

THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4 1905.

THE STORY OF A GREAT SECRET. Millions of Mischief.

By HEADON HILL.

Author of "By a Hair's Breadth," "The Duke Decides," "A Race with Rain," Etc., Etc. "And some that smile have in their hearts, I fear, millions of mischief."—Julius Caesar, Act IV., Scene 1.

(Continued.) That vindictive speech was my justification, for the voice was the voice of Roger Marske, and I knew that I had rightly solved the meaning of Clara Rivington's last utterance.

I made no answer, and the sound of his steps receding quickly, followed by the slamming of the front door, told me that he had fled from the scene of his crime.

CHAPTER XVI. A Chapter of the Past. But my triumph would be a barren one indeed if I stood there with the door open, and the wind whistling through the cracks, and the cold air rushing in, and the fire in the grate guttering and the water in the pipes running down past my feet.

With my penknife I cut the cord from the window blind, and, reaching from the window, made a loose loop round the pipe. The other end I fastened to my wrist, to give me confidence in my climb. Then, with an unspoken prayer, I clambered out on to the sill, and, not daring to look down at the dark waters below, I swung from my foothold to the trail support of the metal tube.

It rattled and swayed ominously under the grasp of my fingers, and the clutch of my knees, and every instant I feared that it would drag the holdfast from the decayed mortar, carrying me with it into the oily flood beneath. But I kept on and upwards, thankful that girls have muscles nowadays, and at last I flung myself through the locky open window of the room from which Marske had tried to shoot me.

The room was full of smoke, warning me, as did the roar of flames in the lower part of the house, not to try to recover my breath till I was clear of the burning building. Rushing through on to the landing, I found the front stairs burning fiercely, but I discovered a second staircase, little better than a ladder, which brought me to a kitchen, whence an unlocked door gave entrance on to a yard. Hardly knowing how I got there I eventually staggered out into the lane, just as the flames licked through the front windows, and the Mill House from foundation to roof was illumined in a lurid glow.

I had no apprehension that Roger Marske would be lurking near the scene of his villainy, but the glare in the sky would assuredly bring some of the nearest dwellers upon the spot before long, and I had no desire to be detained and questioned

them. The burning of the Mill House and the attempt on my life were minor details of the far graver accusation which I believed myself to be now in a position to bring against Roger Marske and I wished to lose not a moment in doing so.

These would come from the hamlet of Chipping Myvern, through which I had passed in the morning, and as I should probably be recognized as the person who had inquired for the Mill House, I set off in the opposite direction. It was nearly dark, my watch telling me that it was just nine o'clock.

Stumbling along the stony lane, I tried to formulate my plans, and here my inexperience, fortified by impatience for my lover's safety, led me into a grave error of judgment. I had reached a point in my investigation where I should have obtained trustworthy advice. The wisest course would have been to take train for London and consult all that happened to the solicitor who had defended Arthur at the trial. Instead of that I had hesitated between going straight to the police and laying an information with a magistrate.

After walking for over a mile, the lane brought me into a broad high road, and here, after another quarter of an hour's tramp, chance took a hand in settling the vexed question for me. I came to the lodge gates of what was evidently a large mansion, and as a light streamed from the open door of the lodge I stopped to ask my way to Brentwood.

"A master of four miles, yonder," replied an old man from the chimney corner, indicating the direction from which I had come.

So I had got to trudge four weary miles before I could disclose to official ears the tremendous secret I was carrying. I had worked myself up to think that when the authorities heard my story, a mere stroke of the pen, or some equally facile method, would restate Arthur and put Roger Marske in his place. It was galling to have to wait an hour before stitting my experiences, and the second alternative occurring to me, I asked: "Can you tell me where the nearest magistrate lives?"

The old lodgekeeper, I thought at me, queried as he replied: "You'll be a stranger, then I reckon. I'vey one knows as the master be Cheesman. Not a common five shillings or a week beak, but Cheesman o' Quarter Sessions," he added proudly. And he pointed a palsied finger to the

lights of the great house among the trees. Thanking him for his information, I set off along the carriage drive, and it was not till I had traversed three parts of it and was leaving the park for the pleasure garden that I remembered that I ought to have inquired his master's name. Not of real importance, perhaps, but useful in gaining admission. However, the later necessity was not to arise. As I approached the portico I caught the scent of a cigar, and glancing at the lawn in front of the mansion, saw the stooping figure of a tall man in evening dress shown up in the light that came from an open French window.

He must have been watching my arrival, for he came quickly forward with, I could not help thinking, an undue eagerness for such a magnet as his retainer had described him. But the next moment, in a high pitched, authoritative voice, he gave a simple explanation of his curiosity.

"You are the young woman from the post-office, and have a telegram for me, eh?" he inquired as he stepped from the grass on to the gravel. And he held out his hand for the non-existent message.

"No," I answered. "If I do not come from the post-office, I was given to understand at the lodge that you are a magistrate, and I want to speak to you on most important business—swear an information, I think it is called."

An exclamation that sounded like annoyance escaped him, but he stonored for it by a polite gesture towards the open French window. I could only see him indistinctly in the blend of dying daylight and a rising moon, yet I gathered an impression of capability, and the custom of command, tempered by age.

"If you will be so good as to step in here," he said, leading the way to a room which he called the study. "I shall send the servants the trouble of answering the door. This is my justice-room, but I also use it for smoking purposes after dinner."

