.

Mixed Farming—Too much stress cannot be laid upon the importance of mixed farming. It insures for the farmer a steady income all year round. Should his wheat crop be unfit for sale, it can be fed, with other coarse grains and roots, to his live stock.

The day will surely come when these vast prairies will yield their wealth in fullest measure, but it will not be until we have changed our present methods and until farmers realize that mixed farming will pay best in the long run. The wonderful improvements in farm machinery, especially the substitution of motor power for horse power, has resulted in the rapid placing of immense areas of vacant land under cultivation.

Speculation in Land—A good deal has been said about speculation in land. The increase in land values has added enormously to the assets of

western business, and has to some extent formed a basis for extended credit, but this is not felt to be a drawback when the value is real and convertible. We consider that a business standing which is strengthened and enhanced by property holdings is entitled to a reasonable enlargement of credit for legitimate business operations.

The General Manager, Mr. G. H. Balfour, addressed the meeting as follows:— Gentlemen,—It affords me much pleasure to welcome so many shareholders as are present at this, the first annual meeting to be held in the new home of the bank. The large number in an evidence of the interest manifested in the welfare of the institution by its western shareholders.

The reasons for making the change in the head office have been fully explained by the President. The wisdom of the course adopted has been fully concurred in by me personally, and, indeed, it necessarily had become very apparent during the past few years owing to the rapidly increasing volume of business transacted by the bank in these western provinces.

The President has given you some figures bearing on the general expansion of the bank's position during the past eight years. It may, however, prove interesting to you to learn in this connection that, whilst the bank had eighty-four branches in 1904, on the 30th of November, 1912, it had two hundred and eighty-five branches, and the number of officials employed had increased from 420 to 1,387 in the same period.

These figures must bear convincing testimony to the steady progress and expansion made in the past eight years. These 291 new branches, 132 have been opened west of the Great Lakes. Comparing the figures in the balance sheet, now under review, with those of November 30th, 1911, it will be noted that the deposits have increased by \$10,400,000, namely, an increase of \$5,545,555.98. These figures are considered very satisfactory and encouraging.

The subscribed capital stock has been fully paid up during the year, and now stands at \$5,000,000. The rest account has been increased by \$243,000, bringing it up to \$3,300,000, or 66 per cent. of the paid up capital of the bank. The total assets are \$11,000,000 greater than in 1911. This is largely accounted for by the increase in the deposits above referred to.

Being in the matter of the exceptionally heavy expenses incurred during the year incident to the transfer of the head office from Quebec to Winnipeg, and to the opening of so many new branches, we are well satisfied with the result of the year's operations, namely, a net profit of slightly over 14 1/2 per cent. on the average capital paid up. I may say that the full cost of opening a branch is written off at the end of the first half-year of its operations. This is a very heavy item in the aggregate when a number of branches are opened in any one year.

In the matter of steel chests alone, the bank has up to date invested more than \$350,000, all of which has been paid for out of its profits. Coming to the assets, it will be seen that the holding of gold and government notes is \$700,000 more than last year, being additional cash reserves held against increased liabilities in the nature of larger deposits. Notes and cheques on other banks in Canada, whilst \$1,000,000 in excess of 1911, merely represent the daily accumulated items for exchange with other banks.

The additional \$700,000 due by agents in the United Kingdom pertains to money loaned in London by our branch there. The bank has increased its holdings of government, municipal, railway, and other debentures and stocks during the year by \$1,000,000, and its loans and bills discounted current by \$9,000,000, bringing these two items up to \$5,732,067.70 and \$4,615,074.74 respectively. This is in the nature of a general expansion in the business of the bank.

It was then moved by Mr. John Galt, seconded by Mr. William Price and Mr. R. T. Riley that the report of the directors now read, be adopted and distributed amongst the shareholders. Mr. R. T. Riley spoke as follows: "I have followed with as much interest as anyone present the very able address of the president—like everything else that he has undertaken it has been well done and you can accept with confidence every statement made and be assured of the endorsement of all his colleagues on the board."

