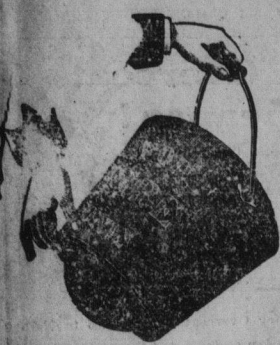


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A French savant points out that spiders' webs improve the acoustic properties of a room. He says he knew in England a hall that was ideal for the conveyance of sound. In an evil moment it was decided to clean the ceilings, and all the spiders were dislodged. The hall was ruined as a place of speaking. The savant suggests that cotton strings might be hung loosely across ceilings to improve the sound carrying properties of a room.—Golden Penny.THE BLIND MAN'S WHISTLE.  
In Japan the blind carry a peculiar kind of whistle, which they blow as they pass through the streets, and people who hear it separate and leave the pathway clear for them. There are a great many blind persons in Japan and if they were to employ the make-shift of a child or dog to lead them there would be numerous complications in the narrow streets. When heard in the dead of night, the "blind whistle" has an especially pathetic and mournful sound.—Golden Penny.

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199 and 201 Union St.FAR EAST CASE  
IS DESPERATE.

Japan Demands That Russia Shall Reduce Her Fleet.

Some Still Hope For Peace—Russia Makes Concessions—Japan on a War Footing.

PARIS, Dec. 30.—It is learned in diplomatic circles that the Japanese government has informed the foreign diplomats that the situation with respect to Russia is desperate, but not hopeless. It is believed this information was communicated to the French government for presentation at St. Petersburg.  
YOKOHAMA, Dec. 30.—At an extraordinary meeting of the privy council today the fact was developed that a time limit had been set for Russia's reply to the last official note from the Japanese government. A strong opposition is now publicly manifested to the cabinet owing to the dilatory tactics. Latest ordinances announced invests the commander of Formosa with full authority to act in case war is declared. The government is completing the final preliminaries for placing the country on a war footing. Imperial ordinances issued authorize the government to make an unlimited issue of treasury bonds to provide war funds, creating an imperial council of war, if a special issue of war bonds is made. It is understood that the bonds can be floated in England, whence it is said, assurances have come that the money would be forthcoming.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Daily Mirror asserts that Japan's note to Russia demands a material guarantee of honest intentions with regard to Korea by a reduction of the Russian fleet in far eastern waters to half its present strength.

LONDON, Dec. 30.—The Shanghai correspondent of the Daily Mail reports that Russia is more inclined to make concessions to China with regard to Manchuria, and says that he learns that unless Russia pays consideration to the Chinese demand that China will join with Japan. The correspondent also says that Yuan Sha Ti who has been intrusted with the task of negotiating with Russia has a decided preference for an alliance with Japan, and that the empress dowager also favors one.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 30.—The foreign despatches received here yesterday afternoon are reflected today in more pessimistic circles.  
The Novoe Vremya begins its leader with: "There is no war today. Tomorrow there may be war." The paper directs attention to the fact that was marked the opening of the seventeenth, eighteenth and nineteenth centuries.

The Novoe Vremya still further says: "We believe Japan will not place Russia in a position where to yield would appear to be a renunciation of the defence of her interest in the Far East. Russia does not desire war, but nobody in Russia will permit the Japanese or other friends to execute a diplomatic dance upon Russia's peaceful disposition. In firm consciousness of her power, Russia will await events."

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Negotiations by cable are in progress between the Russian government and the Schwarzschild and Sulzberger Company, of this city, for about 1,000,000 pounds of mess meat for immediate shipment to Port Arthur. An official of the firm said today that the contract was practically closed, and that it called for delivery at San Francisco Jan. 22.

BERLIN, Dec. 30.—The foreign office here continues to assure enquirers that the German government continues to believe that war will not issue from the Japanese-Russia controversy. This is also the opinion of the press, whether derived from official or independent information.

The mobilization of the Japanese navy is partially attributable, according to a Vladivostok despatch to the Cologne Gazette, to acts of hostility on the part of Koreans towards Japanese, probably necessitating active measures of defence of Japanese interests in Southern Korea. The Gazette considers this despatch is an admission that Japan has a just claim to defend her interests in Southern Korea by force of arms and controverts the rumors to the effect that Russia would regard the landing of any considerable Japanese force in Southern Korea as a "casus belli."

The paper concludes: "The attitude of Russia on this question may therefore be regarded as a further concession on her part."

## WOULD CREMATE 300.

Frustrated Attempt of an Inconceivable To Set Fire to a Crowded Tenement House.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Fire in an Allen street tenement house early today said to be of incendiary origin, jeopardized three hundred lives, but caused slight damage to property. One of the tenants upon arriving home found smoke in the hall and heard the crackling flames in the cellar. He saw a man crouching in the hall and called to him, later turning over to the police, to whom he said he was Thomas Farrell, a former tenant. After the fire a quantity of tar oil was found near where the blaze had been started, and in the pockets of the prisoners were found a piece of steel matches, and a candle.

## PRICE OF OIL GOES DOWN.

CORNICANA, TEXAS, Dec. 30.—The Pipe line yesterday cut crude petroleum five cents a barrel, dropping the price to \$1.27. The advance began last May when the price was 65 cents and continued steadily until \$1.38 was reached.

HUDSON BAY TO  
THE ARGENTINE.

Gigantic Project for 10,000 Mile Railway.

\$250,000,000 Company is to Build Through Both Americas—Will Pass Through Winnipeg.

GUTHRIE, O. T., Dec. 30.—The Pan-American Railway Company, with headquarters at Guthrie, with \$250,000,000 capital stock to build a line from Port Nelson, on Hudson Bay, to the Argentine Republic, was chartered today.  
From Port Nelson, the road is to run via Winnipeg, in Manitoba, through the states of North and South Dakota, Nebraska, Kansas, Oklahoma, Indian Territory and Texas, thence through Mexico, Central America, the Republic of Panama, Colombia, Ecuador and Peru into the Argentine Republic.  
A branch line is provided, running through Chile, to Valparaiso. The total length is ten thousand miles. The incorporators as named in the charter are: W. B. and G. R. Davis, C. D. Farmer, H. C. Iles and Edward Hillman, of Arlington, Okla.

## YOUNG CORBETT WON.

Defeated Eddie Hanlon in One of the Fiercest Fights Ever Seen in the Ring.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 29.—A mercurial referee probably saved Eddie Hanlon from being killed by "Young Corbett" tonight when he stopped their contest in the middle of the sixteenth round. For two rounds previous Referee Graney had begged Hanlon's seconds to take their man from the ring, but they kept the gamey youngster at it and finally Graney, fearing that a fatality might result, ordered the fight stopped. No man ever received such terrific punishment in a San Francisco ring, and probably Young Corbett is the only man in the country who could administer such a beating to Hanlon. When the San Francisco boy was carried to his corner still conscious, but unable to walk, his seconds worked vigorously to revive him. The terribly beaten lad, however, commenced to vomit blood, and looked very serious for him for a short time. He was finally revived and was carried from the ring by one of his seconds.

The fight was terrific, Corbett having the best of nearly every round, though Hanlon fought with skill and courage and kept the issue in doubt till near the last. The last two rounds were fought as follows:

Round 15—Corbett tried several lefts to the face at long range, but was short. He missed a hard right for the body and another for the face. Hanlon then sent a straight left to the face. Corbett jabbed with left, Hanlon being content to rest. Hanlon missed a hard left swing for the jaw, and Corbett was short with a hard right. Hanlon blocked some hard lefts for the body. Corbett then caught Hanlon a right uppercut to the stomach and Hanlon's head back. Corbett waded in and landed right and left hard to the jaw. Graney asked Hanlon's seconds to take their man out of the ring, but they refused. Hanlon was taking a beating, but he was beating with gameness seldom seen. He could not fight back effectively and could hardly protect himself.

