

FURNESS LINE WRECKED; TWENTY-TWO MEN DROWNED

Steamer Florence, from Halifax to Liverpool, Dashed to Pieces on Newfoundland Coast

Captain Barr and His Men Reached Shore After Vessel Struck, but Lofty, Inaccessible Cliffs Prevented Escape — Only Five Saved.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 22.—Word comes from Newfoundland that the steamer Florence, of the Furness Line, which sailed from Halifax for Liverpool last Wednesday morning, has been dashed to pieces near Cape Freela and that 22 of her officers and crew are drowned, five managing to escape death. Among the dead is Capt. Barr, who was in command of the steamer. No news is available here beyond the fact that the Florence is a total loss, and that only five of those on board were saved. The Florence was a freighter and her cargo consisted mainly of apples and lumber. She was to call at St. John's, Nfld., on her way to Liverpool. The rocks-bound shores where the Florence met her fate, have proved almost as disastrous to mariners as the quicksands of Sable Island. The graveyard of the Atlantic and the hulks of many wrecked steamers lie sunken off the cliffs.

About twenty years ago two steamships, the George Cromwell and the George Washington disappeared within two weeks, while bound from Halifax to St. John's, and no trace was found of either until several years later when submerged wreckage from the craft was discovered near Cape St. Mary. It is thought the lost collier Morien struck the dreaded keys or shoals of submerged rock off the cape and foundered, rolling off the ledge into the deeper water.

(By Canadian Press.) St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 22.—Twenty-two of the twenty-seven members of the crew of the Furness line steamer Florence, from Halifax, N. S., for St. John's, lost their lives in the wreck of the vessel on the ledges west of St. Shotts during a northwest gale last Friday. Five exhausted survivors who reached land in a boat brought the news to Trepassay tonight. The steamer carried no passengers. Captain Barr, of the steamer and all his men reached shore after the vessel struck, but the lofty, inaccessible cliffs of St. Shotts prevented their escape. The big tide backed up by the southwest gale made it impossible to remain there, and they were obliged to put back to the ship, which was pounding heavily.

HICKEY FOUND GUILTY OF MURDER IN SECOND DEGREE

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 21.—After twenty-six hours' deliberation the jury in the case of J. Frank Hickey, on trial for the murder of seven year old Joseph Joseph of Lackawanna, Oct. 12, 1911, today brought in a verdict of murder in the second degree. Thirteen ballots were taken to decide Hickey's fate. Twelve resulted according to the jurors nine for conviction and three for not guilty on the insanity plea. The thirteenth and last ballot was taken at 3.30 this afternoon, after the jury had reported to the court in the morning that they could not agree. Justice Brown at that time declined to discharge them and directed them to return to the juryroom in a further effort to arrive at a verdict. Public indignation at the outcome of the case is intense and in legal circles the possibility of having Hickey tried for the murder of the Kruck boy is being discussed.

TO TOP ISSUE OF DIME NOVELS

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The proposed law against dime novels and sensational literature has been received with favor by the majority of the federated states of Germany. It will probably be submitted to the federal council during the present session of parliament. The measure will provide a heavy penalty for the display and sale of this kind of literature.

AN OUTBREAK OF BUBONIC PLAGUE

St. Petersburg, Dec. 20.—Bubonic plague has broken out near Popovka in the government of Samara. Twelve persons have died of the disease and slight persons are under treatment. A cordon of troops has been stationed to carry an effective quarantine.

ANOTHER GREEK SUCCESS

Athens, Dec. 21.—It is semi-officially announced that the Greek troops have occupied Corfu, after forcing the fortified passes of Tesougi and the difficult Morvya Passes.

C. P. R. ANNUAL BANQUET WAS BIG SUCCESS

Second Annual Dinner of Officials and Employes Proves Brilliant Function — Many Notable Men Present.

Montreal, Dec. 22.—Last year 10,000,000 meals were served on our ocean and lake steamers, railway dining cars, and hotels, an average of considerably over 30,000 meals a day. The cost of the meals was about \$4,000,000. Equipment and supplies cost \$85,000,000 and the pay rolls amount to \$5,000,000 a month. We had a regular staff of 90,000 men to pay and at times there were 20,000 more men employed. Fortunately our credit is excellent, so we can secure the capital required with ease. Ordinary working expenses are more than covered by revenue.

In these words, Sir Thomas Shaughnessy gave an idea of the magnitude of the C. P. R. Company's operations while replying to the toast, "The company," at the second annual banquet of the C. P. R. officials and employes held at the Place Viger Hotel on Saturday night.

LOCAL LEGISLATURE WILL PROBABLY OPEN EARLY IN FEBRUARY

Provincial House Expected to Commence Next Session on Thursday, February 13th—News from the Capital.

TURKS DENY REPORT OF ADMIRAL'S DEATH

London, Dec. 21.—The Turkish embassy here has received a telegram from Constantinople denying the reports from Athens regarding the death of Vice Admiral Hail Pasha and serious damage to the Turkish flag ship Kheyir Ed Din Barbarossa.

ROUMANIA BUYING WARSHIPS

London, Dec. 21.—It is said that Roumania has purchased two destroyers which are being built in England for Chile. They will be delivered to Roumania in January.

TROUBLE IN MEXICO

Rebels Mobilizing in Preparation for Fighting.

American Colony is Attacked by the Desperadoes.

Rack and Ruin Follows Trail of Federal Troops.

Mexico City, Dec. 22.—A colony of American negroes located 20 miles west of Durango, is reported to have been attacked by a band of rebels. Two of the defenders, according to the report, were wounded and a number of women mistreated. The rebels sacked the place. Mobilization of rebels in the state of Morelos continues, and according to arrivals here, the centre of greatest activity on the part of the revolutionaries is today along the Morelos state line. Lt. Col. Riveroll, the federal commander, is conducting a campaign of extermination in the district, in which no prisoners are taken, and all wounded are shot to death on the field. Riveroll's force is razing towns and isolated houses along the railway, where it is suspected that rebels have obtained either food or shelter, and the federal commander has adopted the plan of razing the houses nearest the point where the railroad or telegraph lines have been found out.

DEATH SENTENCE IS NOT CHANGED

Law Will Take Its Course in Matter of Kenneth Lea's Murderers—Supreme Court Divides.

Special to The Standard. Halifax, Dec. 21.—The full bench of the Supreme Court met today when six judges were present. Chief Justice Townshend and Justices Meagher and Drysdale, gave decisions in favor of dismissing the appeal and affirming the conviction of the three men for the murder of Kenneth Lea. Justices Graham, Russell and Ritchie gave decisions favoring the answering of the crown cases submitted in favor of the prisoners.

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TODAY MARKS CRISIS OF THE PEACE CONFERENCE

MONCTON FIRE DOES DAMAGE; LOSS HEAVY

H. G. Marr of St. John Heaviest Sufferer in Disastrous Blaze — Total Loss is Nearly \$12,000.

Special to The Standard. Moncton, Dec. 22.—Fire broke out about 11.30 Saturday morning in a small building used as a carpenter shop, in the rear of the large three-story building on Main street, owned by H. G. Marr of St. John. The fire had gained considerable headway when discovered and spread rapidly to the Marr building which was practically destroyed and also to the Melanson building adjoining which was slightly damaged. The stores in the Marr building were occupied by Miss Babineau, milliner; Robichaud, hat and bonnet; and McDonald's general repair shop. The upper part was a boarding house. Miss Babineau's stock was damaged to the extent of about \$1,500, no insurance. The other occupants lost slightly. The Marr buildings were insured for \$3,000 but the loss will be between \$2,000 and \$10,000. Melanson and Co.'s jewelry stock was badly damaged by water. They had \$4,000 insurance on the building and \$2,500 on stock, so that their loss is well covered. The total loss by fire is placed between twelve and fifteen thousand.

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Should Ottoman Government Prove Obstinate, However, Negotiations will Cease and Allies will Resume Struggle at Once.