"I am glad we have with us today some of our friends from Quebec, Montreal and Toronto, who doubtless hold the proxies of many of our eastern stockholders. The bulk of our stock is held in the east, and I wish to emphasize the fact that the wise men of the east referred to by Mr. Galt saw the star of prosperity arising in the west and followed it, they did not abandon everything for this new vision—far from it—they have their successors—for the business of the Union Bank in the east is larger today than ever before and they are not suffering by reason of the removal of the headquarters of the bank to a point 1,500 miles nearer the centre of its activities, but there will be a well balanced extension all over the Dominion of Canada, with the centre rather than the extreme east as headquarters."

"The Western directors, who have had their quarters here, have had their increased responsibilities—responsibilities not accepted without some hesitation—for a bank is something more than an organization for making money for its shareholders, it is a highly organized and intricate piece of machinery that is at the disposal of the public to facilitate the conduct of business—a public utility enjoying special privileges and it is just as much the duty of the directors of a bank to see to it that these privileges are not abused as it is to protect the shareholders by the use of a small percentage of the enormous sum of money passing through their hands."

"Like the President, I take a very hopeful view of the future. Our shareholders will never regret the confidence shown by electing a majority of their directors in this city. The West has always been an underdog, but it is now as well as at the present time. It was never quite so wild and woolly as reputed, nor is it now as extravagant and speculative as described by some. It is true the Westerner spends some of his money freely and foolishly, probably because he makes it easily, but there is underlying the prosperity of the West an element of good Scotch conservatism introduced by the Hudson Bay factors—the Lord Selkirk colonists and this good Scotch granite has been well built into the foundations of our commercial life here and we shall endeavor to carry the same element of good Scotch conservatism to the other side of the continent, but which interpreted into the vernacular is 'Be sure you're right; then go ahead.'"

"I have much pleasure in seconding the adoption of the report." Mr. William Price, of Quebec, expressed the pleasure that it gave him as the eastern vice-president in visiting Winnipeg, to meet with the Western shareholders, and stated that the eastern board in handing over the control to the Western directors, did so with the utmost confidence that the affairs of the bank would be in good hands, be capably administered and the future development of the bank be carefully fostered on safe lines. The motion was then carried.

It was moved by Mr. W. R. Allan, seconded by Mr. Stephen Haas, that the meeting now proceed to the election of directors for the ensuing year, and that the list for the receipt of the ballot be kept open until a quarter past one o'clock, or until five minutes have elapsed, without a vote being offered, during which time proceedings be suspended.—Carried.

It was moved by the Hon. W. H. Montague, P. C., and seconded by Mr. Jas. Fisher, K. C., that the thanks of the shareholders be tendered to the honorary President, the President, and the directors of the bank for their valuable services during the year. Then the Hon. W. H. Montague, P. C., delivered the following: "The President and Gentlemen, I have been asked by a number of the shareholders to propose a resolution. I am quite sure that the shareholders of the Union Bank have been very much gratified to receive a statement of affairs presented at this meeting. This statement of affairs shows the bank to be in an exceptionally prosperous condition, and it demonstrates as well that a most progressive policy has been pursued during the past year. The more closely the statement is examined the better the reports appear to be."

As the President has stated, the universal prosperity of Canada, coupled with the marked advance which is being made in every branch of our industrial and commercial life combine to make Canada at the present time ideal soil for the growth of an institution such as the Union Bank is. Nevertheless, sir, we recognize and trust that the splendid results which have been achieved during the past year could only have been achieved by an institution whose board of directors were skilled and wide awake business men. I move, seconded by Mr. James Fisher, K. C., that a very hearty vote of thanks be presented by the shareholders to the honorary president, the president, and the board of directors of the Union Bank of Canada for the manner in which they have discharged their duties.

Mr. Jas. Fisher, in a few well-chosen words seconded the motion, which was then carried. It was moved by Mr. M. Bull, seconded by E. A. DuVernet, K. C., that the thanks of the shareholders be hereby tendered to the general manager, assistant general manager, superintendents, inspectors, managers and other officers of the bank for their devotion and zeal in the service of the bank during the past year.—Carried.

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Table listing unlisted sales for various commodities like Wyagmack, Ames Holden, and others.

CLOSING LETTER.

Montreal, Dec. 26.—The resumption of trading after the holiday stock market still ruling on the strong side.

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Table listing current prices for various commodities like Am. Beet Sugar, Am. Loco, and others.

