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(Chicago Tribune.)

What on earth are you doing in here, Tommy? asked his mother, peering into the darkness of the henhouse, whence had been coming for five minutes or more a series of dismal squawking, accompanied by a loud rattling of wings.

ILL IN THE SOUTH.

J. A. Likely received a telegram yesterday to the effect that his son Gordon Likely is quite ill in Apalachicola, Florida. In response to the telegram Mr. Likely left for the south last evening. Gordon has been there for some time in the employ of Coombs & Co., a large lumber concern.

St. John, December 16, 1902.

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VENEZUELA.

Sensational Rumor About United States Intervention.

German Comment on the Situation—Complaint That There is Misrepresentation.

CARACAS, Dec. 16.—Signor De Riva has been instructed by his government to present to the government of Venezuela Italy's demand for the immediate payment of \$542,000 to meet the Italian claims arising from former revolutions, in the form of an ultimatum. As it is known that the Venezuelan government cannot pay the amount demanded, the communication to the ministers includes orders to leave Caracas at once. The ultimatum from Italy is couched in stronger terms than those used in the ultimatums presented to Venezuela by Great Britain and Germany. Italy will take part in future demonstrations against Venezuela. The interests of Italy in Venezuela will be placed in the hands of United States Minister Bowen.

REVOLUTIONISTS ACTIVE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Senator Rojas, agent in the island of the Venezuelan revolutionists, according to the Herald's Port of Spain, Trinidad, correspondent, denies the report that they have joined common cause with Castro against the allies. On the contrary, according to reports received, the government troops under Gen. Veluzita have twice been routed by the revolutionists, first at Guara and later at El Chicon, where they were completely routed and fled in disorder. Moreover it is reported from Alta Gracia that General Rolando, at the head of six thousand revolutionists, is marching on Caracas with the object of capturing the city and overthrowing Castro. The rebels in Trinidad believe that if Rolando's movement proves successful he will elect a new president who will treat with England and Germany and thus quickly end the difficulty.

GERMAN COMMENT.

BERLIN, Dec. 17.—The foreign office here denies explicitly that the German squadron in Venezuelan waters has orders to seize Margarita Island, adding that no occupation of the territory of Venezuela will occur. The foreign office officials allege that a systematic effort apparently is being made to represent Germany as the propelling power in the coercion of Venezuela and as being responsible for all the harsh measures. For instance, they say, the bombardment of the forts at Jorto Cabello is ascribed to German initiative, whereas the foreign office admitted, and regards as a reservation that the bombardment was at the British commander's suggestion, the Topase being a British ship. The German commander participated in the firing as a loyal ally. The German government is not insisting on more severe measures than those originally contemplated, and regards the sinking of the "two diminutive, wholly unseaworthy craft" as an insignificant incident.

Germany and Great Britain are still considering President Castro's arbitration proposition, but the deliberations have not yet reached a stage where the results can be published. The Berlin newspapers today print from Kiel a statement that the German cruisers Ariadne, Amazon and Niobe are again being fitted for departure to Venezuela, but the correspondent of the Associated Press is informed officially that no such orders have been given and that it will depend later upon the demand of the blockade whether additional vessels will be sent.

A YELLOW JOURNAL SCARE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Secretary Hay has called Ambassador Tower at Berlin, says the World's correspondent at Washington, to ask the German government to define for this country exactly what is meant by "peaceful blockade." Although it has not yet been put into public expression the United States government contends that there is no such thing as a peaceful blockade. If a state of war does not exist the Washington government will contend at the proper time that the United States ships must be allowed to pass. The test will come when the H. D. steamer Caracas arrives at the quarantine next Saturday. If that ship goes through, as it is expected it will, other shipping stations will also demand to go through and the "peaceful blockade" will become a farce. If Germany insists on its rights to blockade peaceably and refuses to let American ships through, then Admiral Dewey's fleet will be sent to Venezuela to convey the American ships through the German and English lines. Admiral Dewey has been told to keep his fleet together. The reason the United States government makes this demand of Germany is because it has in writing, in black and white, the full statement of Germany's intentions to Venezuela. It has no such statement from England. The diplomats of that country were shrewd enough to make a verbal statement of intent. The administration is waiting Germany's answer with some anxiety. The situation is now more critical than it has been since the trouble began.

BALFOUR SAYS IT IS WAR.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In the course of a long statement in the house of commons today, Premier Balfour said there was no such thing as a peaceful blockade. A state of war actually existed with Venezuela and an intimation of the blockade would shortly be given to the powers. Mr. Balfour added that the blockade will be carried out with as little inconvenience to neutrals as possible. Nothing definite occurred with reference to the arbitration proposal since his previous statement on the subject.

LAKE CHAMPLAIN.

No New Cases—Immigrants Not Yet Taken to Island.

First and Second Cabin Passengers Will Probably be Released in a Day or Two.

No further symptoms of smallpox have been found on the quarantined steamer Lake Champlain, though Dr. March, the quarantine physician, to whose vigilance the discovery of the first case was due, is watching with anxious care every person who has been exposed to the contagion.

Everyone on board has been vaccinated, and each day the doctor goes through the whole list, examining each person's progress and watching for the possible development of symptoms of the disease. So far it has been impossible to move any of the immigrants from the ship to Partridge Island, on account of the high wind and the unwillingness of the immigrants to expose any of the lives in their care to the slightest unnecessary risk. When the process of removing the steerage passengers is begun all those who have been accommodated forward of the bridge and have been exposed to the disease will be taken to the island. The tug Neptune yesterday afternoon conveyed to the quarantine ship a couple of tons of potatoes, 1,500 loaves of bread, a large quantity of meat and other things needed by the thousand passengers.

It is probable that the first and second cabin passengers, who have not in any way been exposed, will be released within a day or two, even if the weather meanwhile does not admit of the removal of the immigrants. All have been vaccinated and if the operation is successful the quarantine authorities think that no risk would be run by allowing them to proceed.

The length of the time the ship will be detained in quarantine depends largely upon the weather. As soon as it is possible to remove the immigrants to the island the fumigation of the ship will at once be proceeded with. It is probable that the crew will be kept on board while this is going on, though this has not yet been decided upon. The Champlain has a lot of oranges and other perishable goods for western ports. These things are required for the Christmas trade and the merchants are in communication with the government seeking the shipment of these goods as soon as they are disinfected. The quarantine officials are anxious to accommodate the shipping people and the merchants, but to do anything that shall expose the city to the slightest risk. By taking every precaution it is probable that the ship will be released in a week or two if no further cases break out.

The buildings at the island are not yet in condition to accommodate those who will be sent there. The heating apparatus in the hospital and in the smaller immigration building is all right, and a sufficiently warm room will be provided for the women and children. But if fortune ordains that the men shall get to the island today or tomorrow they will probably catch cold, for the piping in the large immigration building is out of order, and the island staff are working diligently, and today two plumbers went down. It is hoped that the repairs may be finished today.

PERSONAL.

P. A. Macgowan, of Moncton, arrived in St. John today.

W. J. Hennessey, of Calais, is in town.

F. B. Carvell, of Woodstock, is in the city today.

C. E. Phillips, of Halifax, came over on the early train this morning.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Cochlan, of Montreal, are guests of W. E. Scully, of West End. Mr. Cochlan is here in connection with the coming cattle shipments.