London, Dec. 22.—The crisis of the peace conference will be reached at the session tomorrow. If the Turks decide to waive their demand for the revictualing of Adrianople the allies will present their terms for peace. The conference can then proceed to the discussion of its real business. The Turkish cabinet met today and telegraphed instructions to the Ottoman delegation. All the delegations held conferences at their hotels and despatched long cipher telegrams to their governments. The allies oppose the Turkish request for the provisioning of Adrianople, not only for the reason that this would give the enemy a great advantage in the event of the resumption of fighting, which would not have been earned by arms but on technical grounds, but because the delegates have not the power to reopen military questions which the Tchetals consensers, who signed the armistice, deal with.

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MOTOR PARTY DELAYED BY IN HARD LUCK HEAVY WINDS

The Recent Rains Made Holes in Musquash Roads and the Thompson Car Found them all.

The Good Roads Association was to have held a rousing meeting at Musquash, but owing to accidents they were unable to get to the place of meeting. About fifteen members left the city shortly after six o'clock in three automobiles. J. Royden Thomson with a party was in the first car, and when he reached a point near Ludgate Lake his car ran into a bad spot on the road which had been lugged out by the recent heavy rain and the car was stalled in about a foot of water. After working about half an hour the party managed to get the car out of the rut. Another start was made for Musquash, and the car had only gone along a short distance when it bumped into another hole in the road which was worse than the first one. Had it not been for a small bank the car and its occupants would undoubtedly have been thrown down the bank and into the lake. The car was disabled and there was nothing to do but wait until the other two cars with the remainder of the party arrived. When the other members reached the scene they could not get past the disabled car to proceed to Musquash and hold the proposed meeting, so they proceeded to assist Mr. Thomson in getting his car out of the hole.

After several attempts one of the car parties returned to the city, proceeded to the bank and managed to get the car out of the hole. After a great deal of difficulty the car was hauled out of the road again and a start was made to tow it back to the city. Then the third misty took place, for they had not proceeded any further than Spruce Lake when the steering gear of the disabled car was put out of commission. Ropes were fastened to the axle of the car and an endeavor was made to tow it to a farm house near by where it could be left for the night. They had not proceeded very far when the fourth accident occurred. The Thompson car was certainly acting badly, for it took a sudden twist and bumping into a fence on the side of the road bent the fender. The third party then left the car at the Lake and proceeded to their homes arriving in the city after midnight, very cold and disgusted. The disabled car was brought into the city yesterday morning for repairs.

Buried Yesterday.

The funeral of John Gallagher took place yesterday at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence, St. James street, to St. John Baptist church. Interment was made in the old Catholic cemetery. Rev. J. W. Holland officiated.

The body of Charles Hubert Saunders, aged 22 years, who died in the home for incurables here, will be taken to Quispamsis and buried from there on Tuesday morning, at 9:30. Lodge No. 33, L. O. L., will be in attendance.

John Bradley was buried yesterday at 2:30 p. m. from his late residence, City Road. Rev. Mr. Brown conducted the burial services. Interment was made in the Methodist burying ground.

The funeral of Mrs. Kirk was held yesterday at 4 p. m. from her late residence, 41 Marsh Road. Interment was in the Church of England cemetery. Rev. Mr. Kubrine officiated.

Margaret O'Keefe was buried yesterday in the new Catholic cemetery. The funeral was held from her late residence, 15 Clarence street. Rev. Dr. Neenan conducted the burial services.

Christmas Service at Seamen's Institute.

A splendid service was held in the Seamen's Institute last night. Almost two hundred sailors were present and greatly enjoyed the very helpful address delivered by the Rev. W. Gaetz. The choir of the Queen's Square church under the leadership of Mr. Peacock, rendered special Christmas music which was greatly appreciated. The Rev. H. T. Gornall assisted with the service. On Saturday evening the Rev. W. R. Robinson gave a stirring temperance address to the seamen and a short musical programme was provided.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Moderate westerly winds; fair; stationary or a little higher temperature.

THE REAL THING.

The teacher had told her class that she would give a prize to the child who best represented a flower, on Closing Day.

When the time came, the little ones appeared decked with paper roses, violets, lilies, and other flowers. One tot, however, wore a big plumb apron, and carried in her chubby hands a rolling-pin.

"Why, dear," asked the amazed teacher, "what flower are you trying to be?"

"Daisy Flour!" answered the child, proudly. "IT'S BETTER THAN ANY OTHER!"

She got the prize.

DIED.

SAUNDERS—On the 22nd inst., Charles Hubert Saunders, in the 22nd year of age, leaving five sons and three daughters. Funeral on Tuesday at 9:30 a. m. from his late residence, Gondola Point, to the Baptist church.

CURREY—On the 22nd inst., suddenly, at his residence, 138 Charlotte street, Dr. Lemuel Allen Currey, in the 55th year of his age. Funeral from the late residence, on Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Empress of Ireland Arrived Saturday Night -- Bad Weather Caused Her to be Delayed One Day.

The C. P. R. liner Empress of Ireland, Capt. J. V. Forster, arrived in port Saturday evening from Liverpool via Halifax with a large general cargo and passenger list. The steamer brought 69 first cabin, 150 second cabin and 443 steerage, and these went west by special train early Sunday morning.

The Empress had one of the roughest voyages in her history. Heavy head winds and a bad sea was encountered for nearly all the passage from Liverpool to Halifax, and at times the wind blew a hurricane, and caused the ship to be about a day late on the voyage across the Atlantic. The Empress proved a great ship in such rough elements and no damage was done.

The fastest liner in the world, the Mauretania, was 30 hours overdue in reaching New York from Liverpool, while the Empress was much under 24 hours behind schedule in getting into Halifax harbor and travelled in a course that is somewhat the same.

The daily runs from noon to noon, which follow denote that a maximum of only 400 knots in a single day was attained, this being 60 miles less than has been reached by her:

Saturday	.....	258
Sunday	.....	325
Monday	.....	339
Tuesday	.....	392
Wednesday	.....	388
Thursday	.....	490
Friday	.....	466
To Halifax	.....	16

NEWS IN SHORT METRE.

LOCAL.

Will Join the Teaching Staff.

General Bramwell Booth of the Salvation Army has appointed Colonel Joseph Pugmire, field secretary for Canada, to an important position at the international training college at Clapton, England. Colonel Pugmire will leave for the old country in about a month. Colonel Pugmire while holding the rank of major was formerly stationed here.

Juvenile Court.

A little girl aged thirteen years was arraigned in the juvenile court Saturday morning on the charge of using profane and obscene language to Tobias Crawford, caretaker of the dump at the foot of Hanover street, and also with throwing stones at him. She was found guilty and sentenced to a term of four months in the Good Shepherd's Home.

Police Court.

Harry McDonald pleaded guilty to the charge of being drunk and using profane language and was remanded. Three drunks were given \$4 or ten

days in jail, while another was fined \$8 or two months in jail.

Marriages and Births.

Twenty-five marriages were recorded with Registrar J. B. Jones last week. He also registered sixteen births, evenly divided as to sex.

Ten Deaths.

At the Board of Health office last week ten deaths were recorded from the following causes:—Phthisis, three; senility, two; inanition, appendicitis, heart disease, cerebral hemorrhage and lobar pneumonia, one each.

The Playgrounds.

The executive of the Playgrounds Association met last Saturday evening when reports with regard to the work were read. It was announced that through John Bradford, of Amherst, it would be possible to secure a teacher to instruct the local playground teachers.

PROVINCIAL.

Ordination Anniversary.

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—Yesterday was the 28th anniversary of the ordination of Rev. F. L. Carney, rector of St. Dunstan's church. There was no formal celebration of the event, although Father Carney received many congratulations, and there was informal observation at mass in St. Dunstan's yesterday.

A Slight Fire.

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—The firemen were called out last night for a fire at the residence of James Bird, St. John street. The fire had started from ashes which had been dumped in the shed, where a quantity of hay was stored. The flames had gained considerable headway before they were noticed and an alarm sent in, and the firemen had to fight hard to stop them from spreading to other buildings in the vicinity. The loss was about \$500 and was covered by insurance.

Died of Injuries.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 21.—Harry Arrhibald, I.C.R. brakeman, who was struck by a shunter in the yard last night died about half past three o'clock this morning. Though conscious after receiving his terrible injuries he was unable to give a clear account of how the accident occurred.

GENERAL.

