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The Telegraph Wishes Everybody a Merry Christmas

MR. BARNES IS TO GO; PREMIER CONFIRMS IT

Kent County Convention to Be Held Soon to Put Another Man on the Ticket

Conference Here on Arrival of Hon. Mr. Pugsley, and Kent Delegation Are Heard--Nomination Between W. D. Carter and R. A. Irving--Shuffle on Eve of Elections Causes Uncomfortable Feeling in Government Circles.

In line with the forecast published in yesterday's Telegraph Hon. James Barnes will soon retire from the New Brunswick government. Premier Robinson, last night, authorized the announcement, but with the announcement interest in Kent county politics does not by any means cease, for it is now a question to be settled whether R. A. Irving, barrister of Buctouche, or W. D. Carter, of Richibucto, shall be his successor on the Kent county government ticket. Both names will be placed before a nominating convention to be held in the county soon.

When asked by a Telegraph reporter after the meeting if there was any announcement to be made with regard to political affairs in Kent county, the premier said he was prepared to give some information. "Hon. James Barnes," he continued, "has expressed a desire that some one should replace him on the ticket at the next election, whenever it comes on, and I have asked him to assist the government in their selection policy."

PIERRE EDITOR, WOUNDED IN DUEL, BOUND FOR FRANCE

(Special to The Telegraph.) Halifax, Dec. 23--Still suffering from a sword thrust received in the left breast, close to the heart, in a duel, Paul Mazier, editor of La Revue, an opposition paper published at St. Pierre, arrived at North Sydney today and left for France. The duel was fought between himself and Dr. Dupuy, a follower of the Legation party in the French colony. The duel was brought about by certain articles in La Revue, in which grave charges were made in connection with the customs department, which of Legation is the head, and was witnessed only by the seconds of both men. The editor's wound was at first believed to be fatal.

BAYSIDE MAN BADLY BEATEN IN FIGHT WITH HIS NEPHEW

(Special to The Telegraph.) Sackville, N. B., Dec. 23--Word has come of a bad fracas at Bayside last Friday evening, when Allen Trenholm was very seriously injured by his nephew, a young man named Fillmore. The trouble was caused, it is said, by a long standing feud. At all events, Trenholm was pounded and cut about the head. He will be laid up for a fortnight or more, though all results, at first feared, are not now expected.

particularly with regard to the development of the coal mines. "Will Mr. Barnes remain a member of the government until the elections?" "I'm not sure as to that, he may, but we want him to take up colonization matters as soon as possible, especially in connection with the northern part of the province. Many applications have been received from intending settlers and from clergymen interested in settlement. The settlers will include not only our own young men but young men returning from the States."

Should Mr. Barnes retire soon will his position in the government be filled? "The number of members without portfolio is not fixed," the premier replied, "and it does not follow that a vacancy would be filled at once."

KINGS COUNTY FARMER LOST TEAM AND SLED THROUGH THE ICE

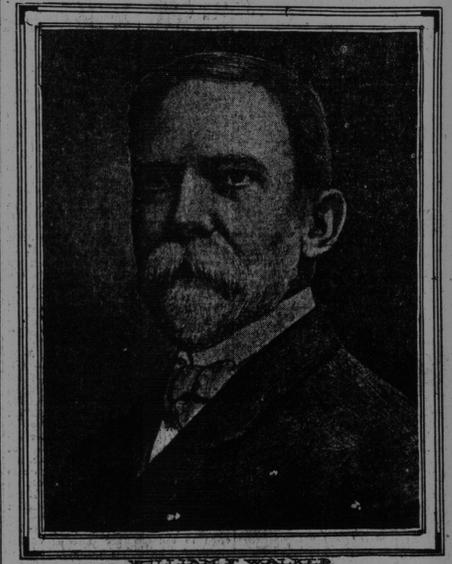
(Special to The Telegraph.) Sussex, N. B., Dec. 23--Alexander Jamieson, a farmer, while driving to his home at Clover Hill, fourteen miles from here, on Saturday evening, lost a team of horses and sled through the ice on what is known as Cassidy's Lake, and had a close call from being drowned himself.

WARRING IRISH LEADERS AGREE ON POLICY TO HELP IRELAND

Dublin, Dec. 23--The series of conferences which have been held with a view to bringing about the reconciliation of William O'Brien, Nationalist M. P. for Cork, and the parliamentary party, of which John E. Redmond is chairman, resulted today in an agreement on certain propositions. In an official report of the meeting given out, both Mr. Redmond and Mr. O'Brien say that they see no reason why the Nationalists should not unite on the following principles:

BANKER WHO STOLE \$600,000 CAPTURED IN MINING CAMP

New York, Dec. 19--According to dispatches received in this city, William F. Walker, former president of the Savings Bank of New Britain (Conn.), was arrested in a camp, one hundred and fifty miles from Esenada, in Lower California, near the Mexico border line. Walker admitted his identity to the Pinkerton detectives who made the arrest and expressed a willingness to return immediately to New Britain.



ASKS WHO IS THE 'GUILTY PARTY'

(From Saturday Night, Toronto.) It now transpires that David Russell, in challenging the "guilty party" to come forward and explain matters with reference to a hundred thousand dollar discount, is aiming at the general manager of a leading bank. It is asserted, on behalf of Russell that not only the bank was "gone away" the transaction to the Liberals, but that he also took occasion to blame the Montreal capitalists for having "peached" in order to shift the blame for his own shoulders.

ALLEGED BORDER SMUGGLERS CAPTURED AFTER ONE IS WOUNDED

Houlton, Me., Dec. 23--Two Army men, Heskiah Lindsey and Ellis Black, who were arrested by United States customs officers yesterday in Orient, will be taken to Portland tomorrow charged with smuggling liquors. Lindsey has a bullet wound in one leg as a result of an attempt to escape arrest, but the wound is not considered serious.

NEW YORK GRAND JURY IS PROBING HAMILTON BANK

New York, Dec. 23--The grand jury began an investigation today in the affairs of the Hamilton Bank, of Harlem, which recently closed its doors. The inquiry is the result of a communication sent by Frank White, the receiver of the bank, to Attorney-General Jackson, declaring that unlawful overdrafts had been permitted, and suggesting that District-Attorney Jerome be asked to begin investigation.

WITNESSES IN BERLIN SCANDAL MODIFY FORMER TESTIMONY

Berlin, Dec. 23--The hearing of the Harden-Von Moltke case was resumed here today, the morning session being behind closed doors, but in the afternoon the court was reopened to the public after the examination of Frau Von Elbe, the divorced wife of Count Von Moltke, during the course of which she modified her former testimony to such a surprising degree as to influence the position of the defense to a considerable extent, many of Herr Harden's assertions against Count Moltke being based upon her previous declarations.

IRISH M. P. LODGED IN JAIL AFTER DODGING POLICE FOR SOME TIME

Dublin, Dec. 23--The police today arrested Laurence Ginnell, Nationalist member of parliament for the north division of Westmeath, at Kiltbridge. He was brought here and placed in jail at Kiltmainhampton, where he was held for contempt of court in urging cattle raids. Since his conviction he has repeatedly appeared at meetings and addressed the rebels, but always he was surrounded by his supporters and the police were unable to reach him.

STEVENSON RESIGNS AND H. A. COLLINS NOW HEADS FORESTERS?

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 23--It is reported here that Elliott G. Stevenson, of Detroit, supreme chief ranger of the Independent Order of Foresters, has resigned, and Harry A. Collins, supreme treasurer, has been appointed supreme chief ranger.