Capt. C. C. Taylor and Thomas P. Taylor of Sheffield, came to the city yesterday on business. They will conclude the season's business of the Star Line Steamship Co. and probably return home the latter part of this week.

J. A. Likely has received word of the serious illness of his son, Gordon, in Florida, and left last evening. Mrs. Likely was not strong enough to go. Miss Maud Deinstadt, daughter of Rev. T. J. Deinstadt, who is a nurse in New York, has been sent for to attend him.

Attorney-General Pugsley, who has been in New York for some weeks enjoying a vacation, left yesterday for Quebec.

J. Roy Campbell went to Fredericton last evening.

A. Stanley McLean, formerly clerk of the Dufferin, and wife left last evening by the Maritime express on a trip to Quebec and Montreal.

Miss Lizzie Calson, who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. C. B. Dever, North End, returned to St. George yesterday.

John Allen, the energetic president of St. Vincent de Paul conference, who has been confined to his house the past two weeks with a cold, was down town for the first time on Monday.

Charles Magee, president of the Ottawa Fire Insurance Company, Ottawa, who has been in the city several days on business, returned home last evening.

F. J. Steen, of Montreal, who recently lectured in this city, is seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. Fred K. Smith, of Boston, and sister, Miss Estella Gleason, who has been visiting here, arrived in the State of Maine to spend Christmas with their mother, Mrs. A. Gleason, of Carmarthen street.

GROSS NEGLIGENCE.

No Facilities to Land Passengers at Partridge Island,

Nor Keep Them Warm When They Are Able to go Down.

The steamer Lake Champlain lies out in the harbor with about 800 immigrants huddled in her small pox infected steerage and liable to be kept there actively exposed to the contagion of the disease for some days longer. The immediate reason for this state of affairs is the fact that the wind and sea make the towing of hundreds of panic stricken and ignorant foreigners over a mile or two of rough water in a scow a feat so dangerous that even in the face of existing conditions the quarantine officials refuse to take the risk. As long as the present weather conditions continue they must remain on board that ship, while every day's delay means enormous expense to the shipping men and to the government, and great risk to all who are so detained.

But the real reason for this delay is the gross negligence of a government that in face of repeated reports from its officials here, has denied to this port accommodations possessed by every quarantine station on the Atlantic coast. In Halifax, as in every other Canadian station of the kind, wharfage is provided in connection with the quarantine station, so that people from infected ships may be landed at any time without risk to themselves or danger of carrying the contagion to anyone else. St. John is entirely lacking in such facilities.

The blue books show that Dr. March, the present quarantine physician, has repeatedly in his regular reports recommended the erection either of a suitable wharf at Partridge Island for the docking of any kind of ships or the building of a dam or breakwater across the west channel making a harbor at the inner side of the island, where vessels could lie and disembark people or goods safely. But beyond their acknowledgments no attention whatever has been paid to the recommendation. The facilities have been allowed to remain in the present utterly inadequate condition with the result seen in the harbor today. The government takes the risk, the shipping people bear the direct expense largely and the port suffers.

It was with a full knowledge of the government's neglect, and of the conditions existing, that the Telegraph this morning delivered itself of the following highly appropriate witticism: "It looks like an unusually merry Christmas on Partridge Island."

THE STRIKERS WON.

After Six Months Struggle With Telephone Company.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—A special to the Tribune from Des Moines, Iowa, says: The strike of the telephone operators of Des Moines, which has been in progress about six months, was settled last night by representatives of the company and of the trade and labor assembly. The telephone girls are to be paid wages fifteen per cent. in excess of the union scale and all of the girls who struck are to be taken back. The company further agrees not to in any way discriminate against the strikers. The injunction suit to restrain the representatives of union labor from boycotting the company is to be dismissed.

BUBONIC PLAGUE.

Transmitted From China and Japan to Honolulu.

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Advice just received from Honolulu say China and Japan are responsible for the cases of plague recently appearing there, says a special to the Chronicle from San Francisco. A number of Japanese on nearby plantations were taken with the plague and died in hospital in Honolulu. An examination of their effects was made but no trace of the germ was discovered. Some of the Japanese food found in the house has been examined and shows a trace of the plague germs, and further examination made of oriental stuffs showed that the diagnosis was correct. It was learned also that the food stuffs had been imported at San Francisco and reshipped to Honolulu.

A TOWN DESTROYED.

The Result of an Earthquake in Turkestan

ASKABAD, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 16.—The town of Andijan, Ferghana government, was totally destroyed by an earthquake today. The number of fatalities is not yet ascertained. The population is threatened with starvation. Shocks were felt in Numagellan and surrounding villages, and the railway at Andijan was destroyed for a considerable distance. Food and clothing are being sent to Andijan. Andijan is a town of Russian Central Asia, 73 miles from Khokand. It had a population of about 20,000.

THIS EVENING.

Van Hoose at the Opera House. Cello recital at York Theatre. Lecture in Victoria street F. B. Church by Rev. C. T. Phillips, on What the Deacon Said. Meeting of Court Martello, I. O. F., for election of officers. Carpenters' Union meets in Sons of England hall.

Men's Winter Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.

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WELL PAID MINERS. Make Their Little Daughters Work All Night.

SCANTON, Pa., Dec. 16.—When the coal strike commission met Tuesday Chairman Gray opened the proceedings by saying that the commissioners were impressed with the spectacles of the little girls who were before the commission Monday and testified that they worked all night. He said the people of the community and citizens of the commonwealth should not let the incident pass without taking some steps to have the legislature of Pennsylvania seriously consider the enactment of a law which will forbid the employment of children at night. At the suggestion of the commission the statement of the wages of the fathers of two of the girls were presented. One earned more than \$1,000 last year and the other over \$900.

SMALLPOX AT BUCTOUCHE.

A number of students from Buctouche and the vicinity at the Normal School have received letters from their homes why make them have serious doubts as to whether they will get home to spend their holidays or not. Smallpox has broken out quite extensively in Buctouche and twenty-nine houses are quarantined and many more are likely to be. The smallpox is not of a serious nature, however, and it is being grappled with by the county board of health.—Gleaner

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GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special, accident, sickness, indemnity, fire and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 725, Montreal.

HELP WANTED, FEMALE. Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED IMMEDIATELY—In small family, girl for general housework, one who can cook. One who can go home at night preferred. Apply 4 Adelaide Road, between 7 and 8 p. m.

MISCELLANEOUS. Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

BOARDERS WANTED—First class board and rooms may be obtained at reasonable rates at 75 King street, just over Macaulay Street.

"Ten Per Cent." I have just opened a new line of a lot of very fine English, French and American Perfumes, suitable for Xmas. I am allowing 10 per cent discount on all purchases for the balance of the year.

SHOW-CASES A bargain for some one. Three Nickel Cases for sale cheap. Call and see them at W. TRIMMINE GARD'S, Jeweler and Optician, 48 King street.

FOR SALE. Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

FOR SALE—Here you are—Grocer's Delivery Bids and Washed Furs. They are first class. Call and see them at J. R. ANNEBREW, 153 Main street, opp Car Sheds.

HOUSE FOR SALE—House 16 Adelaide road, 3 flats, 4 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

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WANTED—A situation as housekeeper or for work in a small family, where the washing is done out. Apply No. 4 Middle street (off Waterloo street), Cambridge street.

