

EVENTS OF CITY LIFE.

THE PASSING NEWS OF A DAY BRIEFLY TOLD.

Concerning People, Places And Things of More than Ordinary Interest, Recorded in a Short Readable Form—Notes of The News.

The Shore Line is advertising holiday rates.

Some counterfeit \$2 Dominion bills are in circulation in the city.

There are quite a number of cases of measles in Fairville, generally of a mild type.

Mr. Howard Holder has sold his restaurant business to Mr. Wm. Gillespie, and will enter the insurance business.

Captain Pitt will at once begin the construction of a steamer for the Rothesay, Long Island, Moss Glen, Upper and Lower Clifton routes.

Monday evening at Quispamsis, Pte. John T. Ryan, lately returned from South Africa, was publicly dined by the people of the neighborhood.

The ladies of St. Andrew's church intend holding a tea and musicale on the 28th inst. Tea will be served from 6 to 8 p. m. There will be a fine musical programme, commencing at 8 o'clock.

Mr. J. Walker Donald, formerly of St. John, who has been general agent of the Chicago & Alton Railway at Boston, has been promoted to the general agency of the same road at Buffalo, New York.

Messrs. Stobson & Cutler have opened a quarry of the Middleville road, and will open a large quantity of lime rock for the manufacture of magnesia lime, which is used in large quantities in the pulp mill.

Grand High Priest John W. Watson, of the New Brunswick Royal Arch Chapter of Masons will go to Sussex early in the new year for the purpose of conducting N. O. Chapter there. It will be the first excursion of a Royal Arch Chapter ever held in New Brunswick.

Mr. S. G. McCarry, of Parrboro, N. S. has taken possession of the Vendome Hotel, Hampton, and has ready to receive business about Christmas. He intends running a first-class house, up-to-date in every respect.

At the special meeting of the common council yesterday, Ald. Millidge said that Miss McKee, injured by falling over a pipe on Union street, was willing to settle for \$40, and the common clerk was authorized to make the settlement.

After the regular business meeting of the Methodist ministers on Monday an informal discussion on the tendency of the theatre took place. Opinion was unanimous in the expressing the disapproval of the theatre and theatre going.

Arbitrators in the Long wharf matter are meeting this week to settle the property of Mr. J. A. Lacey, the former valuation having been considered too low. Mr. A. H. McKee is representing the property, and Messrs. A. Geo. Blair and H. H. McLean appear for Mr. Lacey.

The death is announced at New York of Mrs. Pike, widow of Captain Thomas W. R. Pike, R. N. She was Miss Annie L. Beer, of Sussex, a sister of the late Col. Beer. For some time she has been residing in New York with her son. Interment is to be made at Fernhill, the funeral leaving the I. C. R. depot at 8:30 o'clock this afternoon.

His Lordship Bishop Sweeney has had living apartments fitted up in the addition to the Boy's Industrial Home at Silver Falls and divides his time between there and the palace. At present he is living at Silver Falls. The addition to the building includes, in addition to his lordship's apartments, dormitories for the boys and an extension of the home chapel.

A report which appeared in two local papers that property of Mr. J. A. Lacey was being re-valued by the arbitrators, was too low is incorrect. The property first appraised is now being valued in the exchequer court. The government has found it necessary to take another section for a railway track and the value of this is being determined by arbitration.

Mr. Adam Noble, of Rusagomish, died on Monday at the age of 82 years. He leaves nine children: Mrs. Samuel Waugh, of Rusagomish; Mrs. Sheldrake Phillips, of New Maryland; Mrs. Joseph Halstead, of St. John, and Miss Jane, at home; George F., William B., Joseph A. and Marven A. Noble, all of Rusagomish; and Charles T., of Boston. He also leaves 27 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Mr. A. C. Currie, who recently resigned from the D. A. R., to connect himself with the Royal Victoria Life Insurance Company, taking the managing of New Brunswick, has associated with him Mr. J. O'Byrne, who very recently resigned the general agency for New Brunswick of the Manufacturers Life. Together they will manage the business of the Royal Victoria in New Brunswick. Both are well and favorably known in the city and province. They have newly fitted up offices in the Piggly building.

The Canadian Pacific Railway has arranged for special excursions to Boston as a courtesy of Christmas and New Year's holidays as follows: To students and teachers of schools and colleges, on presentation of standard school vacation railway certificate, at rate of \$10.50 for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 28 to 31, inclusive, good to return until January 31, 1903. To the general public at rate of \$10.50 for the round trip. Tickets on sale December 28 to 31, inclusive, good to return for 30 days from date of issue. All tickets good only for continuous passage in each direction.