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Table listing Chicago grain and produce prices for items like Wheat, Corn, and Soybeans.

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Table listing Boston curb prices for various commodities like East Butte, Granite, and others.

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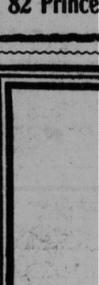
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WITH THE HOCKEY PLAYERS

Toronto, Dec. 26.—The Toronto hockey team carried off the honors today in the first round of the triangular college chess tournament.

THE PENNS. WIN FIRST CHESS ROUND

New York, Dec. 26.—Pennsylvania carried off the honors today in the first round of the triangular college chess tournament.

PASSES A BURNING WRECK.

Liverpool, Dec. 24.—The steamer Watermouth, which arrived here yesterday from Galveston, reports that she spoke on December 15 the steamship Ardoyno, from Antwerp to New York, which signalled: "Beware of a burning wreck; I have the crew aboard."

DESPERATE CARD SHARPS.

(Chatham World). The old holiday custom of playing forty-fives for geese still prevails in Chatham and the lucky ones go home from these seances with the spoils. A World reporter overtook a citizen the other night with all the geese and turkeys he could stagger under, the five and jack having gone his way pretty often in the game.

REAL ESTATE.

Armstrong and Bruce have purchased from the Simonds' estate, a vacant lot in Brunswick street adjoining the line of the I. C. R. The transfers of the Matthew Paul farm at Colbrook purchased by Armstrong and Bruce from L. P. D. Milloy and of the property opposite the One Mile House extending from the Marsh Road to the Westmorland Road, owned by the Harris Abbot Co., Ltd., which was purchased by Armstrong and Bruce for a local syndicate, were recorded today.

THE POLLARDS HERE NEXT WEEK

Original Company, with Teddy McNamara, to appear in the Opera House in Three Musical Comedies.

The Pollards are coming again Happy thought. We have all learned to look forward to the coming of the with the keenest pleasure and most delightful anticipation. This time, the youngsters will present the musical comedy "The Toy Maker," "Serg and Blue" and "The Mikado."

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS

Among the presentations which marked the coming of Christmas were those of good will and esteem presented to Frederick H. Trifts, manager of the Gem Theatre, by the staff of "the back of the house" and by the members of the orchestra. On behalf of the former, Thomas Daley, operator, presented to him a handsome electric device, while on behalf of the orchestra, Mr. McLachlan presented to him a valuable set of pipes and case. Mr. Trifts responded happily to the kindly expressions of cheer, and presented gold pieces to each of his employees.

G. Wilford Campbell received from his employees a handsome case of cut glass. Mr. Campbell presented to each of his employees a Christmas turkey.

The wire drawers of the Maritime Nail Works showed their appreciation of their foreman, John Howe, in a tangible form on Christmas Eve, by calling on him at his home in Murray street, and presenting to him, an easy chair and address. The presentation was made by Charles P. Lester, Mr. Howe was greatly surprised by finding himself made host to the host. Both he and Mrs. Howe treated the donors generously and all went home with Mr. and Mrs. Howe a happy and prosperous New Year and hoping that the mutual good will would continue for many years.

THE COMMODORE'S VIEW OF IT.

(Chatham World). If the Laurier party of having a little squadron to stay at home and guard home ports is the proper naval policy for Canada it is the proper policy for all the dominions. Wouldn't it be better to have all these squadrons under one authority, so that they could be massed at any place where they are required? A great naval victory in the North Sea or the Far East would do more to protect British overseas dominions—do more to protect Canada—than the presence of a naval unit in the home waters of every section of the Empire.

MARITIME PROVINCE SECURITIES.

Quotations Furnished by F. B. McCurdy & Co., Stock and Bond Brokers, 85 Prince William Street, St. John, N. B.