Round 16—Corbett missed a hard right uppercut for the face, but a moister sent the Californian to the floor with right and left to the jaw. Hanlon took the count of nine. He then clung to Corbett, the latter trying vainly to knock him, the latter trying to get a decision of the referee. Corbett refused to do. Corbett then delivered an avalanche of blows on the Californian's jaw, sending him back to the referee to stop the contest. Graney then interfered and awarded the decision to Corbett.

After the fight Corbett went over to Hanlon and kissed him. Hanlon said: "You can lick 'em all."

## PLEADED FOR HIS MURDERER

ST. JOSEPH, Mo., Dec. 30.—Although fatally wounded and suffering intense pain, H. G. Edmunson, a real estate man, pleaded with Chief of Police Frans for the release of G. W. Grote, who had fired the shot that would cause Edmunson's death. The latter was in the company of Mrs. Grote yesterday when the shooting occurred. Grote was today released in deference to the wishes of the dying man.

## HAS THOUSANDS, BUT STARVES.

Hermit, Near Death, Had \$50,000 in His Rooms and He Owns Real Estate.

WEEPING WATER, Neb., Dec. 29.—Starving to death, with \$50,000 in government bonds in the same room, was the plight in which Bert Harman, an eighty-year-old hermit, living near here, was today discovered. The old man was unconscious when found and died an hour later. Harman had long been known as a miser and is supposed to be without relatives. He had not been seen for several days, and this morning neighbors went to the house, which was found bolted and barred from within.

By the aid of ladders entrance was gained, and in the attic, without fire or food, Harman was found dying from starvation. A horse in his barn was almost dead from lack of food, but will recover. In addition to his \$50,000 in bonds, Harman owns the same amount in real estate.

ROCKEFELLER  
BEATS MORGAN.

End of a Battle Between the World's Greatest Financiers

Rockefeller Has Now Complete Control of U. S. Steel as well as Standard Oil.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Control of the United States Steel Corporation, the greatest industrial concern in the world, is now completely and absolutely vested in the Rockefeller group of capitalists and Henry Clay Frick, the enemy of Andrew Carnegie, says the World. Formal announcement of this fact may not be made in set words, but the effect of the change from the control of J. Pierpont Morgan will soon be made evident.  
John D. Rockefeller and Mr. Frick have fully worked out their plans. These provide for the complete elimination of the Morgan-Perkins-Schwab-Carnegie parties from active leadership.

THE NEW STEEL KING.

In the affairs of the steel corporation. Standard oil methods are hereafter to be employed from top to bottom in the management of the steel trust. The first to feel this will be the men who are drawing salaries of from \$12,000 to \$25,000 a year. These employees under the new regime must either stand for reduction in salaries or get out.

Like all movements by the Rockefeller, the contest of the Steel Corporation was accomplished quietly. It has been in progress for more than six months. The alliance of Mr. Frick with Mr. Rockefeller is said to be of recent origin.

The ultimate purpose is to put the Steel Corporation in the same class of conservative management as the Standard Oil Co., and to attain that end none of the necessary surgical operations in finance will be spared. The work is to be taken up in a spirit that is absolutely hostile to everything done in the past by Mr. Morgan, Mr. Perkins and Mr. Schwab.

## TO FIGHT UNIONISM.

Prominent Americans Condemn the Union Leaders and Methods and Oppose Eight Hour Law.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 30.—In a speech last night before representative citizens from every line of trade and commerce in the city, D. M. Perry, of Indianapolis, Ind., president of the Citizens' Industrial Association of America, spoke in favor of suppressing union leaders. The meeting was held under the auspices of the Citizens' Industrial Association of St. Louis, which permanently adopted resolutions strongly condemning the union leadership, the eight hour law and the violence and intimidation of labor unionism. The resolutions declared the eight hour bill now pending in congress a serious impediment to the business interests of the country.  
Chicago, Dec. 30.—Chief Musham, of the Chicago fire department announces that he will compel employees in his department to withdraw from unions or retire from the city, serve a year. The chief will commence his war against the organization next week.

## HOLDS UP RAILROAD.

Man With Grievance Against Company Ties Up Traffic Two Hours for Revenge.

CUMBERLAND, Md., Dec. 29.—A. E. Grimes is in jail at Elwood, W. Va. for holding up traffic on the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad yesterday.  
Grimes attacked the telegraph office at Anderson, holding up the operator, J. T. Cruise, with two revolvers. He took possession of the place, throwing the signals and blocking the road both ways. Knowing something about telegraphy, he tried to manipulate the instrument to the great danger of trains and traffic on the road, served a year. Orders were finally got through from Cumberland to Tunnelton to arrest Grimes, and a special constable who was sent on an engine succeeded in getting him.  
Grimes held up the road for two hours. He had a grievance against the company and sought revenge.

## HAD THE TIME TO SPARE.

"It was Diogenes, wasn't it, who went around with a lantern trying to find an honest man?"  
"Yes, but you see, he lived in a tub and begged his meals, so it wasn't necessary for him to do anything for a living."—Chicago Record-Herald.CALVIN AUSTIN  
IN COLLISION.

Eastern Steamship Line Sued for Damages

Case Opened Today in Admiralty Court—American Lawyers Welcomed by St. John Bar.

In the Admiralty Court this morning was begun the trial of the case of W. L. Lovett vs. the steamship Calvin Austin, which arises out of a collision in the Boston harbor between the barkentine Reform, of which the plaintiff is owner, and the Eastern Steamship Co.'s new steamer, Calvin Austin. The case is being tried in the Admiralty Court in this city in consequence of the Calvin Austin having been arrested in this port.  
In court this morning, besides the presence of St. John lawyers interested in the case, were two eminent Boston lawyers, who appear as opposing counsel. They are E. P. Carver, of the law firm of Carver & Biogdett, and Edward S. Dodge, of the firm of E. S. Dodge & Sons.  
Before matters purely connected with the case were taken up, Dr. A. A. Stockton, on behalf of the St. John bar, moved that the courtesy of the New Brunswick bar be extended to the visiting lawyers, and His Honor Justice McLeod very graciously acceded to the motion on behalf of the bench. Both Mr. Dodge and Mr. Carver thanked His Honor and Dr. Stockton.

The case was then opened by the reading of the papers of both sides. The collision, of which the present action is the result, occurred in Boston harbor on the 30th of July last, about 12.15 p. m. The barkentine Reform was in tow of the tug Pallas, with the tug lashed alongside of her. The barkentine was going up the harbor of Boston at the time. A pilot was on board and at the time all sails were down. The Calvin Austin was steaming out of the harbor at the time on her way to St. John. Some hundred yards ahead of the Calvin Austin was a five-masted schooner, the Van Allen, going in the same direction. The Calvin Austin was gradually approaching the Van Allen and passing her on the port side. The Calvin Austin gave warning of her approach by two whistles and the tug in tow of the Reform answered by two whistles. This was information that the Calvin Austin was going to direct her course to port.

The Austin barely skimmed the bow of the schooner and struck the Reform. When the collision became inevitable both the Calvin Austin and the tug Pallas, having in tow the Reform, reversed engines.  
The question of speed necessarily comes up. The Calvin Austin's side of the case alleges that the steamer was going at a moderate speed, while the plaintiff, on the other hand, alleges that the speed was too great under the circumstances. Other questions also arise which will bear on the liability or non-liability of the Calvin Austin.The morning was taken up with the reading of the evidence taken under commission in Boston in the present month.  
The case adjourned at 2.30 this afternoon.