In the gloom of the garden I had taken him for a country gentleman, disappointed that I was not the bearer of a telegram announcing the result of some race in which he was interested. Here, in the shaded lamplight of the luxurious apartment, I at once recognized my mistake. He to whom I was about to impart my accusation against Roger Marske was no sportsman in the usual acceptance of the term. He was an old man with a sallow, unwholesome complexion, suggestive of late hours and life in cities, his burning eyes under the cavernous brows se-

vere through the scanty hairs on his forehead and regarded me with keen comprehension. "Then Roger Marske was at your point of departure on this extraordinary errand?" he asked. "Yes," I answered, seeing no harm in the admission. This country justice of the peace could not possibly be aware that Arthur was in the late of Wight, I told myself, any more than he could have known of Roger Marske's presence there.

"I wish to prefer a charge of murder, and also of attempted murder, against one Roger Marske," I answered him eagerly. "Slowly, very slowly, hot-replaced the pen in the tray, and, joining the tips of his fingers, bent bischin to them as he surveyed me with a perfectly sphinx-like countenance. The scrutiny lasted a full minute.

"Of murdering, and of attempting to murder, whom do you accuse—this person?" he inquired presently, in a tone that sounded unpromising. It was not altogether incredulous, but I knew not why. In putting the question he worked his face in a curious contortion that was hardly a smile, and I saw that his few remaining teeth were sharp and yellow, like an aged dog's fangs.

"I accuse him of murdering a young lady named Clara Rivington and her mother," I replied, ignoring the second and less material half of his question for the present. "The matter is urgent, because a perfectly innocent man has been convicted of the crime, and will be—will be hanged if he is recaptured." I added, nearly breaking down.

"Recaptured! The convict's name?" demanded the magistrate in his high-pitched treble, shooting a glance at me that boded ill for my cause. "Arthur Rivington—the prisoner who escaped from Winchester Jail. You must have heard of it," said I; and then a great fear seized me that he would ask me if I had met or communicated with Arthur since his escape. I should have to lie if he did, for I could not confess to this strange-mannered, unsympathetic old man that I had seen my lover. For the same reason my lips were sealed about the plot against Lord Alphington, which alone I could have learned from Arthur. Doubtless my name and address would be taken; it would be known that I had come from Totland Bay, and if I told of my interview with Arthur he would be traced thither before his safety was assured. But I was not called upon to lie.

"Yes," replied my interrogator drily. "I have heard of the case. Now be so good as to lay your information against this other one, who, according to this extraordinary story of yours, ought to be in the convict's shoes."

"So I took a step nearer to the table and poured out my story—how I had formed the theory that Clara Rivington's last words indicated the name of her murderer, how I had started out to trace the mysterious "Danvers Crane," and how the person whose name of Marske had inspired the idea had followed and laid in wait at the address which I had connected with "Danvers Crane. The old man ran his delicate ang-

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THE FROST SAVED HIM.

Man Escapes Death in the St. Lawrence in Peculiar Manner.

Ogdensburg, N. Y., Jan. 3.—Nelson Hamie and Webb Rollins attempted to cross the St. Lawrence River in an open boat last night and were caught in floating ice. The boat was upset and crushed by the ice and Rollins was drowned. Hamie, after a struggle for life in the icy water, clung to floating ice until his clothing froze to it, and prevented him from drowning. A ferry steamer rescued him. He was badly frozen.

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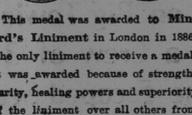
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ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 4, 1905.

The St. John Evening Times is published at 19 and 21 Canterbury street...

THE FERRY TARIFF.

It was like shaking hands with an old friend for the aldermen yesterday to discuss the miserable character of the ferry service.

There is no more occasion for aldermanic surprise now than in former years. The public is not asked to endure more this winter than it endured a year ago.

But this is a good time to discuss the whole question of the ferry service, and consider what course will ensure the best service when the new boat is ready for the route.

At the board of works meeting yesterday, the director reported that the street railway, were charging by metre for electric light in the east side ferry house and the price was too high.

The Times has been told of an establishment where, since the metre was used, the cost per month for electric light was more than double.

But one more table is necessary to show just how the tax payer is affected by the street expenditures.

Table with columns: Asses., Total, Dr. Balance, Cr. Balance. Rows for years 1890-1904.

The figures which are given above show the amount which the tax payer has contributed directly towards the maintenance and improvement of the streets.

CRITICAL YEAR IN WORLD'S HISTORY.

Speculations Concerning the Events of 1905--Russia's Fate in the Balance--Otherwise the Outlook for Peace is Hopeful--King Edward's Statesmanship.

London, Jan. 3.--The crisis in the world's history, which the year now closed has developed so rapidly, is in the opinion of the most careful observers, approaching its climax.

There are those who believe that Japan's comet-like appearance in the Pacific will be followed by a sudden war. There are those who believe, on the other hand, that she will be absorbed by the Russian empire.

There are those who believe that the disruption of the Russian empire and the remaking of the map of Europe and Asia. Those who share the latter opinion are increasing in numbers.

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PRESENTS FOR YOUR FRIENDS.

Wonderfully Beautiful.

Is the line of Christmas Goods I am showing this year. The stock includes the choicest and best and newest styles in

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Don't fail to see my splendid assortment of

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Women's Felt Congress, 60c, were 75c.

Women's Felt Slippers, 40c, were 55c.

Women's Felt Shoes, 90c, were \$1.00.

Women's Jersey Waterproof Overboots, \$2.00.

Women's Croquet Rubbers, job lot, sizes 2-12, 3, 3-1-2, 20c.

Women's Storm Rubbers, job lot, sizes 2-1-2, 3, 30c.

Men's Waterproof 2 Buckle Overboots, job lot, all sizes \$2.

Men's Felt, laced and elastic Boots all sizes, \$1.35, were \$1.75.

Men's Felt, leather foxed laced Boots, \$1.50, were \$1.85.