Security	Ask.	Bid.
Adventure	40	38 1/2
Alouez	24	22 1/2
Arcadian	24	22 1/2
Arizona Comm.	34	32 1/2
Boston Corbin	54	52 1/2
Cal and Ariz.	69	67 1/2
Cal and Hecla	530	525
Centennial	17 1/2	16 1/2
Copper Range	51	50
Daly West	18 1/2	17 1/2
East Butte	11 1/2	10 1/2
Franklin	8 1/2	8
Granby	69	68 1/2
Greene Canada	10	9 1/2
Giroux	4	3 1/2
Hancock	24 1/2	23 1/2
Inspiration	16	15 1/2
Isle Royale	18 1/2	17 1/2
LaSalle Copper	32 1/2	31 1/2
Lake Copper	5 1/4	4 1/2
Melikian	24 1/2	24
Michigan	28 1/2	28
Mass Gas Cos.	25 1/2	25 1/4
Mass Elec. Cos.	95	94
Mass Elec. Cos. Pfd.	18	17 1/2
Nipissing	69	68 1/2
North Butte	9 1/2	9
Osceola	54	53 1/2
Old Dominion	23	22 1/2
Parrott	53 1/2	53
Shannon	13 1/2	12 1/2
Sup. and Boston	13 1/2	12 1/2
Sup. and Pitts.	48 1/2	48
Shoe Machy	11	10 1/2
Superior Copper	105	104 1/2
Tamarack	24 1/2	24
Trinity	5	4 1/2
Utah Com.	11	10 1/2
U. S. M. and S. Pfd.	43 1/2	42 1/2
U. S. M. and S. Pfd.	50	49 1/2
Utah Apex	2 1/2	2
Winnipeg	69 1/2	69
Wolverine	69 1/2	69
Alaska	13 1/2	13

THE MERCHANTS' BANK OF CANADA ANNUAL MEETING

Reports at 49th Annual Meeting of Well Known Financial Institution Show Year has been Successful.

The statements presented at the annual meeting, Wednesday, December 18th, of the Merchants' Bank of Canada, were reasonably characterized as very satisfactory. The bank is getting its full share of the benefits of a time of growing trade. The profits reported were in excess of 20 per cent of the average paid up capital. The net profits of the Merchants Bank last year, after payment of all charges, rebate on discounts, interest on deposits and allowing for bad and doubtful debts, amount to \$1,338,844.62 to which must be added the premium on new stock \$250,000, as well as the balance brought forward from November 30th, 1911, \$58,878.18, which together make a total available of \$1,958,482.80.

The above amount was disposed of as follows: dividends aggregating \$649,004.53; \$560,760 and \$450,000 respectively transferred to Reserve Fund; \$100,000 written off Bank Premiums account and \$50,000 contributed to Officers' Pension Fund. The balance \$148,718.27, carried forward to the following year, complete the disposal of the Net Profits.

The Reserve Fund now stands at \$6,410,760 or 95 per cent. of the paid-up capital. In this matter, the bank is strong even among the strongest. The Merchants Bank with its recently added capital now commands resources of nearly eighty-five million dollars, has established connections with the leading business centres of the West as well as of the East, and serves all classes of the community, it being mentioned that of the fifty-three million of advances to the public, over ten millions are loaned to the farmers. In the West especially are the activities of the Bank noticeable where they have established up to the present, eighty-eight branches and agencies.

The following directors were elected for the ensuing year: Sir H. Montagu Allan, K. W. Blackwell, Thomas John A. Barr, F. G. Lewis, Andrew A. Allan, C. C. Ballantyne, Andrew J. Davis, F. Howard Wilson, Farquhar Robertson, Geo. L. Cairns, A. B. Evans.

THE BOSTON CLOSE.

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BOSTON CURB STOCKS.

Bay State Gas	25	24
Boston Ely	1	1
Chief	13 1/2	13
Calaveras	2 1/2	2 1/4
First National	15 1/2	15
LaRose	34	33
Ohio	1 1/4	1 1/2

BATTLE LINE MOVEMENTS.

Steamer Leucata, Captain Butler, left Santa Fe Wednesday for Havre, France. Steamer Albuera, Captain Lockhart, passed Las Palmas Wednesday on her way to Rosario from Hull.

ALLAN LINE.

Stmr Pomeranian left Havre, France, for St. John, Dec. 21. She is from London and will have a large general cargo for St. John and the west.

DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY.

S. S. Yarmouth leaves Reed's Point Wharf daily at 7 a. m., connecting at Digby with trains East and West, returning arrives at 5:30 p. m., Sundays excepted.

For Sale.

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CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR 1912-13

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THE INTERNATIONAL RAILWAY

WINTER TIME TABLE SUMMARY

Express train leaves Campbellton daily (except Sunday) at 7:30 a. m. for St. Leonards and intermediate stations, due at St. Leonards at 12:20 p. m.