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LOST—A pocket book in Carleton, Saturday, December 13. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the office of the Sun Printing Company, Cambridge street.

LOST—On December 10th, small black terrier dog with short tail, in the vicinity of St. Andrews street. Finder will please return to D. J. DUFFIN, 51 Broad street.

LOST—Between Roswell, Kent and King street, square locked, covered, containing picture, small piece china attached. Finder will confer a favor by leaving at Star Office, City.

LOST—A gold watch with chain on Friday afternoon, December 12, on City Road, between Stanley street and Haymarket Square. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 161 Wright street.

LIVERY STABLES. HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE. 124 Union Street. Telephone 11.

DAVID CONNELL, BOARDING, HACK AND LIVERY STABLES. 45 and 47 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.

HOTELS. HOTEL DUFFERIN. E. LeROY WILLIS, Prop., ST. JOHN, N. B.

FLYING MACHINES. MONTREAL, Dec. 16.—Prof. A. Graham Bell, and his father, Prof. A. Melville Bell, inventor of the telephone, who have been spending the summer in Cape Breton, arrived in Montreal today on their way to Washington.

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ST. JOHN STAR. ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 17, 1902.

VENEZUELA. England's action in the Venezuela affair is based on the British principle that every British subject is an integral part of the empire; that the interests of every unit make up the interest of the whole.

The provincial premiers are hard up again. Therefore they will meet in Quebec and plan another attack on the federal treasury. The need in New Brunswick is the more urgent because an election must be held within a few months.

Timothy M. Healy's remark that "the Irish vote in America had driven the British government into a humiliating alliance with Germany" is not quite standard of history.

If the village of Montague, P. E. Island, can afford a manual training school, one would think St. John might also establish such a school.

Mr. Blair was much impressed a few years ago with the greatness of Mr. Clergue. The valued Telegraph should consult its back numbers. It was several editors back.

VAN HOOSE LAST NIGHT. Will Sing the Holy City This Evening—The Full Programme—A Century's Treat.

For some years F. G. Spencer has been making the public musical promises, and never once did they lack fulfillment. A month ago he announced the appearance of Ellison Van Hoose, and claimed for him the rank of America's foremost tenor.

Last evening's audience endorsed the claim to the uttermost degree. The art of Ellison Van Hoose is beautiful and complete beyond description. His greatness is measured by the success with which he has attempted to subjugate the voice as a vehicle on which to give expression to his art, and his success is full and flawless.

The reception accorded Van Hoose last night must have been as gratifying to the artist as his singing was to the audience.

His arias were given with a dramatic power and strength of voice which fairly brought the audience from their seats. The lighter ballads received correct treatment in interpretation, pathos and poetic taste.

The permanent army consists of about 3,000 men organized in 20 battalions, which are dispersed in 20 towns of the republic and in federal garrisons and ships. Besides the regular troops there is a national militia in which every citizen from the eighteenth to the forty-fifth year inclusively must be enrolled.

The liberal papers are quite positive in their belief that Hon. Mr. Foster should not re-enter politics. Some of them indeed are scarcely civil in their allusions to that gentleman.

The fact that the arrival of the steamer Lake Champlain finds Partridge Island quarantine buildings without good heating facilities once more emphasizes the need there is for St. John to secure representation in parliament.

The Venezuelan people appear to be surprised that the United States does not back them up in their refusal to adjust the claims of foreigners. The Boers were also surprised that they got no help in their dispute with England.

The Boer generals, Botha, De Wet and Delarey, write that they will not come to America, but will assist Mr. Chamberlain in his work in South Africa. They repudiate any connection with Boers who are trying to raise funds in the United States.

To cure a cold in one day. Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature on every box, Sec.

VENEZUELA'S INDEBTEDNESS. Has Been Getting Deeper and Deeper into Trouble.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 16.—Venezuela has been staggering under a tremendous external debt for the past twenty-five years. The load gets heavier with each succeeding revolution.

The external debt was in total default last year, the constant revolutionary movement keeping the country in such a disturbed state that nothing could be done toward cutting it down, or in fact toward paying the interest.

The customs receipts were, of course, the chief source of income, and they amounted to 25,000,000 bolivars. The expenditures of the government for the same year were 44,000,000 bolivars, making a shortage for the year of 19,000,000 bolivars.

Venezuela is in arrears on all of the big loans, so that in some cases the total amount due on them is more than the original loan. The arrears on the loan of 1881 amount to 8,000,000 bolivars, and the arrears on the German loan of 1896 aggregate 3,000,000 bolivars.

SPECIAL NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS! Copy for Saturday's issue of the STAR must be sent in by Three-Thirty O'clock Friday Afternoons, otherwise it is absolutely impossible to ensure a change for that issue, as the paper goes to press earlier on Saturdays than on other days of the week.

I. C. R. CATTLE SHEDS. T. C. Burpee, engineer of maintenance, and Gen. Seaman, trackmaster of the I. C. R., came down from Moncton yesterday and spent the day at the old I. C. R. terminus perfecting arrangements for the division of the three sheds there into suitable quarters for cattle which are to come here over the government following shipment to the United Kingdom.

COURT LA TOUR, I. O. F. At the regular meeting of Court La Tour, No. 125, held last evening at Foresters' hall, the following officers were elected for the ensuing year: C. R. C. B. Boyd; V. C. R., F. T. Murphy; R. S., John H. Bond; F. S. M., E. Grass; Treas., Jas Manning; D. D. S.; Orator, J. M. Scovill; S. W., Frank Grass; J. W., T. W. Hoyt; S. B., Jas. W. Macfarlane; J. B., Chester W. Whittaker; Phys., H. S. Price; M. D.; C. D. H. C. R., A. A. Wilson; Trustees, E. R. Chapman and J. E. Rossier; Fin. and Aud. Com., A. A. Wilson and F. T. Murphy; Central Com., E. R. Chapman, A. W. Macrae, M. E. Grass, C. B. Boyd.

SUPPOSED TO BE LOST. A schooner in whose name the word Kenney figured was sighted by the str. Prince Rupert about five miles off Digby Gut on Saturday afternoon last. The wind was southeast at the time and blowing hard. Thick vapor made it impossible to see any distance.

METHODIST MILLIONS. LONDON, Dec. 12.—How to inaugurate the expenditure of the twentieth century "million guinea" (\$5,000,000) fund—the largest single sum ever collected for religious purposes—was the question which occupied the attention of the representatives of English Methodism at a special conference yesterday afternoon.

DEATHS. WALLACE—Suddenly at Westfield on the 15th inst. Harry W. B. Wallace, son of Charles Wallace of Greenwich, Kings county, aged 25 years.

SINCLAIR.—In this city, after a short illness, Margaret E., daughter of the late Peter and Eleanor Sinclair, died at 2.30 o'clock on Thursday, Dec. 11, at 230 o'clock from the residence of her brother, 177 Leinster street. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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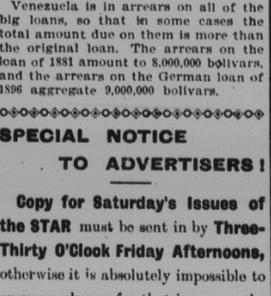
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Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

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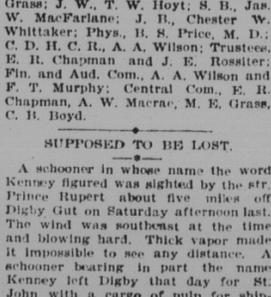
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YOUR MONEY BACK IF, AFTER A TRIAL, YOU FIND THAT LAXA-CARA TABLETS



are not as claimed, a cure for constipation, you can get your money back. That shows better than anything else that we have in this medicine. It will promptly correct and permanently cure any case of constipation with all its attendant evils.