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JAMES V. RUSSELL, 8 1-2 Brussels Street.

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AT LOWEST CASH PRICES.

Men's Hand Made Kip Long Boots, \$3.00.

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HELPLESS AS SHEEP, SAYS COL. DENISON.

Canadian Soldiers Endorse Lord Roberts' Words-- Rifle Ranges Wanted--The Need of Improved Artillery, of a Larger Stand of Arms and Increased Cavalry Brought Out.

Discussing Lord Roberts' arrangement of the British war office, Col. Denison of Toronto said to the News...

Canada Not Doing Her Duty. That is the soundest of sound wisdom, and I may say there is no nation on God's earth that is doing its duty in that respect now...

Nonsense About Peace. There has been a lot of nonsense talked in the last sixty or seventy years that there would be no more war...

GRAND FALLS. The G. T. Survey Party Resumes Operations--Other News.

Grand Falls, Jan. 3.--The C. M. B. A. of Grand Falls, at the last regular meeting, elected the following officers for the ensuing year...

MECHANICS, FARMERS, SPORTSMEN! To heal and soften the skin and remove grease, oil and rust stains...

ONE ELECTION SUFFICES. One single trial proves "SWISS FOOD" to be the most profitable and the most satisfactory.

IS THERE A MATTER TO WHICH YOU THINK FURTHER ATTENTION SHOULD BE CALLED? TELL THE TIMES ABOUT IT.

MORNING NEWS IN BRIEF.

Local.

A Russian Jew who is boarding at the Salvation Army home, complains of having lost six shirts, which, he claims were taken from his trunk during his absence.

Jack Bates, the young son of Edward Bates of 30 Duke street, hurt his foot badly while coasting yesterday on the waterworks hill.

Edward Neill of Belleisle, was thrown from a load of hay on Sydney St. last evening about 7 o'clock. He was badly shaken up.

Tramps have again been at work in the summer cottages at Duck Cove, Politeam Lawton, of Fairville, who had a similar case last year.

The thieves effected an entrance through the windows, by removing the shutters, and raising the sashes.

Sugar took another rise yesterday. The New York refiners advanced their prices for refined sugar 10 cents per 100 lbs.

The children of the Mission church of St. John the Baptist, Paradise Row, had an enjoyable experience last evening.

The annual meeting of the Hod Carriers and Mortormen's Union was held last night in Labor Hall.

The following report of the Salvation Army Home and Hospital for the Year 1904.

SALVATION ARMY. Report of Evangeline Home and Hospital for the Year 1904.

Table with columns for INCOME and EXPENDITURE, listing various financial items and their amounts.

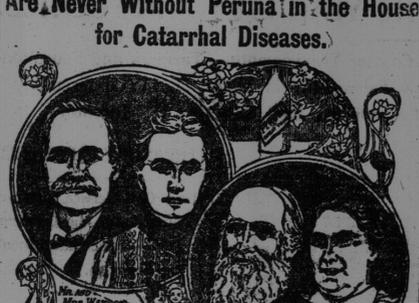
BIG ACCIDENTS IN 1904.

The Burning of the General Slocum Was the Largest American Had. Without including the last week, the accidents in North America in which five or more persons were killed...

INJUNCTION DISSOLVED.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 3.--The Northern Securities injunction has been dissolved by the United States circuit court.

THE OLD FOLKS AT HOME Are Never Without Peruna in the House for Catarrhal Diseases.



W. D. WATSON, County, Cal., writes: "God bless you for what you have done for me. The rheumatism has all done for me. The rheumatism has all done for me. The rheumatism has all done for me..."

DISSOLUTION OF PARTNERSHIP

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Advertisement for Granby Rubbers featuring an illustration of a man in a hat and boots, with text: "I'm Water Proof, and my dad, he knows What's good for boys. So when it snows, Put on your GRANBY RUBBERS' he'll say They'll keep your feet-dry all the day."

Advertisement for Ungar's Heavy Pliable Finish laundry featuring an illustration of a woman in a dress, with text: "HEALTH AND COMFORT and the very highest class of workmanship and material make the D. & A. corsets the favorites with all discerning women."

Advertisement for Gilbert Lane Dye Works with text: "LACE CURTAINS cleaned and done up EQUAL TO NEW. Carpets cleaned and beaten. Dyeing and scouring."

Advertisement for Macaulay Bros. & Co. with text: "YOUR AD. HERE Would be read by thousands every evening"

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CANADA'S TRADE IN THE YEAR 1904

And the Outlook for the Coming Twelvemonth—Bradstreet's Review—Falling Off in Some Lines of Trade, But Conditions Said to be Generally Healthy.

Bradstreet's gives the following review of the financial and trade conditions of the year just ending. While a falling off in some lines of trade and industry has occurred, the year as a whole has been a prosperous one for Canada. Stockholding has shown that since the year's volume of trade has been massive there has been an increase in the value of goods traded in, and the net result has been a great increase in the value of the year's production. The conditions are generally healthy.

Canadian securities, compared with prices ruling a year and two years ago. Dec. 30, 1904, Jan. 1, 1905, Dec. 30, 1903. C. P. R. 120, 120, 120. Dominion 100, 100, 100. Bank of Montreal 100, 100, 100.

THE EXPORT AND IMPORT TRADE. Canadian foreign trade, imports and exports, for the year ending September 30, 1904, the latest for which official statistics are issued, are as follows: Imports, \$1,000,000,000; exports, \$800,000,000.

SECURITY VALUES. During the earlier part of the year value of Canadian securities continued to decline, beginning in 1903, until about June, when the market improved. Since then, improvement has continued almost without reaction.

