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D. R. JACK'S QUEER FELLOW-PASSENGERS

St. John Man Sailed With a Company of Mormons

THEIR NEW CRUSADE

The Telegraph's Special Correspondent Studies the Saints at Close Range—They Have a Colony in Canada, and Are an Aggressive and Powerful Sect.

Editor's Note—Mr. D. Russell Jack left St. John some weeks ago for an extended tour in Europe. He expects to go to St. Petersburg and Moscow. Mr. Jack has kindly consented to write a series of letters for The Telegraph, discussing subjects of interest. The first letter, which came to hand yesterday, is presented herewith.

(By D. Russell Jack.)

Liverpool, Dec. 8.—On Wednesday afternoon, the 20th November, the S.S. "Winifred" sailed from Boston, carrying on board about fifty-eight passengers. She had scarcely passed Boston light before it became known that there were several Mormons on board. Every man at once regarded his room-mate with suspicion, and to wonder, among other things, as to how many wives he was husband to. Each person kept from everybody else, and an unusually long time elapsed before the customary friendships were formed. Shuffle-board, whist, betting on the day's run, and the other usual pastimes of an ocean voyage were not even mentioned. The smoke-room was deserted, and the bar steward informed a chance customer that never in his life had he seen such a dry crowd.

Sheep and Goats.

On Sunday morning, service was held as usual, at which nearly all the passengers attended. Upon leaving the ship, later in the day, some of their number were much surprised to find upon the bulletin board a notice informing them that Divine service would again be held at 2.30 p. m. Those who attended the second service found about forty-eight persons present, the exercises commencing with hymn sung to the air familiarly known to many as "The Old Oaken Bucket." Then followed the communion of the Lord's Supper, of which all present, with about five exceptions, partook, water being used in place of the customary wine. Needless to say, from this time on, the sheep and the goats were clearly divided, and those of the passengers who were not of the Mormon party were soon on friendly terms with each other.

On Monday evening, the usual concert was held in the dining saloon, which was attended by all of the Mormon party, the leader, an archaeologist who had spent several years in the investigation of prehistoric ruins of ancient cities of Central and Southern America, giving a brief, but deeply interesting account of his work.

The Mormon Faith.

To return to the service. Following the communion an address on Mormonism was given, the articles of Faith of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints were read, and the meeting was declared open to any who wished to speak. Two or three members availed themselves of this privilege, and the service concluded with a second hymn.

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HIS NEW OFFICE PUZZLES "BOBS"

Lord Roberts, Former Commander-in-Chief, Made Master Gunner of St. James' Park.

London, Dec. 25.—Lord Roberts, it is reported, is quite in a quandary regarding his recent appointment as master gunner of St. James' Park. The sensation in military circles was considerable, because no one had ever heard of such an appointment.

The Horse Guards, the War Office, the Lord Chamberlain's department and the office of works all profess complete ignorance on the subject. The military staff of St. James' Palace disclaim all knowledge of such a post, but a learned antiquarian in a minor government office hazarded the opinion that it was a department of the office of the keeper of the King's ornaments, an important post created simultaneously with that of keeper of the Birdage Walk, at the time King Charles II. hung that famous promenade with bird cages, and subsequently amalgamated with that office and then, unfortunately, abolished. Rumor has it that there is a salary of £6,000 a day attached to the post of master gunner, and it is the object in ordering the royal salutes to be fired on appropriate occasions.

Lord Roberts is now engaged in justifying anxious inquiries about his duties. By the way, there are only two commandants now left in St. James' Park to be fed daily.

DECLARED BOTH MEN ELECTED

Sheriff Returns Premier Peters and Opponent for Same Seat

NEW ELECTION LIKELY

Benjamin Heariz, President of Merchants' Bank, Seriously Ill—Cold Wave Strikes P. E. Island and Straits Are Filled With Heavy Ice.

Georgetown, P.E.I., Dec. 25.—(Special)—The sheriff of Kings county held court Saturday to consider the objections raised in the second district of Kings against the action of the candidates in the provincial election. The objections were dismissed and the sheriff declared Premier Peters and H. D. McEwen to have the same number of votes—515. What the outcome will be is not yet known, but it will probably mean a new election.

Benj. Heariz, president of the Merchants' Bank, P. E. Island, continues very ill, and his condition is serious. Mr. Heariz arrived home recently from California, where he had gone for the benefit of his health.

A cold wave struck the Island Christmas day, the temperature being 10 below. The straits are filled up with the heaviest ice known at this date for many years past.

FREDERICTON FLYERS ON ICE SPEEDWAY

Rev. J. H. McDonald Hand-somely Remembered by Sabbath School—Death of Charles Estey.

Fredericton, Dec. 25.—(Special)—Today was generally observed here as a public holiday, all business being suspended. The weather was fine, but rather cold for comfort out of doors.

The horse races on the ice in the afternoon attracted a large crowd of spectators, but proved rather disappointing. A regular programme had been prepared for the trotters and pacers, but the absence of Sheriff Sterling, the owner of the fastest trotter Louise M., on account of illness, rather upset arrangements.

Among the fast ones seen on the ice were McCoy's Moxey; Hugh Calder's Kromont, A. B. Edgcombe's Comber, Patty Bangs, Recorder, Colter's MacDuff, Bert Luce's Sligo, Norman Edgcombe's Killy, Harry Gibson's Corn, J. C. Allen's Lillie, Burden's Bourbon Bell, Harry McClelland's Electric, and Hugh O'Neill's Annie. There were a few spurs, but they were rather unsatisfactory from a spectators' standpoint. Kromont and Moxey appeared to have things pretty much their own way.

Rev. J. H. McDonald, rector of the Baptist church, was on Sunday afternoon presented with an address and a purse of \$100 by the members of the Sabbath school. The chairman, George W. Adams, made the presentation.

Among those who spent the holiday with relatives here are Mr. and Mrs. Lee Street, of Boston, and A. M. McEllan, Chas. H. McGinn, of Moncton; Lewis Owens, of Charlottetown; C. Robinson, of Montreal; D. B. Winslow, W. J. Perks and Atherton Osburn, of St. John; Hay Barker, of Springfield, and John McSorley, of Detroit.

Charles Estey, one of the city's oldest residents, died at Victoria Hospital Sunday, after a few days' illness from pneumonia, aged 83. He was a veteran of the civil war and a pensioner of the United States government. Deceased was a native of Douglas and at one time carried on a milling business at Royal Road. He was unmarried. Richard A. Estey, of this city, is a nephew. The late Mr. Estey was a familiar figure about the streets for many years and was highly esteemed by his acquaintances.

TWO INJURED IN TRAIN SMASH-UP

Springfield, Mass., Dec. 25.—The Boston & Albany passenger train known as the "Governor's train," due to leave this city east bound at 9.10 a. m., was wrecked near Smith's Crossing, between Springfield and Westfield, about 9 o'clock this morning by colliding with the rear end of a hog train which was running ahead of it and which had stopped to remedy a breakdown to the engine.

The engine of the passenger train went down a steep embankment, overturned and demolished, carrying Engineer Merritt and Fireman Wheeler with it, the former crawling from the wrecked cab badly injured. His legs were badly scalded, he received bad scalp wounds and internal injuries are feared. He was taken to Mercy Hospital in this city, where it is believed he will recover. Fireman Wheeler was not much hurt.

SECOND TURBINE LINER LAUNCHED

Allan Owners Are Confident of Success of the Virginian and the Victorian

FIRST TO CROSS ATLANTIC

Every Test So Far Applied for Engines Has More Than Realized Expectations—Virginian an Improvement on Sister Ship in Speed.

London, Dec. 25.—Inquiries made at headquarters regarding the reports published in New York of unsatisfactory results obtained by the new turbine steamship Victorian on her trial show them to be quite unfounded.

It appears that the Victorian's engines are not yet on board the ship, so that they could not have been tried in the way represented in the story. Every test, moreover, which so far has been applied has been absolutely satisfactory, and has more than realized the expectations of Messrs. James and Alexander Allan, the owners.

Nothing whatever has happened to shake their belief in the turbine engines of the Victorian or of her sister ship, the Virginian, launched this week from Stephen & Sons' yard at Limehouse (Govan).

The launch of the Virginian marks a further advance in progress of the turbine as applied to ocean steamers, and the Victorian and Virginian will be the first turbine liners to cross the Atlantic.

The Virginian, which is of 11,200 tons, is the larger, and will be the faster vessel, and in every respect an improvement on anything yet built for the Allan line.

Her dimensions are 540 feet over all, 80 feet beam and 41 feet deep. She has accommodation for 1,450 passengers, of whom 470 are first class.

SOUP KITCHENS OPENED AT FALL RIVER

Much Suffering Among Strikers Notwithstanding Efforts of Charitable.

Fall River, Mass., Dec. 25.—Every effort was made by the Salvation Army, the Associated Charities and benevolent people of present quality before the courts, for the striking cotton mill employees of this city a joyous Christmas. Toys of food, warm clothing and goodies were distributed, yet tonight the Salvation Army encampment said that there was much actual suffering in the city which they could not relieve.

Soup kitchens were open all day, and bread and broth were given in generous quantities. Numerous families received presents of fuel, while others were supplied with needed clothing. Three carloads came from Boston and materially assisted in the work of relief.

A large meeting was held in Salvation Army hall this afternoon and addresses of encouragement were made by President Golden, of the Textile Workers, and Charles T. Sherer, of Worcester.

SHERIFF WAITING FOR DR. CHADWICK

Husband of Notorious Woman Will Be Arrested on Arrival at New York.

New York, Dec. 25.—Sheriff Barry, of Cleveland, reached New York this afternoon from Albany and went to the Hoffman House, where he will remain until the arrival of the steamship Pretoria, which is bringing to this country Dr. Leroy S. Chadwick, of Cleveland, and his daughter, Miss Mary Chadwick.

Mr. Barry was not at all disconcerted over his inability to obtain the requisition papers from Governor Odell which will permit him to take Dr. Chadwick to Ohio.

SIBERIAN BEARS INVADE VILLAGES

San Francisco, Dec. 25.—Captain Thaing, of the steamer Harold Dowar, which has returned from the eastern coast of Siberia, tells of an invasion of the cities and villages of the Kamchatka peninsula by hundreds of starving Siberian bears. The ferocious animals, driven from the uninhabited regions of the island and for days kept the natives in a state of semi-hunger.

In Ustakamichka, a town near the city of Petropavlovsk, 150 of the savage brutes were shot in a single day as they roamed among the houses in search of food.

REFORM UKASE OF CZAR ISSUED

Freedom of Press and Religious Liberty Are Promised

FAIR TRIAL FOR ALL

Document Gives Greatest Satisfaction to the Oppressed—Fierce Riots Erupt in Poland During Mobilization of Troops for Far East.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Emperor Nicholas' long expected reform ukase was issued tonight. The document deals, under right heads, with practically all the subjects brought to the emperor's attention by the memorial of the Congress of Zemstvo presidents held here last month, and while not specifically pledging the government to carry out the various reforms in their entirety, as demanded by the memorial, promises that each shall be referred to the council of ministers with orders to report promptly on the fullest measures of relief which can be accorded on the various subjects.

One question not touched by the ukase is that of the constitutional assembly. Neither is the Jewish religion specifically mentioned, though freedom for all creeds or sects, whether Christian or otherwise, is among the subjects which will be dealt with.

The various subjects will be referred to committees for early report. In brief, the subjects which will be referred to committees of the council of ministers for early report are:

First—A just and equitable enforcement of existing laws, with a view to securing the harmonious administration of all the laws.

Second—Zemstvo organization, with a view to giving the widest latitude and autonomy to the various district Zemstvos, calling additional Zemstvo representatives where required and creating small Zemstvo units capable of dealing directly with the local needs of the peasants.

Third—Equality of all citizens before the law, thus touching the much mooted question of peasant equality before the courts.

Fourth—Arranging a scheme of workmen's assurance for the benefit and protection of factory workers throughout the empire.

Fifth—To secure citizens against arbitrary arrest and to accord immunity from harsh action of the police except in the case of persons charged with conspiring to commit overt acts against the stability of the state.

Sixth—The religious freedom of all subjects of the empire without respect of creed or manner of worship.

Seventh—For rescinding all unnecessary repressive laws, leaving in force only those designed for the protection of persons and property, and the general safety of subjects of the empire.

Eighth—To accord the fullest possible measure of liberty with the strictest possible restrictions.

The ukase was issued so late that its contents were not generally known until the next morning, when the various offices, till long after midnight. Among those able to express an opinion, it was considered to be a document whose interpretation given by the various committees as to the measure of liberty which it is possible to grant under the various heads named. Nature ally it has not met with the fullest wishes of the Liberals, but on the other hand it is regarded by the reactionaries as promising entirely too much in the direction of liberal reforms. It is complained, also, that there is some ambiguity of expression in the various sections of the document, which must be left to interpretation by those to whom the various reforms are entrusted.