CHATHAM (ONT.) FIRE CHIEF SERIOUSLY HURT IN FALL FROM ROOF

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Dec. 23--Fire at Chatham today destroyed the Alexandria block, owned by J. B. Stringer & Co., grain merchants. The loss on the building is several thousand dollars, besides the losses sustained by six families living in the upper flats who had difficulty in escaping.

CALAIS SCHOONER E. WATERMAN LIKELY A TOTAL WRECK

Gloster, Mass., Dec. 23--The schooner E. Waterman, bound from South Amboy for Eastport with coal, was blown on Pavilion beach by the southeast gale after she had put into harbor here this afternoon. Several tugs tried to pull her free at high water but late tonight she remained hard and fast on the rocks. The schooner took in considerable water, her seams having been opened apparently by pounding on the ledges.

WRECKED SCHOONER VENTURER SOLD FOR \$310

Boston, Dec. 23--The British schooner Venturer was sold at the United States Marshal's sale at the Federal Building today for \$310 to settle salvage claims against her by the Boston Towboat Company. Captain J. M. Lewis, representing the libellants, bid her in. She was on a passage from New York to St. John (N. B.) with a cargo of coal when she stranded at West Chop. She was floated and towed into Vineyard Haven by the towboat company. Her cargo of coal has been disposed of.

FIVE NOMINATED FOR TORONTO MAYORALTY

Toronto, Dec. 23--(Special)--The following were nominated for Toronto mayoralty today and all will probably run: Geo. Reginald Geary, solicitor; Joseph Oliver, lumber merchant; William Beattie Nesbitt, physician; James Simpson, reporter; Miles Vomes, merchant.

CONSERVATIVES CLAIM CENTRE YORK ELECTION

Tom Wallace Says He Has One Majority, While Liberals Assert They Have Won

Unofficial Figures at Midnight Give Dr. McLean Nineteen Over Opponent--Campaign Was Hotly Contested, and Arch Campbell's Margin of 124 Votes is Wiped Out--Caron Elected in Ottawa Belcourt's Seat.

(Special to The Telegraph.)

Toronto, Dec. 23--At 11:45 o'clock tonight Tom Wallace, Conservative candidate in Centre York, claims his election by a majority of one, while Dr. McLean says he has won by nineteen.

The unofficial figures at midnight are:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. Includes Etobicoke township, Markham township, Vaughan township, etc.

The fight has been a tremendous one. The Liberals knew Capt. Tom Wallace, with his family influence and military record, would be a hard man to beat. R. L. Borden, Hon. William Paterson, Hon. Mr. Graham, J. G. Turriff and a host of members on both sides took an active share in the campaign and the electors were not kept in ignorance of the issues.

The Conservatives are confident that a recent will give them the seat, but their opponents deny it. Caron Elected in Ottawa. Ottawa, Dec. 23--(Special)--J. B. T. Caron, Liberal, was elected today for Ottawa by 3,819 majority over W. D. Morris, Independent Conservative. There was little interest in the contest, and the vote was far below that polled in the general elections. Caron today received 4,470 and Morris 1,151, losing his deposit. The election had to fill the vacancy created by the appointment of N. A. Belcourt to the senate.

INDIAN MUTINY SURVIVORS HOLD GOLDEN JUBILEE

London, Dec. 23--The remnant of that desperate host, as Kipling described the veterans of the Indian Mutiny, gathered this afternoon in Albert Hall, to the number of more than seven hundred, to commemorate the golden jubilee of the struggle which ended in the Indian empire being saved to Great Britain.

PAPER TRUST HAS BOUGHT DALHOUSIE COMPANY'S LIMITS

Fredericton, Dec. 23--Hon. Charles E. Oak, general manager of the Miramichi Lumber Company, arrived today from Bangor en route to the North Shore, and is at the Queen hotel.

TORONTO ANALYST'S REPORT ON WATER MAY BE BIASED

Pronounces It Unfit to Drink, But He is Interested in a Spring, and Will Resign.

CHARLES E. OAK STATES THEY HAVE NOW AN INEXHAUSTIBLE SUPPLY OF PULPWOOD AND THEY WILL NURSE IT CAREFULLY.

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TWO MEN DEAD AND ONE WILL DIE IN SOUTHERN DUEL

Charlotte, N. C., Dec. 23--S. W. Welsh and T. W. Clyburn were killed and Berry Mobley wounded in a duel which took place at Kershaw (S. C.) early Sunday morning. The tragedy grew out of a difficulty between Welsh and Mobley which was settled by a fist fight. Then men shook hands and made up, but a few minutes later Welsh, angered by some remark by Mobley, drew his revolver and opened fire at close range. Clyburn stepped in between the combatants, receiving two of the bullets and falling dead at Welsh's feet. Mobley returned Welsh's fire, killing him instantly. Mobley received four of Welsh's pistol shots and fell mortally wounded.

TARTE'S ADVICE TO SONS AS DISCLOSED BY HIS WILL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Dec. 23--La Patrie tonight prints a copy of the will made by Hon. Mr. Tarte at Neuilly, near Paris, July 23, 1899, a few hours before undergoing a grave surgical operation. "My sons, you have a newspaper. See therefore that it wounds no one's feelings or blackens no person's reputation. Do not quarrel with the clergy. Remain French Catholic, and loyal subjects of the queen and empire. Fulfill your religious duties as well as those of good citizens."

Sohr, Alaska Badly Damaged

Rockland, Me., Dec. 23--The schooner Alaska, owned by F. Fletcher, of this city, laden with fish for Crescent Beach, went ashore on Island today, but was not damaged and is now at the river. Vinal

FROM ALL OVER THE MARITIME PROVINCES

NEWCASTLE.

Newcastle, Dec. 19.—Misses Gertrude Clarke and Nellie Lingey came home Wednesday night from Mt. Allison Ladies' College to spend Christmas.

position of manual training superintendent.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 22.—After an illness extending over a period of several months, Mrs. Phillips, relict of Joseph Phillips, passed away at her home this morning. She was sixty-four years of age and is survived by one son, R. Bedford Phillips, of the post office staff, and one daughter, Miss Ida Phillips. The funeral will take place Tuesday afternoon.

afternoon, those present being: Mrs. C. E. Sunder, Mrs. E. S. Kirkpatrick, Mrs. J. Watts, Mrs. S. Duncan, Mrs. John Shea, Mrs. A. R. Carr, Mrs. H. G. Allard, Mrs. W. W. Hay, Mrs. H. J. Smith, Mrs. John MacLachlan, Mrs. R. G. Fulton, Mrs. Stokes, Mrs. F. Harrison, Mrs. Chas. W. Smith, Mrs. A. P. Cooke, Mrs. Emma Henderson, Miss Harrison, Miss Gertrude Henderson.

The annual meeting of McGill College, rev. of Fraser, of St. Paul's church at both services on next Sunday. Mrs. L. P. Fisher left on Monday to spend the winter at Norfolk, North Carolina.

Wednesday from Mount Allison College, Sackville, to spend Christmas at their respective homes.

Mrs. Frank Doyle spent part of the week in St. John. Mr. Roy Estey is home from McGill College, Montreal, to spend his holidays in the city.

Hospital, Lowell (Mass.), is spending her vacation on Friday.

Miss Marion Dickson, who is attending the Ladies' College, Halifax, is home to spend Christmas. Miss Pauline Benson, who has been visiting her parents, Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. Tweedie, returned to her home in Fredericton Saturday morning.

nor is also leaving the West Branch school.