H. H. McLean, K. C., Edward S. Dodge and Fred Taylor appeared for the plaintiff, and Dr. A. A. Stockton, E. P. Carver and John Kerr, K. C., for the defendant.

## LOSES FOOT TO SAVE FATHER.

Young Lad Runs Barefoot for a Doctor When the Mercury Stands Ten Below Zero.

MIDDLETON, N. Y., Dec. 29.—Alarmed at the sudden illness of his father, Brando Huggins, twelve years old, of Beaverkill, ran nearly half a mile barefoot through the snow, and in consequence will probably lose one foot.

The lad's father was taken seriously ill during the night, and his son lost so little time in starting to obtain aid from the nearest neighbors that he only donned a portion of his wearing apparel, and did not even think to put on his shoes and stockings as he rushed from the house.  
Not until his feet came in contact with the snow did he realize his omission, and then, fearing that delay might result fatally to his father, he rushed out, his feet becoming colder and colder. The thermometer at this time registered ten degrees below zero.Young Huggins finally reached a neighbor's house, and having interested him in going after the doctor, started on his return trip, unmindful of the fact that both his feet were frozen, as they appeared utterly devoid of feeling. It took longer to make the return trip, however, and when he finally reached his home and entered a warm room he was in terrible agony. At first it was feared that he would be compelled to submit to the amputation of both feet, but it is now believed one may be saved.  
Despite the fact that his effort to get relief for his father has cost him so dearly, the boy bears his sufferings patiently, declaring that he does not consider the sacrifice for the sake of his father any too great.

## JAPANESE REFUSE HELP.

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The Japanese consulate here is overwhelmed with offers of volunteers for service in Japanese army in anticipation of war with Russia, cable the Times correspondent at Sydney, N. S. W.  
The consul has informed the applicants that it is impossible to accept foreigners for enlistment.

## A MARQUIS DEAD.

DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Sligo died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo.

## TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. J. S. GIBSON, 68 Union street.

## THE WEATHER.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 30.  
The highest temperature today was 18; lowest temperature, 4; temperature at noon, 16; barometer reading at noon, 29.62 inches; wind northeast, velocity twelve miles per hour.  
Forecasts.—Winds shifting to westerly and clearing; Thursday, fresh westerly winds, fair and moderately cold.  
Synopsis.—The disturbance now over the maritime provinces is not very important, and will soon pass. The temperature continues low in Ontario and Quebec. To Banks strong easterly today, westerly Thursday. To American ports, strong west and northwest winds.

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LOST—On the 19th inst., between St. Peter's church and Strait Shore, a gentleman's buckskin glove. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at the STAR OFFICE.

### MICROBES IN INK.

A new cause for anxiety for those who are easily terrified by the thought of coming in contact with dangerous bacteria has been found in such ink as is used in schools. Prof. Markmann of Leipzig has recently examined sixteen kinds of such ink, and has arrived at the result that under certain circumstances it may be dangerous to wound one's self with an ink pen. Most of the inks he examined contained a large quantity of Micrococcus, bacteria and fungi.

From a red and purple sample the professor cultivated a bacillus which killed a mouse in four days. The moral to be derived from these facts is that ink bottled must be kept carefully closed when not in use. It is also advisable to abandon the bad habit of wetting the pen with the tongue—Golden Penny.

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**ST. JOHN STAR.**

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 30, 1903.

**ST. JOHN.**

The Moncton Transcript wonders why the St. John tory papers support the plan for the extension of the I. C. R. to Georgian Bay, because that scheme will be chiefly beneficial in the summer time when lake navigation is open and so will be a feeder for Montreal and Quebec rather than the maritime province ports.

The St. John tory papers work for St. John as best they can. All good citizens who have faith in a great future for this city do the same. But not to the exclusion of other ports. St. John is a part of Canada and rejoices in the progress of any other part because in that progress the whole country must share. We of St. John will stand for what we believe is justly ours but this does not hinder us from helping others to obtain what is justly theirs. But we cannot agree that Moncton is a suitable ocean terminus for a great transcontinental road and therefore we must submit to be branded as citizens of "Hog Town."

**THE G. T. P. AND CANADA.**

Discussing the conservative policy for the extension of the I. C. R. to the ports on Georgian Bay the Moncton Transcript says: "There is nothing inimical in the Grand Trunk Pacific scheme to the extension of the I. C. R. to Georgian Bay, but the country cannot undertake to do everything at once."

In the very truth that the government cannot do everything at once lies the enemy of the Grand Trunk Pacific to the I. C. R. extension. This worse than useless transcontinental scheme of the government's, costing \$120,000,000 and taxing all the energy of the country, will render impossible the carrying out of plans that are really necessary for progress. One hundred and twenty millions does not sound so much when you say it quick but it means a debt of over a hundred dollars for each taxpayer in Canada—a hundred dollars which that taxpayer or his children must pay. And when, during the next few years the people begin to groan under this and the other burdens which the present administration is heaping upon them there will be little hope of favorable consideration for the spending of money on works demanded by growing Canada.

That is one reason why the Grand Trunk Pacific is inimical to the Georgian Bay scheme and to Canadian interests generally.

**DUTY AND DESIRE.**

The Globe finds it the duty of Premier Ross, of Ontario, to carry on the government of that province with his three majority in the face of the unmistakable demand from two of his own constituencies that he step down and out. Probably Premier Ross has a similar idea of his duty. It is a very comfortable thing for a man to be able to bring his sense of duty in accord with his desires.

But outside opinion is that if Mr. Ross holds on to his office any longer he will be committing as flagrant an offense against the wishes of the people as he did when he disfranchised North Renfrew for a year and a half. Being in the majority it may not be necessary for him to resign but, with the voice of the people in his ears, he can do no less and be honest, than to throw himself and his government upon the country for definite approval or final condemnation.

**CHANGE AND DECAY.**

The local government organ sneers at the conservative press for that its remarks concerning Mr. Blair are somewhat different today from a few months ago. These expressed opinions have not changed so much as the man himself has. The opinion one might have of Mr. Blair resigning a high position to fight an unwise and inequitable policy of his own government could hardly be the same as one's honest opinion of Mr. Blair with his mouth stopped by a fifty dollar a day gag, and his eyes blinded with the promise of a \$10,000 a year job. The Mr. Blair who made that historic speech against the monstrous Grand Trunk Pacific deal is as far away from the dumb and blind Mr. Blair of today as is honor from dishonesty, or courage from crawling cowardice.

Col. Tucker has been asked to fix that little harbor improvement up with the government. He has promised to do so. It is a great relief to have this important business finally settled.

If the conservatives are getting more than their share of notice in the papers down this way it is because the liberals are less active in the work of organization.—Telegraph.

Even the Telegraph, once the chief worshipper of Mr. Blair, has to admit that its idol has fallen face down and most humbly. Here is a part of its valdictory: "Justin McCarthy said of one of the Georges that nothing in his life so much became him as the leaving of it. The verdict of the people of St. John respecting Mr. Blair's course will hardly be that."

According to Ottawa despatches, the central grit machine has decided that there is no hope of the St. John branch uniting upon a candidate, and has issued an order for the choosing of Hon. H. A. McKenna. Remains to be seen if the dissenting liberals here will obey orders now that there is no Mr. Blair to enforce them.

**THE ORACLES.**

(A. E. Housman in "The Reader.")

"The mute, the word they went to hear on high Dodona mountain. When winds were in the oaks, and all the cauldrons tolled; And mute's the midland navel-stone beside the singing fountain. And echoes list to silence now where gods told lies of old."

I took my question to the shrine that has not ceased from speaking. The heart within, that tells the truth, and tells it twice as plain; And from the cave of echoes I heard the priestess shrieking That she and I would surely die and never live again.