NIAGARA IS HARNESSSED. Works Started Yesterday That Will Generate Wonderful Electrical Power. Niagara Falls, Jan. 3.—(Special).—The most wonderful generation of electric power ever built by man were set in operation yesterday in the power house of the Canadian Niagara Power Company, in Victoria Park on the Canadian side.

Cataract is Certainly Curable. In fact it is one of the most curable diseases if fragrant healing Catarrh is used. No matter how long you have suffered with catarrh you can be perfectly cured by inhaling the antiseptic vapor of Catarrhose, which strikes the foundation of the trouble and establishes such a healthy condition in the system that catarrh germs simply can't exist.

THE MACHINE IN POLITICS.

Farmers and Educationists in Conference in Toronto.

TREASURY PLUNDERED. How Civil Service Employees Subscribe to the Campaign Fund—Subscriptions Should Be Published.

The machine in politics is the curse of all democratic government. The remedy is not heralded as a wonderful discovery nor yet a secret patent medicine, neither is it claimed to cure anything except dyspepsia, indigestion and stomach troubles, which nine out of ten suffer.

W. L. Smith, of Toronto, gave the evolution of the campaign fund, the one that formerly the fund was small, and was subscribed in small amounts by the people who selected the candidates.

Dangers to Democracy. Dr. Miller, of the University College, thought that apathy and listlessness were the greatest dangers to Democracy and the salvation of the country.

Curb the Wicked Machine. The chairman then asked what they could do to curb the power of this wicked machine. "Take out our coats," replied Dr. Burwash.

It Will Pay You to Advertise in THE TIMES. The advertiser who advertises in THE TIMES will find that it will pay him to do so.

Minudie Coal

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MISS PORTER'S ROMANCE. Paris, Jan. 2.—The engagement of Miss Elsie Porter, daughter of an American ambassador, to young Dr. Mendel of Zurich, is announced.

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News of Sport.

KID MCCOY ON THE VERGE OF COMPLETE BREAKDOWN.

Declares His Fight With Twin Sullivan Off and May Never Enter the Ring Again--Gans and Gardner Matched--Interest Warming Up in Hockey.

HOCKEY.

The Trojans Win.

The Trojans of Fredericton, played their first game in the local league at Fredericton on Monday night, defeating the R. C. R. team by a score of 8 to 1. The Trojans team was the same as will probably play in the provincial league. Their line up was as follows-- Finnamore, goal; Rabbit, point; F. Staples, cover point; McManis, rover; Coleman, centre; Rowan, right wing; Burton, left wing.

From the Klondike.

Vancouver, B. C., June 4.--(Special) The all-star hockey team of Dawson, is expected to arrive on the next boat from Skagway, and will start a tour against the crack clubs of eastern Canada and the States.

Friday Night's Game.

The local hockey players are rapidly getting in shape for the first game of the provincial league, which will take place on Friday evening next. The Mohawks meet for practice to-night and it is expected it will be decided definitely as to the line-up for Friday night. The probable line-up will be F. Tutts, goal; Geo. Robertson, point; K. Inches, cover point; W. Rising, (Capt.) centre; F. O'Neill, rover; E. Mooney, left wing; H. Sturdee, or W. Murray, right wing.

The only new men on the Mohawks this year are O'Neill and Robertson. O'Neill played in the Neptunes, last year, and should prove an addition to the team. He is a good skater and a hard worker, but needs to practice shooting which is about his only weak point. Robertson is a new man in hockey circles here, he practiced some last year with the Neptunes, and it is understood played on some outside teams. He seems to be a good steady player and a good shot. The balance of the team are all old Mohawks, and are well known, so that no more need be said. The Mohawks are determined that if possible the cup will come to St. John this year.

The Gleaner Climbs Down.

The Fredericton Gleaner's young man has executed another change of front. He evidently read the few

words of kindly comment in this column on Monday evening and realized that he was making himself and his paper ridiculous. Now he hastens to assure the public that "The Gleaner" is against the importing of players for the Fredericton team" and along this line expresses his opinion that "it would be better to pull up in the rear with a local septette." We are glad that the Gleaner's young man has the moral courage to admit he is in the wrong. His apology is accepted and should he visit St. John with the Fredericton hockey team there is no doubt he would be well received--Sporting Ed.

SKATING.

To night Harley Davidson, Baptie, and Ruda will meet in a skating race at the Wesley rink, Winnipeg. They are well known professionals, and the race will be best two in three heats.

Other races will likely be arranged later on, in which Jack McCulloch and "Gid" Bellefeuille may compete. Jack has not yet gone into active training, but if a suitable match is made, will likely do so in earnest. He has many backers in Winnipeg who believe that he can defeat any of the skaters now before the public. Bellefeuille has never yet skated as a professional, but his friends think if he did so he has the speed to pick up the shakels with the rest of them. McCulloch and Bellefeuille are mentioned as a possible relay race team. Jimmy Boswell, who is arranging for the race to-night, says it is also likely that Manitoba amateur championships will be pulled off later on in the season in conjunction with some big professional events.

ATHLETIC.

Truro, Jan. 3.--In sports on the ice this winter Truro is not to a back seat. All things considered she is making a fair start. She is able to put up six rinks of senior and four rinks of junior, or golf curlers--all good men. Her hockey team is a good first and there are at least other teams. Mr. Schwartz, accountant of the Royal Bank of Canada, one of Amherst's very strongest men of last winter, is now with Truro. Both curlers and hockeyists are competing in the Provincial league competition.