TO COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTING OFFICES. Owing to the purchase and installation of new plant, the undersigned will, in a few weeks, have the following article for sale: 5 imposing Stones with Stands. 1 Staple Binder. 1 Card Cutter. 2 Job Presses. 1 Counter, with 6 drawers, walnut top, 9 1/2 feet long.

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HOMILETICS

Lecture By Very Rev. Dean Partridge, Last Evening.

Very Rev. Dean Partridge gave his lecture on the above subject in the Church of England Institute last evening. He took his definition of homiletics from Webster. "The art of preaching; that branch of theology which treats of homilies or sermons, and the best method of preparing and delivering them."

He said the Lord had Himself laid down the object and method of preaching: "As ye go, preach, saying the kingdom of God is at hand. Heal the sick, cleanse the lepers, raise the dead, cast out devils. Freely ye have received, freely give."

The first element of preaching was to have a message. He then drew a careful comparison between the mere uttering of good advice, or of opinions upon Christ and Christianity, and the mission of the preacher, which was to proclaim a kingdom. This kingdom the King Christ had founded and equipped. Men did not make it; they were called into it. It made them. It had its entrance sacrament, its sustaining sacrament, its regular ministry. Its manifold means of grace, its triumph, its rewards, its victory.

It taught men the sweet delight of prayer, it took them at their weakest and made them strong. It was no mere system of morality, no mere event in history, but the power of God made men good by the operation of His grace, and above all, it brought men into living union with the one adorable Lord and Saviour, whom to know is life eternal. True preaching then was the control of a manly, a divine message. The Word of God is the reservoir, God revealing Himself in it so as to meet every want of men. The preacher had to get his message in two ways. First, from his fellow-men, secondly, on his knees. By intercourse with his people, going in and out among them, he gained their confidence, ascertained their wants, estimated their calibre, came to know their habitual thoughts and acts, saw their weak spots, penetrated their secret griefs, and then, with prayer for divine guidance, his message revealed itself, assumed its right form. The Word was studied in the original. The speaker did not favor the idea that the Word could be expounded with truth and freedom unless the original tongues could be read, and urged that no preacher was equipped for his work unless he could so read the Old and New Testaments.

He went on to condemn mere eccentricity and sensationalism for its own sake, and gave several amusing examples of odd texts, and Scriptures violently wrested from their proper meaning to maintain some pet fad or theory. Having found and formulated his message, the preacher now came to the delivery of it. The lecturer went into a detailed delineation of the various kinds of preaching and preachers, pointing out defects, and good humoredly ridiculing weaknesses, for many of which there was, he said, no excuse, for they were capable of removal, and he uttered a note of warning to those who from self-complacency or laziness allowed the Word of God to be impaired by its passage through their unprepared minds. The end of the lecture was devoted to the various modes of delivering sermons, the written, memorized and extempore, indicating their advantages and dangers, and closed with an exhortation to the laity to take heed how they heard.

WINTER FAIR

Opened at Amherst Yesterday, Under Favorable Auspices.

AMHERST, N. S., Dec. 16.—The Maritime Winter Fair opened today under the most favorable auspices. A large attendance of farmers and stock men filled the auditorium of the new and spacious building. At 2:30 p. m. President Eldon called the meeting to order, and congratulated the town of Amherst and county of Cumberland upon the magnificent building erected and donated to the Maritime Stock Breeders' Association.

A. Lusby, on behalf of the citizens of Amherst and the county of Cumberland, presented the new building to the Fair Stock Association. While the acceptance of the building was being made by Judge H. and of Charlottetown, Prof. S. W. Robertson in a few remarks congratulated the people upon the work they were doing for agricultural education and stock breeders, and finally declared the Maritime Fair Stock show open.

Short addresses were delivered by Judge Landry, Hon. Mr. Black, Arch. MacNelligan and others. The evening meeting was largely attended by representatives from nearly every county in the province, and the hall was filled to its utmost capacity. Chairman W. T. Pipes introduced Mayor Curry, who extended to all a cordial welcome. He was followed by Hon. Wm. Ross of Cape Breton, Arch. MacNelligan, J. W. Longley, Hon. L. P. Farris, minister of agriculture for New Brunswick, Hon. Geo. H. Murray, Thos. A. Peters and Prof. Robertson, all referring in glowing terms to the magnificent work accomplished by meetings of this kind.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Creosote Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

TOURIST MATTERS

The lecturers who were brought to New Brunswick by the Tourist Association appear to have made good use of their time while in this province. Numerous letters are being received by W. S. Fisher from different persons in the United States who have heard the lectures and all speak in the highest terms of the work being done. Miss Tenney lectured in Lynn on the evening of the 22nd and from accounts received her address was one of the best heard there for some time. She is to speak in Charlottetown tomorrow evening. Rev. Mr. Kempton, the other lecturer, will deliver the first of his series on Christmas Eve at Magnolia.

Red Rose—the royal ten—are you using it?

COMMERCIAL

DAILY QUOTATIONS. Furnished by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker.

Table with columns: Commodity, Price, Change. Includes items like Amalgam Copper, Am Sugar Refining, A. T. and Santa F., etc.

STOCK MARKET. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Wall Street—St. Paul was pushed up 1 1/2 in the opening.

COTTON. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Cotton: Futures opened steady. Dec. 8 5/8; Jan. 8 5/8; Feb. 8 3/4; March 8 1/4; April 8 3/4; May 8 3/4; June offered, 8 3/4; July, 8 3/4; Aug., 8 1/2.

OIL. PITTSBURG, Dec. 17.—Oil opened at 1 1/2.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived.

Stmr Pretorian, from Liverpool. Coastwise—Sch Hustler, 144, Thompson, from fishing.

Sch E M Oliver, 13, Harkins, from fishing. Sch Nina Blanche, 30, Crocker, from Freeport, N. S.

Sch L W Ellis, 13, Lent, from Westport. Sch Mildred R, 35, Thompson, from Westport.

Cleared. Sch Hustler, 44, Thompson, for fishing. Sch E M Oliver, 13, Harkins, for fishing.

Sch State of Maine, 818, Thompson, for Boston. Coastwise—Sch Nina Blanche, 30, Crocker, for Freeport, N. S.; sch Lloyd, 30, Anderson, for Annapolis; sch Equity, 58, Morris, for Advocate Harbor.

Sch Aurora, 182, Jefferson, for Campbell. Sch Brunswick, 72, Potts, for Canning. Sch Quilty, 12, Reid, for Digby.

Foreign Ports. NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Ard stmr Karaman, from Naples; stmr Blucher, from Hamburg.

WEDDED BY HER EX-HUSBAND.

"Jeannie Laird" is Made Mrs. Charles Clark Again in Parsonage at 11 P. M.