Sixty Indian families at St. Mary's and Oromoco, will be provided with a Christmas dinner from a fund set aside by the late Rev. J. C. McDevitt, Fredricton.

A pie social and entertainment was held in the school room at Dean's Corner, on Tuesday evening last. An entertaining programme was dispensed of, and then the pies found willing purchasers. The teacher, Miss Wilson, assisted by the young ladies and gentlemen of the district, made the social a success.

A coal famine has prevailed in Digby this week. No bit coal has been available, and soft coal is being almost entirely used. The schooner Elsie has been chartered to load coal at New York for W. E. Blarcom at Digby for \$1.50 per ton freight. This is the largest freight ever paid from New York on hard coal for Digby. The average price is about 90 cents per ton.

The special Christmas music at the early mass and at 10:30 o'clock in St. Peter's church will be in the main the same as that at the reopening of the church, but the Credo will be from Mozart's Seventh Mass. The orchestra, under leadership of Prof. Williams will assist in the performance. Mrs. Williams will sing in the evening. There will be midnight service, December 31st.

Particulars of the death of Mrs. T. A. Temple have been received. On the way from Montreal to San Francisco she contracted a severe cold. Pneumonia developed and she died at the Palace Hotel on Dec. 14. Funeral services were held at St. John's Episcopal church. The body was placed in a vault temporarily, and will later be brought east. Mr. Temple's son will winter in Southern California. Mrs. Temple was Miss Bevier, of Shelburne. Her husband and two sons—Edward L. and Frederick—survive her.

An entertainment given in the school room of the Victoria Street Free Baptist church, under the auspices of the Mission Band, was largely attended last evening. The programme was largely made up of recitations by Douglas Thorne, Edith Hutchison, Benn Keith, Mabel Starkey, Hiram Perry, Lily Holder, Alta Cham, Gretta Parley, Gertrude, Ruth Phipps, Belle Douglas, Jessie Walters and Vena Vanwart, also choruses and dialogues by members of the band. The programme was arranged by Miss Ethel Sprague and the entertainment was a grand success.

While Henry Melrose, of Rollington, and Everett Styles, of St. Stephen, were engaged in the lumber woods on North Brook, by Robert Speer, they were attracted by the cracking of bushes near at hand. They at once proceeded to the spot whence the sound came and found there two handsome deer with horns locked. The largest one was dead, having been struck by a tree trunk. The other was dispatched, after some difficulty, by a blow from Styles' axe. The deer were then dressed and hung in the tree until the following day. The heads were carried to the camp, where they are now the pride of the owners.—[St. Croix Courier.

The mysterious disappearance of John Friel's horse and sled from Market street Tuesday has been solved. The outfit was taken by two young lads—John Lacey, who is known as "Peach" and Alfred Lavigne, aged respectively 19 and 12 years. Police Capt. Jenkins and Sergeant Campbell drove out to the country yesterday following up the clue as to the whereabouts of the horse and sled. They succeeded in locating them at Mr. Pitt's home, on the western side of the Kennebec river, near the mill. Mr. Pitt had found the horse wandering on the road. The boys had driven out and left the horse, they coming in to the city by train, which they boarded at Riverside. Last night Capt. Jenkins and Capt. Hastings arrested Lacey and Lavigne.

The sailors will not be forgotten again this Christmas. The social committee of the Seamen's Mission are now busy preparing to give the sailors a grand Christmas entertainment on Friday evening in Christmas week. They will require 100 comfort bags for the men. Many young ladies are already busy engaged in making bags, but more are yet required. There is no pretense that a sailor appreciates more than a comfort bag. The hymns sang were "Servant of God We'll Love, Abide With Me, and Christian's Good Night. The pall-bearers were James, Melbourne and Edward Colpitts, and Robert P. Colpitts, Ezra P. Hoar and George McCann, brothers-in-law of deceased. Interment was made in the new cemetery here.

Messrs. Cassejo, of Montreal, and Miss Jane Milton, of Malden, Mass., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Milton, at Demoselle Creek.

Laurence M. Colpitts, who has been attending Moncton Academy, has called home last week by the sudden death of his father.

Mrs. Merrill Robinson and Mrs. Haddon Stewart, of this place, who have been very ill, are now much improved.

R. C. Bacon and Alderman F. R. Reid, of Moncton, were in the village yesterday. Very wintry weather is still the order; snow storms alternating with cold snaps. The roads in some sections are very heavy.