A French Victory.

Cassa Blanca, Morocco, Dec. 21.—The column of French troops commanded by Captain Marcel E. Massoulet, which has been operating against the tribesmen of the rebel Elhibe, won a complete victory over them in recent fighting twenty miles south of Mogador. The natives suffered heavy losses, while the French forces had only five men slightly wounded.

Will Erect Monument.

London, Dec. 21.—The British committee organized for the celebration of the centenary of Anglo-American peace in 1914 has drawn up a very comprehensive programme. It is proposed that a monument to George Washington be erected in Westminster Abbey or in Westminster Hall, adjoining the House of Commons.

Started on Sad Journey.

London, Dec. 21.—The body of the late Ambassador Whitelaw Reid was started on its journey to the United States today and the highest honors

were paid to it as it left London. The coffin was placed on a gun carriage drawn by six horses and driven by men of the Royal Horse Artillery. The Stars and Stripes was spread over the casket. Eight non-commissioned officers, acting as bearers, walked at each side.

Badly Burned.

Windsor, N. S., Dec. 21.—Miss Laura Millett was very seriously burned yesterday morning. She made her home with her aunt, Mrs. Lavinia Robinson, Gerrish street, and was attempting to polish the base burner in the hallway with a liquid polish containing benzene and turpentine, when the heat of the stove set fire to the mixture and the first Mrs. Robinson knew of the fire was the girl's cries for help. Rushing in she found the girl enveloped in flames, which Mrs. Robinson did her best to extinguish, and was herself badly burned about the hands and arms. Her recovery is doubtful.

Gets Well Earned Vacation.

Doctor George F. Matthew, landing surgeon of the John custom department, has been granted three months' vacation. Samuel Wilkins will act as surgeon during the doctor's absence.

LATE SHIPPING.

New York, Dec. 21.—Arr. str. Tyra Menter, Hillsboro, N. B.; schs Charles E. Buckley, Jordan Bay, N. B.; Hamrock, Campbellton, N. B.

New Haven, Conn., Dec. 21.—Arr. str. Laura C. Hall, Stonehaven, N. B.

Salom Mass., Dec. 21.—Arr. schrs. Bluenose, St. John, N. B.; William Cobb, Calais, Me.; Abbie Bowker, Long Cove, Me.

New York, Dec. 21.—Sid schr Longfellow, Bucksport, Me.

Vineyard Haven, Dec. 21.—Sid schs Thomas W. H. White, New York; Normandy, do; Damietta and Joana, do; Lizzie D. Small, do; W. D. Hillon, Bridgeport, Conn.; Helena Norwalk, Conn.; Annie R. Lewis, Promised Land, L. I.

Glasgow, Dec. 23.—Arr. Str Saturnia from St. John, N. B.

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Lisakeard, Dec. 23.—Passed str Montezuma for St. John, N. B.

Pastnet, Dec. 23.—Sid: Str Maureania, New York for Liverpool, reported by wireless 222 miles west at 1 p. m., due at Fishguard at about 5 a. m. Monday.

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NOTICE!—The government has changed the law so that persons 15 years old can bring younger children to the Matinees.

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AGENTS—SALARY AND COMMISSION—To sell Red Tag Stock. Complete exclusive lines. Specially hardy. Grown only by us. Sold only by our agents. Elegant free samples. Write now to Dominion Nurseries, Montreal.

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New Home and other Sewing Machines. Genuine Needles of all kinds. Edison Improved Phonographs, \$16.50. One good Typewriter cheap. Domestic Machines and Phonograph Repairs. I have no travellers, buyers can save money in my shop. WILLIAM CRAWFORD, 105 Princess Street, St. John.

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LARGE SAFE FOR SALE. New second hand Taylor safe. Address safe, care of Standard.

JUST ARRIVED—Two cartloads of choice HORSES, weighing from 1,000 to 1,500 lbs. For sale at EDWARD HOGAN'S Stables, Waterloo St. Phone 157.

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Our 1913 Farm Catalogue now in preparation, will be ready for distribution January 15th. A splendid assortment, 150 to select from. Prices range from \$2.00 per acre up. Values more wonderful than ever. ALFRED HURLEY & CO., 46 Princess Street. New Brunswick Farm Specialists.

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A farm formerly owned and occupied by the late David Hill containing 67 acres, opposite Treadwell on Loch Lomond Road, St. John County, with considerable standing timber thereon. 20 acres cleared ready for ploughing. Also a desirable farm formerly owned by the late Roger Quinn, containing 160 acres Parish of Westfield, Kings County, having a frontage on the St. John River and situate about half a mile above Public Landing. Apply to

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Ernest Law, - 3 Coburg St

SHIPPING NEWS

DAILY ALMANAC. Monday, December 23, 1912. Sun rises 8:08 a. m. Sun sets 4:41 p. m. High water 10:37 a. m. Low water 4:56 p. m. Atlantic Standard Time.

DOMINION PORTS. Halifax, Dec. 20.—Sid star Brardene, West Indies; Potomac, Philadelphia; Anita, Jamaica.

BRITISH PORTS. London, Dec. 19.—Sid str Pomerania, St. John via Halifax. Liverpool, Dec. 20.—Sid str Cedric, New York.

VESSLS BOUND TO ST. JOHN. Steamers. Corlaan, Liverpool, Dec. 20. Oruro, Demerara, Dec. 20. Shenandoah, London, Dec. 7. Montclair, Liverpool, Dec. 7. Man. Importer, Manchester, Dec. 8. Kwarra, Shields, Dec. 9. Hesperian, Liverpool, Dec. 13. Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec. 14. Lake Champlain, Antwerp, Dec. 19.

VESSLS IN PORT. Steamers. Tokomaru, 4072, Australia and New Zealand, T. Knight & Co. Man. Commerce, 3444, Wm Thomson and Co. Montfort, 4126, C. P. R. Co. Empress of Ireland, 8223, C. P. R. Co. Athena, 5,523, Donalson Line.

FOREIGN PORTS. City Island, Dec. 20.—Passed schr Bravo, New York, for Halifax. New York, Dec. 20.—Cld schr Marguerite May Riley, Granville, Perth Amboy. Vineyard Haven, Dec. 19.—Ard T. W. H. White, from Newcastle, N. B. for St. John.

PORT OF ST. JOHN, N. B. Arrived Saturday, Dec. 21. Stmr Empress of Ireland, 8,028, Forster, from Liverpool via Halifax, C. P. R. Co., pass and mds. Stmr Athena, 5,523, Black, from Glasgow, Donalson Line, pass and mds. Stmr Calvin Austin, 2,883, Mitchell, from Boston via Eastport, W. G. Lee, pass, and mds, and sailed to return. Arrived Saturday, Dec. 21. Schr Domah, 91, Stewart, for Joggins for Boston; in for repairs. Schr Nellie Eaton, (Am) 99, Barton, A. W. Adams, ballast. Schr Rebecca M. Walls, (Am), 516, Ward, from Portland, C. M. Kerrison, ballast. Schr Wilena Gertrude, 271, C. M. Kerrison, ballast. Schr Roger Drury, (Am), 207, Nickerson, from Calais, Me., R. C. Elkins, ballast (previously reported).

GRAIN TRAINS ARRIVE. During the last twenty-four hours several special grain trains from the west have arrived. Over 200,000 bushels were taken into the elevator at the west side on Saturday. The steamer Commodore Commerce took 192,000 bushels on Sunday for Manchester. Large shipments will go forward by the steamers now in port.

ALLAN LINE. The next Royal mail steamer will be the Cora, on the Allan line. She left Dec. 20 for St. John via Halifax.

SKIPPER FOR EVOLUTION. Captain John Rafuse, mate of the Mary Hendry, has signed on as master of the schooner Evolution, now at Liverpool loading pulp for Lynn.

WOMAN LEAPS OFF STEAMSHIP. Fall River, Mass., Dec. 23.—A woman committed suicide early today by jumping from an upper deck of the steamship Priscilla, bound for this city. A brown seakoin coat, a handkerchief and the key of the stateroom found near the wheel house, led to the discovery of the act.