O priestess, what you cry is clear, and sound good sense I think it. But let the screaming echoes rest, and froth your mouth no more; 'Tis true there's better sense than brine, but he that drowns must drink it; And oh, my lass, the news is news that men have heard before.

The King with half the East at heel is marched from lands of morning. Their fighters drink the rivers up, their shafts blight the air; And he that stands will die for naught, and home there's no returning. The Spartans on the sea-rock sat down and combed their hair.

**TEAMSTERS' UNION**

Will Back Up Street Laborers—Will Not Shovel Snow Into Non-Union Teams.

At a meeting of the Teamsters' Union held in Labor Hall last evening, considerable discussion took place over the rate of wages to be charged for the hauling ice during the winter, but nothing definite was done. A committee of the teamsters will meet the ice company tonight, when it is expected that everything will be settled in a satisfactory manner.

The union passed a unanimous resolution to support the street laborers, who have decided not to shovel any snow on to non-union teams. The teamsters in turn will refuse to accept snow from non-union shovellers.

**BIG CELEBRATION ANTICIPATED**

There was a fair attendance at the monthly meeting of the New Brunswick Historical Society last evening.

There was an animated discussion of the proposed celebration of the 200th anniversary of the discovery of the River St. John on June 24th next. The hearty co-operation of the Nova Scotia people promised by Attorney General Longley, and the arrangement of dates at Annapolis so as not to conflict with those at St. John have given a considerable impetus to the movement and a grand celebration is looked for.

The publication committee reported that several interesting papers had been obtained for the volume of the collections of the society shortly to be printed.

It is probable that the valuable collection of historical records and papers of the late Leonard Allison of Sussex, will shortly be in the possession of the society through the kindness of the relatives of the late Mr. Allison.

The committee on programme for the ensuing year reported progress. It is expected that they will be a number of particularly interesting papers prepared to be read before the society.

**DEATH OF MRS. C. H. BREE.**

R. W. W. Frink received a cablegram yesterday conveying to him the intelligence of the death of his mother, Mrs. C. H. Bree, which took place very suddenly at her home, 518-2nd, Devonshire, England, yesterday morning.

The late Mrs. Bree was a daughter of Edward C. Woodcock, a well known merchant in this city, and wife of the late Henry C. Frink, also of this city. Mr. Bree died some years ago. Mrs. Bree is survived by three sons—R. W. W. Frink, James H. Frink, V. S., and Frederick C. Frink, who resides in England.

**SAILORS' MISSION.**

The Seamen's Mission Society held a meeting last night and it was decided on account of the present quarters being somewhat limited, to hold the annual New Year treat in St. David's Sunday school. The affair will take place on Friday evening, New Year's day.

Those interested in the sailors can leave comfort bags and the necessary supplies to fill the bags, such as sticking plaster, pins and needles and other requirements for a sailor's life, either at the house on Prince William street or at Gorbell's, Union street.

**MALIGNING THE SEX.**

He—Women always have to monopolize the conversation. A woman can't sit still and listen for one consecutive minute.

She—No? Unless the other party to the conversation were making a proposal of marriage, eh?

He—Not even then. She'd say "yes" before he had spoken a minute.—Philadelphia Press.

**MARRIAGES.**

BAIRD-SEMPLE—On Dec. 26th, 1903, at Perth, at the residence of Douglas Baird, brother of the groom, by Rev. A. Gorrie, Minister of the Methodist Episcopal church, Andrew, Daniel B. Baird of River de Chute to Isabella H. Baird of the late David Baird of Florenceville East, N. B.

DYKEMAN-ORCHARD—At the home of the bride's parents, at White's Cove, Queens Co., N. B., on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 6 o'clock p. m., by Rev. H. H. Gillies, Orland S. Dykeman of Jemseg to Iva M. Orchard.

**DEATHS.**

BREAR—At Portfield Terrace, Sidmouth, Devon, England, on Dec. 23rd, Sophia Bree, daughter of the late Edward Crosely Waddington, and wife of the late Henry Cyprien Frink of this city.

GRAHAM—In this city, on Dec. 23rd, Mary, widow of the late Henry Graham. Notice of funeral hereafter.

FRASER—At Salamanca, New York, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, in the 24th year of her age, Agnes, the second daughter of William J. Fraser of this city. Interment at Jamestown, N. Y., on Dec. 28th.

## LOCAL NEWS.

An alarm of fire was rung in about 9 o'clock last night from box 132 for a fire in Wm. J. Hood's house on Merritt street. The fire was caused by a defective stovepipe. The damage done was slight.

The Shives arbitration was continued yesterday afternoon in the equity court rooms before the arbitrators, W. H. Thorne, George McLeod and Geo. McKean. The evidence which will be heard this afternoon.

After tonight the Christian Science rooms in Oddfellows' hall will be closed pending removal to larger and better quarters at the new Christian Science hall, 15 Germain street, which will be opened on Sunday next with special services.

The staff employed in the Union street clothing store of J. N. Harvey were entertained at dinner at Mr. Harvey's residence last night. After dinner a very pleasant time was spent in games and music. On Christmas eve Mr. Harvey presents each of his staff with a suitable gift of gold or its equivalent.

The remains of the late Calvin Phillips, who passed away so suddenly, were taken to Belleisle for interment on Monday, accompanied by Captain Hogan. The evidence which will be heard this afternoon.

The Y. P. S. of Zion Church last evening gave the Sunday school scholars a Christmas tree. F. S. Purdy, superintendent, was presented with a splendid Bible. Donations for the tree were received from the great furnishing department of M. R. A. Ltd., F. S. Purdy and others. The affair was a decided success and honor is due the Y. P. S.

Major Sidney Walker, the seven-year-old son of Capt. Walker of the Northwest mounted police force, arrived in the city early yesterday morning from Sydney, C. B., where he has been stopping with his grandparents. He stopped at the Grand Union hotel all day, and left last night for McLeod to join his parents. He was quite young to make such a long trip alone, but seemed as unconcerned about it as if he were going only half a dozen miles.

**VETERAN OFFICER RECOGNIZED.**

Isaac G. Stevens Presented With a Purse of Gold—Presentation Address by Chief Justice Tuck.

Isaac G. Stevens of the I. C. R. was taken by surprise yesterday afternoon. At about four o'clock Chief Justice Tuck arrived at the Union Depot, accompanied by a number of leading citizens. They were joined there by a number of I. C. R. gentlemen, and all, with Mr. Stevens, made their way to the room in which was the fifty-first anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Stevens. A very valuable purse of gold was handed to the chief justice, who presented it to Mr. Stevens. Along with the purse was a slip of paper, on which it was written thus: "The following named persons take great pleasure in presenting to Mr. Isaac G. Stevens the accompanying gift on the fifty-first anniversary of his wedding: Sgd., Judge Tuck, D. C. Clinch, L. R. Ross, W. E. Hamington, E. J. McGrath, F. P. Curran, J. Henderson, J. F. Robertson, T. McAvity, E. Smiley, McIntyre & Comeau, W. H. McQuade, David Corkery, Alex. Macaulay, David Magee, W. Hawker, M. Hogan, H. J. Sullivan, J. J. J. McGaffigan, M. McCullough, B. M. Colwell, Wm. Magee, F. W. Wisdom, F. Gallagher, S. E. Murphy, Richard Sullivan, E. Whelpley, S. McLaughlin, Fred Sinclair, Percy Campbell, A. F. Hannan, Spence Munroe, J. McManus, A. E. Brown, Mr. Gould, P. McBride, C. M. Huggart, A. Rogers, J. Linkletter, J. H. Sproul, J. Ritchie, A. Ralston, A. Gibb, L. J. Almon, John Walsh, Patrick Driscoll, Wm. McMillan, John Collins, James Mowat, G. M. Ryan, A. W. Peters, T. L. Irvine, John Lowery and John Kilburn."