BROOKLYN, Dec. 15.—It was nearly 11 o'clock last night when the Rev. Dr. Alfred Hodgetts, pastor of the Tompkins Avenue M. E. Church, who was nicely snuggled up in bed in his parsonage on Wiltoughby avenue, near Tompkins, close to the church in which in which he ministers to a prosperous and happy flock, was awakened from his slumbers by a vigorous ring at the doorbell.

He answered the summons and found there a couple who were anxious to be wedded. Upon making inquiries Dr. Hodgetts discovered that both had been married before, had been divorced and desired to be re-united.

The man gave his name as Charles Clark and the woman announced herself as Jeannie Laird. Some years ago, how many is not known, Jeannie Laird Clark secured a divorce from Charles Clark. He soon after married again, while his divorced spouse lived alone. After a while she adopted a little boy who had been nearly burned to death, whom she nursed to health and who had been her only companion.

According to the story told to Dr. Hodgetts, Mr. Clark recently lost his wife, and his thoughts at once turned to the wife of his young manhood. He made love again to Jeannie, proposed, and she readily accepted him.

Dr. Hodgetts asked a number of questions, among them being one to explain why Jeannie so readily consented to marry again the man from whom it became necessary to separate, and she replied: "Oh, I knew him well, and a second courtship was not at all necessary."

Jeannie manifested during the interview with the clergyman and while the ceremony was being performed that she was extremely happy and that her love for her former husband, who was again to take up that relation, had in nowise diminished since the legal separation.

When Dr. Hodgetts had pronounced the couple man and wife the renewed Mrs. Clark turned almost fearfully to her twice-husband and remarked: "We should always have been happy, Charles, but for the interference of a third person." Mr. Clark has long resided in Brooklyn, is about 41 years old and an engineer by occupation.

QUEEN AS GODMOTHER.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Queen Alexandra today acted as godmother at the christening of Lord Mandeville, the heir of the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, in the Chapel Royal, St. James Palace. Her majesty signed the register with the Duke and Duchess of Manchester, Marquis de Soveral, the Portuguese minister, Count Von Mendasdorff, secretary of the Austrian-Hungarian embassy, Earl De Grey, Lady Lister Kaye and others.

The queen's present to her godchild was a silver bowl and spoon inscribed "to Alexander George, Viscount Mandeville, from Alexandra Regina, December 17, 1902."

The government departments at Washington are suffering from a scarcity of coal.

ONLY AT \$12 RATE

Even Then You Must Ask Coal as a Favor and the Poor Are Suffering Terribly.

(Brooklyn Eagle.) The mask has dropped off some of the Brooklyn coal dealers who have been quoting \$7 prices to the public and charging \$10 and \$12 per ton. Before this could spell it was so thin that any intelligent person could see through it. There are a few coal dealers here who are doing the best they can to supply the desperate needs of their customers and others at a good but not unreasonable profit.

Nine-tenths of the coal delivered now stands the purchaser out from \$9 to \$12. Some of the large dealers will not deliver coal for less than \$12. When a reporter sees those dealers and asks them about the price they usually say \$7 or \$8. There is always a string tied to this quotation, however. Here's a scene illustrative of how these men get their prices:

A man, snow covered and shivering, enters a coal dealer's office. He bows, almost salaams, to a man behind a wicket. The would-be purchaser asks in a tone of humility: "Have you any coal you could send me today?"

Dealer—I am afraid it is precious little we have on hand. We are expecting a large order, but the Lord knows when it will get here.

Purchaser—If I can get only a half or a quarter of a ton it would keep my family from freezing. We haven't had a fire in the house today. The children are in bed. We won't let them get up for fear of pneumonia. I've got to get some coal.

Dealer—We have orders for every lump of coal we can expect to get in next week. We have more orders than we can fill before Christmas. I've had to turn a hundred like you away today. You see how it is—

Purchaser—What could you let me have a half ton for, say by Monday, then?

Dealer (fumbling his papers and looking out of the window)—Well, you see our price is \$7 to customers when we've got the coal. If we fill outside orders we've got to pay middlemen more than that for it. Then we've been compelled to hire extra carts and horses and have lost on our last spring contracts.

Purchaser—Will you make the price satisfactory to you, then?

Dealer—Well, say \$12 a ton; that's what the other dealers are charging. I'm putting myself out, but I'll do it as a favor to—

This is the sort of conversation that can be heard in nearly every coal dealer's place in Brooklyn.

The charity organizations of this borough have poor people come to them and ask for coal at reasonable cost, because the big dealers have asked them the most money.

The man in moderate circumstances is in almost as bad fix as the poor. He would not accept aid from the charity societies even if they would offer it, and he cannot get coal unless he is willing to spend his savings by outbidding the well-to-do man.

For that is about what it amounts to—outbidding. The dealer knows that he can force the price up, for the people who can afford luxuries are not going to sit in cold rooms.

The poor people who live in tenements are nearly all suffering today. The very poor, those that depend upon charity, are suffering also, for the charities find it difficult to buy coal at present and more difficult to have it delivered. The Brooklyn Bureau of Charities and the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor both have a supply of coal on paper. That is they have purchased some, but it is used up as fast as it is delivered, and even then only the acute cases of suffering are attended to.

General Secretary W. L. Bishop, of the Brooklyn Bureau of Charities, said this morning: "We know of many families which are in great actual need of coal. We cannot get what we have purchased delivered. We are willing to pay even the high prices asked by the dealers if we can get the money. We have managed so far to send small supplies to the most needy cases, but our supply is about gone."

"If the people who have clothes to give away will send them to us we can help relieve the suffering from the cold. Good warm clothes will at least enable the poor to stand the cold better."

Superintendent Edward C. Avila of the Brooklyn Association for Improving the Condition of the Poor, said today: "We have some coal paid for, but cannot get it delivered. All this is nearly gone and we have many applications for coal from deserving poor. There are cases of extreme need which must be attended to. The dealers are charging such prices that the poor who could ordinarily buy their own coal find themselves unable to do so now. For instance, I had a woman whom we had once helped come in yesterday and plead for me to get her some coal at a reasonable price. She now she has a daughter at work and is willing to pay for coal, but she cannot get it at a price which she is able to pay. She told me she went to a certain dealer (mentioning a well known firm which gets its coal from the operators at \$5.50 a ton) and was asked \$12 a ton."

The dealers are finding it impossible to deliver coal as fast as orders are taken on account of the condition of the streets. Extra horses and carts are being hired by them.

One well known firm which is selling coal at \$7 a ton received three barges of 500 tons each within the past day or two. More coal is coming to the Jersey ports now than last week, but there seems to be a great delay in shipping it to the local yards.

EXECUTED WITHOUT TRIAL.

PORT AU PRINCE, Hayti, Dec. 17.—Order has been re-established here. During the fighting yesterday a number of Italians were wounded, including two Italians, who were seriously injured. Two men, accused of committing crimes, were executed during the day without trial. The United States legation is protected by troops.

To cure a headache in ten minutes, use KUMFORD Headache Powders.

MORE DELAY.

Flood Does Damage to Some of the Coal Mines.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 17.—Reports today from the mining regions are to the effect that the waters are fast receding and the damage to mines will soon be so great as was at first expected. A few mines in the Potomac and Hazleton region were slightly damaged but the suspensions caused by the flood will be of short duration. The Susquehanna and Schuylkill rivers, which rose rapidly last night and overflowed in many places, are falling today.