Russians Kill 100 Japs? Mukden, Dec. 25.—Volunteers who crossed the Shalche river on Friday surprised a force of the enemy, killing about 100 and taking fifteen prisoners. The Russian losses were trifling.

Riots Continue in Russia. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—While the new mobilization is proceeding quietly in most places, disorders are reported to have occurred in Poland. The most serious disturbance was at Rason yesterday, where one colonel was killed and a gendarme wounded. There has also been considerable rioting at Bakhout, where 6,000 communists pillaged a few houses and burnt stables. No one, however, was killed.

American Attaches Coming Home. St. Petersburg, Dec. 25.—Lieut. Col. Walter S. Schuyler and Captain Carl Ketchum, the United States military attaches with General Kuropatkin's army, have arrived here, making the journey from Mukden to St. Petersburg in twenty-four days. After completing their formal calls they will leave immediately for Washington. Both officers have seen much fighting, having been present at the battles of Vafangchow, Liao Yang and Shalche. They express satisfaction with the treatment accorded them, but as they see the front under pledge not to reveal anything they had seen, they consider it would be improper to discuss the military situation.

Cold at Truro. Truro, N. S., Dec. 25.—(Special)—The thermometer dropped to 22 degrees below zero here this morning.

CAMPBELLTON HAS \$40,000 FIRE

Wm. Currie & Co. Sash and Door Factory Totally Destroyed

PARTIALLY INSURED

Second Mill That Same Concern Has Lost Within a Year—Christmas Trade at Dalhousie Above the Average—Smelt Fishing Poor.

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 25.—(Special)—The Campbellton Sash and Door Factory belonging to Wm. Currie & Co., was destroyed by fire on Christmas night together with a large quantity of prepared lumber.

The fire occurred about midnight and only a few lumber piles situated at a distance were saved. The loss of property is about \$40,000, partially insured. This is the second mill destroyed this year by fire belonging to the same firm. The last one was located at East River Crossing. The town of Campbellton will feel the last fire as at least thirty hands were employed.

The weather and roads for Christmas trade were good. Dalhousie was well supplied with meat and poultry by the Quebec farmers. Merchant trade above the average and has closed their stores today in honor of Christmas.

NEW YORK CHRISTMAS MARRIED BY MANY PATHETIC DEATHS

Women and Children Dead from Privation—Two Die in Burning Building.

New York, Dec. 25.—The celebration in New York of the glad Christmas tide was not without its pathetic features, and many sad cases came to the attention of the authorities. A neatly dressed young woman was found unconscious on a bench in Riverside Drive today. The drifting snow had partially hidden her from view. The girl died before reaching a hospital. The ambulance surgeon was of the opinion that death resulted from long exposure without nourishment. It is believed she wandered all Christmas day and night until she sank down and died in plain sight of some of the finest drives in New York.

Nine-year-old Jeanette McCoy, of East 102nd street, whose father was ill and unable to work, has been caring for her young brothers and sisters while her mother supported the family by washing and scrubbing. Today the little girl, worn out by her efforts, was taken to a hospital where it was found she was suffering from diphtheria, and a few hours later she was dead. The physicians said she had literally starved herself to death in her endeavor to keep the other four children alive.

Two brutal holdups, one of which may result in the death of George Saxon, took up the attention of the Brooklyn police today. Saxon was set upon in the street by three men who struck him with a base ball bat, fracturing his skull. The foe-pole was frightened away while in the act of robbing the man.

Alexander Maselwick and Alonzo Westwick, of Brooklyn, were severely beaten by highwaymen and robbed of \$100 in Brooklyn.

A fire in an Allen street house early today, following a Christmas celebration, caused the death of two women and a man. The serious injury of two women and a man.

Nan Patterson, accused of the murder of "Cesar" Young, passed a gloomy Christmas in the Pumbala hospital.

Christmas through the snow while suffering from pneumonia, Mrs. Mary Schneider, aged 23, fell swooning on a sidewalk in 45th street. Her husband died five months ago and left her penniless and she had been harbored by a woman friend. Her benefactor's husband became ill and believed he was about to be dispossessed. Fought, with starvation facing her and feeling very ill, Mrs. Schneider started to walk through the snow and aet to a hospital. Her strength failed and she fainted.

The physicians at Roosevelt hospital said she was suffering from double pneumonia and would die.

With her five months old baby in arms and four-year-old daughter toddling by her side, Mrs. Mollie Carry appealed to the authorities for food to keep her children alive. She had been dispossessed. William McGowan, of East 116th street, presided as Santa Claus at a merry Christmas party and entertained the household. He retired and was later found dead in bed with the gas pouring from a jet. It is thought his death was accidental.

An Italian was found dead and another dying in a Brooklyn hotel from asphyxiation. It is believed a gas jet was unintentionally turned on.

Following a trivial quarrel with his wife, Conrad Fredericks hanged himself in the house in East 45th street.

HALIFAX SHAKEN BY EXPLOSION

Powder Mill at Waverly, Ten Miles Away, Blew Up

FELT FORTY MILES

Chester Shaken Up—Windows and Dishes Broken in Many Places, and People Thought It Was an Earthquake—One Slightly Injured.

Halifax, Dec. 25.—(Special)—A terrible explosion occurred about 10.30 this morning at Acadia Powder Company's mill at Waverly, about 10 miles from Halifax, on the Dartmouth side.

Nearly a ton of powder went off in the drying mill, said to be from over-heating. The force of the explosion was felt for miles and the building in which it occurred blown to pieces.

Strange to say no one was killed and only one employe named Geo. Murray, slightly injured.

The force of the explosion was felt in the city to such an extent that many thought it had occurred at Ordnance wharf or dockyard. A number of windows were broken about the city and dishes were knocked from tables and shelves and broken.

The houses at the north end of the city were shaken as though by an earthquake and the occupants in many cases rushed into the street to try and ascertain the cause.

The report was distinctly heard at Chester, forty miles west of Halifax, and Ben-frew and Oldham also received a "shaking up." Trees in the vicinity of the mill at Waverly were uprooted.

The loss is said to be about \$10,000.

NEGROES SHOT DOWN WHILE WORSHIPPING

Pastor and Two Others Fatally Wounded—White Assailant Killed by Bullet of Friend.

Nanocville, Ala., Dec. 25.—While a negro congregation was holding a Christmas celebration in a church at Stouss Mountain, a mining camp near here, a volley of shots was fired into the church from the outside. Rev. Clay, the pastor, was shot through the hips and will die. Two other men were probably fatally wounded. The other negroes hurried out of the building and ran in every direction. Later the dead body of Henry Jett, a white miner, was found near the church with a revolver lying near by. It is supposed he was a member of the shooting party and was accidentally killed by one of his companions. John Jett, a brother of the dead man, and Ted Blackwell, both white miners, have been arrested.

NEW YORK BROKER COMMITS SUICIDE

Despondency Over Loss of Money Made George S. Evans Take His Life.

New York, Dec. 25.—Made desperate by the failure of the American Fuel Corporation, of which he was the secretary, Geo. S. Evans, a broker and promoter, ended his life in a hotel in Jersey City today by shooting himself in the head.

When he committed the act his wife was sitting before a window in the residence of her father in Bloomfield (N. J.) awaiting the promised coming of her husband, and she saw the messenger who brought the announcement of the tragedy. Upon hearing the sad news, Mrs. Evans fainted and is now in a serious condition under the care of a physician.

Evans was well known in New York's financial district. When the company of which he was secretary went out of business Evans is said to have suffered heavy financial loss, and since then had been despondent.

Ottawa Majority Contest. Ottawa, Dec. 25.—(Special)—Sir Wilfrid Laurier left today for Quebec and will return on Thursday.

Mayor Ellis was nominated today for second term of mayoralty. He will be opposed by ex-Mayor Morris. Both are Conservatives. For aldermen there will be a contest in every ward.

Murdered His Aunt. Port Huron, Mich., Dec. 25.—George Bears, who was arrested at Flint today, confessed, Sheriff Davidson says, to the murder of his aunt, Mrs. Abel Brown, on her farm last Friday. Mrs. Brown's head was crushed and she was stabbed several times. The officers say that Bears said he was infatuated with his aunt.

ANOTHER BIG SENSATION IN NEW YORK

Startling Disclosures Looked for About Dodge-Morse Divorce

A CHURCH SCANDAL

Rector Refuses a Four-times Divorced Woman the Communion, and Her Friend the Bishop Unfrocks Him—Church Dignitaries Dragged In.

(From Our Own Correspondent.) New York, Dec. 25.—The true story of what is known as the Dodge-Morse case contains all the elements of an imaginative highly colored sensational novel. The beautiful but honest wife, the poor but dishonest husband, the millionaire admirer, the obliging lawyers, the complainant judge, the friend in high official place, the wealthy woman rival; these are some of the characters of this startling drama, which will likely be rendered on the play bills "interior of a prison cell."

The matter goes far deeper than the legal status of Mrs. Dodge, or Mrs. Morse—the courts have adjudged her both and neither. It affects the entire divorce system of the country, and lays bare the shameful practices by which a man can acquire another man's wife legally, if he has money enough. The constantly growing idea that money can do anything is at the root of all this miasmatic bunch of vegetation called the Dodge-Morse case.

A certain group of lawyers in this city has made it their boast that, provided with money enough, they would get a divorce for anybody, even if the party of the second part were innocent and unwilling. Many a pure woman's reputation has been ruined, many a man's home wrecked, many a home broken up forever by these sharks of the divorce courts.

Score of Lawyers Affected. Few who read of the Dodge-Morse case have anything but the vaguest idea of what it is all about. Connected with it in one way or another are a score of lawyers, some of whom are known all over the country, a multi-millionaire trust magnate, a former mayor of the city of New York, a justice of the supreme court and the rich widow of a bank president, whose the poor Pullman car conductor, whose wife's good looks attracted the attention of the host of superintendents.

Charles F. Dodge was a Pullman car conductor. Chas. W. Morse was, and is, a very wealthy man, now one of the big trusts, and a man of much political influence in New York. Mrs. Dodge got a divorce in this city from her husband and married Morse. Dodge didn't defend the suit. Subsequently Dodge came forward and made affidavit that the complaint in the suit had never been served upon him (although certain lawyers had taken personal service). With this Morse himself brought a suit to have his wife's divorce from Dodge annulled on the ground that it had been obtained by fraud. The law firm of Howe & Hummel acted for him in this suit. The divorce was annulled, the effect being to leave Mrs. Morse Dodge's wife again, and to leave her in the position of never having been Morse's wife.

Life of Both and Neither. Further legal moves annulled the annulment, so that Mrs. Morse is now a widow, that the woman is Mrs. Dodge, that she is Mrs. Morse, that she is the wife of both of them, and the wife of neither of them.

Dodge, after the first annulment of his wife's divorce, suddenly blossomed out with much money. When District-Attorney Jerome had him indicted here for perjury he fled to Texas. Abe Katzenbach, a representative of Howe & Hummel, went to Texas too, and for months a most remarkable siege was kept up. Once the New York lawyer chartered a vessel, and tried to slip Dodge into Mexican security. Thousands and thousands of dollars were spent by somebody. Dodge had none of his own, until somebody gave it to him.

After a bitter fight Jerome has succeeded in getting Dodge here and by a clever coup succeeded in preventing any of the counsel interested from seeing him. He has every detail of the whole story, from start to finish, and is carefully getting together corroborative evidence.

That a firm of lawyers known on both sides of the ocean is most intensely interested in what the grand jury will do in the coming week is well known. And the only party expressed in the brief quotation of the district-attorney, "Those that live by the sword, shall perish by the sword."

A Church Scandal. The Protestant Episcopal Church of America is likely to be much stirred by the persistent talk of scandal in connection with the charges against Bishop Talbot, of Pennsylvania. The central figures are the Rt. Rev. Bishop Ethelbert Talbot, of Central Pennsylvania; Mrs. Emma D. Elliott, the social leader of Newport, Philadelphia and Huntington, Pennsylvania, daughter of the late General Deane, half-sister of the former Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, who is now Mrs. G. H. Belmont, the mother of the Purchase

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FROM ALL OVER NEW BRUNSWICK

SACKVILLE.