Rev. Wm. Townsend, who has been visiting P. E. Island, returned home Saturday to Bass River. Miss Pauline Lennox is spending a few days in Richibucto.

FREDERICTON

Fredericton, Dec. 19.—The marriage of Miss Margaret Allen, daughter of the late Mr. John C. Allen, and granddaughter of the late chief justice of New Brunswick, to Mr. John C. Allen, was celebrated at the late chief justice of New Brunswick, Fredericton, on the 18th inst.

SUSSEX.

Sussex, Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the sewing "bee," which was held at the home of Mrs. H. A. White, on Friday last, Miss Annie E. Kelle, an old member of the circle, was presented with a beautiful plate of cut glass.

HAMPTON

Hampton, Kings county, Dec. 18.—Mr. Alexander McCurdy, formerly proprietor of the Station Hotel, and his two married daughters, came out from St. Martin's yesterday, and proceeded by C. P. R. train to St. John.

BATHURST.

Bathurst, N. B., Dec. 19.—Mrs. McKay returned during the week from Campbellton, where she had been visiting her sister, Mrs. Malcolm.

REXTON

Repton, N. B., Dec. 20.—The public examination was held in the intermediate department of the school yesterday afternoon. The pupils and Miss Lymie Wright, teacher, are to be congratulated upon the good work they have done.

AMHERST.

Amherst, Dec. 20.—Miss Christie Rivest, who has been spending some months with her brother, George, who returned to her home on Saturday.

WOODSTOCK

Woodstock, Dec. 19.—Mrs. F. C. Denison entertained at what on Wednesday afternoon. The prize winners were Mrs. G. A. White, Mrs. A. B. Connell and Mrs. A. D. Richards.

MONCTON

Moncton, Dec. 20.—Miss Hattie Smith, of Riviere du Loup, is staying with friends in the city.

CHATHAM

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ST. MARTINS

St. Martins, Dec. 23.—Miss Annie Romell, who has been teaching the West Quaco school for the last term, left on Friday for her home in Alma, Albert county.

Children Who Can't Eat... DR. McNEAN'S Vegetable "Worm Syrup" THE BAIRD CO., Ltd. Woodstock, N.B.

You cannot possibly have a better Cocoa than... COCOA... This excellent Cocoa maintains the system in robust health, and enables it to resist winter's extreme cold.

nations, chrysanthemums, roses and smilax. About 150 ladies were present, many of whom were from the West Village. Mrs. Avard was assisted in receiving by Mrs. W. T. McKinnon, and in entertaining her guests by Mrs. C. R. Smith, Mrs. Robert Archibald, Mrs. D. A. Morrison and Mrs. W. H. Tennant.

JOHNSON'S ANODYNE LINIMENT

FOR Coughs, Croup, Catarrh, Cramps, Cholera, Colic, Asthma, Bronchitis, Influenza, Pleurisy

Don't let a cough or a cold get a hold on you—it may develop into something serious. Shake off at once—take a drop of Johnson's Anodyne Liniment on your chest and see how quickly it will bring relief.

Good for external pains too, for 97 years has cured Rheumatism, sciatica, lumbago, stiff joints, lame back, etc. Try it!

Prepared under Food and Drugs Act, 1905.

25¢ a bottle; large bottle holding three times as much, 50¢. Sold everywhere.

L. S. JOHNSON & CO., BOSTON, MASS.

The summer here and who during his stay has made many friends, left on Monday for his home in St. John.

Rev. J. A. Scrimgeour, of Pine Hill College (N. S.), who is spending his vacation here, very acceptably occupied the pulpit of the Presbyterian church Sunday morning and evening.

The various school examinations took place during the week. All were well satisfied and the work proved most satisfactory. On Friday morning the school room on Orange Hill, which has been taught by Miss Florence Vail for the past four years, was well filled with visitors. At the close of the most interesting programme Miss Vail, who has resigned her position, was presented by Principal Barker, on behalf of the pupils, with a very handsome jewel case as a slight token of the universal esteem in which she is held. Miss Vail made a very fitting reply.

RICHIBUCTO

Richibucto, Dec. 20.—Miss Emma Brown has returned from P. E. Island and does not intend returning to her home in Colorado until spring, but will spend the winter visiting relatives in Richibucto.

Miss Florence A. Jardine has returned from St. John.

Mrs. John M. Tweedie, of Rouchouche, returned on Monday from a trip to Vancouver (B. C.). She accompanied her sister-in-law, Mrs. Wm. C. Potter, who went to join her husband, Mr. and Mrs. Potter intend making their home in Vancouver.

The much needed lifeboat arrived the other day.

A very enjoyable concert was held in the Temperance Hall last evening. It reflected credit on both teachers and pupils. A. Edmonds, teacher of the advanced department, acted as musical director and must have led proud of his pupils.

The hall was packed, even the gallery being full. The following programme was well carried out:

Chorus—(a) Red, White and Blue; (b) The Maple Leaf—(c) The Advance.

Chorus—(a) Never Pays to Be Bad—by the pupils of primary department.

Recitation—Choice of a Trade—Pupils of primary department.

Motion Song—Dance of the Snowflakes—Pupils of primary department.

Sketch drill—Sixteen young ladies.

Character Song—The Widow McCarty—Robert Irving.

Motion Song—Lullaby Christmas—Pupils of primary department.

Evergreen drill—Pupils of intermediate department.

Cantata—Ye Old Folks' Concert.

BRISTOL

Bristol, Carleton county, Dec. 21.—Duncan Buchanan, of Bridgewater, is visiting at Dr. G. W. Somerville's.

John Simpson had the misfortune to seriously cut his foot with an axe, while chopping wood yesterday. Dr. Somerville was called and dressed the wound.

Frank Boyer, who has had charge of the Forest City School, came home today to spend the vacation.

The village school closed yesterday, and the teachers, Miss Long and Miss Martley, have gone to their homes.

Miss Alice Giberson, teacher at Four Falls, is spending her vacation at home.

H. J. Banks arrived yesterday from Washington and will soon be the principal in an interesting social evening.

The new Methodist parsonage at East Florenceville was formally opened last evening, the occasion being a birthday party in honor of the building. Rev. T. Pierce, about 400 invitations were issued, and the attendance was large. The proceeds, amounting to more than \$130, were devoted to the building fund. The parsonage is a very neat and commodious building, and is nicely furnished, the total cost being about \$3,500, which is nearly all paid for.

HARCOURT

Harcourt, N. B., Dec. 20.—Miss Blanche Whelan, music teacher at Boiesville, is home for the Christmas vacation.

Mrs. Ernest Manston, of Mount Allison, is home for Christmas.

Mrs. Dora and Wathen, of the Normal school, are home for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. John Beattie left this morning for Philadelphia to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Jean Thurber, of Mount Allison, is home for Christmas.

The marriage of Gilbert L. Keswick to Miss Lela E. Ingram is announced to take place at 11.30 a. m. on the 24th inst.

NORTON

Norton, Dec. 23.—Schools closed on Friday last for Christmas holidays. Miss Hannah was not yet returned and her successor has not yet been appointed. Miss Gregg left on Saturday morning to spend the holidays at her home on Snider Mountain.

Mrs. Gallagher's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Higgins, of Oakfield (Me.), after a week's visit, returned last evening.

Mrs. Peter Branscombe left this morning to spend the Christmas holidays with her brothers at Lawrence and Lowell (Mass.).