WHITE'S COVE NEWS. White's Cove, Dec. 20.—The heavy wind of last night has broken up the ice and Grand Lake is again open almost from shore to shore.

SHAD! No. 1 Fall Shad, Fat Canoe and Sheiburn Herring. JAMES PATTERSON, 19 and 20 South Market Wharf, ST. JOHN, N. B.

"Christmas Jewellery." I now have in stock a most complete line of the above, suitable for Xmas presents. ERNEST LAW, - 3 Coburg St

REV. J. A. MACKEIGAN

AT EVERY DAY CLUB

At the Every Day Club yesterday afternoon Walter Brindle gave an impressive talk to men and boys on the life and temple of Him whose birth is the theme of rejoicing this week. George Scott spoke briefly of the great work opening up in connection with the boy of the club. In the evening Rev. J. A. MacKegan told in a simple yet dramatic manner, Masterline's story of The Blue Bird, or the quest for happiness, and interpreted it clearly for his audience. True happiness, he pointed out, was to be found in the home and in the performance of duty. The speaker held up as an example the life of the Child of Nazareth. He dwelt upon the value of the home, where happiness dwells, and referred impressively to the memories which at this season cling round such a home. The male quartette of St. David's church sang and hymns were sung under the direction of Walter Brindle.

A BUSY SCOTT ACT MONTH IN MONCTON. (Moncton Times.) The Scott Act business is on the boom with a vengeance this month. Yesterday afternoon, Tim Thibideau and Adelaire Arsenault were convicted of C. T. A. violation and each fined \$20 a week. This is Arsenault's second conviction within comparatively short time. This makes a total of 11 Scott Act convictions during the current month. The police say that there is no particular reason for the epidemic of Scott Act violation. The business waxes and wanes without any apparent cause. One month there will be almost no convictions and the next there will be a conviction almost every day. The present month, however, threatens to beat all previous records.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1912.

THE CARLETON FERRY.

There is an impression amongst citizens generally that the management of the Carleton ferry requires looking into. The expense of maintaining this very necessary institution has increased even more rapidly than its revenue and, notwithstanding an increase in rates last year, the financial result of the current year's operations will be a deficit of about \$7,000. There was a surplus in 1911 of \$844.93 and a deficit for 1910 of \$7,388.53. In both of these years there was an assessment of \$10,000 levied on the citizens. When the ferry rates were increased this assessment was dropped in 1912 to \$1,000, but if the present rate of expenditure is continued the assessment will have to be restored and the people who use the ferry will be compelled to continue to pay the increased fares.

There is something remarkable about the financial side of the ferry question. When the revenue was about \$22,000 a year and the number of trips practically the same as they now are, the cost of maintaining the ferry was seldom greater than \$27,000 a year. As the revenue increased the expenditure was apparently made to even up, although neither boats nor approaches are in any better or worse condition one year than another. Then commenced the agitation for improved service. The old boats were condemned and replaced by new ones. The cost of these craft and repairs to the toll house were added to the bonded debt of the city as follows:

Steamer Ludlow	\$94,874.89
Ferry Building	4,000.00
Governor Carleton	41,400.00
Total	\$140,274.89

This amount at 4 per cent. interest and 1 per cent. for sinking fund means a permanent annual charge for 40 years of \$7,200 on the ratepayers of the city. No portion of the earnings of the ferry is appropriated to meet the interest charges. Not only has the interest charge been added but the cost of operating the new service has been greatly increased—the coal bill of the new steamers being at least 50 per cent. greater than that of the old boats, and this with practically no improvement to the service—that is no more trips.

In 1910 the total cost of the ferry was \$50,940.19 and there was a deficit of \$7,388.53. In 1911 the cost was \$45,152.94 and the surplus was \$844.93. The cost of repairs, coal and labor in these years was as follows:

	1910	1911
Labor	\$16,155.16	\$16,862.63
Coal	\$10,282.64	8,278.07
Repairs	19,759.17	14,154.92

The repairs include those made to the boats and approaches. The difference in the coal cost is due to charging 13 months coal in 1910 and 11 months in 1911.

According to some published figures these total expenditures for the ferry service up to November 30 are \$48,226. This will mean that the total cost of the ferry for 1912 will be in excess of \$52,000 if all the bills are paid. This will be a record expenditure and \$1,500 in excess of that of 1910, when Ald. Potts were given authority to spend an additional \$10,000 to put the boats and approaches in good shape. In two years the city spent over \$33,000 on repairs to the boats and approaches, and judging from the total as given out something in the neighborhood of \$20,000 must have been spent in repairs during the current year. Over fifty thousand dollars spent in repairs in three years on a \$250,000 plant, most of it practically new, is a rather high percentage and is at least worthy of some explanation.

The increase in fares which was brought about by the advocacy of ex-Ald. Hayes, was for the purpose of placing the ferry upon an expense-paying basis. Had there been no increase in the cost of management this very desirable result would have been accomplished, but whoever has charge of the expenditures has defeated the laudable purpose of the ex-chairman of the treasury board had in view when he succeeded in getting his motion through the council.

The ferry traffic has been constantly increasing, as is shown by the following table of the number of passengers who crossed during the month of November for the past three years:

1910	159,084
1911	165,136
1912	182,991

The earnings from passenger traffic in these three years were:

1910	\$2,039.71
1911	2,176.53
1912	3,096.11

The increase in the fares is responsible for over \$600 of the \$919.53 added to the revenue from passenger travel. The earnings from teams in 1912 totalled \$852.72 and in 1911 \$609.39. The increase for the current year is \$243.35 less some commutations to large buyers of tickets. With increased earnings of about \$1,000 a month the ferry should be on an expense paying basis at least, and that it is not is a sad reflection on its management. It cannot be pleaded that the ferry was in a particularly run down condition after an expenditure of \$33,000. What will interest the citizens will be what these enormous annual expenditures are for and when they are going to cease. The revenue of the ferry for the past three years is as follows:

1910	\$3,551.57
1911	45,152.94
1912 (11 months)	42,052.59

When the revenues for December are added the total of the ferry revenue for 1912 will be in the neighborhood of \$46,000, and the deficit about \$7,000. Perhaps it should be explained that the revenue as given above is the total revenue including collections on account of assessments in each year. For 1910 and 1911 these exceeded \$10,000 annually while in 1912 they are not likely to be much in excess of \$1,000, the amount of the assessment levied.

AT NO COST TO THE BRITISH TAXPAYER.

One of the unstable arguments put forward by the Opposition in the debate on the Naval Aid Bill was the contention that under Mr. Borden's proposal Canada is

merely paying money for the construction of three battleships which will be manned and maintained at the expense of the British taxpayer. Much perverted eloquence was wasted during the debate in emphasizing this point. Sir Wilfrid Laurier took this ground when he declared that Great Britain "never was wealthier than she is at present," and that Canada by adopting Mr. Borden's proposal was only making "a contribution of money." He scoffed at the idea that the Dominion should "give England two or three Dreadnoughts to be paid for by Canada, but to be equipped, maintained and manned by England."

To finally dispose of this Liberal fallacy that Canada's super-Dreadnoughts will be an additional burden on the British taxpayer, it is only necessary to refer to the course the British Admiralty will pursue when these ships are ready for commission in 1915. Anticipating this line of argument, even before Sir Wilfrid Laurier made his speech, the London Telegraph in its issue of December 6th gave a complete and satisfactory answer to this contention. Canada's three battleships, we are told, will in 1915 replace pre-Dreadnought ships of weaker power which by that date will no longer be effective. The officers and men on the weaker ships will be transferred and the cost of maintenance will not to any extent be increased. We quote from the Telegraph on this point as follows:

"It may be said, it has been said, by some of our political Pecksniffs, with little cramped souls impervious to the new spirit of Empire, that these gifts from the Overseas peoples are no doubt well meant, but who is to pay for the maintenance of the ships when they have been built; who is to provide the officers and men and meet the annual charges? We can afford to pass over in well-merited contempt, and without further comment, this ungenerous attitude of mind. The fact is that the burdens of the British taxpayer will be neither more nor less by reason of these emergency contributions to the navy. In any event, owing to the rivalry of Continental Powers, we should have to build more ships, enlist more men, and keep in commission larger squadrons. Dominions or no Dominions, we could not evade a plain duty which we owe to ourselves. It happens, however, that the passage of the succession of German navy acts has hit us at a moment when we are embarrassed by a dozen or more battleships of weak power, built at a comparatively recent date for special purposes which owing to political changes are no longer operative. In the emergency which has arisen, and which will reach its crucial point in 1915, we should be compelled to keep these vessels in commission. By the aid which Canada and New Zealand and the ruling Princes of the Malay States are offering, the officers and men who would otherwise have been on board some of these weak ships can be utilized in armoured vessels of three or four times their power. The cost of maintenance of a Dreadnought is practically no greater than that of a Duncan or Canopus. Consequently, by the mere transfer of crews from weak ships to strong ships, the fighting arm of the Empire will be strengthened without any appreciable charge on the British Exchequer, and the mobility of the fleet will be increased and the basis of peace consolidated."