Sackville, Dec. 22—Charles Whiston and Colin Alma Hicks were united in marriage Wednesday evening at the residence of the bride's father, Rev. E. L. Steeves performed the ceremony in the presence of 140 guests. The bride was handily escorted in white silk with blue veils with white silk trimmings of lace, wore a veil and orange blossoms. She was attended by her sister, Miss Leta Hicks, who wore blue veils with white silk trimmings. A. B. Phinney acted as the best man. After the ceremony a tempting wedding supper was served to which all did ample justice. The bride received many valuable presents, among them being an elegant gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom. The wedding march was rendered beautifully by Misses Robertson, Sinclair, and Phinney. The vocal soloists were Misses Robertson, Sinclair, and Phinney. The marriage of Fred R. Phinney and Maud Hicks was solemnized at the bride's home on Wednesday evening. Rev. E. L. Steeves tied the sacred knot in the presence of 40 invited guests. A wedding feast was served at 7 o'clock. The bride was becomingly gowned in blue and white silk and looked charming. She was accompanied by her sister, Miss Leta Hicks, who wore blue veils with white silk trimmings. The groom was in a dark suit and was accompanied by his brother, Mr. J. W. Phinney. After the ceremony a wedding supper was served to which all did ample justice. The bride received many valuable presents, among them being an elegant gold watch and chain, the gift of the groom. The wedding march was rendered beautifully by Misses Robertson, Sinclair, and Phinney. The vocal soloists were Misses Robertson, Sinclair, and Phinney.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Dec. 22—Mr. and Mrs. Walter Scott are spending the week in Montreal. Mr. R. H. Wing, manager of the American Lumber Company, Tracadie, and Mrs. Wing, spent part of the week in town. Miss Jean C. Leishman, who has been visiting Miss Mark, Fredericton, for some weeks, is home again. Miss Ruby Miller, of Millerton, was the guest of Mrs. James G. Miller on Thursday. Misses Mabel and Anna Bentley are home from Mr. Allison Academy for their holidays. Mrs. Simon Simpson, of Negus, was the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Robert Murray, part of the week. After spending two months with her son, Mr. C. F. Gross, Mrs. Gross, of Hillsboro, has returned to her home. Mrs. V. A. Daurville is spending the week at her home. Miss Gussie Kelly, who has been spending some weeks with her sister, Mrs. Ben. Hinch, has returned home. Captain and Mrs. Cowing, of New York, are in town. Mrs. James Dunn, of St. John, is in town and is the guest of Mrs. William Reid. Miss Agnes, daughter of Mr. Alexander Dick, of Napan, and Mr. Louis T. Dick were quietly married at St. John's church on Wednesday evening. Rev. J. Morris Maclean officiating. The bride wore a brown cloth suit, and had of same shade. She was unattended. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Dick drove to their home in Napan. Mrs. P. C. Johnson and daughter, Ada, have returned from a visit to relatives in Sackville (Mass.) and Fredericton. Miss Ida L. Hartland is spending her vacation with her sister, Mrs. P. H. C. Bacon, Melrose (Mass.). Miss Florence Flood, of the Campbellton convent teaching staff, is home for her holidays. Mrs. Joseph Goggin has returned from a visit to St. Stephen and St. John. Miss V. C. Wright is visiting Mrs. Frank Loggie, Loggieville. Miss Josie McNeil, Upper Blackville, is the guest of Miss Ella Gray. Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Window and their daughter, Miss Helen, returned from a visit to Mr. and Mrs. Warren C. Window for several weeks, have returned to Fredericton. Miss Irene Loggie, of Loggieville, was the guest of Miss Hazel McNeil on Sunday. Miss Jessie Blakeley, of Napan, has returned home from Boston. Mr. Clarence H. Hartman, who has entered the Chatham branch of the Bank of Nova Scotia. Miss Mamie Tweedie, who is attending Edgemoor, Windsor, is home on her vacation. Miss Maud Anderson has gone to Boston, where she expects to spend the winter with friends. Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Turnbull and little son have gone to Sydney. Misses Edith and Mary Winslow, students at the convent of the Sacred Heart, Halifax, are spending their holidays at home. Mrs. F. H. Marsland, who has been spending some weeks here, expects to leave this week for her home in Parsons, West Virginia. Mr. and Mrs. John McLagan, formerly of Newcastle but who have resided in Melrose (Mass.) during the last few years, have moved into their new home here. Miss Carrie Harriman, of Loggieville, spent part of last week with friends in Chatham. Chatham, Dec. 23—Frank Kelly, aged 24 years, an employe in the World office, met with quite a painful accident a few days ago. His foot caught in the press and was badly bruised before it could be extricated. Public schools closed today for the Christmas holidays. The medals, prizes and grade eight certificates won last year were presented to the pupils at the assembly hall of the Grammar school yesterday. Governor Snowball presiding. His honor presented the school with two hundred large flags, the Union Jack and a Canadian ensign, for which he was tendered an unanimous vote of thanks. William McNaughton, of the U. N. B., was the successful competitor for the \$20 prize offered by Premier Tweedie for best essay on New Brunswick, and the \$10 prize offered by Premier Tweedie for best essay on Northumberland county, and also the governor-general's bronze medal. Miss Hazel Southart received second prize for essay on New Brunswick, and the \$10 prize offered by Premier Tweedie for best essay on Northumberland county, and also the governor-general's bronze medal.

ST. STEPHEN.