THAT BANK DEAL.

American Capital to Be Invested in the Royal Bank of Canada.

(Montreal Witness.) Since the news was published that United States capitalists are after half a million dollars' worth of the stock of the Royal Bank, formerly the Merchants Bank of Halifax, for which they are willing to pay a hundred and fifty per cent on the par value, a natural inquiry on the street has been "What's their little game?" The parties concerned are Messrs. J. Ogden Armour and P. A. Valentine, of the firm of Armour & Co., Chicago; Marshall Field, Chicago; John T. Mitchell, president of the Illinois Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago; Norman B. Ream, director of the Chicago & Alton Railway; the Erie Railroad, etc.; George F. Baker, president of the First National Bank, New York; John P. Dennis and E. L. Marston, members of the banking firm of Blair & Co., New York; James A. and C. Ledyard Blair, of Blair & Co., and others.

At \$20 the shares of the Royal Bank pay exactly two and four-fifths per cent per annum, so that the above gentlemen are not buying what will form a fifth of the stock in one block, if the deal is consummated, as an investment exactly, or for amusement. The authorized capital of the Royal Bank is three million dollars; the paid-up capital, two million dollars; the reserve account, one million seven hundred thousand dollars. Last year the high price of the stock was 175 and the low 150. The net profits last year amounted to 10.42 per cent. If the shareholders accept the present offer it will mean the addition of \$1,250,000 to the liabilities, which \$500,000 will go to capital and \$750,000 to rest account. The capital will then be \$2,500,000, the rest \$2,450,000, and the control will be practically in the hands of the syndicate. That the syndicate will bring the bank business and add to its financial strength through the purchase of the stock is its purpose, and it is so regarded on the Stock Exchange, where the stock was quoted at 185 a week ago and 210 yesterday, an increase of twenty-four points a share. It is very evident that there are some very interesting developments at hand and we do not see why an increase of United States capital and enterprise should not be welcomed.

HE'S A WINNER.

McDonald to Skate for "Winged Foot" This Winter.

The New York Athletic Club this season will have the fastest team of skaters in this part of the country. Last season A. Y. Sarony and William W. Swan skated under the red and black of the New York Athletic Club and this year Harry P. McDonald will join that team.

McDonald has hitherto represented the Heffley school in skating and hockey. McDonald is Brooklyn's best track athlete and on the track is the fastest sprinter in the country.

He won the half mile championship of the United States and Canada in 1901 and 1902, and has three indoor skating records—220 yards in 21.5 seconds, one-quarter mile in 41.45 seconds and one half mile in 1.23.

Clermont skated in various competitions in 2.55 and better. He has won ten first, five seconds and several thirds, skating from scratch in every event and allowing as much as 120 yards handicap to the mile. He has made the best average of the scratch men.

While Sarony and Swan made a larger percentage in last season's events at Clermont, they often received handicaps, while McDonald started from scratch. He has won in skating and athletics over one hundred and fifty prizes.

The metropolitan broad jump championship in 1901 was captured by McDonald, as well as the national American championships in 1900 and 1901.

LOVE ME, LOVE MY DOG.

Or the Thrilling Encounter of Ozias and Hazen.

This is the story of how Hazen Campbell, of the West Side, got square with the man who kicked his dog, and how the man who kicked the dog is endeavoring to get square with Hazen Campbell.

Ozias Weatherall is a watchman in Carleton and owns a bull dog. He and the dog were at the West Side ferry yesterday afternoon and ran up against Hazen Campbell, who is also the owner of a bull dog. The two dogs growled; then they growled again, and finally, neither one being frightened, they fought. Ozias tried to separate them. He did not want his pup mixed up in vulgar fights, so he strove to quench the ardor of the excited brutes. It is currently reported that Hazen Campbell has been kicked by Ozias Weatherall's efforts until Ozias planted several kicks in the ribs of Hazen Campbell's dog and refrained from kicking his own. This nasty proceeding aroused the ire of Hazen, and he hit on Ozias, repaying him in full for the assault on the dog's ribs.

This morning Ozias appeared in court and laid information against Hazen for assault. The case will probably come up tomorrow.

JUST LIKE VENEZUELA.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 17.—It is announced in a special despatch from Seoul that the United States minister to Corea has demanded the payment of \$1,500,000 due to the builders of the electric railroad.

If you are hard to suit with tea, try Red Rose. It's good tea.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Santa Claus... F. R. Patterson. Lost... E. J. Dwyer. Slippers... M. L. Savano. Ladies' Raincoats... M. R. & A. Late Books... T. H. Hall. Christmas Gifts... Charles Baillie.

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At this time of year one's thoughts naturally turn to what would make an appropriate Christmas present for their friends. The reputation of C. Flood & Sons has long been established as having the greatest variety of appropriate Christmas gifts suitable for all ages. This year the variety is even greater than ever before. They occupy in today's issue of the Star the whole of the 6th page, with many suggestions for Christmas. The class of goods which they handle is of the very highest order, while the prices are reasonable and suitable for all purses.

PROVINCIAL.

J. W. Hamilton, manager of the Bank of B. N. A. at Fredericton, who goes to Quebec, will be dined at the Queen hotel, Fredericton, next Monday evening.

The steamer Lake Megantic from this port rescued the crew of the schooner Grenada, coal laden, 50 miles east of Sambro. Another vessel brought the men to Halifax.

GENERAL.

The Irish members have returned to the house of commons and voted yesterday in favor of the education bill. The schools of Providence, B. I., are closed for want of fuel.

Three cases of bubonic plague, brought by steamer from South Africa, are under treatment in quarantine at New York.

The explosion of a gas tank in a house at Fort Lee, N. J., caused the death of six children, and their mother's right arm was almost torn from her body.

The British government demands that the new Cunard liners must show a speed of 25 knots during the first year.

Hard coal is \$12 per ton in Boston, and soft coal \$10.

TO ADVERTISERS. Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 a. m. to ensure insertion in that day's issue.

P. E. ISLAND.

Organize a Branch of the Navy League.

A meeting was held in the legislative council chamber at Charlottetown last evening in the interests of the Navy League. The lieutenant governor presided, and Mr. Wyatt set forth the aims and purposes of the league.

Before the meeting closed a branch of the league was organized, with the lieutenant governor and premier of the province as members.

DEATH OF FORMER ST. JOHN MAN.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 16.—George Manning, I. C. B. driver, died at his home here this morning after an illness of some months. Deceased had an attack of erysipelas, which turned to abscesses and during the later part of his illness he was a great sufferer. He was 43 years of age and a native of St. John. He moved to Moncton about 18 years ago and has been a driver on the I. C. B. about the same number of years. He leaves a wife and four children. He was a son of the late Thomas Manning of St. John.

PROVINCIAL HOCKEY LEAGUE.

W. N. Irvine, a well known hockey player of St. John and secretary of the Mohawks hockey team of that city, is in town today, says yesterday's Fredericton Gleamer. Mr. Irvine is conferring with the hockey players here as to entering a team in the Provincial League and trying to arrange a schedule of games between the different teams in that league. St. John is also taking a native hold of hockey this winter.

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COMING HOME.