After a lapse of nearly 15 years the 24 pound shot putting championship was revived at the Pastime Rink New York recently. Than George Gray, the well-known Canadian amateur, established a record of 33 feet 11 inches. Ralph Rose, the giant of Michigan university and holder of the record for the 16 pound shot at 43 feet 3 inches, was the first to have a shy at Gray's figures. At his first attempt he sent the cumbersome stone lead ball 37 feet eight inches, and followed this up by hurling it 38 feet two inches.

CURLING.

For Jones' Cup.

The St. Andrew's curling club had a meeting last night and elected twenty skips to play in the Jones cup competition. The rinks will be chosen later on. The ice is in great condition for play.

Will Meet Tonight.

There will be a special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club tonight in their quarters, Golding St. A full attendance is requested.

THE RING.

Gans and Gardner.

San Francisco, Jan. 4.--Joe Gans and Jimmy Gardner have been matched at 135 pounds some date this month. This match will take the place of the Johnson-Hart match, which has been called off.

McCoy III.

Los Angeles, Calif., Jan. 2.--Kid McCoy is very ill in this city. He has been confined to his bed for several days and his physician has ordered him to go into retirement and take a complete rest.

McCoy is on the verge of a complete breakdown. He has declared off his fight with "Twin" Sullivan and may never fight again.

"Jeff" Talks.

Champion Jeffries has just made a statement, which will prove something of a surprise to the followers of the prize ring. The general impression has been that the big fellow received worse punishment from Bob Fitzsimmons in their last fight than was ever administered to him in a ring encounter, but he says not. In an interview Jeffries says:

"Do you know that a blow in the stomach has never hurt me as yet? I want to tell you a funny thing about that. When I fought Rubin he hurt me, and, laying my head over his shoulder, shouted to Madden: 'Don't tell him to do that again, or it will be all over with me!' Madden saw the joke and laughed."

"My stomach has always been in good shape. I have never had any trouble at all. I never wake up with a bad taste in my mouth, and that, more than anything else, convinces me that my stomach must be organically perfect. It's a queer thing to watch a large

audience and the expressions on their faces when a man gets hit, I have had men hit me in the face, for instance. Fitzsimmons, and 1,000 voices would 'Doo-ee' all over the house, while I could hear them near the ringside say: 'That was a terrible blow' and I want to tell you, and tell you truthfully, that I never even felt the punch. Yet there were thousands on the outside feeling for me. I can honestly say, without boasting, that few men have even hurt me with a punch, and no man living has ever pushed my head back.

"Now I'm going to tell you something that may surprise you. If I left it to the public to guess which fighter hurt me most in all the battles I have fought I don't think one out of a hundred would guess the man. I know that Fitzsimmons and Sharkey, and probably Corbett, would come in for the most guesses, but I'm going to let the cat out of the bag and tell you that Joe Choy-niki hit me harder and hurt me more than ever I was hurt before or since."

"I was a beginner at the time and I don't know how Choy-niki could hit in those days. I have often wondered since why Joe didn't break his hands when slugging those big fellows. He was just short of weight to make a good heavyweight and too heavy for a middleweight."

"Talk about hurting your hands--do you know that if I had never used tape I would have never hurt my hands. At that my hands are in great shape, and I will never use bandages to protect them, but if your hands are sound, don't place the bandages on them, keep them off. You'll wonder why I say this--well, here's my reason:

"You lace your hands tightly and then swing on an opponent's head, break your hand and the tape refuses to allow the hand to swell. That's what makes bad hands, for the bones become cramped and can't heal. I have seen beginners go into the ring and bandage their hands. Not one out of 20 could tell you what they bandaged their hands for. Poor little fellows, they little know that they are handicapping themselves right at the beginning of their career."

"As I said before, there will be no more bandages on my hands, no matter whom I fight in the future. And I will bet that if I adhere to that resolution my hands will hold out as long as I am in the fighting game."

Johnson and Hart Uppercuts. A date has been set for the twenty round bout between Jack Johnson of San Francisco, and Marvin Hart of Louisville, heavyweights. According to present plans they are to meet at San Francisco on Jan. 27. The contest was arranged by Alec Greig, and forfeits have been posted. Johnson has agreed to knockout Hart before the limit. Failing to do so Hart will get the large end of the purse. Johnson declares that he has been completely

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Dr. Chase's Ointment

less telegraph between Cape Elizabeth and Galveston, Tex., via the Atlantic coast, around Florida and along the coast of the gulf of Mexico, touching at New Orleans. When completed, the system will be the longest in the country. The distance between will exceed 250 miles in some cases. Plans have been made for the installation of stations at Cape Hatteras, on the Diamond Shoals light-ship off Cape Hatteras, at Beaufort, N. C., Charleston, S. C., Pensacola, New Orleans and Galveston. These new stations will make a complete system covering the entire Atlantic and Gulf coasts.

AT THE OPERA HOUSE. "In Old Kentucky" is the attraction at the opera house and the Daily company are covering themselves with glory in its production. It has been many years since such a worthy presentation has been seen in this city and at the final performance which will be given this evening a bumper house will witness its exciting incidents. Tomorrow evening "Christopher Jr." with its wealth of humorous incidents and situations will be the attraction. The comedy is full of bright and brilliant dialogue and the Daily's can be relied upon to present a finished performance of one of John Drew's greatest successes. The Daily's will remain here four more weeks previous to their visit to Halifax.

Am I Jane--I suppose you know there are microbes in ketchup? Immense--I know there is something with a very delicious flavor.

No Breakfast Table complete without EPPS'S

An admirable food, with all its natural qualities intact, fitted to build up and maintain robust health, and to resist winter's extreme cold. It is a valuable diet for children.

COCOA The Most Nutritious and Economical.