Express train leaves St. Leonards daily (except Sunday) at 5:00 p. m. after arrival of C. P. R. express from St. John, Vancouver etc. due at Campbellton at 10:00 p. m.

And in addition to above and to the ordinary freight trains, there is also a regular ACCOMMODATION TRAIN carrying passengers and freight running each way on alternate days as follows viz: Going West—Leaves Campbellton at 8:00 a. m. for St. Leonards, and intermediate stations, Monday, Wednesday and Friday, due at St. Leonards at 4:20 p. m.

Going East—Leaves St. Leonards at 8:30 for Campbellton, etc., Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday, due at Campbellton at 4:30 p. m.

Governed by Atlantic Standard Time. See local time tables and for full information regarding connections, etc., apply to F. B. Humphrey, freight and passenger agent, 55 Canterbury street, St. John.

FURNESS LINE

From London, Oct. 25, Shenandoah, Nov. 12, Nov. 8, Rappahannock, Nov. 22, Nov. 17, Durango, Dec. 7, Nov. 25, Kanawha, Dec. 14, Dec. 5, Shenandoah, Dec. 21.

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ST. JOHN TO LIVERPOOL.
Grampian . . . Dec. 12 Jan. 17
Virginian . . . Dec. 20 Mch. 28
Heperian . . . Dec. 28 Jan. 31
Corsican . . . Jan. 3 Feb. 14
Tunisian . . . Jan. 24 Feb. 28

ST. JOHN TO HAVRE & LONDON
Pomeranian . . . Thursday, Jan. 9
Lake Erie . . . Thursday, Feb. 6
Pomeranian . . . Thursday, Mch. 6
Lake Erie . . . Thursday, Mch. 20

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S.S. Inishowen Head, December 20.

ST. JOHN TO BELFAST.
S.S. Ramore Head, December 30.

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THE MARITIME STEAMSHIP CO. (Limited)
Commencing Jan. 26, and until further notice the S. S. Connors Bros. will run as follows:
Leave St. John, N. B. Thorne Wharf and Warehouse Co. on Saturday, 7:30 a. m. for St. Andrews, calling at Dipper Harbor, Beaver Harbor, Black's Harbor, Back Bay or Letete, Deer Island, Red Store, St. George, returning leave St. Andrews Tuesday for St. John, calling at Letete or Back Bay, Black's Harbor, Beaver Harbor and Dipper Harbor. Tide and weather permitting.

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NASSAU, CUBA, MEXICO SERVICE.
S. S. "SOKOTOM" sailing from St. John about Jan. 6th, for Nassau, Havana, Puerto Mexico, Vera Cruz, Tampico and Progreso.

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S. S. "KWARRA" sailing from St. John about December 30th, for Cape Town, Port Elizabeth, East London, Durban and Delagoa Bay. Cold storage accommodation on each vessel. Accommodation for a few cabin passengers. For freight and passenger rates and full particulars apply to
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S. S. "Osamo" sails Nov. 23 for Bermuda, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara.

S. S. "Briardene" sails Dec. 9 for Bermuda, St. Kitts, Antigua, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara.
S. S. "Osamo" sails Jan. 15 for Bermuda, Montserrat, Dominica, St. Lucia, St. Vincent, Barbados, Trinidad, Demerara.

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From Manchester For Philadelphia
Nov. 16 M. Corpton Dec. 2
Nov. 23 M. Trader St. John Dec. 14
Nov. 30 M. Commerce Dec. 31
Dec. 7 M. Importer Dec. 28
Dec. 14 M. Shipper Jan. 4
Dec. 21 M. Inventor Jan. 11
Dec. 28 M. Spinner Jan. 18
Jan. 4 M. Trader Jan. 25

DONALDSON LINE

GLASGOW SERVICE
From Glasgow For St. John
Dec. 7 S.S. Athena Dec. 26
Dec. 21 S.S. Letitia Jan. 9
Dec. 28 S.S. Saturnia Jan. 16
Jan. 11 A Steamer Jan. 30
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AROUND THE CITY YMAS TREAT HELD IN THE ALMS HOUSE

Suit Case Found. A suit case containing some clothing was found last night on Douglas street and brought to the North End police station.