Nine Provincialists who have been serving in the South African Constabulary are expected at Halifax by this week's mail steamer from England, says the Halifax Echo. An ex-member of the S. A. C. who returned yesterday, told an Echo reporter that the report that all the Canadians who want their discharges are being given them was incorrect. Men with bad conduct marks can get their discharges, but the good conduct men must buy them or finish out their service.

RECENT DEATHS.

Albert Kempton died suddenly at Yarmouth on Sunday of paralysis. Arthur Lovitt, aged 89, an old resident of Tuttle Cove, N. S., passed away Sunday morning after a long illness. The deceased leaves a large family of sons and daughters.

The death occurred at Gulf Shore, near Halifax, on the 7th inst., at the age of 68 years, of Margaret I., wife of Peter McLean and daughter of the late Malcolm Macintosh.

Last Saturday evening, December 12th, at his home at McKinnon's Harbor, C. B., occurred the death of Donald Walker. The deceased was 64 years of age, and a native of Lake Umbagog in the county of Inverness.

LITTLE GIRL HOME.

Miss M. A. Hutchings, secretary of the Little Girls' Home acknowledges with thanks the receipt of the following donations during the present month:

- Mrs. F. H. McKell... \$2.50
Frederick W. O. T. Union... \$2.00
Mrs. A. H. F. Randolph... \$1.50
C. F. Kinney... \$1.00
Mrs. A. A. Tucker... \$1.00
M. B... \$1.00
Isabel Millidge... \$1.00

The Furness line boat London City, which left Halifax at 9.30 yesterday morning for this port has not yet arrived. Her consignees expect her this afternoon. Her detention is undoubtedly due to last night's heavy weather.

THE WEATHER.

The remarkable change in temperature yesterday was unusual even for St. John, and last night's storm of wind was one of the worst of the season. The highest temperature today was 50; the lowest 40. The temperature at noon was 41. The wind was north-west, with a velocity of twelve miles per hour. The rainfall during the storm amounted to one inch and six-tenths.

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Forecast—Fresh southwest and west winds, mild, with occasional showers. Thursday, westerly winds and continued mild. Synopsis—The area of low pressure is now central in New Brunswick and from present indications the barometer will remain low for some days. The weather is mild throughout the Dominion. From Nova Scotia to the Banks, strong south and southwest winds, and from the Bay of Fundy to United States ports, southwest and west winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Attention is directed to Charles Ballie's advertisement of smokers' goods for Christmas.

The str. State of Maine left shortly before noon today on her last trip of the season to Boston.

A number of the men who were working in Moore's mill, which shut down this week, have gone to Lepreau to work at Lowell's mill.

The students of the U. N. B. have sent a gold headed cane as a Christmas gift to Prof. Stockley, who is now in the University of Ottawa.

Capt. Geo. Cripps, well known in connection with schooner business, from which he retired some years ago, died this morning at his home, the Missee boarding house.

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Beyea, 283 Brussels street, would be pleased to receive their friends on Wednesday and Thursday, December 17th and 18th, in the afternoon.

The bazaar and entertainment of the Junior Mission Band of Brussels Street Baptist church, which was begun last evening, was postponed till tomorrow evening.

The regularly weekly meeting of the St. John Medical Society will be held in the society's room, Market building, this evening at 8.30 o'clock. Clinical evening at General Public Hospital.

John McSorley, who has been connected with J. S. Nell's hardware establishment, in Fredericton, for many years, was yesterday stricken with paralysis, his whole left side being affected.

There will be a gramophone concert at Jesse Williams' house, Carleton, this evening for the benefit of the mission work carried on there. Mr. Coffin and William Ogden and James Cox, of Inverness, will take part. A ten cent offering is asked of all who come.

The Star is requested by the chief superintendent of education to state that the public schools will close for the present term on Friday the 19th instant, and will re-open on Monday, January 5th, 1903. The date for re-opening, as given in the Educational Review, official notices, is not correct.

TEAMSTERS' UNION.

Will Await the Action of the St. John Ice Co.

The trouble which existed last winter between the St. John Ice Co. and the teamsters' association threatens to break forth again this season. About this time last year the association appointed a committee to wait upon the management of the Ice Co. for the purpose of making arrangements regarding the hauling of ice. The company completely ignored the committee and engaged to do their hauling teamsters who were not in the union. This caused some little friction at the time and the teamsters are determined that they shall not give the Ice Co. a second chance to treat them with contempt.

A meeting of the association was held last evening, when the matter of hauling ice was discussed. It was resolved that as a committee had already waited on the St. John Ice Co. no action would be taken until an answer to the representations made by that committee had been received. If the St. John Ice Company want to engage union teamsters they must recognize the union and deal with it directly, and the first move must be made by the company.

It is the intention of the association this year to see that all outside teamsters who do any hauling in the city shall be compelled to pay their license fees.

DEATH OF H. W. B. WALLACE.

The death occurred at Westfield on Monday of Harry W. B. Wallace, son of Charles Wallace of Greenwich, Kings county. He was 35 years old.

Mr. Wallace was a young man of excellent Christian character and much respected by a large number of acquaintances. For a number of years he was in the employ of Manchester, Robertson & Allison and only left there on account of falling health. He leaves a widow and four children to mourn the loss of a faithful and loving husband and father.

A funeral service will be held this evening at 199 Victoria street.

LOTS OF SLUSH.

Residents of Carleton heights are wondering why the sidewalks have never been cleared off on Charlotte street as far up as the city line. The snow has been allowed to remain there, and after last night's rain the state of the walking is almost indescribable. The water and slush on the sidewalks is several inches deep, and the citizens who are obliged to splash through it think that a raft might be an improvement on walking.

There will be no postponement of the opening of the Victoria Rink Thursday evening. The ice is in excellent condition.

MR. BLAIR'S RAILWAY

Puts the Union Coal Company Out of Business.

The Union Coal Company has become practically useless in so far as being of benefit to the poorer people of St. John is concerned, and the fault is directly due to the Intercolonial Railway. The teamsters who organized this company had hoped to be able to supply coal to their customers at a lower rate than can be obtained elsewhere in the city, and in the carrying out of their plans had ordered successive shipments of soft coal from the Broad Cove Company, at Sydney. The last shipment was received in November and the demand for it was so great that the supply ran out quickly and the next order placed was for a much larger quantity than had previously been received. This last shipment, which consisted of six carloads, or about one hundred and forty tons, should have arrived in St. John on or about the sixth of December. Had it done so, only a few days would have elapsed between the delivery of the last load of the preceding shipment and the receipt of the next supply. But it failed to arrive, and has not turned up yet.

The Union Company have received word that two carloads of coal left Sydney for St. John on Dec. 2nd, and that four other loads were following two days later. Beyond this fact they have heard nothing excepting through the newspapers that the I. C. R. had commandeered for its own use the first two carloads shipped. As no word has been received of the other four carloads, it is supposed that they have met with the same fate and that the coal was used to furnish power to carry prominent liberals in parlor cars to the Fielding banquet in Halifax.

The Union Company has now been out of coal for fully three weeks, and during this time the many customers who had depended upon this company for their coal have been compelled by the unusually cold weather to purchase elsewhere. And by so doing they have had to pay a considerably higher rate. Many orders had been left with the Union Company, and along with the orders were the amounts of cash to pay for the coal. None of these orders have been filled, but the company hopes to supply its patrons in the near future.