W. M. Sprout, of Centre Clarence (N. S.), is spending Christmas with his son, Wesley.

The Norton Brass Band will give a concert in the Temperance Hall on Thursday evening. There will be a pie social at the close.

Miss Mary B. Sproul, student at business college, St. John, returned to her home here on Saturday night.

Bowser & Thompson, of Sackville, are unloading their portable mill at the station today. They will saw for the Johnsons near Cassidy's Lake.

Two Scott act violators were taken on Saturday at the shiretown, where they

works with Mrs. Grover's daughter, Mrs. H. Bell, teacher at the village school, will be absent on Saturday, as she will spend the holidays at her home in Moncton.

Mr. H. F. Puddington will go to Moncton tomorrow to attend to business.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred. Sayer came out through the snow on Saturday morning, Tuesday afternoon.

Rothsley, Dec. 21.—There was much interest shown in the closing of the public school here yesterday. Additional interest was lent to the event by the fact that this is the first closing since the school was enlarged and under principal and assistant, by the presentation of four cash prizes for good conduct by an unknown donor, and last but not least, by the dinner tendered the teachers and pupils by Mrs. Kennedy, of the Kennedy House.

There were Christmas trees and abundance of candy for the pupils, who showed their excellent training by their work in the prepared programme. Mrs. D. D. Robertson's two prizes were awarded to Ellen Green, in the fourth grade, and Florence Urquhart, in grade three. Helen Carpenter and Gretchen Green were very close competitors. From grades eight to five Beesley Scovell, Bessie Thompson, Fannie Renahav and Blanche Dobbin were the leaders. Helen Carpenter and D. Kirkpatrick and Helen Scovell and Lee Kirkpatrick were the winners of the \$2 cash prize for exemplary conduct.

Rev. A. W. Daniel was called upon by the chairman, Trustee Thompson, to make the presentation and he did so in appropriate and complimentary words, paying a tribute to the good work done by Miss Beesley Scovell, teacher, and Miss McMurray, her assistant.

Miss De Mille, the teacher in the Gonzola district, will leave that school this morning for the St. Croix town this week. The stores are in festive array and are filled with shoppers from early morning until late hours in the evening, buying Christmas gifts and everything points to a gay and happy holiday season.

Mrs. W. F. Todd entertained very pleasantly the members of Trinity church choir at her home on Friday evening last.

Mrs. E. G. Vroom entertained some lady friends at her home, Rose avenue, on Tuesday evening.

The medical concert given in Elder Memorial hall last Friday evening, under the auspices of the W. C. T. U., and the direction of Mrs. William H. Clark, in charge of the branch of the W. C. T. U. work, and has made it a grand success. The young ladies who took part in the concert did themselves and Mrs. Clark great credit, and their excellent manner in which they recited their songs and different recitations, and their singing, was highly appreciated by the audience and gained for him most hearty applause. Leonard G. Gagnon, Misses Winifred Clark, Hazel Talbot, Gladys McCarty, Elsie Graham, Carrie Vanstone and Bessie Macneil, the last of whom was presented with the gold medal by Mrs. Alice Fraser, who also gave the address to the concertants before the presentation. There were also a musical programme, in which Miss Mary Grimmer, George M. Pitt, Phyllis Walderson, Mrs. Nicholas, Mrs. Raymond Dibble, of Moore's Mill, gave a violin solo that was highly appreciated by the audience and gained for him most hearty applause. Leonard G. Gagnon, of the Presbyterian church, gave a fine address.

Mrs. H. A. G. Gagnon, who has been throughout the whole programme, and many pleasant comments have been made in regard to Mrs. Clark's skill in arranging the concert.

Mrs. W. G. Rose and her daughter, Miss Kathleen, of the Presbyterian church, were registered at the St. Croix for a few days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. John Black and Miss Margaret Black are now occupying their new home in Millville.

Mrs. McKusick entertained the reading club of which she is member at her home on Colais last Monday evening.

Miss Kennedy, of St. Andrews, has been a recent guest of Miss Kinsler Short.

Little Gloria, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Nicholson, is very ill with appendicitis this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Redmond, of Grand Manan, made a brief visit to the St. Croix during the past week.

Mrs. Helen Kelley has returned from a pleasant visit to Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Beer, nee Miss Roberta Murchie, are expected to return to spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Murchie.

Miss Mildred Todd arrived from Andover (Mass.) today. Miss Todd is a student at the Normal school in Boston.

Mr. and Mrs. Don S. Grimmer arrived from Montreal this week to spend Christmas with the Grimmer parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. H. Grimmer.

Mrs. C. M. Gore, of St. Andrews, has been the guest of Mrs. Helen Grimmer this week.

Mr. G. W. Ross, of Boston, was a recent visitor to the St. Croix.

Miss Edith, nee Miss St. John, is a pupil at the Misses Allen's School in West Newton (Mass.). She expects to spend the holiday season at the home of her mother, Mrs. C. N. Vroom.

Mrs. G. D. Hall Grimmer spent Thursday and Friday in town, returning to St. Andrews on Saturday morning.

Mr. Frederick E. Rose has spent the past week in Montreal, and has been the guest of Senator Gillmor.

Mrs. Daniel Sullivan is in New York City, called there by the death of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Sophia Hinds. Mrs. Sullivan is expected to return home before Christmas day.

Mrs. Charles F. Beard and son, of Amherst, went to St. John on Saturday last to spend Christmas with Mrs. Frederick C. Beard.

Mrs. Harry Wellington has arrived from Houlton and is visiting in Calais her mother, Mrs. W. H. Foster.

Mrs. M. C. McQuinn, of St. Andrews, has been a recent visitor in town.

PETITCODIAC

Petitcodiac, Dec. 19.—Miss Ina Lockhart spent the week-end with friends in Moncton.

Rev. E. C. Corey spent a few days during this week in St. John.

Mr. Talmage McLean, who is taking a course in law at Mt. Allison College, Sackville, arrived in Petitcodiac on Monday to spend the holidays at his home here.

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CHRISTMAS They who take a discouraged and a disheartening view of the human family are mostly silent at Christmas. At this season there is an interval during which the world forces of the world seem suspended, while the beneficent instincts and activities of the race take on new power.

THE SAVINGS BANK RATE When the post office savings banks act was passed, four years ago today, the rate of interest paid depositors was four per cent. Belief that the old rate should be re-established is becoming general and is making itself felt at Ottawa.

themselves have told us, on account of dear money, and they can surely afford to increase the rate of interest to their savings depositors a half per cent. Such an increase, it would seem, should be a matter of good policy as well as simple justice, as it should bring more money into their hands to make a large profit upon.

EXIT MR. BARNES In confirmation of the Telegraph's announcement that Hon. James Barnes was to walk the plank, Premier Robinson made public last evening the government's decision to rearrange its forces in Kent county on the eve of the elections.

THE INSURANCE BILL The government's insurance bill, which will occupy Parliament extensively after the Christmas recess, should be examined in detail by the country before the House meets. Our Ottawa despatches contain many of the more important provisions of the measure when it was introduced.

WEST INDIA TRADE AND OUR PORTS The St. John and Halifax Boards of Trade should take united action in urging upon the Dominion government the necessity for taking advantage of the growth of preferential sentiment in the West Indies.

CRITICS OF THE ARMADA An old friend of newspaper readers appeared again in the despatches yesterday—Rojevstevsky the ill-starred. We might have supposed that no any longer regarded the Russian admiral as a likely source of useful information or even interesting opinion.