**ST. STEPHEN'S CHURCH.**

The five o'clock tea, with Christmas tree, held in St. Stephen's Church school room last evening for the Sunday school children was a marked success. A pleasing feature was the presentation by Rev. Dr. Fraser of prizes donated by the superintendent, Douglas MacArthur, to the pupil in each class who had attended most regularly during the year. An impromptu programme, consisting of music and recitations, was rendered by the following girls and boys: Misses Winnie Ross, Ethel Green, Christie Crawford, Misses Deboe, Mary Gilchrist, Ruby Elderkin, Hazel Dunlop, Annie McKay, Frank Armstrong and Arthur C. Allen. Three hearty cheers for the superintendent were given by the children and the meeting closed with the National Anthem.

The officers elected last evening for the Sunday school of St. Stephen's Church were: Superintendent, Douglas MacArthur; asst. superintendent, Wm. Patterson; treasurer, J. McManus; Gorbam; librarian, H. W. Wisdom; asst. librarians, Messrs. Cassidy and Parren.

**WIGGINS ORPHAN ASYLUM.**

The boys at Wiggins Male Orphan Asylum had a most thoroughly enjoyable time last evening. The various rooms of the institution were prettily decorated, all work having been done by the boys. After a number of exercises by the boys the president, G. Sydney Smith, briefly addressed the boys, complimenting them on their good work, as also did the secretary, J. T. Haggart and Rev. Dr. Waddington. Later there was a Christmas tree and good things for all.

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**CARLETON BAPTIST CHURCH.**

The B. Y. P. U. of the Carleton Baptist Church held its annual business meeting on Monday, electing the following officers for 1904: President, Wm. M. Campbell; Vice Pres., Miss H. M. Thompson; Rec. Sec., Hunter Parsons; Asst. Sec., Miss Jessie Crossley; Cor. Sec., Miss Estelle Estabrook; Treas., Mrs. R. Stewart; organists, Miss J. Crossley and Miss Edith Hamm.

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### BLAIR'S RETIREMENT.

Solicitor General McKeown Stated for St. John City in Place of the ex-Minister.

OTTAWA, Dec. 29.—The liberal papers today confirm the report of Blair's retirement from liberal politics. His appointment as chairman of the railway commission is a matter of but a few weeks. He and Sir Louis Davies left for the United States this morning on the private government car, to investigate into the working of the interstate commerce commission and other bodies in the States having to do with railway transportation. In other words, he desires to obtain all information that is available to assist him in organizing the railway commission and getting it into working order.

Solicitor General McKeown will likely be the candidate in St. John city in place of Blair. If there is any appointment to the cabinet before the general election, Mr. Emmerson will likely get the portfolio.

It is announced that Blair has resigned his seat for St. John in the commons. This announcement is not necessary, as Blair has vacated his seat by virtue of accepting a commission to investigate into the workings of the interstate commerce commission. It is said Blair will address the electors of St. John by letter in the course of a few days.

These are great days for grit politicians in the province of Quebec. Laurier is on his way to Quebec, and it is said that one result of his visit will be the retirement of Chief Justice Gauthier, who would be succeeded for a time by Justice Routhier.

Fleeting goes to Quebec tomorrow, in order to join his leader in conferring with the faithful of the party. It is likely the prime minister's Fenian raid medal will be presented to him New Year's day. It is inscribed to "Lieutenant Wilfrid Laurier." Sir Wilfrid was lieutenant in provisional Artillery in the regiment, which was raised in 1870.

Cartwright will not seek re-election again in South Oxford. He has written his constituents to this effect, pointing out owing to the condition of his health he could not give the riding the attention which he would wish. The minister, however, has no intention of leaving parliament, and will likely seek a constituency nearer home.

### SPORTING NEWS.

#### HOCKEY.

The first hockey practice of the season will take place tonight in the Queen's rink. Five teams will practice, each having three quarters of an hour, which is ample for the first practice of the season. The teams to play tonight are: Mohawks, Neptunes, St. James, Trinity and the Ramblers. The last three being intermediate teams. Practice will start at 7 o'clock and end at 11.

#### SKATING.

Fred Logan has gone to Sydney to compete in a series of races.

#### CURLING.

Thistles Met Last Night.  
At a special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last evening the following ships were chosen for the first contest with the St. Andrew's club, which will take place on Jan. 5th:  
S. W. Milligan, D. McClelland, A. Malcolm, A. W. Sharp, J. S. Malcolm, J. H. Thomson, W. P. Robinson, Rev. W. O. Raymond, W. A. Shaw, D. R. Willett, W. J. Shaw, Jas. Mitchell.

Play in the first series of games for the John H. Thomson medals will begin at the Thistle rink this evening. The arrangements are as follows:

#### ALBERT AND KINGS.

HILLSBORO, Albert Co., Dec. 29.—A number of the leading members of the conservative party of this county met at Empire Hotel today. Col. Montgomery Campbell, Geo. B. Jones, J. A. Moore and Geo. W. Fowler, M. P. of Kings Co., were present. A splendid meeting was held and best of good feeling prevailed. Arrangements were made for the convention to be held at Hampton on the 7th of January next at which Albert Co. will be fully represented.

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## The Price of Shaker Flannel Has Advanced.

We placed our order some months ago at the old prices. To be delivered to us as we ordered them. The last two cases arrived yesterday. We are going to sell them at the same old price while they last.

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Our assortment is limited to 25 Coats. Sharp reductions in price has been made to each garment. Costumes come under the same heading. We wish to clean up our stock. So you can imagine the reductions.

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## The Corset Department.

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### FREDERICTON NEWS

FREDERICTON, Dec. 29.—Dr. Inch, chief superintendent of education, is today holding a conference with the school inspectors from the various parts of the province. Among those in attendance are Inspectors Carter, Meagher, Bridges, O'Brien, Mercereau, Steeves and the two French inspectors, Doucet and Hebert. Tonight a conference of the committee on textbooks appointed by the Provincial Institute when last in session here in 1903, met at the education office. Among those in attendance were Dr. Bridges, St. John, B. C. Foster, M. A., Miss Harvey, Fredericton, and R. D. Hanson, B. A., Bathurst. The committee went thoroughly into the matter of considering the text-books now in use in the schools, and will present a report back to the Institute and to the Board of Education. At the same time and place arrangements were made for holding the next session of the Institute in June, 1904.

### WINTER PORT

The Allan liner Tunisian, from St. John and Halifax, arrived at Liverpool yesterday.  
The Allan liner, str. Pretorian, Capt. Johnson, from Liverpool via Halifax, arrived in the harbor at an early hour last evening, and docked at No. 2 berth about 8 o'clock. The Pretorian landed there 35 second cabin passengers and 123 steerage people. The destinations of the lot would land about half of them in the United States and the other part in Western Canada. Only six people were held over and the rest proceeded west before midnight. The Pretorian will discharge at her berth 1,750 tons of cargo for St. John and the west.

### INJURED AT HAMPTON.

HAMPTON, Dec. 29.—The wife of Sergeant Kilpatrick of the St. John police staff, arrived here by the east-bound accommodation train this afternoon on her way to St. Martins.  
The C. P. R. train was following close behind and after talking on water at the tank the accommodation ran up the track to go on the siding. Finding the train had gone past the platform, Mrs. Kilpatrick rushed out of the car and jumped off, falling heavily on the hard frozen ground beside the track. Several persons ran to her help, but she was able to walk back to the station. Shortly after she was taken across to Miss Cochran's boarding house where she was attended to by Dr. Wetmore. Here serious symptoms were manifested and she passed into fits of unconsciousness with the appearance of partial paralysis. Nurse Travis was sent for and looked carefully after her welfare and a despatch was sent to her husband, who arrived by the maritime express. There was a bad cut on the back of her head, which Dr. Wetmore closed with plaster. She was also bleeding from one ear as though from internal injury. She was placed in bed and is receiving every attention.