St. Stephen, Dec. 21—Schools have been very quiet this week. With the exception of some quiet evenings of what at the residence of Mayor and Mrs. Teed, there has been no social life in the way of entertainment. Mr. and Mrs. George Wilson, who went to London (Ont.) to spend their honeymoon, are being royally entertained by friends in this city. Mrs. T. A. Vaughan left this morning for Chatham, where she will spend the winter with her sister, Mrs. G. D. Smith. Mr. Hooper, at the rectory, will make it an unusually quiet day, and dinner parties will be only family affairs this year. The church decorations of evergreen and holly are already in place, and look extremely well and show good taste in the arrangements. Miss Ethel Sullivan will leave this week for Montreal to visit friends in that city. Mrs. W. L. Blair will leave for her home in Ottawa this evening after a pleasant visit with relatives in town. A grand ball is to be given in the St. Croix Opera House next Monday evening, and much pleasure is anticipated from it. Mrs. M. N. Cockburn, of St. John, left on Friday evening for California to visit relatives for three months. Messrs. Fred and Kenneth Young are expected from New York city, where they attended school, on Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Harriet Mercer, of Princeton (Me.), was a recent visitor to St. Stephen. She has been spending a few days with friends in Calais. Mrs. H. H. Johnson, of St. George, is in town visiting her mother, Mrs. G. T. Wall. Miss Betty, who has been the guest of Mrs. W. C. Goucher at the Baptist parsonage, left this morning for her home in Truro (N. S.). Mr. Lewis A. Mills will come this week from Newfoundland to spend Christmas at his home here, and will be most cordially welcomed by his circle of friends, among whom he is a pronounced favorite. Miss Emma Boardman has returned from Rumford Falls (Me.), where she spent a most pleasant vacation with her mother, John Clarke Taylor have gone to Boston to spend the winter, and have closed their handsome, hospitable home in Calais. Mrs. Herbert Bernard, of Portland (Me.), is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. C. Young. A new open air rink is being built in Calais, and the coming season of both fun and skating there is anticipated. Miss Marion Curran has returned from her art studies in Boston, to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Curran. Miss G. of St. Andrews, is the guest of Miss Portia Dwan, this week. Miss Holgate was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. John Nason, this week for a brief visit. Mrs. W. McKey Deinstadt and her son, Kenneth, were in Montreal last week. Mr. Walter Graham down town shopping this week, and so much improved in health from the cold air treatment she has so bravely and heroically tried and endured. Mr. John D. Chipman went to Toronto on Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Percy Gillmor have gone to Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Lois Grimmer has arrived home from Notre-Dame School, Rochelle, to spend the Christmas vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Beaudin, of New York city, are in Calais to spend Christmas and to attend the marriage of Miss Alice Bradman to Dr. George Hill, of Boston, which will take place on Wednesday, the 29th inst. Miss Alice Pike has been visiting friends in Robbinston (Me.), during the past few days. Mr. W. C. Reine is visiting in Boston this week. Miss Helen Newton's friends welcomed her home from Boston this week. Mr. Edmond Bonness is at home from McGill College, Montreal, for the Christmas holidays. Miss Pearl Murchie is one of the young ladies home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Helen Foster were the guests of Mrs. Wm. W. Beaudin, of New York city, on a trip to Boston. Mrs. J. A. MacLellan and Mrs. MacCreedy spent Sunday with friends in Norton. Miss Hazel Warrman is home for two weeks. Miss Violet Mackay returned this week from Boston, where she has been visiting for a number of weeks. A large number of the congregation of Rev. B. H. Nobles met on Friday evening at the parsonage, and after an address by Mr. J. P. Shipp, Mr. Nobles was presented with a beautiful fur-lined coat as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the people. Mr. J. Warren West, who holds a very important and influential position with the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, of Sydney, is spending the Christmas holidays with his family in Sussex. Sussex, Dec. 22—(Special)—One of the largest business deals in the history of Sussex has just been successfully carried through. It results in the amalgamation of the cold storage and packing interests of the Sussex Packing Company, Limited, with the fruit and vegetable canning and preserving business owned and conducted by George W. Hugg, of Woodstock by the name of the Hugg Packing Company, Limited. The policy of the big company will be to carry on the same work as has heretofore been done by each separately, and it is estimated that the saving in costs of operation, sales and management will be full compensation for the work of merging. In addition a full campaign of meats will be placed on the market. As large and continuous operations of labor the combined interests have many advantages which will be thoroughly appreciated by the time they have run a full season, and in capacity and equipment the present concern will compare with any. It is calculated that by using a few of our early hogs, the packing season can be opened several days sooner and by putting the tankage from the packing plant into a factory wastes for finishing a corn and tomato. George W. Hugg, for twenty years manager of the D. W. Hogg Company, joins the directorate and will be actively connected with the business twelve months in the year. S. H. White will be president of the new company, and H. R. Ross continues as general manager. Hattie Steeves, niece of the late Judge Morton, died at her home yesterday morning of heart trouble, age 39 years. The funeral service was held this afternoon, Rev. Mr. Gough officiating. The body was taken by C. P. R. train to Salisbury for interment. Stephen O'Connell, of Newtown, died yesterday, aged 66 years. Funeral today. Little Gordon, son of Hamilton Yeomans, of Upper Sussex place, tomorrow at Upper Sussex cemetery. Rev. Mr. Hubble will conduct the sermon. The home of Rev. Frank Barril was made happy yesterday by the arrival of a son and heir. J. D. McKenna, editor of the Record, entertained his staff at an opulent supper at Vail's for the Christmas evening. Mrs. Douglas Fairweather, of St. John, is visiting Mrs. Robert Kellie. Miss Carrie Roach returned from Fredericton, where she has been visiting friends. Harry Dole, student at McGill, is home on his Christmas holidays. NEWCASTLE. Newcastle, Dec. 22—Mrs. Doran, who spent eight weeks with her sister, Mrs. Anne at Bathurst, has returned to her home in Chatham Head. Miss Florence Crocker, of Sackville, Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, on Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation at her home here. Miss Roberta Nicholson, of Haverhill College, Toronto, is spending a Christmas vacation at her home here. Mrs. McLehane, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Russell, has returned to her home in Fredericton. Mrs. Miss Florence Eberstadt went to Truro today to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. John Fulton. Mrs. Iris Fish, who has been attending the U. N. B., Fredericton, is at home for the Christmas vacation. Master Percy Burdell, who has been attending Edgemoor College, at Windsor (N. S.), is spending the holidays at his home in Nelson. Mrs. I. Chisholm, of Dalhousie, is the guest of Mrs. Anselm. Miss Florence Hickson, who has been attending St. Margaret's College, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home here. A very pleasant event took place at St. John's Academy on Friday last, when Governor Snowball presented Miss Gertrude Hawking, in person, to the school. Thomas A. Clarke, with a handsome silver medal, suitably engraved, and having on the face the New Brunswick coat of arms in colors. The Governor was accompanied by his aide, Colonel McKenna. The presentation was made in the assembly hall. Principal McKenna presided, and on the platform were Governor Snowball and several members of the board of school trustees. There were several visitors. The chairman in a brief address welcomed the governor and spoke of the honor done to Newcastle in having him present the Northumberland county medal. Master Percy Burdell made a pleasing address, giving the pupils some advice and thoughts which must influence them for all their future. After the presentation of the medal, Mr. S. W. Miller, on behalf of the trustee board, thanked the governor heartily for the medal and for the honor he had conferred on our school and our town. Governor Snowball then proclaimed a holiday for the remainder of the day, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the pupils giving three cheers for our governor. SALISBURY. Salisbury, Dec. 22—Mr. Weatherly, engineer on the G. T. P. survey, arrived here from Hairs Brook today, en route to New Scotia. It is stated that another G. T. P. survey party will start from Salisbury, passing south at Lewis Mountain, thence on to Chipman. Unquestionably this is the best route. F. R. Anderson, principal of the Salisbury school, who closed his department on account of illness, will be back by the end of the year. L. W. Carter, traveler for McAvity & Sons, is home and will remain with his parents until after the holidays. William Trites, a student in civil engineering at the U. N. B., is spending his holidays in Salisbury. John Kennedy, traveler for Massey, Harris, is home with his family. A. L. Wright has returned from Montreal. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Carter returned from Moncton on Wednesday. A very enjoyable visit was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wright last Thursday evening. The many friends of Mrs. J. McNaughton will be pleased to learn she is recovering from an attack of blood poisoning. At the regular communication of Salisbury Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the following officers were elected, and will be installed by Past Master W. Carter on St. John's night: Charles G. Ayles, W. M.; Harry N. Crandall, S. W.; T. R. Campbell, P. M.; J. W. Rev. W. H. D. W. Hogg Company, secretary. W. R. McCready, S. D.; J. Goldman, J. D.; R. T. McCready, S. S.; J. A. Steeves, J. G. W. Gaynor, P. M. D.; G. Alfred Lester, G. J. B. Jarke, J. W. W. T. Chapman is at his home here, suffering from the effects of a severe cold. Blair Chapman, of Covendale, Albert county, will be present on Friday. The past Topsy changed hands yesterday. Mr. Goddard secured the price. MONCTON. Moncton, Dec. 22—Mrs. G. Seaman is visiting Mrs. W. B. Dickson in Hillsboro. Mrs. Dorothy Mcweeney is home for the holidays from the Ladies' College, Sackville. Miss Nicolson is visiting her home in Fredericton. Mrs. G. McNally is spending the holidays with her home in Fredericton. Miss Minnie Seaman left on Wednesday for Boston, where she expects to spend some time visiting ill. Miss Marion Lea is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lea, Union street. Mrs. W. A. Compendy is visiting relatives in Richibucto (N. B.). Miss Daisy Weidman is home from Fredericton for the Christmas holidays. Miss Theil, who has been spending some months in St. John, returned home on Saturday last. Mrs. H. B. Goodrich left on Friday of last week for her home in Galveston, Texas. Mrs. J. Henderson, of Macan, spent two or three days of last week with friends here. Mr. H. Wood, of Sackville, spent Sunday last with friends here. Miss Jardine went to Rexton today to spend Christmas at her home there. Mrs. F. A. Abbott, John, is spending the holidays at the home of Dr. L. H. Pries, Church street. Mr. H. Holman, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris for a few days of this week. Mrs. A. B. Bart, of Shediac, spent Wednesday here and was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Murray, Alma street. Mrs. B. W. Henson, who has been spending some months with her sister, Mrs. Lee Peters, in Winnipeg, returned home on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Frank L. Holstead, of Winnipeg, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. Elliott, Bedford street. Mr. Harry Daniel, of the Bank of Montreal, is home from Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Bruce, of Chatham, spent Wednesday in town. Mrs. Claude Price and Miss Margaret Price have returned from a visit to Montreal. Mrs. E. Tiffin spent several days of this week in St. John. Mrs. A. E. Webster and Miss Jennie Webster, of Shediac, were in town on Tuesday. Mrs. J. F. Johnson, principal of the Moncton Business College, is spending the holidays at her home in Truro (N. S.). Mrs. R. F. Keith, of Pettedoie, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. A. E. Wright, of Salisbury, spent several days of this week here. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace went to Truro today to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Fulton. Mrs. A. Carter, of Salisbury, visited friends here on Wednesday. Mrs. May Joughins, who is attending school in Montreal, arrived home for the vacation on Friday morning. Moncton, Dec. 23—At the closing of the high school this morning for the Christmas holidays, Lieut-Governor Snowball's silver medal for the highest average for entrance into the high school was awarded to Miss Evelyn Beedham. Miss Emma Garvin won the governor-general's bronze medal for the highest marks in grade nine. Both presentations were made by J. T. Hawley, chairman of the school board. Addresses were delivered at the Aberdeen closing exercises by Chairman Hawley, of the school board, Inspector O'Brien, Secretary McCully and Principal Oulton. The congregation of the Central Methodist church remembered their pastor and his wife in a very substantial way at the meeting of the prayer meeting last evening. Rev. Mr. McConnell was presented with a valuable fur-lined coat and Mrs. McConnell was the recipient of a purse of \$25. The presentation was accompanied by an address which was read by J. T. Hawley. T. H. Kincaid presented the coat to Pastor McCulloch on behalf of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are both popular with the congregation of the Central Methodist as well as with members of other city congregations. Judge Wells rendered judgment in an interesting case at county court chambers yesterday afternoon. The case was Fried vs. B. N. Hubble. Fried brought action against Hubble to recover costs as counsel for defendant's wife in divorce proceedings brought by her against her husband. Before the case reached a conclusion it seems Hubble and his wife became reconciled and the divorce proceedings were dropped by the wife Mr. Fried has her counsel asked the husband to pay his fees, but the husband resisted the claim. At the March sitting of the county court a jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, Fried, for \$88.61. Yesterday the wife ordered a non-suit to be entered on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to leave to a jury of being reasonable grounds for instituting the divorce suit. Daniel Jordan, K. C., for the plaintiff, and W. B. Josiah for the defendant. The Hubbles belong to Albert county. M. T. Adams, resident manager of the Canadian Coal and Mangane Company, has returned from a trip to New York, where he was on business in connection with the company. FREDERICTON. Fredericton, Dec. 21—Col. Wadmore is today receiving many congratulations on his having attained 21 years in the service and in this evening celebrating the occasion by a dinner at the Metro, which is giving. The guests include only the officers of the permanent garrison and their wives. The band of the R. C. L. will furnish the music for the dinner. The Royal Canadian Regiment is also today celebrating the 21st anniversary of its being gazetted. The Lang Syne Whist Club had a pleasant evening last night with Mrs. King Hosen and Mrs. Burnside. Mrs. W. T. Whitehead was the winner of the ladies' first prize and Mrs. Clifton Taylor of the second. Mr. Guy Whitehead took gentleman's first and Mr. A. B. Wetmore, second. Mrs. T. G. Loggie was one of the visitors to St. John this week. Judge F. W. Emmonson, of Moncton, was in the city for a short time this week. Miss Frankie Tibbitt will go to St. John and with her mother will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen. Mr. George Bailey, son of Dr. L. W. Bailey, is home from McGill University for Christmas. Mrs. J. F. Gregory and family, of St. John, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macrae and family, of St. John, will spend Christmas here with Judge and Mrs. Gregory. Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, of New York, is here to spend the holidays with his family. Miss Winifred Everett is home from Ontario spending a few weeks with her family here. Mrs. F. L. Cooper and children returned today from a pleasant visit of some weeks to Mrs. Cooper's old home in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chestnut and child, who arrived at U. N. B., returned last Saturday. dren have gone to St. John to spend the holidays with Mr. Chestnut's sister, Mrs. Dulock, who on Christmas day is entertaining a family party. Master Charles Edgewood and Wardlaw Kilburn are home from Mount Allison Academy for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgitt go to St. John to spend the holiday at Mrs. Edgitt's old home. The Misses Ella and Annie Babbit, of Chatham, have come home from Acadia College to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Margaret McLean and brother, Mr. Hugh McLean, have gone to their home at Harvey to spend Christmas with their father, Rev. J. A. McLean. Fredericton, Dec. 23—(Special)—The double tenement house on King street, belonging to the Lincolns, and occupied by Mrs. Charles Nichols was damaged by fire this evening. The blaze started under the wood work near the chimney and had been smoldering some time before it was discovered. The house was damaged \$100. Loss is covered by insurance. Merchants report Christmas trade, so far, quite up to last year's record. Turkeys have dropped in price in the local market from 25 to 20 cents per pound. At an early hour this morning 15 degrees below zero was marked. The engagement is announced of Miss Ida May, daughter of the late Dr. B. Nichols, of this city, and brother of Clarence Nichols, of Melville & Co., St. John, to W. R. H. McKay, son of the late Rev. Nell McKay, of Chatham. Four trials of Fredericton curlets were defeated at Marysville last night. Total score, 32 to 43. The public schools closed for the Christmas vacation today. The exercises were very reviews of the term's work. The department of public works has awarded the contract for the erection of the Briggs mill bridge, Carleton county, to Conn. W. R. Fawcett, of Temperance Vale. Fredericton, Dec. 25—(Special)—A pleasant incident took place at the close of Royal St. Ann's church Saturday evening, when Rev. Canon Roberts, who has held the position of rector for thirty-one years, was presented by the parishioners with a fur-lined coat, cap and gloves. Church Warden Thomas made the presentation and address, which referred to the rector's long and faithful service to the church and expressed the hope that he would be long spared to minister to the spiritual wants of his people. Rector Roberts is thanking them in a feeling and eloquent speech. Rev. Mr. Forster, who has been Canon Roberts' assistant for the last three months, was made the recipient of a purse of \$25 by the parishioners. Rev. J. J. Treadwell, retired Methodist clergyman, was on Friday evening presented with a fur-lined coat with a purse of \$54. Christmas services in the city churches today were of a specially interesting nature and attracted large congregations both morning and evening. A genuine cold wave struck the city yesterday afternoon and during the night the thermometer dropped to 25 below zero, the coldest of the season. Many householders had water pipes frozen this morning and plumbers were in great demand. Business men with scarcely an exception report Christmas trade the best in their experience. The continued fine weather of the month, especially, had a healthy influence on business. Horsemen have prepared a race track for the winter for the purpose of moderating the sport is likely to be rather tame. Turkeys sold on the market Saturday for 18 to 20 cents a pound. Rev. Samuel Blair's residence at Stanley was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning; loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000. Samuel Stafford, of Maryville, was arrested Saturday on charge of shoplifting in Griffith's store. ST. GEORGE. St. George, Dec. 22—Miss Besie Helt, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives in town, has returned to St. John. Miss May Johnson arrived home Tuesday from Wolfville, where she has been attending school. Miss Josephine McVicar is visiting in Calais. Miss Minnie Parks is spending the Christmas holidays in Sandy Hill (N. Y.). Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnston are in St. Stephen, Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wall. Miss Jennie Couits has returned from a trip to St. Stephen. The children of the Baptist Sunday school will give the "Christmas at Grandpa's" on Monday evening at Couits' hall. Among the teachers returned home for the holidays are Misses Phoebe O'Brien, Nellie Douglas and Maud Dick. Mrs. Mercereau, of Eastport, is visiting in town. Mrs. Alice Milne, of the Episcopal Sunday school will be entertained with a tea and tree in Couits' hall on Wednesday after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harvey are in St. Stephen for Christmas, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson. School closed on Thursday. Miss De Wolf and Miss Soullin left Friday morning for St. Stephen, in the regret of a large circle of friends. Miss De Wolf does not come back. While in St. George she has given satisfaction and proved herself to be efficient and faithful in her work. HILLSBORO. Hillsboro, Dec. 22—Mr. J. A. Marvin, of the firm of Hatheway & Co., was the guest of his brother, Dr. B. A. Marvin, on Monday. Misses Ella Bishop and Ester Thompson, who have been attending the Ladies' College at Sackville, returned on Tuesday to spend the Christmas vacation. Mrs. J. L. Peck and Mrs. W. J. Lewis visited Moncton this week. Mrs. George Seaman and two children, of Moncton, are guests of Mrs. Stannan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dickson. Miss Katharine McLaughlin, who has been attending the Ladies' College at Sackville, returned on Monday. Miss Lavinia Lewis, who has been attending Acadia Seminary, Wolfville (N. S.), returned on Wednesday. Mrs. Mary Peck, who has been attending Ladies' Seminary, Wolfville (N. S.), returned on Wednesday to spend Christmas vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Peck. Mr. Harry Steeves, who has been studying at U. N. B., returned last Saturday.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, Dec. 22—Mrs. R. G. Duman has returned from a visit to Amherst. Rev. Mr. Head and Mrs. Read, to the regret of the members of St. Luke's congregation as well as that of their many friends in Bathurst of all denominations, left this week for Carleton, St. John. The good wishes of all accompany them. Mr. Read during his stay here endeared himself to all by his untiring devotion to his church work and his zealous work in the temperance cause. Both Mrs. Read and Miss Huppel will be long missed in Bathurst. Mrs. Opp entertained a few friends at the parsonage last week to farewell Rev. Mr. Read and Mrs. Read. Mr. and Mrs. Wm. W. Tracadie, spent a few days in town during the week. Miss Frances Girvin returned this week from Robtaylor School for Girls to spend the vacation at home. Mrs. G. Windsor was the hostess recently to a small number of friends. Mrs. Annie Burns, who is receiving her education at Christian Academy, will attend the holidays at home. Rev. Mr. Read and Mrs. Read were entertained, together with a few others, by Mrs. Hooper at the rectory. Mr. McLaughlin, of Chatham, made Bathurst a brief visit this week. The marriage is announced to take place on the 30th of January of Miss Lena McLellan, youngest daughter of Mr. S. McLellan, registrar of deeds and one of

DALHOUSIE.