SHOPPERS AND THE GOLDEN RULE Many a stranger has been heard to say after visiting St. John's shops that they met with what they regarded as unusual courtesy and attention. They compared their experiences here and in other cities, notably those of the United States, and said freely that shopping was much more pleasant here than elsewhere.

assured Mr. Robinson and the public that the Grand Trunk Pacific would buy the Central Railway, raise it to the grade of a modern line capable of handling heavy freight and passenger traffic, and send over it long trains from the West. If Dr. Pugsley has recently observed any feverish desire on the part of the G. T. P. to acquire the Central at any such price, would satisfy the people of New Brunswick, he has successfully concealed his discovery.

QUINTON VS. CLARK The Clark-Quinton episode is thus presented in a brightly despatch published by the Montreal Witness: "St. John, N. B., Dec. 19.—It is quite likely that as a result of statements made last night by Mr. Alfred Clark, one of the Opposition candidates for the Local House for St. John County, Mr. W. A. Quinton, ex-S. P. P., steward of the provincial asylum, will enter an action against Mr. Clark, without any notice to them.

NOTE AND COMMENT The unconfirmed report about the retirement of Hon. James Barnes, author of the local government's Japanese policy, is a somewhat startling one. Possibly it foreshadows a cabinet shuffle.

THE OLD HOME HEARTH. Here is an exile's song by Mary Adams from the very readable Christmas number of Chambers' Journal: Oh, the sunshine's blithe and bonny in this land of bush and veldt, And it's nothing else but sunshine that I see;

STAR LINE STEAMERS OFFERED FOR SALE The directors of the Star Line Steamship Company are offering the business steamers and all for sale. Tenders will be received until the 1st of January, 1908, and the company will continue to operate the steamers.

undoubtedly more efficient than the American; this is due to practice in battle; but the American ships so excel the Japanese in strength and numbers that there is no question of American superiority. I consider that the question of war between Japan and the United States is quite excluded.

ARCHBISHOP BRUCHESI WOULDN'T HEED PROTEST St. Patrick's Church Parishoners Must Accept New Priest, Says Sbarretti Montreal, Dec. 22.—The bitter dispute between a number of the parishioners of St. Patrick's church and Archbishop Bruchesi over the appointment of a parish priest has been concluded by the entire defeat of the dissidents.

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none of us like a man to "take a darn." There is enough of the boy in us all to want to see him hit out when his own face is menaced. Still Mr. Pugsley is an experienced politician—Canadian Courier. Even the most experienced will make mistakes. There is no good way out of Mr. Pugsley's difficulty.

DISCUSSING THE GROWTH OF CANADIAN CIVILIZATION The Ottawa Journal says: "By getting above Hamilton in population eight or ten years ago, Ottawa took fourth place in the Dominion—Montreal, Toronto, Quebec, Ottawa. Then, when Ottawa was steam- ing along after Quebec, Winnipeg came with a rush and sprinted past both, leaving Ottawa again fifth in order. The recent annexation of suburbs takes the capital above Quebec and restores it to fourth place—Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Ottawa. Vancouver is the town we have to hold down now."

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A LOST LEADER

A FASCINATING STORY OF MODERN LIFE By E. PHILLIPS OPPENHEIM

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CHAPTER VII.

"The perfect man," the Duchess murmured, as she stirred her tea, "does not exist. I know a dozen perfect women, dear, dull creatures, and plenty of men who know how to cover up the flaw. But there is something in the composition of the male sex which keeps them always a little below the highest pinnacle."

"It is purely a matter of concealment," her friend declared. "Women are cleverer humbugs than men."

Borrowdean shrugged his shoulders. "I know your perfect woman!" he remarked, softly. "You search for her through the best years of your life, and when you have found her you avoid her. That," he added, handing his empty cup to a footman, "is why I am a bachelor."

"The Duchess regarded him complacently. "My dear Sir Leslie," she said, "I am afraid you will have to find a better reason for your miserable state. The perfect woman would certainly have nothing to do with you if you found her."

"On the contrary," she declared, confidently, "I am convinced that she would find me attractive."

The Duchess shook her head. "You're theory," she declared, "is antiquated. Like and unlike do not attract. We seek in others the qualities which we strive most zealously to develop in ourselves. I know a case in point."

"Good!" Sir Leslie remarked. "I like examples. The logic of them appeals to me."

The Duchess half closed her eyes. For a moment she seemed to be listening to something a long way off. Through the opening of a doorway she saw shaded drawing-rooms, odorous with flowers, came the rippling of water falling from a fountain in the conservatory, the busy hum of a moving machine on the lawn, the distant tinkling of a handbell in the Square. But these were not the sounds which for a moment had changed her face.

"I myself," she murmured, "am an example!"

A woman who had risen to go sat down again. "Do go on, Duchess!" she exclaimed. "Anything in the nature of a personal confession is so fascinating and you know you are such an enigma to all of us."

"Am I?" she answered smiling. "Then I am likely to remain so. At the last I am a perfectly ordinary person like myself," the woman remarked, "is always fascinated by the unusual. But if you are really not going to give yourself away, Duchess, I am afraid I must move on. One hates to leave you beautifully cool persons. Shall I see you tonight, I wonder, at Eshott House?"

"There?" she asked. "There are still many people in the room. Some fresh arrivals have just come. The Duchess, however, with a resigned shrug of the shoulders, prepared to depart. He had come, hoping for an opportunity to speak a few words to the Duchess, and himself a skilful tactician in such matters, he could not but admire the way she had kept him at arm's length and then the opportunity for a master stroke came. A servant sought him out with a card. A man of method, he seldom left without instructions as to where he was to be found.

"The gentleman begged you to excuse his coming here, sir," the man whispered confidentially, "but he is returning to the country this evening, and was anxious to see you. He is quite ready to wait your convenience."

Borrowdean held the card in his hand, scrutinizing it with impressive face. Was this a piece of unannounced good fortune or simply a trick of the fates to tempt him on to catastrophe? With a wonderful swiftness of thought which was part of his mental equipment he balanced the chances and took his risk.

"I should be glad," he said, looking the servant in the face, "if you would show the gentleman up here as an ordinary visitor. I should like to find you downstairs when I come out. You understand?"

"Perfectly, sir," the man answered, and withdrew.

Manning had no idea whose house he was in. The address Borrowdean had given him had been simply 81 Grosvenor Square. Nevertheless he was conscious of a little annoyance at the way the servant up the broad stairs. He would much have preferred waiting until Borrowdean had concluded his call. He remembered his grey traveling clothes, and all his natural distaste for social amenities returned with unabated force as he neared the reception rooms and heard the softly modulated rise and fall of feminine voices, the swishing of silks and muslins, the faint perfume of flowers and scents which seemed to rise in the air. At the last moment he would have withdrawn, but his guide seemed deaf. His words passed unheeded. His name, very softly but very distinctly, had been announced. He had no option but to pass into the room and play the cards which fate and his friend had dealt him.

Borrowdean rose to greet his hostess. Manning, not knowing who his hostess might be, and feeling absolutely no curiosity concerning her, confined his attention wholly to the man whom he had come to seek.

"I did not wish to disturb you here, Borrowdean," he said, quietly, "but if your call is over could you come away for a few minutes? I have a matter to discuss with you."

Borrowdean smiled slightly, and laid his hand upon the other's shoulder. "By all means, Manning," he answered. "But since you have discovered your little secret, don't you think that you had better speak to our hostess?"