### MONCTON NEWS.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 29.—A. E. Trites, railway contractor of Salisbury and his son Willie had a narrow escape while driving on the river near their home yesterday. Their team broke through the ice and they were thrown in about six feet of water. Assistance reached them from the shore, and their horse was also saved after considerable effort.  
Two young men employed in two of the leading hotels have had some difficulty over a young woman, which one of them attempted to settle by discharging a pistol shot at the other. He was arraigned today in the police court and fined ten dollars, the charge being pointing a pistol at his friend.  
The examination of Frank McDermott, charged with stealing money from a valise belonging to a Chinaman, Harry Fong, was continued today and further adjourned till tomorrow. The defence says they will prove that the money was stolen by Fong's associates, and the valise left out on the sidewalk, where it was found by McDermott.

### THE DEATH ROLL

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 29.—The death occurred today of William E. Brine, who was for many years provincial cashier, but retired some years ago. He was in his 87th year. Deceased leaves three sons, two of whom reside at home, the other being a clergyman in Manchester, N. H. He was a native of Jersey.  
Robert W. Fraser died suddenly today. Shortly before 11 o'clock he spoke of going out, but decided not to do so on account of the cold. He then quickly sat down in a chair and expired. Deceased was one of the best known men in the province. He was noted for his generosity and kindness to those in need. During the civil war Mr. Fraser acted as American consul at this port. He was for a number of years president of the People's Bank, and was a man of considerable wealth. He was in his eighty-third year.  
CHICAGO, Dec. 29.—Jerome Sykes, the well known New York actor, who has been playing the leading part in "The Billionaire," died of pneumonia tonight at the Stratford hotel, after an illness of four days.

### YARMOUTH LIBERALS.

YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 29.—This afternoon the liberals held their convention in Kellian's hall. It was carried unanimously that George G. Sanderson be nominated as a candidate to fill the vacancy in the local house of Nova Scotia, caused by the resignation of A. F. Stoneman.

### THE BATTLE LINE.

Str. Mantinea, Capt. Pye, docked at Fleetwood yesterday from West Bay. Str. Sallasia, Capt. Purdy, arrived at Melbourne yesterday from Port Adelaide.

### 602 MAJORITY.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Dec. 29.—Complete returns give Dunlop, conservative, 602 majority in North Renfrew.

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Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runny. Cures in 48 Hours. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

### TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Passenger service to and from St. John, N. B., effect Oct. 1908.

#### DEPARTURES.

By Canadian Pacific.	
Express for Boston.	6.40 a. m.
Express for Fredericton.	6.05 p. m.
Express for Montreal.	6.00 p. m.
Express for Boston.	6.10 p. m.
By Intercolonial.	
Mixed for Moncton.	6.30 a. m.
Express for Halifax, Campbellton, Pictou and Sydney.	7.00 a. m.
Express for Moncton and Point du Chien.	11.15 p. m.
Express for Moncton.	1.15 p. m.
Express for Sussex.	6.10 p. m.
Express for Quebec and Montreal.	6.00 p. m.
Express for Halifax and Sydney.	11.15 p. m.
Express for New Brunswick Southern.	6.00 p. m.
Express for St. Boniface.	7.00 a. m.

#### ARRIVALS.

By Canadian Pacific.	
Express from Fredericton.	8.55 a. m.
Express from Boston.	11.35 a. m.
Express from Montreal.	11.50 a. m.
Boston Express.	11.15 p. m.
By Intercolonial.	
Express from Halifax and Sydney.	6.30 a. m.
Express from Sussex.	7.00 a. m.
Mixed from Moncton and Point du Chien.	1.00 p. m.
Express from Moncton.	1.20 p. m.
Mixed from Moncton.	4.40 p. m.
Express from Halifax, Pictou and Campbellton.	5.40 p. m.
Express from Sydney, Pictou and Pictou (Sunday only).	6.40 p. m.
Express from New Brunswick Southern.	12.55 a. m.
Express from St. Boniface.	7.10 p. m.

#### STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

By Dominion Atlantic.  
S. S. Prince Rupert leaves St. John every Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 7.45 o'clock, arriving from Digby at 5 p. m.  
By Eastern S. S. Co.  
Steamer leaves St. John at 8.00 a. m. on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays for Lunenburg, Portland and Boston.  
By Grand Manan S. S. Co.  
Leave St. John (Turnbull's Wharf) at 7.30 a. m. on Wednesdays for Grand Manan, Campbellton and Eastport. Returning, leave for St. John on Monday at 8.30 a. m.

#### HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS.

The annual meeting of the High School Alumnae was held in the High School building yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock. After routine business had been transacted the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: President, Miss Purves; 1st vice president, Mrs. Gilbert Jordan; 2nd vice president, J. D. P. Lewis; secretary, Miss Walker; treasurer, Miss Isabella Mowatt.

The president will, in the near future, appoint an executive committee of members.

The High School class of 1908 held a reunion at White's restaurant last night. Between forty and forty-five members of the class were present. Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Jordan were chaperones.

The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: W. C. Rising, pres.; Miss J. McLean, 1st vice pres.; F. Hogan, 2nd vice pres.; Donald Malcolm, sec. trans.; Miss Brown, Miss Stockton and Miss Wright members of committee.

WANTED—A case of Headache that PORT POWERS will not cure in minutes.

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Do You Want Some Good Hard Coal?

A great deal of the American Hard Coal imported this year was not up to the standard. If you want some extra nice, try Gibson & Co.'s PRIME X LUMBER. This is the best Coal for Self-Feeders and Furnaces using Stove Coal. The Broken Coal is the best obtainable for large quantities with good draught. Tele. 655. GIBSON & CO., Smythe street and 6½ Charlotte street.

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**LADIES' GOLF COATS AND LADIES' GOLF VESTS.** These goods have been so scarce that many people who wanted them have had to go without them. Now their wants can be supplied to the fullest extent. We received a large lot of these goods on Tuesday, which should have been here about the middle of the month. The colors are white, blue, cardinal, and cardinal and white, blue and white, and white and blue. The prices are \$1.75 and \$2.25. They are fancy woven, some with tight sleeves and some with blouse sleeves. Some buttoned to the neck, and some have open vest fronts.



**THE CLEAN SWEEP SALE OF LADIES' JACKETS STILL GOES ON.** On one rack will be found about 30 coats, priced \$3.00 each. Some in this lot were worth \$12.00. On the other rack are about 25 coats priced from \$5.00 to \$7.50. These coats in nearly every instance are less than half price.

**FLANNEL WRAPPERS.** Over 100 of that great lot which we advertised a short time ago is here still to be sold. The prices run from 75c. to \$1.50. The \$1.50 wrappers being the regular \$2.75 quality, and the 75c. wrappers being the regular \$1.25 quality.

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3 Lbs. Soft Creams for  
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Chocolates from 10c.  
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Don't forget to give us  
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## MASONIC OFFICERS.

Carlton Union Lodge, No. 8, A. F. & A. M., has installed the following officers: H. Colby Smith, W. M.; Geo. N. Kennedy, S. W.; Frank Mason, J. W.; W. Cornfield (P. M.), treasurer; Uriah Drake (P. M.), secretary; Rev. W. H. Sampson (P. M.), chaplain; Rev. G. F. Scovill, S. D.; John W. Long, J. D.; Percy Wetmore, S. E.; E. R. W. Ingraham, J. S.; R. Fulton, D. of C.; James Carlisle, I. G.; W. Ames, Tyler.