Dalhousie, N. B., Dec. 22—The dance given by the junior bachelors in the Masonic hall on Friday evening last was a decided success. The hall was very prettily and tastefully decorated with flags and evergreen, and the music furnished by McEachern's orchestra from Chatham was excellent. The chaperones were Mrs. E. Barberie, Mrs. E. L. Watts, Mrs. J. E. Stewart, Mrs. John Barthelemy and Mrs. Chas. Powell. The committee: W. E. Rowley, M. D., H. P. Macdonald, P. A. Barberie, Jas. LeGalland and Claude Brown. Miss Greta Lamie arrived home from Sackville, where she is attending Ladies' College, to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George A. Curran. Mr. Charles Scott arrived home on Thursday morning to spend his Christmas holidays with his parents. Mr. Herbert A. Hignard is acting harbor master in Boston, and has returned to his home south for a few months. Miss Maudie Brown, of Jaquet River, spent a few days of her vacation in Dalhousie. Mr. H. H. Hildyard will spend Christmas in St. John. Miss Ida DeBoo, of Newcastle, is visiting at the home of Mrs. Herbert A. Hignard. Mr. and Mrs. George Moffat and Mrs. Rowland, were in Winnipeg at the Carleton Hotel on the 7th on their way to St. John. Mr. Harry Scott arrived home from Montreal on Friday to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Scott. Miss Opal LaBlais and Miss Nora O'Regan, who have been attending Mount St. Vincent, Halifax, arrived home on Thursday to spend the holidays. SUSSEX. Sussex, Dec. 22—Mrs. C. T. White has returned from an extended visit in Appleton (N. S.). Miss Pearl Price, who has been attending Wolfville Seminary, is home for the Christmas vacation. Mrs. Hazel Warrman is spending the holidays with her parents in Wolfville. Mr. George Burnett, son of Dr. J. U. Burnett, is home from the U. N. B., Fredericton, for the Christmas holidays. Mr. Zedler, a student in civil engineering at McGill University, is home on a two weeks' vacation. Miss Katherine Gillespie and Mr. and Mrs. John Gillespie are the guests of Mrs. Wm. W. Beaudin, of New York city, on a trip to Boston. Mrs. H. A. White is on a trip to MacCreedy, spent Sunday with friends in Norton. Miss G. Innis is home for two weeks. Miss Violet Mackay returned this week from Boston, where she has been visiting for a number of weeks. A large number of the congregation of Rev. B. H. Nobles met on Friday evening at the parsonage, and after an address by Mr. J. P. Shipp, Mr. Nobles was presented with a beautiful fur-lined coat as a token of the esteem in which he is held by the people. Mr. J. Warren West, who holds a very important and influential position with the Dominion Iron & Steel Company, of Sydney, is spending the Christmas holidays with his family in Sussex. Sussex, Dec. 22—(Special)—One of the largest business deals in the history of Sussex has just been successfully carried through. It results in the amalgamation of the cold storage and packing interests of the Sussex Packing Company, Limited, with the fruit and vegetable canning and preserving business owned and conducted by George W. Hugg, of Woodstock by the name of the Hugg Packing Company, Limited. The policy of the big company will be to carry on the same work as has heretofore been done by each separately, and it is estimated that the saving in costs of operation, sales and management will be full compensation for the work of merging. In addition a full campaign of meats will be placed on the market. As large and continuous operations of labor the combined interests have many advantages which will be thoroughly appreciated by the time they have run a full season, and in capacity and equipment the present concern will compare with any. It is calculated that by using a few of our early hogs, the packing season can be opened several days sooner and by putting the tankage from the packing plant into a factory wastes for finishing a corn and tomato. George W. Hugg, for twenty years manager of the D. W. Hogg Company, joins the directorate and will be actively connected with the business twelve

NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, Dec. 22—Mrs. Doran, who spent eight weeks with her sister, Mrs. Anne at Bathurst, has returned to her home in Chatham Head. Miss Florence Crocker, of Sackville, Mount Allison Ladies' College, Sackville, on Saturday to spend the Christmas vacation at her home here. Miss Roberta Nicholson, of Haverhill College, Toronto, is spending a Christmas vacation at her home here. Mrs. McLehane, who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. John Russell, has returned to her home in Fredericton. Mrs. Miss Florence Eberstadt went to Truro today to spend the holidays with her daughter, Mrs. John Fulton. Mrs. Iris Fish, who has been attending the U. N. B., Fredericton, is at home for the Christmas vacation. Master Percy Burdell, who has been attending Edgemoor College, at Windsor (N. S.), is spending the holidays at his home in Nelson. Mrs. I. Chisholm, of Dalhousie, is the guest of Mrs. Anselm. Miss Florence Hickson, who has been attending St. Margaret's College, Toronto, is spending the Christmas vacation at her home here. A very pleasant event took place at St. John's Academy on Friday last, when Governor Snowball presented Miss Gertrude Hawking, in person, to the school. Thomas A. Clarke, with a handsome silver medal, suitably engraved, and having on the face the New Brunswick coat of arms in colors. The Governor was accompanied by his aide, Colonel McKenna. The presentation was made in the assembly hall. Principal McKenna presided, and on the platform were Governor Snowball and several members of the board of school trustees. There were several visitors. The chairman in a brief address welcomed the governor and spoke of the honor done to Newcastle in having him present the Northumberland county medal. Master Percy Burdell made a pleasing address, giving the pupils some advice and thoughts which must influence them for all their future. After the presentation of the medal, Mr. S. W. Miller, on behalf of the trustee board, thanked the governor heartily for the medal and for the honor he had conferred on our school and our town. Governor Snowball then proclaimed a holiday for the remainder of the day, and the proceedings were brought to a close by the pupils giving three cheers for our governor. SALISBURY. Salisbury, Dec. 22—Mr. Weatherly, engineer on the G. T. P. survey, arrived here from Hairs Brook today, en route to New Scotia. It is stated that another G. T. P. survey party will start from Salisbury, passing south at Lewis Mountain, thence on to Chipman. Unquestionably this is the best route. F. R. Anderson, principal of the Salisbury school, who closed his department on account of illness, will be back by the end of the year. L. W. Carter, traveler for McAvity & Sons, is home and will remain with his parents until after the holidays. William Trites, a student in civil engineering at the U. N. B., is spending his holidays in Salisbury. John Kennedy, traveler for Massey, Harris, is home with his family. A. L. Wright has returned from Montreal. Mrs. Wright and Mrs. Carter returned from Moncton on Wednesday. A very enjoyable visit was given by Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Wright last Thursday evening. The many friends of Mrs. J. McNaughton will be pleased to learn she is recovering from an attack of blood poisoning. At the regular communication of Salisbury Lodge, A. F. and A. M., the following officers were elected, and will be installed by Past Master W. Carter on St. John's night: Charles G. Ayles, W. M.; Harry N. Crandall, S. W.; T. R. Campbell, P. M.; J. W. Rev. W. H. D. W. Hogg Company, secretary. W. R. McCready, S. D.; J. Goldman, J. D.; R. T. McCready, S. S.; J. A. Steeves, J. G. W. Gaynor, P. M. D.; G. Alfred Lester, G. J. B. Jarke, J. W. W. T. Chapman is at his home here, suffering from the effects of a severe cold. Blair Chapman, of Covendale, Albert county, will be present on Friday. The past Topsy changed hands yesterday. Mr. Goddard secured the price. MONCTON. Moncton, Dec. 22—Mrs. G. Seaman is visiting Mrs. W. B. Dickson in Hillsboro. Mrs. Dorothy Mcweeney is home for the holidays from the Ladies' College, Sackville. Miss Nicolson is visiting her home in Fredericton. Mrs. G. McNally is spending the holidays with her home in Fredericton. Miss Minnie Seaman left on Wednesday for Boston, where she expects to spend some time visiting ill. Miss Marion Lea is spending the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lea, Union street. Mrs. W. A. Compendy is visiting relatives in Richibucto (N. B.). Miss Daisy Weidman is home from Fredericton for the Christmas holidays. Miss Theil, who has been spending some months in St. John, returned home on Saturday last. Mrs. H. B. Goodrich left on Friday of last week for her home in Galveston, Texas. Mrs. J. Henderson, of Macan, spent two or three days of last week with friends here. Mr. H. Wood, of Sackville, spent Sunday last with friends here. Miss Jardine went to Rexton today to spend Christmas at her home there. Mrs. F. A. Abbott, John, is spending the holidays at the home of Dr. L. H. Pries, Church street. Mr. H. Holman, of Charlottetown (P. E. I.), was the guest of Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Harris for a few days of this week. Mrs. A. B. Bart, of Shediac, spent Wednesday here and was the guest of Mrs. C. A. Murray, Alma street. Mrs. B. W. Henson, who has been spending some months with her sister, Mrs. Lee Peters, in Winnipeg, returned home on Tuesday afternoon. Mr. Frank L. Holstead, of Winnipeg, is spending Christmas with his mother, Mrs. E. Elliott, Bedford street. Mr. Harry Daniel, of the Bank of Montreal, is home from Montreal to spend the Christmas holidays. Mrs. Bruce, of Chatham, spent Wednesday in town. Mrs. Claude Price and Miss Margaret Price have returned from a visit to Montreal. Mrs. E. Tiffin spent several days of this week in St. John. Mrs. A. E. Webster and Miss Jennie Webster, of Shediac, were in town on Tuesday. Mrs. J. F. Johnson, principal of the Moncton Business College, is spending the holidays at her home in Truro (N. S.). Mrs. R. F. Keith, of Pettedoie, is visiting relatives here. Mrs. A. E. Wright, of Salisbury, spent several days of this week here. Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wallace went to Truro today to spend the holidays with their daughter, Mrs. John Fulton. Mrs. A. Carter, of Salisbury, visited friends here on Wednesday. Mrs. May Joughins, who is attending school in Montreal, arrived home for the vacation on Friday morning. Moncton, Dec. 23—At the closing of the high school this morning for the Christmas holidays, Lieut-Governor Snowball's silver medal for the highest average for entrance into the high school was awarded to Miss Evelyn Beedham. Miss Emma Garvin won the governor-general's bronze medal for the highest marks in grade nine. Both presentations were made by J. T. Hawley, chairman of the school board. Addresses were delivered at the Aberdeen closing exercises by Chairman Hawley, of the school board, Inspector O'Brien, Secretary McCully and Principal Oulton. The congregation of the Central Methodist church remembered their pastor and his wife in a very substantial way at the meeting of the prayer meeting last evening. Rev. Mr. McConnell was presented with a valuable fur-lined coat and Mrs. McConnell was the recipient of a purse of \$25. The presentation was accompanied by an address which was read by J. T. Hawley. T. H. Kincaid presented the coat to Pastor McCulloch on behalf of the congregation. Mr. and Mrs. McConnell are both popular with the congregation of the Central Methodist as well as with members of other city congregations. Judge Wells rendered judgment in an interesting case at county court chambers yesterday afternoon. The case was Fried vs. B. N. Hubble. Fried brought action against Hubble to recover costs as counsel for defendant's wife in divorce proceedings brought by her against her husband. Before the case reached a conclusion it seems Hubble and his wife became reconciled and the divorce proceedings were dropped by the wife Mr. Fried has her counsel asked the husband to pay his fees, but the husband resisted the claim. At the March sitting of the county court a jury rendered a verdict for the plaintiff, Fried, for \$88.61. Yesterday the wife ordered a non-suit to be entered on the ground that there was not sufficient evidence to leave to a jury of being reasonable grounds for instituting the divorce suit. Daniel Jordan, K. C., for the plaintiff, and W. B. Josiah for the defendant. The Hubbles belong to Albert county. M. T. Adams, resident manager of the Canadian Coal and Mangane Company, has returned from a trip to New York, where he was on business in connection with the company. FREDERICTON. Fredericton, Dec. 21—Col. Wadmore is today receiving many congratulations on his having attained 21 years in the service and in this evening celebrating the occasion by a dinner at the Metro, which is giving. The guests include only the officers of the permanent garrison and their wives. The band of the R. C. L. will furnish the music for the dinner. The Royal Canadian Regiment is also today celebrating the 21st anniversary of its being gazetted. The Lang Syne Whist Club had a pleasant evening last night with Mrs. King Hosen and Mrs. Burnside. Mrs. W. T. Whitehead was the winner of the ladies' first prize and Mrs. Clifton Taylor of the second. Mr. Guy Whitehead took gentleman's first and Mr. A. B. Wetmore, second. Mrs. T. G. Loggie was one of the visitors to St. John this week. Judge F. W. Emmonson, of Moncton, was in the city for a short time this week. Miss Frankie Tibbitt will go to St. John and with her mother will spend Christmas with her sister, Mrs. J. Douglas Hazen. Mr. George Bailey, son of Dr. L. W. Bailey, is home from McGill University for Christmas. Mrs. J. F. Gregory and family, of St. John, and Mr. and Mrs. Alex. Macrae and family, of St. John, will spend Christmas here with Judge and Mrs. Gregory. Prof. C. G. D. Roberts, of New York, is here to spend the holidays with his family. Miss Winifred Everett is home from Ontario spending a few weeks with her family here. Mrs. F. L. Cooper and children returned today from a pleasant visit of some weeks to Mrs. Cooper's old home in Kansas City. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Chestnut and child, who arrived at U. N. B., returned last Saturday. dren have gone to St. John to spend the holidays with Mr. Chestnut's sister, Mrs. Dulock, who on Christmas day is entertaining a family party. Master Charles Edgewood and Wardlaw Kilburn are home from Mount Allison Academy for the holidays. Mr. and Mrs. Lee Edgitt go to St. John to spend the holiday at Mrs. Edgitt's old home. The Misses Ella and Annie Babbit, of Chatham, have come home from Acadia College to spend the Christmas holidays. Miss Margaret McLean and brother, Mr. Hugh McLean, have gone to their home at Harvey to spend Christmas with their father, Rev. J. A. McLean. Fredericton, Dec. 23—(Special)—The double tenement house on King street, belonging to the Lincolns, and occupied by Mrs. Charles Nichols was damaged by fire this evening. The blaze started under the wood work near the chimney and had been smoldering some time before it was discovered. The house was damaged \$100. Loss is covered by insurance. Merchants report Christmas trade, so far, quite up to last year's record. Turkeys have dropped in price in the local market from 25 to 20 cents per pound. At an early hour this morning 15 degrees below zero was marked. The engagement is announced of Miss Ida May, daughter of the late Dr. B. Nichols, of this city, and brother of Clarence Nichols, of Melville & Co., St. John, to W. R. H. McKay, son of the late Rev. Nell McKay, of Chatham. Four trials of Fredericton curlets were defeated at Marysville last night. Total score, 32 to 43. The public schools closed for the Christmas vacation today. The exercises were very reviews of the term's work. The department of public works has awarded the contract for the erection of the Briggs mill bridge, Carleton county, to Conn. W. R. Fawcett, of Temperance Vale. Fredericton, Dec. 25—(Special)—A pleasant incident took place at the close of Royal St. Ann's church Saturday evening, when Rev. Canon Roberts, who has held the position of rector for thirty-one years, was presented by the parishioners with a fur-lined coat, cap and gloves. Church Warden Thomas made the presentation and address, which referred to the rector's long and faithful service to the church and expressed the hope that he would be long spared to minister to the spiritual wants of his people. Rector Roberts is thanking them in a feeling and eloquent speech. Rev. Mr. Forster, who has been Canon Roberts' assistant for the last three months, was made the recipient of a purse of \$25 by the parishioners. Rev. J. J. Treadwell, retired Methodist clergyman, was on Friday evening presented with a fur-lined coat with a purse of \$54. Christmas services in the city churches today were of a specially interesting nature and attracted large congregations both morning and evening. A genuine cold wave struck the city yesterday afternoon and during the night the thermometer dropped to 25 below zero, the coldest of the season. Many householders had water pipes frozen this morning and plumbers were in great demand. Business men with scarcely an exception report Christmas trade the best in their experience. The continued fine weather of the month, especially, had a healthy influence on business. Horsemen have prepared a race track for the winter for the purpose of moderating the sport is likely to be rather tame. Turkeys sold on the market Saturday for 18 to 20 cents a pound. Rev. Samuel Blair's residence at Stanley was completely destroyed by fire Saturday morning; loss \$3,000, insurance \$1,000. Samuel Stafford, of Maryville, was arrested Saturday on charge of shoplifting in Griffith's store. ST. GEORGE. St. George, Dec. 22—Miss Besie Helt, who has been spending a few weeks with relatives in town, has returned to St. John. Miss May Johnson arrived home Tuesday from Wolfville, where she has been attending school. Miss Josephine McVicar is visiting in Calais. Miss Minnie Parks is spending the Christmas holidays in Sandy Hill (N. Y.). Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Johnston are in St. Stephen, Christmas visitors of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wall. Miss Jennie Couits has returned from a trip to St. Stephen. The children of the Baptist Sunday school will give the "Christmas at Grandpa's" on Monday evening at Couits' hall. Among the teachers returned home for the holidays are Misses Phoebe O'Brien, Nellie Douglas and Maud Dick. Mrs. Mercereau, of Eastport, is visiting in town. Mrs. Alice Milne, of the Episcopal Sunday school will be entertained with a tea and tree in Couits' hall on Wednesday after Christmas. Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Harvey are in St. Stephen for Christmas, guests of Mr. and Mrs. Hanson. School closed on Thursday. Miss De Wolf and Miss Soullin left Friday morning for St. Stephen, in the regret of a large circle of friends. Miss De Wolf does not come back. While in St. George she has given satisfaction and proved herself to be efficient and faithful in her work. HILLSBORO. Hillsboro, Dec. 22—Mr. J. A. 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ST. ANDREWS.