Manning was puzzled, but his eyes followed Borrowdean's slight gesture. Berenice, who at the sound of his voice had suddenly abandoned her conversation and risen to her feet, was within a few feet of him. A sudden light swept into Manning's face.

"You!" he exclaimed softly. Her hands went out before him. Borrowdean, with an almost imperceptible movement, checked his advance. "But since you have discovered your little secret, don't you think that you had better speak to our hostess?"

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tion very soon became clear to me. Instead of the Duchess conversing to you, you had very nearly converted the Duchess. "I can assure you—" Manning began. "Let me finish," Borrowdean pleaded. "I realized the situation at a glance. Your attitude I was not so surprised at, but the attitude of the Duchess I must confess amazed me. I came to the conclusion that I had found my way into a forgotten corner of the world, where the lotus flower still blossomed, and the sun never went out of it. The better, now I think that brings us, Manning, up to the present time."

Manning turned from the window, out of which he had been steadily gazing. There was a strained look under his eyes, and little traces of the tan upon his cheeks. He had the air of a judge and a weary man.

"That is all, then," he remarked. "I can still catch my train."

"No," he said, "it is not all. This explanation I have made for your sake, Manning, and it has been a truthful and full one. Now it is my turn. I have a few words to say to you on my own account."

Manning paused. There was a note of something unusual in Borrowdean's voice, a portent of things behind. Manning involuntarily straightened himself. Something was afoot, and he was not to be taken for granted. He had lain dormant for many years, dormant since those old days of battle, of swift attack, of ambushed defence and of clamour of bright tongues. Some of the old light flashed in his eyes.

"We speak of great things," Borrowdean continued, "but the catching of a train is a trifle. My wardrobe and house are at your service. Don't hurry me!"

Manning smiled. "Do you mean to say that you are going to stay?"

"The men who count in this world," Borrowdean declared, calmly lighting a cigarette, "are either thinkers of great thoughts or dreamers of great dreams. To the former belong the poets and the sentimentalists. To the latter the statesmen and the soldiers."

"I have done," Manning murmured, "that I should be sent back to kindergarten? Platitudes such as this bore me. Let me express my thanks to you for a moment. To all my arguments and appeals, to all my entreaties to you to realize yourself, to do your duty to us, to do your duty to the world, you have replied in one manner only. You have spoken from the mushroom pedestal of the sentimentalist. Not a single word of fire which truth has spelled out before me. Any further appeals are useless, because you are not honest. You conceal your true position, and you adopt a false defence. Therefore, I relinquish my task. You can go and grow roses, and think your poetry, and call it life if you will. But before you go I should like you to know that I do not believe in you, Manning. I ask you a question, and I challenge you to answer it. What is your true reason for making a scrap heap of your career?"

"Are you my friend?" Manning asked quietly, "that you wish to try behind the scenes, that you wish to know other reasons they concern myself alone."

Borrowdean shook his head. He had said, but he took care to show no sign of it.

"The issue is too great," he said, "to be tried by the ordinary rules which govern social life. We will put it to a referendum. I will consider the whole matter afresh together."

"I will not," Manning answered. "But I will do as you wish. I will answer you as you wish. There is another reason which makes my reappearance in public life impossible. Not even your subtlety, Borrowdean, can contrive to keep me from what I wish to do. I mean to live my own life, and not to be pitched back into politics to suit the convenience of a few advantage-seeking office-seekers, and the Duchess of Lenchesster."

"Manning!" Borrowdean called. "But Manning had gone."

Borrowdean felt that this was a trying day. After a battle with Manning he was face to face with an angry woman, whose presence at a National party was just what he needed. Berenice was dressed for a Royal dinner party, and she had only a few minutes to spare. Nevertheless she contrived to find time for very unpleasant notes for Borrowdean.

"The affair was entirely an accident," he pleaded. "I was doing nothing of the sort," he answered, bluntly, "I know you too well for that. Your bringing him here without warning was an unwarrantable interference with my affairs."

Borrowdean could hold his own with men, but Berenice in her own room, and in her own way, was a different matter. She was a woman who was perfectly chosen that it was rather felt than seen, Berenice, in her marvelous gown, with the necklace upon her bosom, and the stars flashing in her dark hair, was an overwhelming opponent. Borrowdean was helpless. He could not understand the attack, he failed to appreciate its tenor.

"Forgive me," he protested, "but I did not know that you had any plans. All that you told me was that you had returned to the country. So far as you were concerned the matter seemed to me to be over, and with it I imagined the Duchess' interest in Manning. I brought him here."

"Well?"

"Because I wished him to know who you were, and to understand the improbability of your ever again returning to Blakeley."

"You are telling the truth now, or at any rate," she remarked, curtly, "or what sounds like the truth. Why did you trouble in the matter at all? Where I have failed you are not likely to succeed."

"Borrowdean smiled for the first time. "I have still some hopes of doing so," he admitted.

The Duchess glanced at the little Louise. She time-piece, and hesitated.

"You had better abandon them," she said. "Lawrence Manning may be wrong, or he may be right, but he believes in his choice. He has no ambition. You have no motive left to work upon."

"You are wrong, Duchess," he said, simply. "I never believed in Manning's sentimentalism. Today, with his own lips, he has confessed to me that another, an unbroken reason, stands behind his refusal."

"And he never told me," the Duchess murmured, involuntarily.

"Duchess," Borrowdean answered, with a faint cynical parting of the lips, "there are many who do not do as they say. The Duchess' maid entered, and in mention to the woman in whose high opinion he aims at holding an exalted place."

and her complexion almost anemic. The woman on the couch represented other things. She was tastelessly though somewhat elaborately dressed. She wore chains and trinkets about her neck, rings upon her fingers, and in her face had begun in earnest the tragic struggle between an actual forty and a more comely twenty. She laughed again a little hardily.

"And you are my daughter," she exclaimed. "You are one of the freaks of heredity. I'm perfectly sure. You don't belong to me, and as for him—" "Stop!" the girl cried.

The woman nodded. "I didn't mean to mention him. I won't again. But we are different, aren't we? I wonder why you stay with me. I wonder you don't make a home for yourself somewhere. I know that you hate all my things. I do, and care for, and all my friends. Why don't you go away? It doesn't seem to be right—and I am afraid."

"I have no wish to go away," the girl said, softly, "and I don't think that we will ever be with another very much. This is the first time I have ever made a remark about any of your friends. Tonight cannot help it. Sir Leslie Borrowdean is Mr. Manning's enemy. I am sure of it. That is why I do not like the idea of your going out with him. It doesn't seem to be right—and I am afraid."

"I will ring for her directly," the girl answered. "So that was Sir Leslie Borrowdean, wasn't it? Why did he come to see you again so soon?"

"I haven't the least idea," Mrs. Phillimore answered, "but I thought it was remarkable when one considers the sort of man he is. He's very ambitious, you know, and devoted to play the piano."

"Why did you meet him first?" Hester asked.

"It was at the Metropole at Bechill," Mrs. Phillimore answered. "We motored there one day, and Lena Borne told me that she had heard him inquiring who I was. I was directly we came into the room. He knew him slightly, so I made him go over and ask him."

Hester nodded, and seemed to be absorbed in some trifling defect of one of the keys of her typewriter.

"Does he still ask you many questions about Mr. Manning, mother?" she asked.

"About Mr. Manning?" Mrs. Phillimore repeated, with raised eyebrows. "No, he scarcely ever mentions his name."