Fur Collar Found. A lady's fur collar found on Rockland street was brought to the North End police station, where it can be obtained by the owner.

Interfering With Citizens. About 7.30 o'clock last evening Deputy Chief Jenkins and Detective Kellen placed William Magee under arrest and charged him with interfering with pedestrians on King and Dock streets.

Skating on The River. Although the river between Millidgeville and Baywater is not frozen solid enough for horse and sled, the ice is thick enough for skating, and since last Monday residents of Millidgeville have been travelling back and forth in this way.

Sled Seized. The icy streets made good sliding for the boys last night, and they were out in good numbers. On Sheriff street the coasters persisted in making it dangerous for pedestrians and Officer Briggs was obliged to relieve one boy of his sled.

Officers Have Dinner. Chief Engineer C. W. Hale of the C. P. steamer Montcalm entertained his staff and the officers of the ship to dinner yesterday when a right good time was had by all. After the meal had been done justice to a pleasant programme of songs, stories and speeches was carried out. Before breaking up those present drank a hearty toast to their host.

Horace Bassford. The funeral of Horace Bassford, the steward of the Ernest of Britain, who died in the General Public Hospital on Christmas morning from injuries received when he fell down the companionway of the ship last evening, was held from the Seaman's Mission yesterday afternoon. Captain Foster and the officers of the ship were present. The service was conducted by Rev. R. A. Armstrong. Burial was made in Fernhill cemetery.

At the Every Day Club. John Irvin, K. C., of Bridgetown; John G. McKinnon, who is home from Wolfville for the holidays, and Mr. Milligan of the Y. M. C. A., were visitors at the Every Day Club last evening. The hall was well filled with boys and young men. Mr. Irvin gave a very interesting short talk to the boys and with Mr. Milligan and Mr. Irvin and Walter Brindle as leader the boys sang three patriotic songs before they dispersed. Mr. Irvin will be the speaker at the club next Sunday evening.

High School Graduates' Bridge. In the Keith assembly rooms last evening the graduates of the St. John High School held a very enjoyable bridge whist. The success of the assembly was due to the earnest efforts of the energetic chairman, Mr. J. H. A. Anderson, who presided over the evening. The first part of the evening was spent in bridge. After this a programme of dances was carried out. This was followed by refreshments and a gathering broke up about midnight. Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powers acted as chaperons.

Christmas Treat Tonight. The annual Christmas festivities of the boys of the Industrial Home will take place this evening. The commissioners of the institution and a number of citizens who have been invited to attend the function will leave the Dufferin hotel at 7.30 p. m. The boys will give an exhibition of their histrionic abilities for the edification of their guests, and then they will be presented with a Christmas tree loaded with articles which will give gastronomic abilities. The programme is well up to the mark of previous years and a pleasant evening is anticipated.

A Christmas Wedding. The home of Mr. and Mrs. James E. McLean, Young's Cove, Queens County, was the scene of a happy event on Christmas Day at 11 a. m., when their daughter, Roberta M., was united in marriage to Wm. A. Gale of the same place. Rev. Ernest Rowland performed the ceremony in the presence of the immediate relatives. The wedding march was played by Miss Mona Gale. The bride was dressed in white marquisette with lace and bead trimming. After dinner was served the happy couple left by train for Bangor a few days ago.

Visited Municipal Home. Commissioners Agar, Schofield and Wigmore went to the Municipal Home yesterday. They were very much pleased with the way the institution is kept and estimated that it would be a fine place to retreat to after paying the bills for the Christmas gifts. However, they did not stop there. They made a complete inspection of the place and took part in the Christmas festivities held there yesterday afternoon. Com. Agar said the institution was very well managed and presented a bright and cheerful atmosphere. The old people seemed to be comfortable and the children looked exceptionally healthy and were evidently being well cared for and well taught.