St. Andrews, Dec. 22.—Miss Duffie, teacher of manual training, leaves for her home on Friday. Her many friends regret that she has resigned her position here and that she will not return after the holiday.

HOPEWELL HILL.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 22.—The death of Rupert Tingley, eighteen years old, second son of Anson Tingley, of Beaver Brook, occurred yesterday morning, after a particularly sad illness.

for keeping the road running until after the holidays. Election matters are very quiet and a small vote is expected.

St. Martins, Dec. 22.—Rev. C. W. Townshend has returned from Hillsboro.

Councillor A. W. Fowles, A. O. White and a number of their men are home from Charlotte county to spend Christmas.

On Wednesday Mrs. Harry Peters presented her husband with a daughter.

George Wilson, who has been in Manitoba during the last six years, spent a day here this week visiting friends.

The examinations of the schools taught by Miss Haines, Miss Love and Miss Vail, which took place this week, reflected great credit on teachers and pupils.

Robert Gillmor, of the Bank of B. N. A., is here for a few days.

On Saturday evening Rev. C. W. Townshend united in marriage Miss Ruby Hope, second daughter of Charles Hope, of Fairview, and George McFarland, of Albert county. The marriage took place at the residence of the bride's parents.

Miss Madeline Chabre is home for the holidays.

Harvey Station, Dec. 23.—The importation of hay from Carleton county still continues. Two cars have recently been unshipped. The agricultural society of this place have purchased two cars of Ontario white cats for the use of the members.

Miss Emily J. Hunter, who has taught in the primary department of the Superior school for upwards of four years, has resigned the position, much to the regret of the trustees, who feel that it will be difficult to obtain a teacher who can fill the position as well as Miss Hunter has done.

William Patterson, of Ramfald Falls (M.E.), arrived today to spend the Christmas holidays at his home in Tweed side. His wife, who has not been in good health, arrived some time ago.

Hampton, Dec. 23.—Miss Prichard has returned from the McDonald Training College at Guelph, and will resume her former position at the school at the commencement of the next term.

Miss Maud Brittain has resigned her position as teacher in the Norton school, and is expecting to effect an engagement with the trustees of the Clover Hill school district.

Prof. W. M. Tweedie came home from Sackville today to spend the Christmas vacation with his mother and sister.

Harcourt, Dec. 23.—The semi-annual examination in the advanced department, taught by H. H. Stuart, took place yesterday afternoon. The pupils were examined in English, French, Latin, mathematics, history, geography, physiology, etc.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Law Bishop, of Shelburne, came to the Lower Cape on Saturday to spend Christmas with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Bishop.

Newtown, Kings County, Dec. 24.—The public school examination was held on Thursday and the school closed on Friday for the Christmas vacation.

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Grand Falls, N. B., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Geo. Graunam, Eagle Lake, is spending Christmas holidays with Mayor and Mrs. Martin.

Miss Maude Waldron spent a few days here this week enroute to her home at Moore's Mills.

Miss Grace West visited friends in Plaster Rock this week.

Mr. John O'Leary returned from a trip to Florida last week.

Mrs. Hugh Taylor, entertained a few friends so a dinner party Friday last.

George Patterson, Salmon River, was a guest of Percy Fraser, Sunday.

William McCusker, conductor C. P. R., is visiting his family in town.

Grand Falls, Dec. 24.—The Grand Falls orchestra will hold a grand ball and promenade concert in the I. O. F. next Monday evening.

Mrs. George Grondau, who has been residing in Eagle Lake during the past three years, has returned and will in future reside here. At present she is visiting her parents in St. John's.

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HOW THE MOTH OF CASTE WEAKENS THE STRENGTH OF RUSSIA IN WAR AND IN PEACE--NO MIDDLE CLASS

Abolition of Flogging Was a Long Step Toward Safety for the Peasants--Nobles Scorn Traders, and Traders Hunger for Social Recognition by the Nobles--An Analysis of the Russian System.

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St. Petersburg, Dec. 9.—When Emperor Nicholas II ordered the abolition of flogging throughout the empire he initiated a reform greater than has been instituted since the serfs were freed by Emperor Alexander, the Liberator. It was an act of thanksgiving to God for granting him a son to succeed to the throne, and a humanitarian of the west accepted it more by the abandonment of a brutal form of punishment. As a matter of fact, the decree was the hardest blow class distinction has suffered during the last forty years, and was the means best calculated to uplift the peasantry. But one or two other reforms, none of as great importance, remain to be effected, before the whole empire will be on the plane of absolute equality before the law; and if Emperor Nicholas lives these will undoubtedly be granted during his reign.

The visitor in Russia is immediately struck by the sharpness with which the people are divided into classes. He sees that the noble for the most part cultured, polished, speaking French fluently and with an accent which a Parisian would not find fault with. There is the townsman, the merchant or industrialist, who is below the nobility and above the peasantry. There is the priest, before whom in the church orthodox Christians reverence, and meeting whom in the street all Russians cross themselves and spit. And there is the inhabitant of the rural districts, the real peasant, who is on the lowest rung of the social ladder. But though these distinctions are so apparent, a slight investigation will be sufficient to establish that no difference exists in the eyes of the law as observed as one respects. The noble has lost practically all of the prerogatives which were granted to him by his autocratic sovereign. Not that they were taken from him; he has them yet. But they have been given to the peasant, and he has not, consequently, the preferential position he once held. It has been justly said that in Russia today all enjoy as rights the privileges which in the past were held by the few.

Some Great Changes. I asked a noble to give me an idea of the special privileges he possessed. He thought a moment. "Until the reign of Emperor Alexander II," he responded, "my family was subject to military service; it did not have to pay poll taxes, and none of its members could be flogged. Alexander ordered universal military service in 1870, his son abolished poll taxes, and now his grandson has put an end to flogging. Only men belonging to my class may be appointed Zemstvo members, and the right of holding office in the administration and justice of the communes. We have special assemblies, but they have been practically superseded by the Zemstvos, in which all classes are represented. We may petition the throne direct, but the peasant can get his petition to the emperor. We enjoy certain facilities for entrance into the public service and for promotion once we are in. Our only other right is to have a higher court take cognizance of our disputes than is at first accessible to the peasant."

A merchant made the following statement: "Russia's trouble today lies in the fact that she is cursed with a total absence of rights. Take myself, for instance. I am in trade; therefore, my family is not received in high society. My children are excluded from certain schools, which are open only to the children of the nobles. My son cannot become an officer of the navy. Yet I pay heavily that the fleet may be constructed and operated. My children are high in every respect, except that I shall have to pay an income tax, for we are coming to that. I can purchase an 'honorary citizenship,' but I do not want that. It is already time for it to hatch and the rights and duties of a citizen. I do not want the mere name."

Nobility Scorn Trade. The nobles and the merchants, as well as the clergy, belong to what was the "privileged class" and still ranks as such. That is to say they enjoyed certain exemptions and advantages which did not belong to the peasants. As has been stated, these privileges have almost disappeared. The complaint of the merchant is that his family has never received in high society because it was in trade is essentially a social question; the government has nothing to do with it. It is worthy of note that the nobility has ever scorned trade; to this day representatives of commerce are regarded as inferiors, and the counsel of Great Britain in St. Petersburg is not invited to a court function or even bidden to an affair where members of the imperial family will be present.

But this contemptuous attitude is undergoing modification. Nobles themselves are embarking in trade, not from choice but from necessity. Their estates have been, in many instances disposed of, or, in the majority of cases, are heavily mortgaged. If they do not find government employment—and to rise in the bureaucracy one should start in early youth—they must obtain positions elsewhere. Sons of rich merchants have wormed their way into the highest society and are treated as equals. "In Russia," said a noble, "culture, education and refinement are passe-partouts to our social position. One should add wealth as a necessary addition to the qualification, and then remark that this is true only in a limited sense."