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## NEW BUILDING OPENED.

T. H. Estabrooks Formally Welcomes Employees and Patrons to His New Establishment.

This afternoon, Theodore H. Estabrooks is holding a reception in his new building on Mill street. For this affair Mr. Estabrooks has invited all his travellers from different parts of Canada. Those who have come to attend the reception are Lyman W. Cox, of Truro; N. D. LeBlanc, Shediac; E. J. Simms, Halifax; G. L. Palmer, Fredericton; Lewis Armstrong, city; Rupert Pratt, Toronto; B. R. James Norris, Kingston; R. W. Vout, Renfrew; G. H. Campbell, London, Ont.; B. A. Fisher, Brockville; W. C. Gaden, Montreal; S. Huestwit, Winnipeg, and H. W. Barnard, of Portland, Me. Mrs. Gaden and Mrs. Fisher accompany their husbands. R. H. Arnold, of Winnipeg; E. Cook, Toronto, and T. O. Apps, of New Durham, Ont., have been unable to attend.

Those who have been invited to attend the reception include all wholesale and retail grocers in the city as well as all commercial men travelling out of St. John. Visitors are shown through the building by the staff of commercial men and will afterwards be treated to a cup of tea made on the premises and other light refreshments.

Mr. Estabrooks employs in all seventy persons, sixteen of whom are travellers. The top floor of his new building is devoted to the storage of tea in bulk which are to be blended. The fourth floor is the blending room; the third the packing; on the second the labelling is done and package teas are stored. The first floor is used for shipping and for offices.

## HIGGINS AND GOODSPEED.

Released Prisoner Says Former Has Had Reputation in Dorchester.

A Nova Scotian recently released from Dorchester was in St. John on his way home yesterday. Asked about the welfare of members of the tanyard gang, whose headquarters are now in that institution, he said that Higgins had a bad name with guards and prisoners alike. He worked in the tailor department, where he was always making trouble, so that scarcely a day passed in which he was not punished in some way or other, generally by solitary confinement. Goodspeed, the ex-convict said, gave the other prisoners the impression that his exemplary behaviour was the result of slyness rather than any goodness which he possessed.

## G. P.'S HAVE HOPE.

Th hard labor prisoners confined in the jail are now rejoicing over the prospect of a short holiday granted to them by Ald. Lewis. They are living in idleness and consider that to work at the park or anywhere else during Christmas week, and especially in such weather as this, would be a little too much of a good thing. There is also a feeling among them that the holidays now being enjoyed may be continued indefinitely, as from all they can find out nothing is being done towards the opening of a place wherein they may be put to work for the remainder of the winter.

Ald. Christie, who is now able to take his seat at the council board, is expected to personally support the objection which he made a short time ago to the prisoners being put to work in the North End, and the G. P.'s live in hope that Ald. Christie may be able to aid them to such an extent that they can have a soft time during the winter.

## A WINTER CAMPAIGN.

The "Eastern Revivalists" of the Salvation Army are having some grand times at their revival meetings at the Mill street barracks, and already much good is being done. Staff Captain McLean will speak tonight on Everybody's Thoughts. The string band, under the leadership of Captain Urquhart, will render good music, and a most interesting time is expected. There will be public services every night this week and on Friday night there will be a musical meeting conducted by Major Howell, assisted by the Eastern Revivalists.

## JAMES LANNEN DEAD.

James Lannen, wine and liquor merchant of Water street, died about five o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, No. 141 Chesley street. Deceased had been ill only a few days. He was in his usual good health Christmas. Death was caused by erysipelas. He was the fourth son of the late Patrick Lannen and four brothers and seven sisters survive him. Deceased was unmarried.

There will be a special meeting to-night in Berryman's hall at 8 o'clock of the City Laborers Union. Every member is requested to be present as business of importance will be dealt with.

Messrs. Potts & Co. have just received a consignment of Tangerines from Vancouver, B. C. The first of that fruit ever received in St. John that was grown in Canada. It is something entirely new for New Year's trade.

W. O. Raymond, Jr., who lately experienced a severe attack of appendicitis while at the Montreal Diocesan College, has so far recovered as to lead his class in all subjects so far as heard from in the recent Christmas examinations.

A young man well known in athletic circles in town, has been languishing behind prison bars in the county jail since last August for a board bill that he owed in town. The bill amounted to only about \$11, and he has cost the county since being incarcerated at least \$60 or \$70.—Sydney Post.

Dr. G. F. Matthews has come to the conclusion that the fossils dug up in Pernhill by J. P. Clayton the other day are from musel bank of great antiquity and the shells grew when the country around St. John was submerged beneath the sea. An account of the find will be given by Dr. Matthews at the meeting of the Natural History Society next Tuesday. Dr. Matthews says the find is a most interesting one in local geology.

**CARLETON RINK.**  
Band tonight and New Year's Eve. Band New Year's Day, afternoon and evening, also Saturday afternoon.

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## PROOF OF THEFT.

Goods Found in Wm. Muller's House Identified as Belonging to Baird & Peters.

In the police court this morning the examination of Wm. Muller, charged with stealing a large quantity of goods from Baird & Peters' warehouse was begun. E. R. Chapman appeared for the prisoner and the hearing was in the form of a preliminary one.

Charles H. Peters was the first witness against the prisoner. He said that three or four months ago he was led to suspect that goods were being stolen from the warehouse, as broken boxes were found on the floors in the mornings. Muller had access to most parts of the building and had been in the employ of the firm for six or seven years. Information was given to the police and later after Muller had been arrested the witnesses had gone to Muller's house to look at some goods which were then in charge of the police. Mr. Peters did not make a particular examination of the goods, but from a rough calculation would judge that they were of the value of about four hundred dollars. While talking to Muller the latter said that some of the goods he had removed from the warehouse on Sunday morning.

Mr. Chapman objected to this, but the magistrate allowed the evidence. Continuing the witness said that the goods found in Muller's house included many different lines, from a barrel of molasses down to small packages. Some of these could be identified as they bore private marks of the firm, but other articles which are handled by different houses had no distinguishing marks.

Samples of the goods taken from Muller's house were shown to Mr. Peters. Some of these he identified as belonging to him but others he could only say were goods handled by him. W. E. O. Jones, accountant for Baird & Peters, was the next witness. He told of the suspicious help of goods being taken, spoke of having left his key to the cigar room on an office desk, and being unable to find it again.

Mr. Jones had seen a light in windows of the warehouse and also saw Muller carrying a parcel home early on the morning of his arrest. Detective Killen told of the arrest and search for goods. Muller admitted to him that he had taken a parcel containing cigars, and tobacco from the warehouse on the morning spoken of by Mr. Jones. The prisoner was remanded and the examination will be continued tomorrow.

## TO GUARD SAND POINT.

Board of Works Discuss Means of Protection From Fire.

At the meeting of the board of works yesterday afternoon, the means of protecting Sand Point from fire was discussed. The board, presided over by Ald. Christie, returned to his duties and after being welcomed by other members of the board, resumed his seat as chairman. The principal business was the discussion of the question of protection at Sand Point. The report prepared by Chief Kerr, Director Cushing and Director Wisely recommended the following:—A 12 inch iron pipe on Watson street from Centre to Queen streets and a 12 inch iron pipe on Queen and Minette streets from Watson to Union streets, estimated cost \$1,200. An arrangement for services of tug boats having pumps which could be used in case of fire. Two lines of 4 inch pipe, two Nos. 1 and 2 sheds and the third on the conveyor, for attaching hose, cost \$500.