WIRELESS SYSTEM ALONG THE COAST. Portland, Me., is soon to be one of an immense wireless telegraphy system. Rear Admiral Mansueti, chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy department, has just completed plans for a system of wire-

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Always safe, pleasant and effectual for all coughs, colds, irritation of the throat. The Baird Company's Wine of Tar, Honey and Wild Cherry will give rest and comfort to the sleepless. Bronchial and asthmatic coughs are promptly relieved. At all dealers in medicine. THE BAIRD CO., LTD., Proprietors.

Man's Most Critical Age Very often the vital resources are small at forty-two, but if not then, between fifty-seven and sixty-two years of age there is a strange slowing down and loss of vitality. It is important that this transient period of decay should be checked; strength must be imparted to the tired brain; the weakened nerves must be fortified. The wise man will use Ferrozone whose potency is particularly applicable to these critical periods. Ferrozone quickens the whole being, supports vigor and power, pushes back the onset of senility in a very marked way. It's because Ferrozone gives strength, vitality and vigor that it is useful to old men. Try it. Price 50c.

Baby's Own Soap

The Times Readers must make their purchases somewhere. Advertisements in The Evening Times show them where. Contract for space. 40,000 eyes cannot fall to see it.

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ALL DRUGGISTS

THE ST. JOHN EVENING TIMES, WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 4, 1905.

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Prayer meetings in St. Andrew's church, 1000 Commercial street and Portland Methodist church.

Local News.

The water and sewerage board meets this afternoon. The county court opens on the fourth Tuesday in February.

The Ladies' committee of the Protestant Orphan Asylum will meet tomorrow afternoon at 8 o'clock.

Harry Needham of the north end, offers to challenge Walter Winters, to skate at the police sports on the 18th of the month.

Dr. Berryman will not hold an inquest into the death of James Wier, who died suddenly at his home Dorchester St., last night.

A meeting of the Women's Art Association, which was to have been held this morning, has been postponed till tomorrow morning on account of bad weather.

The special week of prayer services were held last night in Calvin Presbyterian church, Leinster St. Baptist, and Victoria St. Free Baptist church. All were well attended.

To-morrow evening at 8 o'clock at Broese's Corner, King Square, the regular monthly meeting of K. L. Borden club will be held. O. S. Crockett M. P. will address the club.

The Times has received a pretty fall calendar from the Union Assurance Company. The calendar is of convenient size and bears a representation of Jacques Cartier landing at Montreal in October 1535.

Unusual interest is being manifested in the police sports. Tickets are selling rapidly, and those desirous of attending will do well to secure them at once as the number is limited.

Arthur Hoyt, the well known stevedore, met with a painful accident while at work yesterday. He was superintending the work under his charge when he slipped under a plank severely. Mr. Hoyt expects to be at work tomorrow.

The Union Lumber Co. of Newfoundland which has in course of erection a large new mill at the 217th mile post, near North Sydney, has 40,000 logs cut to date and will continue work till April. In the four places—North Sydney, Come by Chance, Grand Lake and the Post—they will have an estimated output of the coming year of 4 million feet of lumber.—(Halifax Chronicle).

NO MORE SHORT CUTS.

A man driving out Little River way the other night took the short cut, that leads past the old Church of England cemetery and across the creek running into Courtenay Bay.

The tide was out, there was no bridge, and the horse and slight vehicle foundering in the bed of the creek. The bank opposite was too steep to climb, and the horse turned up the creek. The driver got him turned in some way, although the creek is very narrow, and the horse was toward Courtenay Bay.

After wading into the water some distance a place was found where the horse could get ashore on the farther side of the creek. In the meantime some persons living near were attracted, and told the bow-legged driver where he was. A fence was lowered, the team was got out on the road leading to Courtenay, and the adventure closed. It was a hot time on a cold night.

SUPREME COURT.

The supreme court met in the courthouse this morning at 11 o'clock in the case of McKinnon vs. The McLaughlin carriage company, L. A. Curry announced that proposals had been made for settlement and that negotiations for terms were now being carried on. Mr. Curry asked for adjournment until terms of agreement had been arranged.

The criminal case of Lobb vs. Saunders will be heard Friday morning at 11 o'clock. The case of Ingraham vs. Brown was not taken up owing to the absence of the parties.

THE FERRY TRAFFIC.

According to the report of Superintendent H. A. Glasgow of the ferry service, the number of persons crossing the ferry last year was considerably in excess of the previous year.

The figures of the ferry collectors show that 5,228 more persons crossed on the ferry steamers in 1904 than in 1903. The total for the year was 1,575,891, and for 1903, 1,570,663. In 1904 there were 787,778 passengers from Carleton to the city and 788,115 from the city to Carleton. In 1903 the heaviest travel was from Carleton, 786,898 coming to the East side and 788,705 going to the West side.

THE NEW PAPER.

Hon. H. R. Emmerson was in the city yesterday and met a number of the local supporters of the government. It is understood that his visit was in connection with the founding of the new liberal organ which it has been decided to establish.

Dr. Hannay was also in the city yesterday and it is reported that he has been decided to establish the new journal. It is stated by some of those interested that the first issue of the new paper will appear very soon.

BOARD OF WORKS.

Several Matters Discussed at Yesterday Afternoon's Meeting.

A meeting of the board of works was held yesterday. Ald. Christie presided and those present were McGoldrick, Lewis, Hann, Daley, Holder, Tilley, Frink, Maxwell, Macrae, Brennan, and Bullock; Director Cushing, Superintendent Glasgow and Engineer Hurd Peters.

Ald. Holder declared that the McLeod warehouse was not being built in accordance with the specifications, and he wished to have an investigation into the matter. He pointed out that green boards were being used where dry ones were called for.