The Fish Market. There is a large variety of fish for the local buyers to choose from at the fish markets today, and the prices quoted are reasonable. The following are the retail quotations: Haddock and cod, 6c.; halibut, 15c.; smelt, 12c.; Newfoundland fresh herring 30c. doz.; grounders 5c. pound; mackerel 25c. doz.; frozen salmon, 15c. to 25c. pound; blue fish, 15c.; weak fish, 15c.; butter fish 15c.; dore, 15c.; white fish, 15c.; striped bass, 15c.; haddock, 15c.; kippered herring 24c. doz.; blonators, 24c.; black 15c. pound; kippered, 15c.; salt trout 30c.; tongues and sounds, 8c.; mackerel, 5 to 15c. each; salt herring, 15c. to 30c. doz.; frozen salmon, 15c. to 25c. each; boneless cod, 15c.; cod clippings, 7c.; oysters 75c. qt.; clams, 20c. qt.; scallops 75c. qt. Lobsters are very scarce.

EXPECT RUSH OF SETTLERS NEXT SPRING

Indications Are That Many British Farmers Will Take Up Land.

Many Visitors From City Attended Exercises in Municipal Home.

PLEASANT PROGRAMME AND MAMMOTH TREE

Visitors Impressed with Neatness of Departments and Evidences of Consideration Shown to Inmates of Home

A truly Christmas spirit pervaded the municipal home yesterday when the inmates were given their annual treat. Over 100 guests went out from the city to bring a ray of gladness to the old and the young in the institution, and judging by the joyous countenances of all when the treat was brought to a close, the mission of the visitors had not proved fruitless. Old and young alike joined in the festive programme which had been arranged, and the entertainment was on a larger scale than ever.

The visitors from the city drove out in the afternoon leaving the city at half past two. Three of the city commissioners, H. B. Schofield, M. E. Agar and R. W. Wetmore, represented the city. Among the others who made up the party were Mr. Knodell, Michael Coll, Philip Grannan, M.P.P., W. S. Clawson, Coun. Jas. Bryant, commissioners of the home, S. M. Wetmore, secretary, Rev. W. O. Raymond, and Rev. A. J. O'Neill, of Silver Falls, chaplains of the home, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Dr. Christie, Magistrate Ritchie and others.

Arriving at the home shortly before 3 o'clock, the visitors were shown through the institution. To mark the occasion the different rooms had been decorated. Throughout all the departments, in the classrooms, dormitories, etc., an abundance of holly and mistletoe had been hung, and added to the attractiveness of the rooms. All through the building the visitors found opportunities for congratulating the superintendent and inmates on the neatness and order evidenced.

Following the inspection of the building the visitors with the inmates returned to the schoolroom for the Christmas programme. Here another agreeable surprise awaited the visitors. In the front of the hall a tree of extra large proportions met their eyes. Beautifully decorated, and laden with gifts to please both old and young, the tree immediately became the objective for all eyes, an excellent aspect of what a real Christmas tree should be.

The proceedings began shortly after three o'clock, Chas. Knodell, chairman of the alms house commission acting as president. The programme which followed, offered plenty of variety, recitations by the inmates of the children's carols by the older ones, and Christmas carols by all, with addresses by the visitors to round out the entertainment. In every case the showing made by the entertainers was most creditable and the expressions of appreciation of the visitors was generous and earnest.

The list of speakers included the city commissioners, Rev. J. H. A. Anderson, Rev. A. J. O'Neill, Mr. Knodell, Magistrate Ritchie, and others of the visitors, all of whom had a cheery word and a commendatory remark or so for the excellence of the programme. The conclusion of the speeches was the signing for the all-important work of dismantling the tree, and especially to the children the work was an all-important feature of the proceedings. In the distribution of the gifts, all were remembered, the old as well as the young receiving some token to remind them of the occasion and to convey to them the comforting thought of the season of plenty and enjoyment they, too, had been remembered.

The Barbers Organize. Considerable interest is being taken by the barbers in the move to organize the craft here on the lines which have resulted in great improvements in the position of the craft in other cities. The international barbers union has a number of strong fraternal and beneficial features. The union pays a sick benefit of \$5 a week for 16 weeks, and a death benefit of from \$75 to \$500. When its members are on strike it pays a strike benefit of \$7 a week. The charter of the local union will be closed this evening at 9 o'clock.

Marine Freight Checkers. A meeting of the marine freight checkers union was held last evening but the matters dealt with were of a routine nature. The new union is coming along very well.

Christmas Presentations. Among those who were remembered on Christmas were the employees of Wanamaker's restaurants, as the proprietor, George Wanamaker, gave a substantial present to each one of his employees.