Military Caste. "It is false," said an officer of the army general staff, "that nobles alone may obtain commissions in our military service. As a matter of fact, the commission is accessible to the peasant as it is to the noble. He must only pass the required entrance examination to the military academy, and then, if he is intelligent and studious, he has the same chance as his comrade to get a commission. I know many officers whose fathers are peasants. We have a privileged class, if it may be called such, in our army. It is made up of the sons of lieutenant-generals, and the only right given them as such is entering, without cost, the Papski Corps, the military school at St. Petersburg, from which officers of the Imperial Guard regiments are usually taken. But as a peasant may reach the grade of lieutenant-general, his son would enjoy the privilege. Consequently, it is not a real class distinction."

As the admiralty, I asked for an explanation of the merchant's charge that only nobles could obtain commissions in the fleet. "That is correct," was the answer, "but the cause of a shipyard in the army so many officers are required that the service is thrown open to every class. The size of the fleet is limited by the construction. We do not need so many officers. From even before the time of Peter the Great, the nobles received first consideration. They led their sons in war on sea and land and thus became naval and military officers. The lower classes, which some acquired their commissions to their sons, who naturally sought the same career. These officers' sons have come to recognize that a man's ability is the only way to make a change in this system. If I mistake not, President Roosevelt is observing the same principle. He is recognizing that a man's ability is the only way to advance the interests of his family. If the United States 'does not' watch out, it will have a special class, which will spring from the custom of granting commissions exclusively to the sons of naval officers."

Class Distinctions. Each of the four great groups into which Russian society is cast has divisions. The nobles, for example, are either of the "hereditary" or the "personal" rank. The former, as its name indicates, is transmitted from father to son; the latter cannot bequeath his title to his children. The latter, however, lose only the show, for they pass into the class of "honorary citizens," and have all the rights their fathers enjoyed. The government also divides the lower classes—merchants and peasants. There is a merchant, a man must have a certain capital and pay a fixed license tax. The merchant comprises all individuals who have two branches, in whatever their occupation. The merchants, who were formerly striving to enter the nobility, had the way to their ambition, which was opening from the custom of granting commissions exclusively to the sons of naval officers.

No Middle Class. In spite of all these divisions, which would seem to make a social ladder impossible for nationality, there is no bond, save a material one, between the nobility and the peasantry. In a word, the great defect of Russia's social system, from the western point of view, is the absence of a middle class. Russian nobles contend that there is no need for such a class; that there never has been need for one. They say that the bond between noble and peasant was that of father and son, and that the relation is much the same today. If I investigate this claim, you will find that while the relation may exist among individuals, it does not exist as a class. You will find, also, that between the nobles and the peasant there is hardly, if any, closer relation than there is between the czar and the peasant. The emperor is above all, in a class by himself. If the noble receive any recognition it is because of his birth; it is because of his position as a servant of the state. In Russia it is not what a man was born, it is what he is that counts. He prefers to write upon his card: "Acting Councillor of State," to his title, even though it be that of "Prince."

There are some nobles who look with disdain upon those of equal birth in the government service; they desire the formation of an aristocracy in the real sense of the word, not a mere nobility, which has no rights and no privileges. They would like to see in the new order of things, which all signs portend is fast coming, an upper house of a parliament, which should be made up entirely of peers. A deep inquiry is not necessary to establish that the great mass of Russians, nobles, merchants and peasants, would strenuously oppose the development of a privileged class of any kind.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL

Six marriages were solemnized in the city last week. Nineteen children were born, fourteen of whom were girls.

Seventeen deaths occurred in the city last week. Pneumonia and consumption caused two each.

Rev. Joseph Quinn, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Quinn, was last Saturday ordained to the priesthood in Montreal by Bishop Anselme.

The death of Mrs. Miles, widow of Benjamin Miles, well known boat builder of this city, occurred Sunday at her residence, 9 St. Andrews street.

A despatch from Charlottetown (N. B.) tells of the marriage of Stanley Irving Peters, son of Mrs. M. H. Peters, of Carleton, to Miss Mary Amanda Burns.

John B. Jones, registrar of births, visited a few days ago, a house in Orange street where babies have been boarded.

No interest marked the nomination proceedings in the court house Friday, only half a dozen people being there.

A recent improvement in the I. C. R. freight handling equipment has been the installing of a powerful traveling crane.

The adjustment of the losses by the Millan fire has been completed. The building, insured for \$3,000, and stock, insured for \$14,000, were a total loss.

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The management of institutions, homes and hospitals, in fact all places that tend to relieve the sufferer and shelter the outcast, devoted themselves heart and soul to the task of making happiness for those in their charge.

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GRAND TRIBUTE TO THE WORTH OF REV. MR. ROACH

Large Congregation at Funeral Services in Main Street Church

A SOLEMN SCENE Heads and Hearts Bowed in Grief as Body Was Carried In—Fearing Addresses by Rev. Dr. Gates and Rev. Dr. Fotheringham.

Deeply touching was the funeral service of Rev. H. H. Roach in Main street Baptist church, Friday evening.

Hearts were bowed, and eyes were dimmed as the body of the late pastor was borne to the church and words of tenderness were spoken, respecting the worth and life of Mr. Roach.

The building was thronged, many from the neighborhood of Haymarket Square being among those present, and occupying seats around the pulpit were members of the city ministry of the Evangelical Alliance.

Home Service. At 8:30 o'clock a private service was held in the parlors, conducted by Rev. Dr. G. O. Gates, assisted by Rev. Dr. J. W. Manning and Rev. David Long.

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THE DARK MYSTERY OF A NORTH END FLAT

Alarming Conditions Which Mr. and Mrs. Fairweather Found on Return from a Visit—A Reason for Worry and Police.

When Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Fairweather, of 411 Main street, after looking front and rear doors, left their home Sunday night for the purpose of offering the season's greetings to friends, they did not have the remotest suspicion, that before Christmas day ended it would be necessary to telephone for the police.

The flat was a model of neatness and good taste when they left, but they returned to discover that an intruder—apparently a mysterious one—had come and gone.

In the kitchen was unmistakable evidence of somebody having dined. He had thrown a splash on the stove, more in the nature of a joke than anything else.

Mr. Fairweather found the back door open as he had left it. The double windows were also securely fastened. A horrible fear seized Mrs. Fairweather. It was just possible that the low-browed, con-ventor was lurking under a couch or bed, slyly munching his pet food.

Her husband turned no longer in endeavoring to solve what was swiftly becoming a most profound problem. He hurried to a telephone, called up the North end police station and a few minutes later Sergeant Kilpatrick was being shown the traces left by the burglar.

Mr. Fairweather, the sergeant, Mr. Fairweather and friend made a tour of the premises but there were no developments. A purse containing money was untouched. All the apartments outside of the kitchen were precisely as they had been left.

"He had a key," declared Mr. Fairweather, as he walked gingerly around the door, deposits and felt windows and doors. "I'm thoroughly frightened," observed Mrs. Fairweather. "I wouldn't feel so if he'd only broken a window or left a door open. Then it would have seemed natural. But this is unusual."

They had all retired to the dining room—that is, all but Mr. Fairweather. He was musing in the kitchen. Presently they heard him utter a loud "Hah!" (and then followed a low growl). There was a general migration to the kitchen.

Mr. Fairweather was staring at the ceiling. All eyes were cast upward. On the plaster were marks as though a portion of the ceiling had been sprayed or showered. "Give me a chair," said he.

He took it toward a high dresser standing in the corner of the kitchen. From the hook he secured a foothold on the dresser and from that position was enabled to feel over his top. There was a quantity of plaster on the wall there. He rummaged—just a second or so—then shouted with a stern cry.

"I've got him!" He jumped down and clutched in one hand was the bold but burglar—a partly filled can of corn with the side ripped open. The rest of the contents had spilled. The burglar had turned back and exploded.

The body of the Rev. Mr. Roach was taken from the Main street Baptist church for interment at St. John's cemetery on Sunday afternoon. The Rev. Mr. Roach was buried in Paradise (N.S.) for burial Mr. Roach's father and Mr. Roach's mother.

Kingston, Kings county, Dec. 23.—The closing exercises of the Macdonald school at Kingston took place on Saturday afternoon. The weather was crisp and bright and the school was well attended.

The following was the programme: Chorus—The Night Year—Lulu Lamb. Reading—The Closing Year—Lulu Lamb. Recitation—The Three Kings. Song—Christmas Bells—Six girls and six boys from Miss Meserve's room. Song—The Three Kings. Recitative—The Three Kings. Primary department.

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TWO LIVES LOST IN AWFUL STORM

Steamer Montfort Arrives Here After Fearful Passage from Bristol—Two Boys Swept Overboard by Seas; Another Nearly Gone—Seaman Hurt and Ship Damaged.

The C. P. R. steamer Montfort, Captain Cross, from Bristol, is in port after a passage which will live long in the memory of the captain and his crew.

Gales and tremendous seas caused damage to the ship and delayed her, caused injury to members of the crew, and took the lives of two of the seamen.

Two families in England will have an unhappy Christmas when they receive a cablegram announcing the deaths of the youths who were, during the height of a storm, swept into the raging sea and lost.

The Montfort left Bristol Friday, Dec. 9, for this port, with a general cargo. Moderate weather was experienced until Sunday, the 11th, when a heavy westerly gale was experienced.

The following day was seemingly worse, and Tuesday, the 13th, was even more so; the ocean was lashed into a furious state; the big ship could not make headway without doing great damage, and she had to lay to.

The sea was so tremendous, and as each one would break over the ship it seemed as if exerting every effort to destroy her.

On Tuesday night Thomas Keneshole, a deck boy, aged seventeen years, and A. White, a mess room steward, of about eighteen years of age, lost their lives. It was an awful night, made more so by the sacrifice of human lives to the storm's violence.

The seamen were glad of a rest from the work they have had to perform in the hard passage across the North Atlantic.

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HOW NEW BRUNSWICK FARMS COMPARE WITH THOSE IN THE OTHER PROVINCES

The capital invested in agriculture in Canada, according to volume II, of the census of 1901, recently issued, reaches the huge total of \$1,787,102,630. This sum is too great for the meaning of it to be grasped by minds only accustomed to dealing with ordinary figures.

It represents the basic investment of the greatest industries, in this as in all other countries where civilization has spread and order has been established. Between land, buildings, live stock, etc., the items going to make up the total are divided as follows:

Table showing the distribution of agricultural capital in Canada, 1901. Categories include Land, Buildings, Implements and machinery, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, Swine, Poultry, and Bees.

The total value of the live stock thus shown is \$275,167,027, of which \$892,985 is classified as pure bred. In regard to the latter, Ontario, as in many other things agricultural, is in the lead, being given credit for \$5,002,000 of pure bred animals, compared with \$1,183, 611 for Quebec, \$945,363 for the Territories, \$885,930 for Manitoba, \$232,172 for British Columbia, \$141,222 for New Brunswick, \$181,244 for Nova Scotia, and \$101,541 for Prince Edward Island.

It will be noted that in this evidence of advanced methods the West generally is in advance of the east. Having regard to population, Manitoba and the Territories lead Ontario, as Ontario leads the other provinces. There is in this, as in other of the statistics in the volume what may be food for profitable thought. Agriculture is evidently most backward in the provinces where the population is standing still.

The total value of \$1,787,102,630 in agricultural property is divided among the provinces as follows:

Table showing the total value of agricultural property in each province: British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Quebec, and The Territories.

More than one-half of the agricultural capital of the country is, therefore, in Ontario, and about one-quarter in Quebec. This superiority of the former province is due partly to the greater number of farms contained in the limits, partly to its natural advantages in the matter of climate, and partly, it is evident, to the superiority of methods of its farming population.

This is further shown in the figures relating to the number, size and value of farms (lets omitted) in the different provinces. These are given as follows, the value including the live stock and implements, as well as the land:

Table showing the number, size, and value of farms in each province. Columns include No. of farms, Acres, and Value.

Though British Columbia shows the greatest average value of farms, it is due in part to the fact of their being of greater size than is ordinarily the case in the East, though it is equally evident that it is partly to be ascribed to the men who own the farms, as their average value is considerably greater than that credited to the farms of Manitoba and the Territories, where the average acreage is greater of all. Taking the average value per acre of farms, live stock and implements, a comparison is: Ontario, \$43.20; Quebec, \$29.76; Prince Edward Island, \$25.43; British Columbia, \$21.76; Manitoba, \$19.92; Nova Scotia, \$15.09; New Brunswick, \$11.44; the Territories, \$11.63.