There is considerable strong feeling against the I. C. R. for its action in taking the coal, and also for not notifying the consignees of what had been done.

PRETORIAN ARRIVES.

Mail Boat in After Stormy Passage—Heavy Sea in the Bay—Winter Port News.

The Allan liner S. S. Pretorian, due here last night, reached port this morning and docked at Sand Point. She experienced terrific weather coming up the bay last night. The wind was a fierce gale and the sea ran unusually high. The force of the sea in the bay was strikingly evidenced this morning by the damage done to the bell buoy, the whole top of which was smashed off by the force of the waves. The buoy is a new one placed in position last summer. The Pretorian will probably sail Saturday. As a part of her cargo she will take about 48 cattle and 180 sheep.

The steamership Alcides, which sails on the 18th, are 538 cattle and 17 horses. The cattle will leave Montreal today and will be shipped immediately on arrival. The loading will probably be done at Sand Point, where the Alcides is expected to move today.

The steamer Peruvian, which sails from Halifax on the 19th inst., will take 260 cattle.

The Allan liner Tunisian, from St. John and Halifax for Liverpool arrived at Moville yesterday. The next Elder-Dempster ship looked for at St. John is the Montcalm, which arrived at Avonmouth from Montreal on the 18th inst. No word has yet reached St. John of her departure for here.

A WORTHY OBJECT.

When the 5th Royal Garrison Regiment band was here in October they played the grand selection, Reminiscences of Scotland, a composition that is dear to the heart of every British subject. The Artillery band will play this selection at their concert on Friday, Dec. 19th, in York Theatre. Miss Shute, A. C. Ritchie, D. E. Biddeon and St. Andrew's church male quartette will render some of their best selections, and Rev. Dr. Morrison will read from Dr. Drummond's works. The concert is for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan Asylum. A great many people who will not be able to attend the concert themselves, are buying tickets, so that in this way they may assist the orphans. All citizens should feel it their duty to support the institution and this is a splendid opportunity for doing so.

THORNE TOURNAMENT.

Yesterday afternoon in W. J. Thorne's Rupert E. Walker and Ash-ton Morley played in the ping-pong tournament. The game was won by Walker, the score standing 6-3, 7-5. This game finishes the first round in the tournament, and it has been decided to postpone the play until after Christmas, when the semi-finals will be commenced.

ST. ANDREW'S CHURCH.

A meeting called for last evening to consider the organization of a young people's association in connection with St. Andrew's church has been postponed till next Monday evening. A boys' association and boys' brigade will be organized in connection with this church.

There will be special music in the church next Sunday. A large choir will be assisted at both services by an orchestra.

The C. P. R. has given an order for the construction of 500 flat cars. The Dominion government has awarded to the Clergue syndicate a contract for 25,000 tons of steel rails.

TO DORCHESTER.

Higgins Will Probably be Sent This Week—Was Being Held as a Witness in Goodspeed Case.

Official instructions have been received from the department of justice ordering that Frank Higgins be delivered over to the warden of Dorchester penitentiary, there to be retained during the pleasure of the crown. No date was fixed for his transportation from here to Dorchester, and Sheriff Ritchie is now holding him in case the crown might need him here as a witness in the Goodspeed case, which comes up in circuit court the first Tuesday in January.

Should this be done interesting complications might arise as it could be contended that after tomorrow, the date set for his execution, Frank Higgins is in the eyes of the law dead.

However, it is not probable that the occasion for any such discussion will need any testimony from Higgins to establish their case against Goodspeed. The prisoner will be arraigned on two counts, for the burglary of Kennedy's store and as an accessory after the fact of the murder of Doherty. The evidence against him on the first count will be his own admission made during the Higgins trial. On the second count Higgins' evidence would be of no use to the crown, as unless he has greatly changed, he would probably swear that Goodspeed was not an accessory but the principal in the murder.

So it is probable that the crown will notify Sheriff Ritchie tomorrow that he need detain the prisoner no longer. Within a few days after receiving that notification the sheriff will take measures to have Higgins quietly removed from the jail and started on his journey to the penitentiary with as little stir as possible.

Rev. Father McMurray called on Higgins today and reports that the prisoner is healthy and cheerful. Though at no time during the long period of suspense has he given evidence of any great anxiety, yet now that the strain is over he shows great relief and expresses his thankfulness at the commutation of his sentence.

POLICE COURT.

Masher Wilson, for being drunk on Union street yesterday morning, was fined ten dollars or ten days, and John Donohoe, for a similar offence on the ferry floats, was given the same punishment. Donohoe's nose was a sight for sore eyes. It resembled a good sized lump of anthracite, but he did not know where it came from. In fact he knew nothing except that he had been arrested. He took the ten days.

Gerge Cain was arrested for begging from door to door on Waterloo street yesterday. Cain is the man who did a rushing business in vegetables on Elliott row some time ago. His work yesterday does not appear to have been very successful, for when arrested he could only produce six cents. He denied that he had been begging and was remanded until two o'clock.

James Murray, William Wallace, Robert King and John Moran were reported for trotting their horses on North and South Market wharves yesterday. King pleaded guilty, Wallace said he had a nervous horse, but supposed that he too was guilty; Murray could not remember, but was willing to believe what the officer said, but Moran put up a fight. He asked the court if there was any difference between a horse and a mare, and then explained that he had been driving a mare. Having said this, he changed his mind and decided that it was not a mare at all, but a goat that he had been driving. This, however, was promptly denied by Sergt. Campbell, who, although he may not be an expert, knows the difference between a horse and a goat.

It was explained that there was a considerable depth of snow on the wharves and that trotting over the snow would not injure the wharf as it might do in summer. The magistrate imposed a fine of fifty cents upon each of the four men.

John Halpin reported Frank Duffy for calling him a thief. The question to be decided was not as to what truth was in the statement, but whether Duffy had used the endearing term. It was decided that he had done so and a fine of four dollars was imposed.

IS IT AN OMEN?

The police court-room was very chilly during the cold snap of last week, and as the steam heating apparatus did not seem to work very well, it was decided to start a fire in the stove. This was done and in a very few minutes the smoke in the courtroom was so thick that scribes could almost be cut out of it. The stove would not work at all, and there did not appear to be any good and sufficient reason for its condition. All attempts to make a good fire were failures until upon close investigation the trouble was discovered. One of the supposed priests who had appeared to beg for door to door, in charge of begging from door to door, and to whom unkind remarks had been made, had removed his clerical collar, which by the way was none too clean, and had put it in the stove. The collar plugged up the draught and the stove smoked.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Alfred Lordly was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon, from his late residence, 21 Spring street, and was largely attended. Services were conducted at the house and grave by Rev. A. G. H. Dickie, and interment was made in Fernhill. Members of St. John's Lodge, A. F. & A. M., to which the deceased belonged, walked in a body among the mourners.

DIED.

WHITE—Suddenly, in this city, on the 15th inst., George M. White, aged 65 years. Leaving a widow and five children, four sons and one daughter, to mourn their very great loss. Funeral service this evening at his late residence, 102 Adelaide street, at eight o'clock. Funeral takes place tomorrow at eleven o'clock to Cedar Hill Cemetery. Friends and acquaintances are invited to attend.

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