Domestic Reminders.

Wife—Do you know what you remind me of?

Husband—No, but I do know what you remind me of.

Wife—What?

Husband—Of every little thing I forget to attend to that you ask me about.—Detroit Free Press.

GRAND MANAN.

The Storm Lined the Island With Wreckage.

White Head, Grand Manan, Dec. 10.—The storm of the 5th inst. was felt here in all its severity and on the following morning the island presented a pitiable spectacle. The beach was lined with wreckage from small craft and it was discovered that the White Head passage alone 17 boats had been lost. One has subsequently been recovered. The road along the sea wall presents a very demoralized appearance. Posts that have been sunk to protect the roads have been completely washed out, bridges gullied out and a general breaking up of the roads effected. Many have had their sheds, sheds and smoke houses practically destroyed. At the lowest estimate, the island has been damaged to the extent of \$5,000 which, considering the failure of weathering this year, is no small item. It has been ever suggested that the people we are so exposed to the wrath of the elements—perhaps more so than any other locality in New Brunswick—that some provision be made for the winter.

On Wednesday evening the buoy moored off Point Pringle came ashore and was placed beyond high water mark by Wm. and Chester Frankland—both boats being a new one, undamaged.

Messrs. Emma and Eva Frankland left Thursday's boat for St. Stephen where they will spend the winter.

Mr. Nelson Morse and family have removed to Nova Scotia for the winter. They were accompanied by Miss Isabel Small, who will visit friends there.

Schooner Fannie May is loading with medium herring for St. John market. Capt. Cheney expects to start on the 15th.

Mr. and Mrs. William Frankland have gone to Fredericton to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frankland's parents.

Goldwin Smith on John A.

Toronto Sun: Unquestionably he possessed in perfection all the qualities which that business requires. He combined lifelong experience with consummate tact. He thoroughly understood the characters, the times, the business, and, where there was venality, the price, of all the men with whom he had to deal. He had great attractiveness of manner, was well read, and capable of taking interest in serious discussion, he could talk to men of letters in his own style, and with a very different style at the other end. He was a thorough man of the world, and in this a very pleasant contrast to his enemy, George Brown. That he could stoop and stoop low to conquer, he showed too well in his attack on the Fenian Railway scandal; still more, perhaps, in his campaign use of the stolen proof sheets of the Fenian pamphlet. It would be palpable to any one who had read his book that he possessed the principles or improved the tone of public life. 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Claimed to Be the Little Money Maker of Many Herds.

Among the general merits of the Belgian hare it is exceedingly domestic and will thrive in close confinement. It is therefore in preference to all others the animal to be raised in cities where space is a consideration. A box 3 by 4 is ample room for a doe and her little ones. Another important factor in the breeding and care of animals in cities is cleanliness. In this respect we have no domestic animal or fowl that will compare with the Belgian hare. The demands for feed that the Belgian hare makes are small. It may be kept on the trimmings of garden vegetables or hay. A little grain should be given the doe while the youngsters are kept with her, but the amount then is so small that it is hardly worth the mention. Grain may be fed when fattening for the table.

As a meat-producer the Belgian hare stands high, not only in its superb quality of meat, but in quantity as well. It will exceed in the latter regard any animal that can be kept in equal space or at no greater expense. Upon this solid economic basis must rest the business of propagating them. The Belgian hare is the most prolific animal that has thus far been domesticated. In this respect it is a marvel. It will produce its young every 60 days and on an average of from 8 to 12 at a time. Fifty per year is a conservative estimate of what a single doe may produce. Thus it will more than make up in number for its small size. There is after all no little advantage in its being small. An ordinary family can manage readily care for the meat of a large animal, but the hare can be served fresh, the four or six pounds meeting the demands of the average family.

This writes a California correspondent to American Agriculturist.

A Lesson in Beet Planting. By means of the accompanying cut the Michigan station gives a lesson in the planting of sugar beets—the distance apart and position in the ground.

Best Beet—1 row in soil with the head end of abundance of room in



POINTS IN GROWING SUGAR BEETS. which to develop, as did also beets Nos. 2 and 3, while No. 4 is a normal beet, growing in properly spaced rows, with near neighbors on either side. The following are the weights of beet No. 1: Leaves, 36½ ounces; head or top of beet, 25 ounces; trimmed beet or the portion which would be marketed at the factory, 28½ ounces. It will be seen that over two-thirds of the growth of this particular plant is not merchantable beet. Beets Nos. 2 and 3 indicate the amount of waste where beets are grown on hard soil and project a considerable distance out of the ground. The position of the lower knife in beet No. 2 and the knife on No. 3 indicates the line of demarcation which separates the portion growing above the ground from that below and, according to instructions from factory men, is the place at which the beet should be trimmed. Beet No. 4 is a typical beet, having 8½ ounces of head and 22 ounces of merchantable beet.