The value of the product of agriculture in the census year is given as \$683,125,884, to which the provinces contributed as follows:

Table showing the value of agricultural products in each province: British Columbia, Manitoba, New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Quebec, and The Territories.

These figures again have to be considered in view of others in regard to the farm and cultivated area. They refer to a comparison of value of products, field and animal, and improved acreage over the following relative standing:

Table showing the relative standing of farm and cultivated area in each province. Columns include Field, Animal, and Total.

Here, again, Ontario is in the lead, but this time with British Columbia a close second, and with Manitoba bringing up the rear. The text for the census on mixed farming seems to be lying some-where near in the four corners of these statistics.

What should be the most interesting table of the whole gives the average value of products per farm and lot of less than five acres in the census year. It is as follows:

Table showing the average value of products per farm and lot of less than five acres in each province.

It would certainly seem that a miscalculation had been made in some of these figures, possibly in not considering the value of the farm product consumed on the farm itself. Otherwise it would appear that farming, in some parts of Canada especially, is anything but a profitable business. The figures are those of the census compiler. They should altogether be fairly accurate. They are possibly no more inaccurate than those of other national counts. They are those which in a broad sense most deeply interest the student of the country's industrial and political progress.—Montreal Gazette.

A Successful Sale. Lorneville, St. John Co., Dec. 22.—The Lorneville Presbyterian church, held a sale of useful and fancy articles on the afternoon and evening of Saturday, the 17th. The proceeds amounted to \$88.51.

The following young ladies presided at the tables: Fanny table—Misses Anna MacCavour, Annie Cunningham, Cora Galbraith, Katie McKee, Marion Evans. Candy table—Misses Jennie Cunningham, Ethel Galbraith, Minnie Galbraith, Lavina McAfee, Nellie Wilson, Elsie Ferguson.

Ice Cream and lemonade table—Misses Mary Evans, Effiea Cunningham, Etta McAfee, Clara Wilson. Apron table—Misses Deborah, Perry and Bessie McAllister. Lunch table—Mrs. Galbraith, Mr. MacCavour and Miss Grundnack.

EARTH'S GLAD DAY, THE HAPPY CHRISTMAS TIME, IN ST. JOHN

Coldest Weather This Season Marked It—Observances in Church, Home, Charitable Institution and Hotel.

As Christmas succeeds Christmas, there is in St. John at least, no falling off in the observance of the Christmas day.

Yet not quite all. There has been sorrow and death in more homes than one in St. John at this joyous season.

The weather has been all that could be desired this year, to earn for it the title of seasonable.

Owing to the recent outbreak of diphtheria in St. Vincent's orphanage, no special features can be recorded, but children were all made to feel that the day was one of rejoicing.

The management of institutions, homes and hospitals, in fact all places that tend to relieve the sufferer and shelter the outcast, devoted themselves heart and soul to the task of making happiness for those in their charge.

The thirty-nine inmates of the Protestant Orphan Asylum sat down to the delights of turkey and plum pudding, and generous donations of sweets and all sorts of good things were much in evidence.

The number of inmates in the Home for Incapables now reaches twenty-five, and each one was the recipient of a well-filled stocking from the ladies' committee.

The Christmas dinner was served and everything that forethought could provide was done to make the day a happy one.

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WEDDING AT NEW RIVER MILLS

On Dec. 21, at the residence of Robert Shaw, New River Mills, his daughter, Jessie Estella, and George H. Ellis, of Macleod Bay, were married by Rev. F. W. M. Bacon, of Musquash.

L. J. KING COMMITTED FOR TRIAL

Platon, Dec. 22.—L. J. King, arrested in Westville on the charge of selling and circulating obscene literature, has been committed for trial. King has been given bonds for his appearance—\$1,000 and two sureties in \$500 each.

It is known in St. John, where trouble arose because of his address at Westville.

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SPREAD OF MANUAL TRAINING

T. B. Kidner, Director of New Branch of Education in New Brunswick, Writes of Purposes and Method of This Commendable Work, and Tells of Its Growth in This Province.

(Written by T. B. Kidner.)

In discussing the educational outlook a year or two since, Prof. Wm. James, the famous psychologist of Harvard, said, "the most colossal improvement ever introduced into the schools of America is manual training."

training, or Sloyd, formed one of the most important contributions to the movement. The early work in England and the United States was largely of a trade nature, but this Sloyd work from the first was wholly of a general pedagogical character, and insisted on the idea of the general training of the faculties and powers of the pupils, rather than the specialized training for some particular avocation. The wisdom of this was bound to make itself apparent, and today, all "manual training" is "Sloyd" and the terms are practically synonymous.

But what about "technical" education, about which we are hearing so much and for which there is such a widespread demand? Manual training, the subject being introduced into our public schools, is not technical education; that is, the training in the principles and underlying science of the various trades and professions. But it has, nevertheless, a most important bearing upon the specialized instruction of later years.

Isolated attempts at this, notably one in the city of Halifax, were made in the early nineties, but it was not until the year 1900 that a regular organized effort was made to make the subject known throughout the Dominion. In that year the far-sightedness of Professor Robertson, aided by the wealth of Sir Wm. G. Macdonald, made it possible to establish one or more schools in every province. Organizers and teachers of proved experience in Great Britain and the United States, were imported to give the subject the best possible chance, and for three years the work was supported almost wholly by this generous scheme. At the end of that period so satisfied were the various provincial authorities with the results of the movement that in practically every province the schools were taken over as a part of the regular educational system, and grants made to further the general adoption of manual training methods.

New Brunswick was by no means behind, for in April, 1902, an act was passed by the legislature offering substantial aid to boards of trustees in equipping of departments for manual training in wood or metal working, and to teachers who qualified themselves to give instruction in the same.

Satisfactory spread in New Brunswick. The result has been that, in addition to departments for the instruction of the students in training at the provincial normal schools, no less than eleven public manual training schools are now in operation in New Brunswick. Of their popularity and success, there is no longer any doubt, for from all sides comes testimony that they have met a long-felt want for some "practical" form of education, some methods by which the life of the school could be brought more into touch with the outside world.

But what is a manual training school? What is done there, and how does it differ from an ordinary school? What is the meaning of the various terms which are known, such as "Sloyd," "Hand-and-Eye Training," "Technical Training," "Industrial Training," etc., etc.?

First and foremost the manual training department differs in its form from the regular school room. Instead of the familiar seats and desks, maps and slates, ink and paper, there are to be found neat little work benches, equipped with the best and sharpest of tools; wood of various sorts and sizes; specimens of handicraft; sections and leaves of trees; drawing boards and instruments; nails, screws, glue and the hundred-and-one oddments that go to make up a workshop.

"A Trade School?" "Oh, no—not at all." For, as will be presently shown, its aims are quite different. But not only is its form different from the regular school room, but its methods are radically so. In place of the "pouring-in" process, which is so often, alas! the method of the ordinary school work, the process is reversed, and consists in drawing out the powers of the child by means of the intelligent work of his hands, his eyes and his brains. The training of all these, and the development of strength of mind, body and spirit is the aim of the manual training school.

The Secret of Success. "Learning by doing" is the keynote of their work and the secret of their success. In place of attitude of passive receptivity of the pupil in so many of the regular studies, the whole future of the boy is at work, handling, seeing, feeling, doing, and using the material world about him; and the learning of the elements of a trade, though the products of the boys' exertions, so proudly borne home at the conclusion of a practical course, but the training of the will and the power to do and persevere.

But "Sloyd," "Technical Training," what are these? The Swedish manual

graph, and even history and language. It has entirely revolutionized the methods of science teaching. When, owing to the cessation of new discoveries and their bearing upon ordinary life interests, the necessity of introducing science into our schools was first realized, the acquisition of knowledge was considered as an end in itself of sufficient importance, apart altogether from the value of the study as a mental discipline. Much of the science teaching of a few years since was little more than the satisfaction of the learner's curiosity with regard to the more startling wonders of the universe. It furnished information as to the phenomena of Nature, but failed to educate the true sense of the word. Only recently has the reason been discovered of the too evident failure of science lessons to give that all-round training of the faculties which the old learning provided. And we owe it largely to the experience gained in the workshop that the discovery has been made, and that the method of best teaching has been entirely changed.

MARKS OF GOOD WILL Presentation to Messrs. Russell and Nevins, of Canadian Drug Co.

A very pleasant surprise was given John Russell, Jr., (manager), and Charles T. Nevins, of the Canadian Drug Company, Ltd., when, as the firm was closing on Friday night, they were requested to step into the sample room, where, amid the handsome display of fancy goods and the pleasant atmosphere floating around the same, they were met by a circle of their employees, who had their faces lit with the joy of the occasion.

After being assured that all present were friends and confidence restored, addresses expressive of the warm feelings of the employees toward them were presented to Mr. Russell and Mr. Nevins.

Nearly all the present staff have been with the firm for several years, some from the start, and during all its career the treatment and consideration received at the hands of their employers has cemented them together with the best of good will.

After wishing the firm every prosperity for the future and, as a token of the high esteem in which Mr. Russell and Mr. Nevins are held by these under them, a handsome bronze tablet was presented to each, with the sincere wish that as they continued to mark the hours and days, each may be more happy and prosperous for them than the former.

STREET RAILWAY TO SPEND \$50,000 Col. H. H. McLean, who returned yesterday from Montreal, where he attended the meeting of Canadian street railway men, told The Telegraph Friday night that the St. John Railway Company, this city, have placed orders for \$50,000 worth of machinery and stock, to be delivered here in two months. This will assure, he said, a service equal to that of any other street railway on the continent. Col. McLean said he did not think the public were fully aware of the difficulties with which they had had to contend in the last year, and that if the company had spent nearly \$200,000 in equipment, there was no use placing orders in the summer time, when the cars and other works had more than they could do.

The object of the association of street railways recently effected in Montreal, he said, was simply that they might meet together in order to compare notes as to the best way of carrying on their work. They will meet every three months, and papers bearing on the best methods of carrying on the work will be read. It will cost each company \$100 to belong to the association. This membership fee confers only the right to send so many representatives to the meeting. Col. McLean has been appointed attorney. This association will be held in Montreal, he said, and it is with one object in view, that of the benefit of advice from those who are in a position to give it.

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OPEN HEARTS AT CHRISTMAS TIME

Some of the Presentations Which Mark the Season Good Will Among Men.

Christmas, 1904, has been remarkable among other things for the many expressions of good will between employers and employees, expressed in handsome presentations. So long as this kindly feeling continues, so long will the real spirit of the season survive. The following are some of the happy events that have taken place:

The altar boys of the cathedral Sunday evening presented a purse of gold to Rev. A. W. Meahan. An address was read by William Ryan and George Murphy made the presentation.

There was a pleasant gathering in the editorial rooms of the Evening Times Saturday afternoon, when A. M. Belding, the editor, and A. E. McKinley, city editor, were waited upon by the members of the local staff, who extended Christmas wishes. W. R. Croke, on behalf of the staff, presented Mr. Belding a handsome brass pipe, and to Mr. McKinley a gold mounted amber cigar holder.

The young ladies employed in the Times office Saturday afternoon presented to Hugh Finlay, the foreman, a smoking jacket, and to F. G. Cooper, of the business staff, a pair of gold cuff links and a sterling silver cigar cutter.

In Carville Hall, John Bond, the proprietor, and his wife were the recipients of a handsome parlor clock, the gift of the lady and gentlemen boarders. Mr. Bond presented cash gifts to his help, and to F. G. Cooper, of the business staff, a pair of gold cuff links and a sterling silver cigar cutter.

Raymond & Doherty, of the Royal Hotel, gave their employees the usual cash gifts and they in turn gave Mr. Doherty a fine golf outfit and Mr. Raymond a fine gold watch. Joseph J. Nobles, of the customs, was remembered by the staff and given a purse of money. A. Gordon Leavitt is sending to his friends as a Christmas greeting a photograph of himself seated in his study with some of his natural history specimens around him.

The Grand Union Hotel staff presented to the proprietor, W. H. McQuade, a handsome gold-headed ebony cane. The employees of Campbell Bros. axe manufacturers presented to Willford Campbell a handsome piece of parlor furniture. The employees gave each of their men a turkey. The York Theatre orchestra presented to their leader, Stewart Brien, a handsome meerschaum pipe, as a Christmas present. Mr. Gilliland accepted the gift with a brief speech of thanks.

James R. Gilliland, C. P. R. agent West St. John, received from his handsome meerschaum pipe, as a Christmas present. Mr. Gilliland accepted the gift with a brief speech of thanks. "Well-to-do Japanese," says Kaneko, "do not live so very different from Americans. For breakfast they eat coffee from the Philippines, and for lunch they smoke bread from a 'dine' mill. They smoke a cigarette or two, and their morning paper is the product of a Wisconsin paper mill."