"He took up a small mirror from the table by her side, and critically touched her hair. "About Mr. Manning, indeed," she repeated. "Why do you ask me such a question?"

"Do you really want to know, mother?" she asked.

"When Mr. Manning was here last," Hester said, "he asked me whether Sir Leslie Borrowdean was a friend of yours. He said he was a political acquaintance, but I don't think that they are on very good terms."

"Well, there's nothing very strange about that," she declared. "Lawrence isn't the sort to get on with many people, especially since he went and buried himself in the country. How pale you are looking, child! Why aren't you and I take a walk instead of hammering away at that old typewriter? Any one would think that you had to do it for a living!"

"I prefer to earn my own living," the girl answered, "and I am not in the least tired. Tell me, are you going to see Sir Leslie Borrowdean again?"

"I shall see him on the couch smoothed her hair once more with a smile of gratification.

"Sir Leslie has asked me to join a small party of friends for dinner at the Carlton this evening," she announced. "Why on earth are you looking at me like that? You're grumbling that my friends are a fast lot, and don't suit you. You can't say anything against Sir Leslie."

The girl had risen to her feet. The trouble in her face was manifest.

"Mother," she said, slowly, "I wish that you were not so sure of your own wisdom. You would have nothing whatever to do with Sir Leslie Borrowdean."

"Good heavens, why not?" the woman exclaimed, suddenly sitting up. "I believe that he only asked you because he has an idea that you can tell him something he wants to know about Mr. Manning. The girl answered steadily. "I don't think that you ought to go."

"Rubbish!" her mother answered, crossly. "I don't believe that he has such an idea in his head. As though he couldn't get the truth out of me if he wanted to. I don't think that you ought to go."

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SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. J. J. WALSH; FINE GIFT FROM CONGREGATION

Holy Trinity Parishioners Present Address and \$630 to Pastor in Remembrance of 25th Anniversary of His Ordination—Eloquent Reply to Address.

Sunday at the 10 o'clock mass in Holy Trinity church, Rev. J. J. Walsh, the pastor, received from his congregation an address and a purse of \$630 in remembrance of the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination to the priesthood on Dec. 23, 1882. In a happy conjunction of circumstances, yesterday was also Father Walsh's silver jubilee.

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Walsh's forty-ninth birthday and this circumstance and the joyous Christmas season made the occasion particularly memorable. The address was handsomely done in gold letters and enclosed in a rich purple cover. It was read by Joseph Harrington, and at its conclusion the gift accompanying it was handed to Father Walsh by William Carleton, father of Rev. P. Carleton. The presentation took place after the communion and just as Father Walsh had concluded making the announcement of the Christmas masses. There was a very large congregation.

LITTLE FOLKS' CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Are you little folks looking forward with much anticipation to a really, truly, Christmas party? If so these suggestions may help in the entertainment of the little ones.

One of the most beautifully dressed trees the writer has ever seen was that covered almost entirely with homemade decorations, such as candy cornucopias of bright colored paper, paper dolls cut from ladies' magazines and stiffened with cardboard, cranberry strings and popcorn ropes, and these but a few of the novelties that were the product of a clever brain and a diminished purse.

Another mother, who every year spends much time in preparations for the holiday gaieties, gave her little people and their friends a most ingenious entertainment one year. The family lived in a locality easily accessible to a thickly covered pine woods. From here the older boys and girls of the family were instructed to bring as many as two dozen small pine trees, ranging in height from six to eight feet. No one could imagine what a forest of trees they had gathered.

Father was taken into the secret, and all Christmas Eve the preparations went forth with much mystery. The furniture was moved from the library into the back hall, and a sheet was stretched over the arched doorway between hall and drawing room to keep out all intruders. Mother came out to put the small folks to bed and Santa Claus could make his appearance in carrying these gifts to a secret issue.

On Christmas Day, when the big sheet was taken down—and, oh, what a sight! Was it a real Santa Claus who snuggled so cozily among the heaps and piled up the presents, or was it a spirit who looked suspiciously like Mother's Monday wash tub? Or was it only a make-believe Santa? Well, make-believe it was, but it certainly had not forgotten anyone. Even Mary the maid was remembered with a string of brilliant blue beads and a half dozen new aprons in the pocket of one of which she found a more substantial offering.

Over in one corner was—yes, it was Christmas Eve. Jack is St. Bernard. By raising the house on blocks it looked quite possible as the abode for the venerable Kris Kringle. His roof was covered with snow, and a painted pasteboard chimney made it the more realistic.

The drawing-room was lighted with candles, but none shown brighter than the bearing faces of the dozen little people who eagerly awaited Mother's call. After the first excitement games were played and supper was served. Fiahpod was one of the features of the evening that created much merriment. On a table in the centre of the room were as many tiny packages as children present. Each little boy and girl was handed a stick about two feet long with a one-foot line on the end of which was fastened a hook. With this hook each one had two chances at a time trying to land a package. Naturally it was sometimes before the table was cleared and each child sat down to disclose the contents of his or her package, which contained something so inexpensive, but pleasing as to suggest Mother's patronage of the Five and Ten Cent Store.

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HOLY TRINITY CHURCH, BUILT BY FATHER WALSH.

of Holy Trinity parish, among whom you have spent so many years, abiding in the special helps in the performance of all the priestly duties.

Father Walsh spoke of the relations of himself and his people and prayed that, when they came to stand before the judge left St. John for a two years' course in philosophy and a half year in theology in the Grand Seminary in Montreal, conducted by the priests of St. Sulpice. There were 220 students in the college, seventy-five in philosophy, and more than 300 in the Montreal College, all separate establishments in connection with the seminary.

The speaker gave an interesting description of the student life in the seminary. He named the late Father Meahan, of Montreal; Father Laverty, of St. Stephen; Father Collins, of Fairville, and Father Carney, of Fredericton, as among those there at the time he was a student.

Father Walsh then told of his ordination in the Seminary on Dec. 23, 1882, when forty-three priests and thirty-seven deacons were ordained and sixty took minor orders, and he spoke of the impressive scene of the seen when the 180 young men walked two and two into the chapel, each carrying a lighted candle and all singing the Veni Creator.

ment seat of God—he to give an account of his ministry and they to answer for the graces they had received—the special ties which bound them would be transfused in the world of light and the wondrous bonds of charity would unite them all in all eternity and on the sublime day, when the universal flock of Jesus Christ should be assembled and the lamb and the sheep counted before the Great Shepherd in the fold of the everlasting hills, all would be there. "You, my little flock, so dear to my heart as a priest, my crown and my joy, I your pastor, hope all will be there on that day to share the blessings of God upon sleep and pastor in His Kingdom watered by the river of life which flows from the throne of God."

Threw Vitriol in Toronto Man's Face.

FOUR ATTEMPTS AT ROBBERY

Three Arrests In North End, Booty Practically Nil

HANGING FROM WINDOW

Thomas Connell Captured by Policeman Greer in Mayer's Junk Shop-- Cotton Mill, J. H. Kimball & Son's Office, and J. A. Likely's Office Visited.

What is believed to have been a carefully laid plan to break into several places of business in the North End on Saturday evening was frustrated by the vigilant work of the police. There were four practically unsuccessful attempts at robbery and three young married men, all well known to the police, are under arrest. The places entered were J. H. Kimball's office, Kimball street; the Cotton Mill, Wall street; J. Mayer & Son's, Main street, and J. A. Likely's office, Main street, and J. A. Likely's office, Main street, and J. A. Likely's office, Main street.