News and Notes. The apple outlook as a whole remains good. The corn acreage is the largest ever reported, with all indications for a heavy harvest. The condition of the oat crop on July 1 was slightly below the average for ten years.

Recent experiments in Louisiana show that the irrigation of foreign crops is exceedingly profitable.

For the production of a salable tobacco much depends upon the character of the soil, and a great deal depends upon the skill in curing. Fully as much, however, depends upon the proper grading and sorting of the tobacco and the style of package in which it is sent to the manufacturer. Too much cannot be said about the necessity for very careful attention to these apparently small details, according to an authority on the handling of tobacco.

The average condition of potatoes on July 1 was 01.3, as compared with 93.8 on July 1, 1899, 95.5 at the corresponding date in 1898 and a ten year average of 83.2.

One-half of the agricultural produce imported into the United States during 1894-5 came from countries that lie wholly or in chief part within the tropics.

The introduction into the United States of the English or European house sparrow, the starling, the fruit bat or flying fox and the mongoose, known also as the ichneumon or Pharaoh's rat, is absolutely prohibited by law.

In spring Chinese peasants build dykes of mud, three to six feet high, to keep the water in the rice fields. Most of their time in summer is spent in pumping or bringing water into these fields.

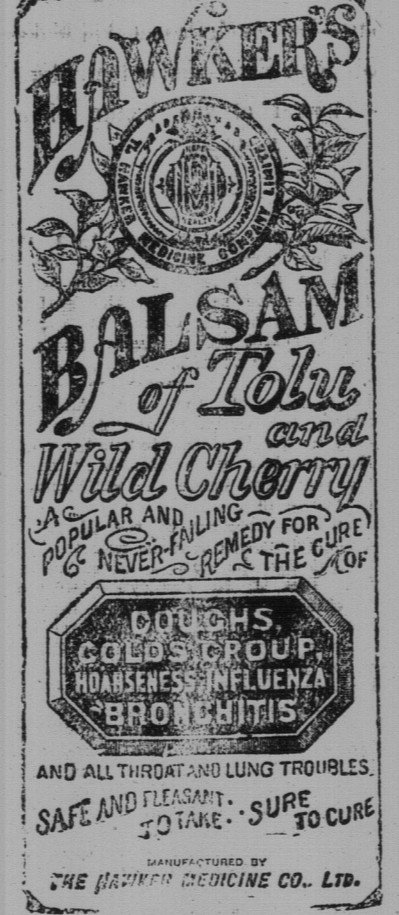
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George Philips, I. C. R. Ticket Agent and Exchange Broker, St. John, N. B., says: "I was completely cured of influenza cold by a bottle of Hawker's Tolu and Wild Cherry Balsam."



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James Kennedy, Esq., The well-known merchant, St. John, N. B., after a personal test of Hawker's Balsam of Tolu and Wild Cherry, says: "I can heartily recommend it to any one suffering from a cough or cold, and would ask them to test it and be convinced."

Rev. J. J. Teasdale, Pastor of the Frederickton Methodist Church, writes: "To the Hawker Medicine Company, Ltd., St. John, N. B., Sirs: Having bronchial troubles for years, I have great pleasure in stating that I found Hawker's Balsam of Tolu and Wild Cherry to be the best remedy for the disease I have ever used. For irritation of the throat resulting from cold, it has been in my case a cure. I have urged upon persons suffering from the disease named the use of this most excellent remedy."

H. A. McKeown, M. P. P., St. John, N. B., says: "I take great pleasure in stating that I have used Hawker's Tolu and Cherry Balsam for the last eight years and consider it the best cough cure I have ever used. I find Hawker's Liver Pills an excellent liver regulator."

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HAWKER'S CATARRH CURE.

A Positive Cure for CATARRH, Catarrh in the Head, Catarrhal Headache and Deafness.

Wm. Doherty, Esq., of the firm of Doherty & Foster, merchant tailors, St. John, N. B., says: "I have much pleasure in stating that two boxes of Hawker's Catarrh Cure completely cured me of a bad case of catarrh. I also consider Hawker's Liver Pills the best liver regulators I ever used."