The foregoing statement of the situation in 1915 clearly refutes the argument put forward by the Opposition during the debate. It might well be asked in reply to these futile objections what contribution the Laurier Government made to Imperial Naval Defence. It is a matter of record that Canada has nothing to exhibit to the world today as an example of Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval policy of 1910 but the Rainbow and the Noble, two obsolete and useless ships, more than twenty years old, purchased for \$1,325,000 from the British Government. That was the extent of the late Liberal Government's contribution. The remainder of the "tin pot navy" never materialized.

The issue is clear. The proposal which Sir Wilfrid Laurier now makes in his amendment to build two fleet units to be manned by Canadians, and "contemplating construction as soon as possible in Canada," even if it were feasible, would prevent the Dominion from taking any active part in the naval defence of the Empire for an indefinite period. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's naval policy, of which this is only a enlarged edition, has already been discredited and condemned. Mr. Borden's proposal that Canada should contribute three battleships to strengthen the Imperial Fleet is in compliance with the statement in the Admiralty's memorandum and will give effective aid in less than three years. The permanent naval policy of the Dominion will in the meantime occupy the attention of the Government and will be submitted to the judgment of the Canadian people.

Current Comment

New Brunswick Immigration.
(Vancouver Colonist.)

New Brunswick is making a strong bid for immigrants from the United Kingdom. Mr. Bowler, the special agent of that Province, said recently to an English contemporary: "A feature of the lectures will be that dealing with the New Brunswick Government's ready-made farm scheme. As you are aware, the provincial authorities are seeking 100 farms suitable for British settlers with small capital, and which will be available for occupancy this coming spring. These farms are each about 100 acres, and the price to be paid will be from \$500 to \$1,000 each farm. The Government will make any improvements essential and will then turn the farms over to settlers at cost price. The first payment which the occupant will have to make will be only 25 per cent. of the total cost, the balance to be paid in ten yearly instalments, with interest at 5 per cent." This is very liberal treatment, and it ought to attract settlers. There is no reason in the world why an industrious settler in New Brunswick ought not to be as well there as anywhere else.

Providing City Jobs.
(Lawrence Telegram.)

To run a city properly under the commission form of government the public must show that it does not believe the chief function of its officials is providing jobs for voters looking for snags. Yet the main arguments of some who want the two directors who are now appearing for re-election turned out of office are that to replace them would give opportunity to give jobs to a great many persons.

How to Find Out.
(Toronto Star.)

An English paper is amusing itself by speculating as to how a man alighting from a flying machine could tell in what country he was by looking about him. Well, if he landed on this continent he would know he was in America by the promptitude with which a customs official would make him pay duty on the food he brought with him. And if the official gave him a receipt he would know he was in Canada.

"Tangled Web."
(New York Post.)

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PROVINCIAL PERSONALS.

(Moncton Times, Dec. 21.)
Harry O'Leary, whose sister has been operated upon recently in the city hospital, arrived in the city yesterday, from Montreal, where he has been attending McGill, and is registered at the Mint.

Miss Henrietta Harris, who is attending Edgemoor College, at Windsor, N. S., has arrived in the city to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Harris, Alma street.

Mrs. A. J. Webster, of Shediac, was in town yesterday.
Dr. C. A. Murray has returned from a trip to Napadogan.

Claude Moore arrived in the city this week to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.
Chester B. Sears, of Mt. Allison University, is spending the Christmas holidays at his home, Gordon street.

Mrs. E. Hurley, of Halifax, arrived in the city yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. P. Gallagher, at the Mint.

Gordon B. Richmond, who is in his third term at Dalhousie College, is the guest of his aunt, Mrs. Wm. Wallace at the American.

Mr. and Mrs. George Moore have returned to their home in the city after spending a few days with their son, Richard Moore, in Montreal.

(Fredericton Gleaner, Dec. 21.)
Miss Helen M. Burchill, of Mount Allison, is spending Christmas with her father, Ald. Chas. A. Burchill, Regent street.

Robert Hawkins, son of Manager Hawkins of the Bank of Montreal, is at home for Christmas from Halifax where he is senator in Arts at Dalhousie University.

Mrs. W. T. Mead, who has spent the past month with her daughter, Mrs. Paul Sweeney, at New York, has returned home.

Miss Alice Slipp, of Rothesay Collegiate School, is spending the Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Slipp.

(Campbellton Graphic.)
Mrs. J. Keen, town, who has been visiting her son in St. Flavie passed through on the Limited, Tuesday morning to visit Mrs. W. J. Howard in Richibucto.

Fred Hillman left today to spend his Christmas holidays at his home in Woodstock.

Miss Nellie Annett who has been spending some time in Montreal has returned home.

Miss Edna Payne of Westbrook, Maine, is visiting her parents here.

Misses Hazel Mowat and Florine Nelson of Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, are spending their vacation at their respective homes here.

Arnold Murray arrived home on the Maritime Friday morning from Fredericton, Bermuda, who will be their guests during the holidays.

Miss Janie Buckley left yesterday for Alton, Mass.

Miss Ina McKie, Murdoch MacKinnon, Norman Wilson, Blaine Murray, Ina McLean and Frank Flett, returned last night from U. N. B. to spend the holidays at their homes here.

Mrs. Truman of St. John, Mr. and Mrs. George Crockett of Toronto, will be guests at St. Andrew's manse over Christmas.

(Charlottetown Guardian.)
Mrs. N. Carrier and daughter, Charlottetown, leave this morning for St. John.

FUNERALS.

Mrs. Sarah McGuire,

The funeral of Mrs. Sarah McGuire took place yesterday morning at 10 o'clock from the Mazer Misericordiae Home. Burial services were conducted by Rev. Dr. O'Reilly, after which interment took place in the Golden Grove cemetery.

DIED IN LEWISTON.

Mrs. Elizabeth Kingstons, a native of St. John, died at her home, 17 Bates street, Lewiston, Me. She had been ill since spring. Mrs. Kingstons was born in St. John 62 years ago, a daughter of the late James and Margaret Crockett. She was a member of St. Joseph's church, Lewiston. She is survived by her husband and three sons, John, James and Charles, and one daughter, Mrs. Waryman of Boston; one brother, Peter Crockett, of Toledo, and one sister, Mrs. Thomas Killin, of this city, Charles and Hugh Rogers of Millford are half-brothers of the deceased.

Crushed Two Toes.
Saturday afternoon while working at trucking in No. 2 shed at Sand Point Arthur Robinson had two toes on the right foot badly crushed by a pile of goods. He was taken to the emergency hospital and the injuries were dressed. He will be confined to his home on the west side for some days but amputation of the toes will not be necessary.

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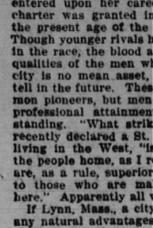
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Montreal, Dec. 21.—OATS—Canadian western No. 2, 45 to 45 1/2; extra No. 1, feed, 45 to 45 1/2; No. 2, local white, 41; No. 3, local white, 40; No. 4, local white, 39.

FLOUR—Manitoba spring wheat patents firsts, \$5.40; seconds, \$4.90; strong bakers, \$4.70; winter patents, choice, \$5.35; straight rollers, \$4.95 to \$5; straight rollers, bags, \$2.35 to \$2.40.