He wished to have Inspector Thompson appear before the board. Ald. Lewis said the engineer was responsible. The work was under his supervision.

City engineer Peters said tests were made, the boards were subjected to intense heat and proved satisfactory. The by-law imposes a fine of \$20. He thought a few applications would bring the company to terms.

It was finally decided that the director should interview the company and endeavor to prevent them from spreading it all over the street in the wholesale fashion now employed.

Regarding Lloyd's alleged dispute the recorder was instructed to go on with the proceedings he outlined in his paper.

The proposed 1 ct. ferry rate was considered. Ald. McGoldrick did not think the one cent rate should be made general.

The matter was referred to a committee of five. Different reports concerning the ferry service were discussed.

Mrs. Wm. Lockhart through J. B. Baxter notified the city for a claim for damages for injuries received as a result of a fall on the icy steps of the ferry.

The recorder presented a bill of \$30 for legal services in defending Frank J. Theall against the charges made by several hackmen. As Mr. Theall is employed to inspect the hacks, the board thought Mr. Theall should have defended him, as he is paid \$100 each year to look after the cases of civic officers. The matter was referred to the treasury board.

Messrs. Fleming's bill of \$700.15 for repairs to ferry steamer was ordered to be paid with the exception of an item amounting to \$10. This was for repairing the condenser.

After some further minor matters the council adjourned.

OBITUARY.

Capt. Essie Hawbold.

The death of Captain Essie Hawbold, of the Salvation Army, formerly of St. John, took place on Friday last at Waterville, Hants Co. Miss Hawbold was twenty-four years old and resided in St. John when she joined the Army, and was connected with the Brindley street barracks.

She removed to Waterville with her family eighteen months ago. She died from consumption.

James M. Wier.

James M. Wier, a carpenter, residing on Dorchester street, died very suddenly yesterday. He left his home in the morning apparently well, and after walking around for a time, returned and went to his room, where about an hour later, he was found dead on his bed. Dr. Mott was summoned, and he notified Coroner D. B. Berryman, who visited the house. An inquest is not likely to be held. Deceased leaves a family of two daughters and a son, who is conductor on the St. Martins railway.

A. L. Slipp.

The death of Albert L. Slipp took place at Hampton yesterday, after a lingering illness. For some time Mr. Slipp had been the proprietor of the Hotel Albert at North Sydney, but ill health compelled him to seek rest in Hampton. He was fifty years of age, and leaves a wife and one son. Mrs. Slipp was formerly Miss Roberta Cowan, and is a daughter of Moses Cowan, of this city. The son is Walter Slipp, now in business in North Sydney. Mr. Slipp, who was a native of Queens county, was one of the most prominent turfmens in eastern Canada, as well as an extremely popular man. The funeral will take place Thursday afternoon from the residence of his father-in-law, 18 Cedar street.

FUNERALS.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Carroll took place at 2.30 o'clock to-day from her residence 105, Erin street, to the Cathedral, where Rev. R. J. Coughlan conducted the services. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery. Relatives acted as pall-bearers.

The funeral of Peter B. Morier took place at 9 o'clock this morning, from his residence 71 Britan street, to St. John the Baptist church, where a high mass of requiem, was celebrated by Rev. Father Chapman V. G. Interment was in the old Catholic cemetery. The pall-bearers were, Capt. Horsley, Capt. Cassaly, Wm. Kirk, John Allan, H. C. Dalton and Francis Medine.

Steamer St. Croix arrived from Boston last evening, with 21 passengers and a large freight.

THE NEW CRANE IS NOW AT WORK.

An Acquisition to the I. C. R. Freight Plant Here Now in Full Operation.

The new I. C. R. transfer crane, reference to which was made in the Times some weeks ago is now in operation. It has been constructed at the freight shed and is certainly one of the most important acquisitions to terminal facilities of the winter port, not only for local purposes, but for general export and import business through St. John.

This crane will facilitate business well in every way. It forms what might be termed a semi-arch over the main freight line and freight up to 30,000 tons can be lifted from the cars and despatched on the freight trucks or on team trucks, whichever is desired. The truckmen regard the crane as a boon as it relieves them of a great amount of toil and hard labor in unloading cars filled with heavy freight.

The construction of this crane, which was manufactured by Miller Bros. of Montreal, was under the supervision of W. S. Barnaby, of the I. C. R. at Montreal. The work was started on Dec. 16 and was actually finished before New Year's day. The crane, in the test, proved most satisfactory.

For sometime, the railway gates at the I. C. R. crossing have not been in perfect working order and considerable trouble has been experienced with them. Before returning to Montreal Mr. Barnaby will put them in proper condition.

POLICE REPORTS.

The following persons have been reported for driving vehicles in the city without licenses. Martin Burns, Bernard Clarke, Jacob Spragg, John Donovan, Harry O'Leary, Andrew McLean, Timothy O'Leary, A. W. Golding, Nicholas, Larriway, Frederick Fullerton, Wm. Burley and Robert Austin. The four last belong to the West end.

A letter found on King street yesterday, was delivered to the owner John E. Moore.

A cart owned by M. F. Mooney and Sons, broke down yesterday at the corner of Prince William and Church streets.

The police were called into James McCardlock's house in an alley off Charlotte street to eject Kate Beers and George McCollom who were creating a disturbance.

Fire alarm box 51 on City Road was accidentally knocked off the pole yesterday. Supt. Leonard was notified.

HOTEL ARRIVALS.

At the Royal-Frank S. West, Fredericton, the board thought Mr. Theall should have defended him, as he is paid \$100 each year to look after the cases of civic officers. The matter was referred to the treasury board.