It was resolved that the last two suggestions be recommended, the first to stand over for the present, that the board should consider the cost and advisability of a permanent pumping station at Sand Point, and also investigate the dry sprinkler system such as is used elsewhere.

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## STILL A SECRET.

Harbor Improvements Committee Will Not Make Public Details of Agreement with C. P. R.

It is understood that when the special committee on harbor improvements report to the common council on Monday afternoon they will not make public the details of the agreement with the C. P. R., which has been under consideration for some months, but will merely announce the lines on which the agreement is based. They will probably also report that negotiations are now in such a condition that an agreement with the C. P. R. can be concluded at practically any time, but that the work cannot be put off in his power further until some definite assurance as to the dredging has been received from the government.

Mr. Fielding, on his recent visit here, after hearing the delegation, promised to give the question of dredging careful consideration; Mr. Sutherland, who was also communicated with, was interested in the affair, and said that he would do all that he could. While Mr. Blair was in St. John a short time ago he was given a lot of information on the subject and took away copies of the correspondence which had been going on relative to this, with the promise that he would do all in his power to forward the work and let the common council hear from him as soon as possible. Some of the aldermen are wondering why Mr. Blair has not been heard from.

## PERSONALS.

Edward Hoyt of St. John and Berton Hoyt of New York, sons of E. H. Hoyt, postmaster of Andover, are making their first short visit. Ald. McGoldrick and Miss McGoldrick left yesterday for Dorchester, Mass., where their brother Rev. Fr. McGoldrick is seriously ill.

F. MacIure Scandera, now of Toronto, is in the city on a brief visit, meeting with friends and being warmly greeted by his many friends.

Mrs. James Tibbitts and her daughter, Miss Frankie Tibbitts, returned last night from St. John, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. J. Douglas Hasen—Fredericton Herald.

## LADYSMITH HERO BURNED OUT.

The fire department was called out yesterday afternoon to extinguish a blaze in the wooden dwelling house No. 128 Pond street, owned by Mrs. Robert Jones. The fire was discovered at 3.30 o'clock and in a short time had extended to all parts of the house. The firemen by prompt and energetic work prevented the flames from communicating with adjacent buildings, but the Jones building itself was gutted. The afternoon was bitterly cold and the firemen were soon encased in coverings of ice, which greatly hampered their movements. By five o'clock the fire was completely subdued, and that the building was uninsured. Chas. T. Jones, teamster, who occupied the upper portion of the house lost nearly all his furniture, including a piano on which he had \$150 insurance. The lower apartments of the house were occupied by Robt. Gorham and Mr. Reynolds, both great losers.

The fire had the effect of discovering the presence in this city of an old petty officer of the British army in the person of Mr. Reynolds. He was a first-class petty officer on H. M. S. Powerful and took part in the siege of Ladysmith. He is now receiving a small pension for an injury received to one of his eyes at this siege. He is out of work and now that he has lost all his belongings he and his family are face to face with want.

**FIVE INCHES OF SNOW.**  
After an interval of about three weeks, the sleighing has been restored by the snow storm which melted its way about eleven o'clock last night. The total precipitation of snow up to noon today was five inches. A moderate to fresh wind blew from the northeast and the temperature rose from four to sixteen above.

The indications are for a continuance of moderate cold weather, with no thaw in sight at present. The wind already shows a desire to veer to the west, with the result that the weather will be cooler.

Sleighing for the rest of the winter has apparently become an assured thing.

**PROBATE COURT.**  
In the probate court this morning, hearing in the matter of the passing of accounts in the estate of the late Robert Daly was resumed. James W. Morrison, John H. Tongue and Adam P. McIntyre were examined with regard to the value of certain leasehold property, and H. S. Daly, the surviving executor was also examined.

The hearing was adjourned till 10.30 o'clock tomorrow morning. A. J. Gregory, K. C., and Macrae & Sinclair appeared for the Messrs. Brown, legatees, and H. A. McKewen, K. C., and Bustin & Fortin for H. S. Daly.

**HOCKEY PLAYER BLINDED.**  
AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 29.—George Blanch, a member of the intermediate Ramblers hockey team, while practicing, was accidentally struck in the eye with a hockey stick, completely destroying the sight of the left eye and inflicting a severe wound above the eye. He is a son of John Blanch, of the Amherst Boot & Shoe Company, and an ardent hockey player.

**CONFESSION BY TELEPHONE.**  
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Frederick Lindstrom, cashier for the firm of Friend Moss and Morris, has called his employers on the telephone and announced that he stole \$12,000 from them and was about to leave the city. He was induced to return to the office and was arrested. The money is said to have been lost on horse races.

**ALARM IN AFRICA.**  
CAPE TOWN, Dec. 30.—The Cape Times reports grave alarm throughout German territory in South Africa, and says that there are fears of a general Hottentot rising there.

At Chubb's corner today Auctioneer Lantlaim sold the book debts and real and personal estate of Harry L. Coombs for \$90 more than the claim against them. Henry F. Coombs was the purchaser.

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Men's Cloth, Felt Soled, Laced and Elastic Side Boots, (for Curling), \$2.25  
Men's Felt, Laced and Elastic Side Boots, for wearing under Overshoes, \$1.50

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19 KING STREET.

## ATHLETES DISQUALIFIED.

An order which affects many athletes in Nova Scotia and a few in this province has just been issued by the Maritime Provinces Amateur Athletic Association. Official bulletin No. 17, received by the Star today states that R. Gill, acting as physical instructor of the Y. M. C. A., at Halifax, N. S., has been declared professional, and that all those persons who compete with or against R. Gill in football matches for a trophy, and all those who have competed with or against such persons have been suspended pending investigation.

The first effect of Mr. Gill's disqualification will be felt by the hockey teams, while it is possible that though the Dalhousie trip to Montreal the continuation may have extended there and perhaps be further distributed by the players on the teams against Dalhousie.

## VETERAN PASTOR DEAD.

The death occurred yesterday at Gagetown of Rev. Silas James in the sixty-first year of his age.

Rev. Silas James was born at Red Routh, Cornwall, England, and came to this country in the late sixties. He attended Mount Allison University and entered the Methodist ministry in 1871. Since then Rev. Mr. James has been one of the most active mission workers in the province.

He is survived by his wife and one son, Fred James, B. A., principal of Upper Sackville school.

The funeral service was conducted this morning at ten o'clock in the Gagetown church by Rev. J. C. Berrie and James Crisp. The body will be taken to Sackville this evening for interment.

## A BRILLIANT EVENT.

It was a large and brilliant crowd that enjoyed skating at the Victoria Rink last evening. This year every-body is skating, more so than for the past ten or twelve years. The list of season ticket holders for the Victoria is far in excess of any year in the long history of this memorable rink.

The Vic's own band will be in attendance every night this week and at both sessions on New Year's Day. New Year's night will be a gala one at the rink. There will be skating with a series of races during intermission.

The Policemen's Sports promise to be greater than ever, and by January 11th the list of events will include all kinds of ice sports.

## FIREMEN WILL CELEBRATE.

The members of No. 1 Salvage Corps and No. 3 Hose company decided at a meeting last evening to unite for a New Year's celebration. No. 3 fire station is to be thrown open to the public on New Year's afternoon and evening, when the salvage corps and firemen will do all in their power to make the visit of strangers entertaining. If the sleighing is good the morning will be spent in calling upon other fire stations.

## THIS EVENING.

Christmas entertainment in Exmouth street church.  
Daley Stock Company at the Opera House in The Middleman.  
Concert in St. Malachi's hall.  
Initiation of officers at Court LaTour.  
Meeting of delegations from Teamsters Union and St. John Ice Co.

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