HOW ST. JOHN'S MANUFACTURES ARE GROWING

TEN YEARS GROWTH BRIEFLY TOLD OF

Capital Invested in Local Industries has Almost Doubled Since 1900 - Other Towns Showing Industrial Growth.

MR. BOWDER SENDS WORD TO GET READY

Increasing Evidence of Great Success and Popularity of Provincial Government's Ready Made Farm Policy.

A. Bowder, the representative of New Brunswick in Great Britain, has written to James Gilchrist, secretary of the farm settlement board, stating that English farmers are making application nearly every day for the privilege of taking up a farm under the provisions of the settlement act, and urging the board to get a large number of farms ready for settlement as early as possible in the spring.

Percy Thompson, of the Norton Griffiths Company, has written to Mr. Gilchrist stating that Norton Griffiths has made arrangements to send out at least twenty families in the spring and that more will be probably sent out if farms can be provided for them. Mr. Thompson will arrive here next month to look over some farm lands, and make arrangements for the reception of the families to be sent out by Norton Griffiths in the spring.

The members of the farm board will visit various parts of the province after the first of the year, and will make an effort to secure the best lands to be sent out by Norton Griffiths. Owing to the demand for ready-made farms from people residing in the province, the board has yet not been able to make arrangement for the accommodation of the farmers in the Old Country who are applying to Mr. Bowder for farms.

The immigration from the Old Country to New Brunswick this year has been much larger than in previous years, and the officials expect that next year there will be a great increase in the number of people entering the province with the intention of making homes here. A small party of new settlers arrived here yesterday and were found places by the provincial superintendent of immigration with farmers at different points. The fact that the farmers of the province are beginning to appreciate the advantage of employing help in the winter is proving a big factor in attracting a desirable class of people to the province.

HER PEARLS REAL THING. New Brunswick Woman Purchased Supposedly Cheap Necklace which Proved to be of Great Value.

Although much has been said of alleged gold bricks, it sometimes happens that the brick turns out to be real gold and the joke is on the vendor. An instance of this has come to light in a town in this province, but in this case it was not a gold brick, but a pearl necklace.

The necklace in question was purchased in Montreal in one of the leading jewelry stores. The purchase price was remarkably small. The purchaser returned to the town where the necklace was in value proportionate to the price. After wearing the ornament for some time, the connecting link broke and some of the pearls were lost. The necklace was sent to a nearby town to be repaired and to have the missing pearls replaced. Neither the jeweler to whom it was sent nor other jewelers in the town could match the remaining pearls, and consequently an effort was made to have the pearls replaced in St. John, but with the same result.

Wool Cloakings. F. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing some very fine wool cloakings, the superior qualities at most attractive prices. Reversible sponge cloths in the new heather colorings at \$1.60, \$1.85, and \$2.10 a yard. Blanket cloth at \$1.10, \$1.15 and \$1.35. Tweed cloths, very special prices, 75 cents at \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50 and \$1.60 a yard. Thursday was the great coat day at their store. Many people who received cash for Christmas presents came there to get a coat, and they did not hesitate when they saw the reductions, and there are more for those who still wish coats.

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Table with 2 columns: 1900, 1910. Rows: Capital, Product, Salaries & wages.

Most of the towns throughout the province have shown a substantial development of manufactures during the year. The bulletin gives the following comparative statement of the manufactures of the cities and towns of the province with a population of over 1,500:

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The total number of manufacturing establishments in the province for the last census year is given as 1,158, as compared with 919 in 1900; the total capital invested, \$36,125,012 in 1910 as against \$26,775,000 in 1900; total number of employees 24,755 in 1910, as against 22,158 in 1900; total amount of salaries and wages \$8,314,212 in 1910, as against \$5,748,839 in 1900.

There are 334 establishments engaged in the manufacture of log products: 326 in preserving fish; 73 flour and grist mills; 42 cheese and butter factories; 22 foundry and machine shops; 7 boots and shoes. According to the value of the product the chief industries stand as follows:

Table with 2 columns: 1900, 1910. Rows: Log products, Cottons, Car repairing, Foundries, Preserved Fish, Grist Mills, Bread, Biscuits and Confectionery, Wood Pulp.

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