At the New Victoria-Georges L. Murphy, Chelmsford, N. S. Wm. Bin, New Glasgow, J. Chisholm, Boston.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters of administration in the estate of Edward J. Walsh were granted to his widow Augusta Walsh. The estate is valued at \$1,000 personal. Hanington, Teed & Hanington proctors.

NATURAL HISTORY SOCIETY.

An interesting paper on Birds that Hunt and are Hunted was read last night at the meeting of the Natural History Society by Dr. Hay.

A vote of thanks was tendered Mr. Leavitt for his interesting and instructive address.

A paper entitled A Curious Phenomenon at Noguez, by Prof. Ganong was read by Dr. Hay.

This paper referred to an explosion which had been caused presumably by a cloud of hot air, caused by forest fires, coming into contact with a gas.

The chair was occupied by the president, Dr. Geo. F. Mathew.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

Mr. and Mrs. Alexander McKenzie, who have been paying a holiday visit to Mr. McKenzie's parents at Fredericton, left St. John yesterday morning for their home in West Boylston (Mass.) Mr. McKenzie, who is an officer in the army, is engaged in engineering work in Massachusetts. His parents will leave with pleasure of his continued success.

F. A. McDonald, who has been turned to Cleveland, Ohio, yesterday, returned to the city last night.

School Inspector Carter returned to the city last night.

Mrs. C. Stackhouse went to Sydney yesterday.

Prof. Titus returned to the city last evening.

Harry Frink, son of R. W. W. Frink, left last evening for Toronto to resume his duties. He had been visiting his parents here.

Miss Laura Poole and her brother Stanley, spent New Year's with their parents at Westfield.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Poole, of Westfield, spent New Year's with Mr. and Mrs. John H. Poole, Westfield.

GOES IN FOR SIX MONTHS.

Dan McPherson Finds It Does Not Pay to Visit the Police Court Often.

There was trouble in Hunter's drug store on Prince William street last night. Daniel McPherson—who figured in the police court yesterday—entered the store last asked for the price of a bed for the night. Mr. McPherson, who tends the furnace, happened to be in the store, and remarked that McPherson was a strong healthy looking man, and should seek employment. McPherson, who had been drinking, did not take the suggestion kindly and manifested his disapproval by striking McPherson.

McPherson, charged with drunkenness and assault, and was sentenced to six months hard labor without a fine.

"You were here yesterday" observed the magistrate this morning, "and you are here again today. If you won't work for yourself you will work for the city."

ST. JOHN'S BANK BUSINESS GROWS.

Clearing House Transactions Increased Two and a Half Millions in 1904.

The following is a comparative statement of the bank clearings each year from 1899 to 1904 inclusive:

1899	\$32,932,509.
1900	36,608,681.
1901	40,415,895.
1902	41,924,176.
1903	49,013,467.
1904	51,422,858.

Increase last year over 1903—\$2,409,891.

A. F. Hazen, Manager of the Bank of N. B. A., who furnished the above report, said that the increase over the clearings of last year did not mean necessarily that the business had increased that much, as the opening of new banks would probably be accountable for part of it at least. However the fact that the clearings had increased from \$32,932,509 in 1899 to \$51,422,858 in six years was evidence that there was a considerable increase in the business done.

MR. CONNOLLY IN SACKVILLE.

The Story That He Had Left Suddenly Was Not True.

The statement copied in last evening's Times about George Connolly leaving Sackville, and formerly of St. John, was wholly incorrect.

The Times learns that, instead of leaving Sackville creditors to mourn Mr. Connolly came to St. John to see his sister, who was ill.

Before coming down he arranged with another man to run his barber shop in Sackville, but the latter failed to appear. In the meantime busy tongues got wagging about Mr. Connolly, who as soon as he heard of it went back to Sackville and re-opened his old shop. The Times regrets having copied an article which was not only untrue but which had caused Mr. Connolly's friends much pain.

AT THE YORK THEATRE.

Such a night as last night, it would seem that few people would brave the weather to see a show, and yet a good audience was in attendance at the York but when the merit of the show is taken into consideration, it is no great surprise. The many acts are teeming with good wholesome comedy, and were heartily enjoyed. The laughing bit of the bill would be hard to pick as each act, scored heavily.

THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Northeast to northwest winds, fair and very cold.

Barometer—The barometer spoken of yesterday is now situated off the New England coast, and is expected to move northeast to northwest again.

Local Weather Report at Noon. Highest temperature during past 24 hours 40. Lowest during past 24 hours 24. Humidity at noon 86. Sea level and 32 deg. Feb 29.29 in. Wind at noon direction N. E. Velocity 25 miles per hour.

D. L. HUTCHINSON, Director. Point Lepreau, Jan. 4—9 a. m. Wind north east, strong, snowing. Therm 16.

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January Clearance Sale Had a Fine Start Yesterday.

A light purse will do heavy work during our Clearance Sale. The goods are marked to go, and a very small amount of cash will be accepted in their place. You will be astonished at the moving effect a little cash will have.

Remember our lowest regular price for ready-to-wear Suits or Overcoat is \$10, and there are no better made in Canada, and then judge the reductions:

SUITS, badly broken lots, were \$10 to \$15, NOW \$3.95, \$5, \$7.50, \$10.

Other Lines of Suits, 20 per cent. discount.

OVERCOATS, medium and long, Regular \$10 to \$18, NOW \$6.90, \$7.50, \$7.90, \$8.90, \$9.90, \$12, Etc.

STOUT MEN'S SUITS, from 36 to 44—not many—bunched in two lots, \$4.90 and \$7.50.

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While these prices may appear the same as others advertise, you must remember that IT'S VALUE NOT PRICES THAT MAKE A BARGAIN HERE. You'll realize these values when you see the garments.

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