It is believed that those engaged in the work, taking advantage of the Christmas rush, planned to break into the places of business during Saturday night and as the breaks were all made before 10 o'clock, it is seen how bold their plans were. Only in Mr. Kimball's office was there any money taken and there the thieves found but \$1.00. None of those arrested has been charged with this break.

In Cotton Mill.

The next break was in the cotton factory. About 2.30 o'clock S. J. Greer, the secretary-treasurer of the company, had occasion to go to the office. While at work he heard some one moving in the basement and he went to see what was going on. He saw a man getting into a window and he called out. The man disappeared and Greer was seen of the under arrest with this break.

Caught Hanging from Window.

On peering out, however, Patrolman Greer caught sight of a mop of hair, and looking down saw a man's feet sticking out from a small crevice underneath the window sill. When he was pulled up it was seen that he was Thomas Connell and he was placed under arrest on the charge of breaking and entering the junk shop.

Some Have Records.

Higgins or Ritchie, formerly known as Lemon-hell Higgins, was first arrested in 1894, when he was 22 years of age. He was charged with stealing from the house of Joseph Melnyre, and was let go. In April, 1895, he was arrested on charge of stealing some hens and was sent to the reformatory for four years. In April, 1895, having escaped from the reformatory, he was found guilty of breaking and entering the store of C. F. Brown and W. R. Lord. In February, 1900, he was sentenced to six years in the penitentiary when before Judge Forbes on the charge of entering and stealing from the shop of T. Hoffman, and from E. Harrington's boot-house. He was released in January, 1904, on ticket of leave, but being charged with assault and violently resisting the police was afterwards sent back to Dorchester, but was released in 1905 he was married. Thomas Connell, who married a cousin Ritchie's, has also been charged with breaking and entering the house of J. A. Likely, and was arrested with him in January, 1906, was arrested on charge of stealing some hens.

nect the other two with the Kimball and the factory break. At the Kimball building the glass over the door was found broken and also one of the panes of glass was smashed in. The police say the thieves could have entered either way. The office door inside was forced. J. Mayer, of the firm of Mayer & Son, said yesterday that they had missed considerable property lately and had asked the police to keep a look out.

IN AND ABOUT THE STABLE

The modern horse is, like the modern man, an artificial product, and, like him also, is easily affected by healthy surroundings or the reverse. There are very few of the principles of modern sanitation which are not applicable to the horse stables; for example, a dry and well-drained site, plenty of air, an abundance of sunlight and ample ventilation without draughts, are all indispensable. How often one finds, on visiting farms, that there are cesspools under the stables, and, moreover, and frequently a large quantity of manure is allowed to remain in close proximity to the stable door. Men who have given the subject considerable attention claim, and with reason, that these conditions are detrimental to the health of the horse and should never be tolerated. It is not, however, as simple as it is said that in Great Britain, more than in any other country, the horse is at once the friend and companion of man, and, in no country is he well housed. The arrangement and the construction of a "gentleman's stable" are of an importance second only to that of the dwelling house itself; indeed it may be stated with truth that in some cases the accommodation provided for his equine servants claims more thought and care than that provided for those belonging to the human family.

What are the essentials in a horse stable? First there are stalls, each one of which should be at least nine feet long (ten feet is better) and the passage behind the horse should be eight feet wide. In addition there should be at least one loose-hoast; in fact, if it were possible, horses that are doing hard work should each have a box stall about ten by twelve feet. Secondly, each stable should be provided with one or more isolation boxes for horses that are sick or otherwise incapacitated for work. Thirdly, a convenient and well-ventilated harness room, in which space is allotted for storing and cleaning harness and saddlery, is essential in every well-constructed horse stable. The harnesses should be stored in the basement, while the grain, bran, oileaks, etc., are placed in bins in the loft, having spouts running from each to a down pipe, and the ground floor. The advantage of this arrangement is that the demand on the ground floor space is small, and in any case horse breaks loose during the absence of his attendant he is unable to gain access to grain of a quantity that may do him harm. Such a feed-room also simplifies the act of feeding the horse. The ceiling of the stable should be airtight, as the less communication there is between the air of the stable and the loft the better. For this reason it is desirable that the ladders or stairs to the loft and the chutes for hay and grain should not open into the stable, but, if possible, be in a closed feed-room or in a separate passage. Experienced horsemen advocate the addition of an accommodation for the horse to be washed comfortably in wet weather and restive horses may be washed without inconvenience.

Every stable should have a paddock attached, in which the animals may be turned at intervals for a roll and moderate exercise. The manure should be removed to some distance instead of being allowed to accumulate near the stable door. In olden times the stable was a very dirty place, and it is pleasing to observe the health of the horses was injured and the attendants formed habits that were harmful and offensive. In the modern stable where good hygiene is kept, and more especially where high-class animals are bred, strict cleanliness is the order of the day. Everything is maintained in such a state that it is pleasing to the senses. It is a pleasure to visit a stable where things are clean and bright, and the ventilation, feeding arrangements, and accommodations, etc., are modern and complete. One may spend as much money as fancy indicates on stable appointments, but it is necessary to be careful of horse-blooded young horses are often nervous and fidgety, great care must be taken of the stable fittings, that they are so constructed as to reduce to a minimum the possibility of the restive horse doing himself an injury. There should be no sharp or projecting angles in the stall divisions, managers, or other fittings, which the horse is likely to come into contact.

VALUABLE BULLETIN ON BUSH FRUITS

The cultivation of small fruits has of late years engaged the attention of a large number of fruit growers and farmers in the different parts of Canada, many of whom have found the business profitable. The fact that many of these useful fruits can be successfully grown in every settled district in the Dominion makes it important that practical information regarding the most approved methods of cultivation and the most profitable varieties to grow should be widely disseminated.

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York; J. Primrose and deB. Carrite, of this city. The funeral will take place today, with interment in Amherst.

Mrs. Mary Comben.

The death of Mrs. Mary Comben, wife of Rev. Charles Comben, occurred at her residence, 20 City road, quite suddenly at 5 o'clock Sunday morning. Although Mrs. Comben had been in frail health for a number of years, no symptoms unusually alarming were noticed until a few hours before her death. Much sympathy will be expressed for the family in their bereavement.

Mrs. Comben, who was a native of Portland, Dorchester (Eng.), was in her seventy-fourth year. A wife of a Methodist minister, she spent the early years of her married life in Newfoundland, and has since resided in various parts of New Brunswick.

She leaves behind her husband, one son, Charles, barrister, of Woodstock, and six daughters--Misses Mary, Alexandra, Jessie and Hattie, at home, and Misses Lillian and Edith Comben, in Winnipeg. Arrangements for the funeral have not yet been completed.

Miss Annie Colter.

St. Stephen, N. B., Dec. 23--(Special)--Miss Annie Colter died this afternoon at the residence of Collector Graham, Marks street. Miss Colter, formerly of Fredericton, has been with her sister, Mrs. Henry Graham, for a number of years. She was stricken with paralysis several years ago, never fully recovered.

Miss Catherine Carlin.

The death of Miss Catherine Carlin occurred yesterday at the residence of Edward Friel, 60 Pitt street. Mr. Friel, who is a half-brother of Miss Carlin, is the only surviving relative in St. John. Mrs. McCarr, a sister, died about two years ago. The funeral will be held on Tuesday at 2.30 p. m.

R. L. Black, Ex-M. P.

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 23--(Special)--Death was received here today of the late