Ex-Alderman John McKelvey, St. John, N. B., says: "I was cured of a bad attack of influenza and cough by use of Hawker Catarrh Cure and Hawker's Tolu and Wild Cherry Balsam."

The Canadian Drug Co., Ltd., AGENTS FOR MARITIME PROVINCES.

MANURE PEN.

The Wrong and the Right Way to Keep Manure to the Point of Making the Pen.

When there is no barn cellar the most convenient place for piling manure that is removed from the stable daily is against the outside of the barn, under the eaves. The one operation of shoveling it out a window finishes the job. An ordinarily practiced the water from the roof drenches and washes out the soluble parts of the manure (Fig. 1), while the edges and outside of the pile are dried by the sun and wind; so that most of the fertility is lost. But these conditions are very easily remedied. To do this run a gutter or trough under the eaves to carry the roof water to one end of the barn (as at a Fig. 2) where it falls beyond the manure. If the water soaks back and soaks into the manure dig a little trench to carry it away.

Build a pile or pen for the manure, as shown in the illustration. Make it 7 or 8 ft. wide and about 4 ft. longer at each end than the windows from which the manure is thrown. If it does occupy the full length of the barn the pen will be as long as the barn. The earth should be dug out about 2 ft. deep inside the pen. The deeper the pile the better it is, but the bottom cannot be much more than 2 ft. below ground because of the difficulty of loading manure on the wagon. Make the sides of the pen of boards or small poles and strengthen by using plenty of upright posts. The better plan is to put the side boards inside the posts, as the manure settles more compactly.

After the pen is built cover the surface with 1 or 2 ft. of manure, loam or sods and turn in one or two



hogs to tramp it down. The important thing is to keep the manure spread evenly over the surface. The pigs may do this, but if not it will be necessary once or twice a week to spread the manure that piles under the windows.

The pen should be filled as full as possible before carting it out, but it cannot be filled above the window sill without a good deal of work. When full there is a solid block of manure about 5 or 6 ft. deep, 7 or 8 ft. wide and as long as the pen. The little rain that has fallen upon it has hardly more than wet it down in good shape, but when very heavy rains fall add enough litter or leaves to absorb the water. Never let the water run off the top of the pile, but add sufficient absorbents to keep the pile reasonably dry. In fact, absorbents must be added from time to time to take up the natural moisture if it is largely of cow manure.

When this treated manure is practically no loss from rains and the sun and wind have not appreciably hurt it, because of the small space exposed. The entire pile becomes good, solid manure and the loam that was originally placed at the bottom is just as good as the best. When carting out manure take out the pigs and take down the side boards so as to avoid throwing the manure over the high fence. With the above arrangement the manure is in excellent shape — so good in fact that I very much doubt if a roof would be any material benefit. The larger the quantity of manure made daily and the smaller the size of the pen in length and width the better will be the manure. In this arrangement a number of years and am much pleased with it.

Death in the Wire Fence. A single strand of fence wire is easily capable of transmitting such a voltage of electric current that contact with it when charged is fatal to man or beast. A farmer driving in an alley to empty a load of coal displaced a wire clothesline so that it touched a live arc light wire, the clothesline being bent and touching his horse's heads. They both dropped dead in an instant. Thus cattle lying on the moist earth contiguous to a barbed wire fence are in as great danger from a bolt of electricity which falls half a mile away and charges the fence wire as though they were in the immediate path of the current as it fell from the clouds. This fact is not generally known. A simple remedy is to ground the wires of the fence at intervals, by which the extremely high voltage of the distant lightning stroke may be safely conducted to the earth.

How to Describe a Horse. In describing a horse, extreme pains ought to be taken to indicate accurately the most important characteristics, as the loin, the neck, the pasterns, the shoulder, the setting on of the neck, and the character and points of the head, even mentioning such definite points as the face lines, the eye, the nostril, under and upper lip, the lower jaw and throat, and the space between the ears. The experience of students indicates the fact that people as a rule do not rest the eye upon these details. In other words, they do not see them. They see the horse as a whole, and unless there is some glaring disproportion it passes unnoticed, even with one who has spent all his life with horses.

Starting Families in the House. Families may be started in the house, at any time, so as to have them ready for transplanting in spring. If they grow too rapidly and fill the spaces occupied transplant them to larger boxes. If kept very warm they will grow too fast. After they start they should not be forced until about a month before transplanting them outside.

The Normal Color. Mrs. Brown—What color are your little boy's eyes? Mrs. Robinson—Black generally. He's a terrible fighter.