MILLFEED—Bran, \$21; shorts \$25; middlings, \$28 to \$30; moullie, \$30 to \$32.

HAY—No. 2, per ton, car lots, \$14 to \$14.50.

POTATOES—75 to 80.

Immigrants to Argentina. Washington, Dec. 21.—Equalizing and perhaps exceeding the wild rush of immigration to America a quarter of a century ago, is the tremendous flood of Europeans now pouring into the Argentine Republic to develop its vast resources.

CURRENT PRICES OF NEW YORK MARKET

By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

Table with columns: Previous High, Low, Close. Lists various commodities like Am Cop, Am Ben Sug, Am C and F, etc.

DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Furnished by F. B. McCurdy & Co. Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Saturday's Sales. Lists various commodities like Cement, Crowns Reserve, Canada Cotton, etc.

SUGAR INDUSTRY AND THE NEW TRADE TREATY

Hon. Mr. Foster's announcement of proposed agreement with West Indies calls attention to fact that Canada obtains the bulk of her supply of sugar from these islands—Huge increase in importation and consumption of sugar in this country, but number of refineries same today as it was twenty-five years ago.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—The West Indies trade agreement introduced in the House of Commons by Hon. George E. Foster has aroused great interest among sugar refiners both in this country and the United States. According to correspondence received by the Department of Trade and Commerce recently, Canada at the present time obtains 75 per cent of her supply of raw sugar from the B. W. I., whose total production for export is about 300,000 tons a year. The year Canada imported 280,000 tons of sugar. This year it is expected that these figures will be exceeded and it is presumed that the number of refineries in this country will demand the whole total supply of the islands, as the consumption of sugar here has increased over 60 per cent in the last ten years.

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NEW YORK COTTON RANGE.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., St. John, N. B.

Table with columns: High, Low, Close. Lists cotton grades like Dec, Jan, Mar, May, July, Aug, Sept, Oct, Spot.

MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Private wire telegram to F. B. McCurdy and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various securities like Ames Holden, Amex Holden, Bradlan, etc.

THE BOSTON CURB.

By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various securities like East Butte, Franklin, Grandby, etc.

MONTREAL STOCKS.

Furnished by F. B. McCurdy and Co., Members of Montreal Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Lists various securities like Can. Cement, Can. Cement, Can. Pac., etc.

CLOSING COTTON LETTER.

By Direct Private Wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co.

New York, Dec. 21.—After a firm opening with prices unchanged to an advance of 8 points in January today's cotton market broke sharply under heavy realizing sales. For a time there was little or no support from the leading bid interests but this appeared later and prices recovered the bulk of the early decline. A good part of the selling was attributed to a south-western man who was said to be realizing long lines through several houses. The early break reflected a reaction of about 50 points from the recent high records and conservative traders were inclined to believe that this was enough. The trouble with the market appears to be that it is realizing. The impression prevails in some quarters that this will prove helpful to the bull cause in the long run and that when this evening-up process is completed the bullish gaining figures will come in for more attention.

PROPERTIES SOLD.

A lot of timber land containing 205 acres, at Harry Lake, near St. Martins, belonging to the estate of the late Charles Drury, was sold Saturday morning at Chubb's Corner by T. T. Lantaulm, Messrs. Fowler and Povnes, of Eastern and St. Martins, to the owners for \$8,800.

The three-family brick dwelling, leasehold, on the corner of Pitt and Princess streets, owned by Henry Dunbrack was sold by F. L. Potts to L. P. D. Tilley for \$4,005 above a mortgage of \$6,000.

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Hatze, Dec. 21.—Cipriano Castro, the ex-president of Venezuela sailed from here for New York today.

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CHANGED TO LOSSES ON OUTLOOK IN MARKET

New York, Dec. 21.—The buying movement which set in at the middle of the week continued with undiminished force during the first half of today's session and was then checked abruptly. On the early advance market strength developed in the copper, Steel and Union Pacific.

The immediate cause of the change was a sharp break in Southern Pacific, which fell back a point at a time to 163 1/2, the lowest quotation of the year. The remainder of the list moved in sympathy and early gains of a point or more were changed into losses of a similar amount in a few minutes of trading.

The weakness of Southern Pacific was described as due to a bear raid based on the filing of the complaint in the government suit against the company involving title to lands in California. The suit had been long expected, however, and the actual filing of the complaint could hardly be regarded as a potent market factor. It is probable that the decline, which left some of the leading issues 1 1/2 to 2 points below yesterday's close, was a natural reaction induced by the rapidity of the recent advance.

The bank statement did not disclose the predicted gain in cash. The actual balance showing an increase of only \$1,150,000 as compared with the estimate of \$7,000,000.

The increase in excess reserve was only nominal. It was explained that the small cash gain was due to withdrawals, particularly of gold which are invariably made in the week preceding Christmas.

The bond market was irregular. Total sales, par value, \$1,350,000, which is far beyond that of the same month for four years, while the total foreign trade for November breaks all monthly records for imports and exports. The credit balance in favor of exports for the eleven months runs up to \$485,000,000.

The country's trade shows some falling off, which is natural at this season. The outlook is favorable and the security market will undoubtedly adjust itself, perhaps gradually, to the credit balance in favor of exports which have prevailed throughout the last three months, notwithstanding the European war disturbance and the strains upon money both here and abroad.

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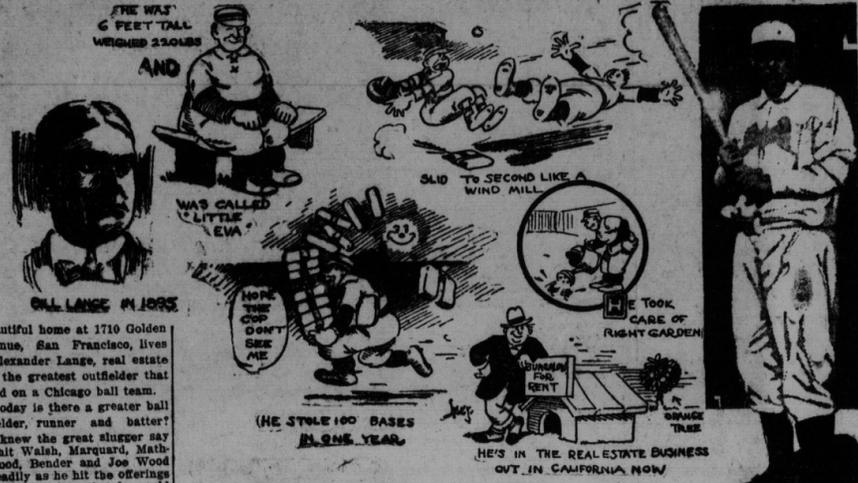
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to cut into his speed or dim his batting eye. He quit while the quitting was good and refused the alien call to return.

Bill Lange is a young man, being but 41. He is one of San Francisco's native sons. His real estate business is large and Lange is reckoned a wealthy man.

Y. M. C. A. BOWLING LEAGUE

The game on the Y. M. C. A. bowling alley Saturday evening between the Midgets and Bulgarians, resulted as follows:

Table with bowling scores for Midgets and Bulgarians. Columns include player names and scores.

GREGORY STICKS TO HIS STORY

New Glasgow, Dec. 22.—Chester Gregory, playing manager of the New Glasgow hockey team, was this morning interviewed by your correspondent.

ABOUT THE BIG LEAGUERS

LARRY DOYLE TALKS. Larry Doyle, who is not naturally a calamity howler, says that if the Pirates get Ed Konetchy and Reger...

NATIONAL BASE BALL COMMISSION

Cincinnati, Dec. 21.—The National Baseball Commission issued an order here today instructing its secretary to notify every minor league club...

BRITISH FOOT BALL RESULTS

First Division. Aston Villa, 3; Newcastle United, 1. Blackburn Rovers, 2; West Bromwich Albion, 0.

ORPHANS TO PLAY WINTER BASE BALL

Through the thoughtfulness of Joe Page, the well known baseball man, the youngsters in the St. John orphanage homes will be made happy with a unique Christmas present in the shape of a parlor baseball game.

WAIVERS ON MIKE DONLIN

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Waivers have been asked on Mike Donlin the western outfielder, by the Pittsburgh club.

and was forced to sit out most of the remainder of the season on the bench.

Rugby Results.

South Africans, 7; Cardiff, 6. Leicester, 27; Blackheath, 14. Richmond, 5; Coventry, 0.

Tom Longboat and A. E. Wood, the Canadian long-distance runners, are after a special 15-mile race against either Willie Kohlschutter or Billy Quest.

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DOMINION ATLANTIC RAILWAY. S. S. Yarmouth leaves Read's Point Wharf daily at 7 a. m.

AROUND THE CITY

Six Saturday Night Drunks. The police managed to arrest no less than a half dozen drunks on Saturday night.

Arrested for Fighting. Yesterday afternoon Sgts. Scott and Baxter arrested Barthly McDermodt and William Roach for fighting together on Prince William street in view of the police.

Charged with Assault. On Saturday afternoon William Lavigne was given in charge of the police by Samuel Boon on the charge of being drunk and assaulting him on Smythe street.

Violating Traffic Regulations. Policeman Linton has reported John Coyte for driving a horse and cart on the right hand side of Main street Saturday night and obstructing the traffic.

Police Found Window Broken. About 11:30 o'clock Saturday night a large pane of glass was broken in the window of Dearborn & Co.'s spice factory on Water street. It is not known by the police who caused the break and the officers boarded up the broken pane.

Lying and Lurking. About 2:30 o'clock yesterday morning while going his rounds Patrolman O'Leary found William Holly in a shed off Smythe street owned by the Dominion Coal Company. Holly was arrested and is charged with lying and lurking.

A Christmas Cantata. A pretty Christmas cantata entitled "A Night in the Orient" was rendered by the choir of the Carleton Methodist church last evening under the leadership of their leader Murray Long. The cantata was well attended all present being loud in their praise of the fine singing which was a Christmas story in a pretty manner.

New Lights in St. Mary's Church. At the evening service in St. Mary's church last evening the electric lighting system which had recently been installed in the church, was in operation for the first time and gave general satisfaction. On Christmas Day there will be special services in the church, with a choral programme which it is expected will prove a very interesting feature.

New Lodge Instituted. On Saturday evening last Grand Master H. Sellen and Grand Chaplain H. F. Goodrich, of the Prentice Boys, together with many of the members of the Fairville and St. John lodges went to Grand Bay and instituted a lodge of the organization there. The new lodge is known as Grand Bay No. 51, with F. Hamm as worthy master.

Christmas Treat for Sailors. Monday evening, Dec. 23rd, most of the night of the season, nearly 500 sailors to be entertained and presented with well-filled comfort bags. Musical programmes were given by Mrs. H. Black, Miss Beth Smith, Mrs. Horton, Mr. J. Griffiths and others. The Rev. R. A. Armstrong, the speaker of the evening, the members will be provided, two large Christmas trees.

Fire in Junk Warehouse. Saturday night at 10:25 o'clock fire was discovered in the junk warehouse owned by Nathan Jacobson on Pond street, and an alarm was sent in from box 52. When the firemen arrived they found that the fire had started among some old rubbers and other junk and had quite a start. It took about an hour before the fire was all put out, and considerable damage was done to the building.

Sand Point Theft Case. Saturday afternoon Officers Scott and Robe arrested an employe in the C. P. R. sheds at Sand Point on the charge of theft. The man is charged with stealing some cut glass, and the goods were found in his possession. The prisoner has retained E. S. Ritchie to defend him and will plead not guilty in the police court this morning. He denies having stolen the articles.

Barbers Will Form Union. At a meeting of barbers held in the Opera House yesterday afternoon, it was decided to form a branch of the International Barbers' Union and officers were elected provisionally. The new union will take in journeymen barbers and barbers who conduct their shop without help. Its object is to improve the condition of the working barbers, and establish conditions in the shops assuring a sanitary shave. There was a good attendance at the meeting and it is said that all the barbers in the city eligible to membership are likely to join.

PERSONAL

Arthur McGuire, of the Canada Cement Company, arrived yesterday on the Montreal train to spend Christmas with his parents on Dorchester street. Edmond Lunney, John O'Regan and Frank Scully who have been studying at McGill University, arrived home last Saturday.

Waists

It is folly to pass by those lovely waists which P. A. Dykeman & Co. are showing when you are looking for a Christmas present for a lady. They are their 1912 waists, exclusive styles, and sold at prices never equalled before. Lawn waists from 75 cents to \$4.00; lace waists from \$1.50 to \$6.50; and silk waists from \$1.50 to \$7.50. They have a special lot on sale at \$2.75 that are made from a fine quality of messaline silk and trimmed with lace net. These come in all sizes and in a very large variety of colors. These waists sell ordinarily for \$4.00, but our Christmas price is \$2.75.

Opera House Tonight. Sidney Toler, Miss McHenry and associate players presenting "The Thief" at the Opera House tonight and Tuesday. See ads in announcement columns concerning Christmas day.

Special Turkey Supper at Wynn's maker's tonight from 5 to 8.

DR. CURREY PASSED AWAY YESTERDAY

Well Known Lawyer Found Dead in Bed Sunday Morning.

TALEN SUDDENLY ILL ON SATURDAY NIGHT

Illness Not Expected to Prove Fatal and Death Came as Great Shock to Family and Friends.

The community was shocked yesterday on learning of the death of Dr. L. A. Currey, M.A., K.C., one of the best known members of the legal profession, which occurred suddenly Sunday morning, shortly after 5 o'clock, at his home 138 Charlotte street. His death came as a surprise to the members of his household as well as to his friends and acquaintances, for although he had been a victim of heart trouble for several months, the illness which overtook him late on Saturday was not considered fatal at the time. Returning home Saturday night Dr. Currey complained of feeling ill, and after he had retired, medical help was summoned. The illness was diagnosed as heart weakness, but as he had been subject to similar attacks in the past it was thought that of Saturday would be no thought of the attack terminating as it did. During the night he appeared to be resting comfortably, and on going to his room early yesterday morning his sister, Miss Eliza Currey found him sleeping and apparently all right. Returning about half past eight o'clock she found him dead.

Lemuel Allen Currey, M. A., D.C.L., K. C., had for many years been among the leading barristers of this city, and was a man of brilliant attainments. Born in Gagetown, Queens county on July 11, 1856, he was a son of James Currey who for many years practiced law in that place. His early education was received in the grammar school at Gagetown, and in which school he afterwards became principal, previous to taking up the study of law. In 1874 he took a course in military training at Fredericton, receiving his certificate. Afterwards, going to the University of New Brunswick he distinguished himself. In 1878 he graduated from the university, winning honors in the first division of his class, and received the special prize awarded for general proficiency.

Leaving his alma mater he entered his father's office as a student-at-law. In 1880 he entered Harvard law college where he followed a special course during the ensuing year. Completing his studies at Harvard he came to this city and entered the office of Dr. Silas Alward. The following year, 1882, he was admitted as an attorney and the next year as barrister-at-law. Upon being admitted as a barrister Dr. Currey began a career which soon brought him into prominence among the members of his profession. Being all times a painstaking and industrious student he forged rapidly into the front ranks of his profession, and received the degree of D.C.L. (in course) from the University of New Brunswick.

Since embarking upon his profession he has practiced constantly in this city having a large clientele. During the past few years, however, he has devoted himself to business interests to a great extent, being interested in the river steamship service, being manager of the St. John River Steamship Company.

The late Dr. Currey married Miss Childs, of Ann Arbor, Michigan, who with five children survives him. He also leaves his mother, and three sisters. The children are William Childs, the oldest, aged seventeen; Julia Catherine, Allen Robert, Marian Elizabeth and June Louise. The sisters are Mrs. Robert Davis, Mrs. Thomas Gilbert, and Miss Eliza Currey.

DR. COX ADDRESSED ST. PETER'S Y.M.A. ON AN INTERESTING TOPIC

Eminent Scientist Delivered Excellent Lecture on the Movements on Our Celestial Neighbors, to good audience

Before a large audience in the rooms of the St. Peter's Y. M. A., yesterday afternoon Dr. Cox of the teaching staff of the University of New Brunswick, delivered an interesting and instructive lecture on "Our Celestial Neighbors."

The speaker explained thoroughly the composition of the solar system, and the motions of the various planets. The exact location of each star and group of stars, and their position relative to the other members of the solar system was clearly pointed out by means of charts and drawings.

Dr. Cox then discussed the proximity of each planet to the sun, the appearance of each and the probable composition of its surface and containing dwell on the changes in temperature and their effect on the celestial bodies. He also explained the manner in which these bodies developed light while passing through space.

MANY BASKETS FOR THE POOR

Provisions Collected by Sunday School Children to be Distributed to those in Want.

Excellent Work Done by Three Churches Yesterday—Over 125 Baskets will be Given Out by Centenary.

Yesterday afternoon in many of the Sunday schools was given to special services with a view of collecting material to fill Christmas baskets for the poor. As a result of this charitable effort many of the poor people will be presented with well filled baskets before Christmas Eve.

Centenary Methodist. Following the custom of the past six years the Centenary Methodist church Sunday school held their annual mission offering when the sum of \$63.34 was collected to forward the work in foreign lands while for the home missions a vast pile of food of all kinds assures a hearty Christmas dinner for the poor of the church. Last year 110 well filled baskets were distributed and the committee in charge expect this season to surpass all previous records.

The schoolroom was decorated in keeping with the season in evergreen and red, while a Christmas tree trimmed in the most approved manner added much to the effect of the decorations. This tree was arranged and decorated in a rather peculiar manner, consisting of thirty small trees, one from each class, without any ornaments. These were secured by the classes some days ago. Yesterday afternoon the sum of money raised by the class for foreign missions was also tied on, the whole being taken to the platform by the teacher who attached it to a framework, with the result that when all thirty classes contributed the effect was highly pleasing.

Each class also presented different articles for the baskets and the platform grocer had a wide variety of work almost two hundred families will receive a Christmas dinner which they otherwise would have had to go without.

F. R. Murray, who for several years past has acted as superintendent of the school, was on the platform and in a short address made farewell to the children. Mr. Murray leaves on Tuesday for Vancouver, J. E. Arthur, the new superintendent of the school, presided.

In the Brussels street Baptist church the lady workers under the supervision of Miss Stella Payson did sterling work toward helping the poor to spend a cheerful Christmas. During the past week these ladies have been busy collecting the names and addresses of those in want and instructed to spend a cheerful Christmas. During the past week these ladies have been busy collecting the names and addresses of those in want and instructed to spend a cheerful Christmas.

RAISED \$800 FOR ORPHANS

Annual Statement Presented in Cathedral Yesterday Morning—Bishop LeBlanc Headed for First Time.

In the cathedral yesterday morning the 9 o'clock service His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc officiated for the first time since his elevation to the episcopate, celebrating the mass and also preaching an eloquent sermon.

His Lordship made a favorable impression on his first appearance. In a short address prior to the sermon of the day he thanked the members of the congregation for the sentiments of loyalty and the cordiality they had shown to him on his arrival as bishop of St. John. He extended his thanks to Monsignor Chapman, Dr. A. W. Meahan and all the priests of the city who had assisted in the arrangements in connection with the reception and consecration.

In taking up his duties as their bishop, he said it afforded him great joy to see the loyalty to the doctrine of the head of the church evidenced by the Catholics of the city and their faith in their submission to the choice of the Holy Father.

His Lordship delivered a practical sermon on the epistle of the day. Possessing a sweet, clear and penetrating voice, he gave evidence of being a strong pulpit orator, his language simple, sincere and convincing in expressing himself. His first sermon was heard with keen appreciation by the congregation.

CHRISTMAS TRADE BEST ON RECORD

Already Some Merchants Report it Ahead of Last Year's Total.

TWO MORE DAYS AND THEN SANTA CLAUS

Feature of Christmas Business this Year has been Large Increase in Cash Sales—Sign of Prosperity.

Although weather conditions have been very unsatisfactory for Christmas shopping, what with heavy rains, high winds, and dusty streets, local merchants report that their Christmas business has been ahead of any previous year, and the heaviest buying days are yet to come. Several King street merchants informed The Standard that their sales up to Friday night were equal to or in excess of their whole Christmas business last year, and in the past at any rate, the biggest business has been done on the two days immediately preceding Christmas. A gratifying feature of the Christmas trade this year from the merchants' view point, is that nearly everybody is putting down the cash for their purchases.

Many merchants express surprise at the amount of money the people seem to have to spend. There has been a big demand for expensive articles, and in general the quality of articles purchased by the Christmas shoppers is better than in past years. That the exceptionally good Christmas business is a reflection of the improvement in conditions during the year and the general feeling of optimism in regard to the outlook for the future, is the opinion of the merchants, who look for a steady expansion of business during the coming year.

Grocers, butchers and confectioners say that the demand for commodities like the Christmas table this year, is much better than last year when it broke all previous records. At the country market on Saturday there was a fine demand for all sorts and prices were strong, ranging from 25 to 28 cents. What the next day or two will bring forth in the way of prices for the main features of the Christmas dinners of the multitude, nobody seemed willing to prophesy, but they are not likely to be less than last year's. Grocers say that about every household in the city must be busy making up the Christmas table this year, in the demand for the ingredients of that famous promoter of nightmares.

The countrymen are selling a large number of Christmas trees, and the toy shops are supplying Santa Claus with a big and splendid assortment of novelties with which to stock the stockings of the kids. Wise youngsters are examining the chimneys to see that there are no obstructions to the descent of the funny old gent with the whiskers, and the reindeers.

POLICE RIDDLE MAY BE SOLVED THIS AFTERNOON

Commissioner of Public Safety May Tell Council How He Will Get Along with One Police Officer.

The city council will meet today, and it is expected some of the commissioners will give an account of their stewardship as a Christmas present to the citizens. It is understood that Com. McLellan will present the estimates for the fire department for next year, and that they will be about the same as last year. It is probable, too, he will ask the council to ratify the resolution passed at a committee meeting, on December 12th, that the police force be reduced to 21st. There is some curiosity to know what will follow the reduction of the force to one man, as it is not generally believed that the commission form of government has produced conditions so ideal that one policeman is sufficient.

Other commissioners are working on their estimates, but they will probably not do anything today to lessen the citizens' enjoyment of the Christmas festivities.

The matter of reclaiming a site for the McAvity industry has been advanced a stage by the discussion on Saturday, but it is not likely to be taken up again before the meeting today.

TUNGSTEN LIGHTS IN TWO CHURCHES

An interesting feature of the Christmas services in St. Mary's church, Waterloo street, and St. John's church, King street east, was the use for the first time of their new tungsten lights. The work in both instances was done by Hiram Webb & Son, 91 Germain street, and the commendation of each church has expressed its appreciation of the new lighting by the results.

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A Breezy News Item From Our Costume Section

And Just in Time for Xmas Buying Gifts to Please the Misses and Women Folk

What could be more pleasing to the school girl than a nice new dress to start with after the holidays? What would be a more appropriate time to give such than now, the Christmas time?

We have a nice assortment of Children's and Misses' School Dresses, the kind that wear well. Shown in a variety of styles, including the popular Middy, Sailor and Norfolk Suits in navy and brown, trimmed with contrasting shades. Sizes from 5 to 13 years. Also a nice assortment of Dresses suitable for girls 14 to 18 years in tan, grey, Copenhagen, brown and navy, very smart, simply made, these suits are decidedly girlish.

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Here is a Gift that will look well, wear well, made of soft satin they are just the thing for the narrow skirts, now worn, the shades are tan, black, cerise and Paddy green. The price is \$4.25. Added to this we show an assortment of Plain Taffeta Underskirts in plain colors from \$4.15 to \$8.25, also shot effects at \$5.25.

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Rich Xmas Suggestions from This Department

- d'Oysey, 6 to 12 inches, each...25c. to 75c. Covers, round and square, each...\$2.50 to \$9.00
- Centres, 15 to 23 inches, each...90c. to \$5.00 Mureau Scarfs, each...\$1.50 to \$5.00
- Trays, oval and oblong, each...\$1.50 to \$4.50 Buffet Scarfs, each...\$1.75 to \$6.00

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