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NEW YORK INSURANCE DEPARTMENT A FARCE

State Superintendent Tells How Little He Knows About Companies

Mr. Hendricks Says He Never Heard of or Discovered Any of the Scandals Revealed at Present Inquiry—Took Officials' Words as Gospel, and Only Compared Books With Securities to See if the Concern Was Solvent—Chief Examiner Didn't Find Anything Crooked.

New York Dec. 21.—Francis Hendricks, superintendent of insurance of New York State, was the chief witness before the legislative committee of insurance investigation today, and testified that the examinations of insurance companies by his department was made to ascertain only the solvency of the companies and that no investigation is made into the extravagance of the management of a company, or into the salaries paid to officers, so long as the company is able to pay its obligations. No investigation is made into the commissions paid to agents, the year-end loans of the Equitable to clerks, the witness said all insurance representatives went to the statistician of the department and were examined by him.

Isaac Vanderpool, chief examiner of the insurance department, followed Mr. Hendricks and detailed what was done at an examination. He said that practically it was a comparison of the company's sworn report with the book. He had never known of wash sales, nor of the year-end loans, he had never known the salary of the statistician of the department, nor had he ever inquired what it was. The salaries are in one lump in the salary account, and he had never taken steps to find out if these moneys had been paid for that purpose. The large expenditures in the supply department had never excited his curiosity, although the vouchers had been looked at at random, those were stamped with the approval of the expenditure committee and he had never questioned their legality of purpose. The voucher for the \$12,000 payment to the chairman of the expenditure committee he had seen but never inquired into.

Mr. Vanderpool said all examinations were conducted in this manner, that he never tried to go back of a voucher of book entry. This was a custom which had prevailed ever since he had been in the department.

Mr. Hendricks' memory failed him as to any legislation suggested by him to remedy defects in the laws governing insurance companies. He stated that no measure that he ever presented had ever been opposed in either house of the legislature. Neither had any bill been passed against his recommendations.

Mr. Hendricks knew nothing of the large expenses of the New York Life Insurance Company, the Equitable and the Mutual Life as they had never been called to his attention. He had never heard of the wash sales of securities, nor the year-end loans of the Equitable to clerks, the witness said all insurance representatives went to the statistician of the department and were examined by him.

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ST. JOHN DELEGATION PROTESTS AT OTTAWA

Warehousemen and Liquor Dealers Object to Paying Salary of Man in Charge of Bonded Store—Says Increase in Receipts Warrants Government in Shouldering Burden.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—W. E. McIntyre, Richard Sullivan and John F. Morrison, of St. John, arrived this evening and joined a delegation from Montreal and waited on the commissioner and assistant commissioner of customs tonight. They asked that the warehouse bonding regulations remain as at present. New regulations have been passed by the department but not yet put in force, which will increase the cost from an annual charge of \$10 to about \$180. What the

BANNERMAN DODGES HOME RULE QUESTION

SCOTT WILL HAVE GOOD MAJORITY

Latest Returns Give Government 16 Seats in Saskatchewan

Regina, Saskatchewan, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Michael Voll, of North Qu'Appelle, who was arrested on election day at Balzar, charged with buying votes, confessed, in a signed statement, and was fined \$100. He declared that the money which he operated had been given to him by John Gillopie, president of the Liberal Association at Balzar in North Qu'Appelle, where the minister of agriculture, Hon. W. R. Motherwell, was a candidate.

Voll stated that Gillopie's instructions to him were to buy votes "as cheap as possible." The bitterness of the campaign shows no sign of relaxing. Yesterday the opposition caused the arrest of a deputy returning officer for failing to seal the lock of his box.

Latest returns confirm the estimate already given of the results of the election in Saskatchewan. The government will have sixteen seats and opposition nine. Thompson (opposition) has lost his deposit to Saltcoats under the final count.

Tyerman (government) has carried Prince Albert county, as the missing points gave him big majorities.

WELL KNOWN RAILWAY CONTRACTOR DEAD

James G. MacDonald, Who Headed Many Large Enterprises, Passed Away at Coverdale, Albert County, Thursday.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Many friends in Moncton and elsewhere throughout the province will learn with deep regret of the death of James G. MacDonald, which occurred at his home in Coverdale, Albert county, about 1 o'clock this afternoon. Mr. MacDonald was widely known as a railway and general contractor. Some years ago he purchased a large farm in Coverdale and settled down to farming. About four years ago he disposed of the farm and went to Nova Scotia taking a contract with MacKenzie & Mann in the construction of the Halifax & South Western Railway.

ONE HUNDRED HELD FOR CONSPIRACY IN PLUMBERS' COMBINE

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—More than 100 defendants in the plumbers' combine prosecution, master plumbers, supply men and journeymen, were committed for trial by Magistrate Dennison on the charge of conspiracy today, after a preliminary hearing of three days.

U. N. B. PROFESSORS MUCH PLEASSED

First Speech of the Campaign

British Premier Declared to an Immense London Audience That the Fiscal Question is the Main Issue—Against Coolie Labor in South Africa—Asquith Won't Stand for Irish Autonomy.

London, Dec. 21.—Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman's first speech since he accepted the premiership was delivered at Albert hall tonight before a mass meeting, under the auspices of the Liberal Federation. The premier was supported on the platform by fifteen members of his cabinet, including Sir Robert Thresie Ried, lord high chancellor; Herbert Henry Asquith, chancellor of the exchequer; Herbert John Gladstone, secretary of home affairs; John Morey, secretary for India; John Burns, president of the local government board; Lord Tweedmouth, first lord of the admiralty; and Richard Burdon Haldane, secretary for war.

The vast auditorium was packed with an audience chiefly composed of Londoners. John Burns was acclaimed by applause and musical honors until the picturesque representative of labor in the British cabinet was greatly embarrassed.

The premier carefully avoided the question of home rule for Ireland. He said that the fiscal question was the prime issue of the campaign against a government whose ministry "made a midnight fitting in a murky December evening."

MCCURDY'S TO HOLD ON TO THEIR EASILY MADE MILLIONS

Both Father and Son Have Been Busy Recently Transferring Their Enormous Property to Safe Hands.

Morristown, N. J., Dec. 21.—Deeds by which Richard A. McCurdy, former president of the Mutual Life Insurance Company, and other members of his family have transferred valuable property in this city within the last few days, were made public today. Mr. McCurdy and his wife, on Dec. 16, and again on Dec. 19, transferred parcels of real estate to their son, Robert H. McCurdy.

Dec. 19, transferred to his mother his interest in the new McCurdy Home, which has been occupied by Richard A. McCurdy and which is said to have cost about \$400,000. By this transfer the country house and the surrounding estate was put entirely in Mrs. Richard A. McCurdy's name.

SEARCHING INQUIRY, UNDER OATH, INTO YORK COUNTY LOAN AFFAIRS

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—W. H. Cross, the government auditor, has decided with the approval of the attorney-general, to conduct a searching investigation into the affairs of the York County Loan Company. The investigation will be conducted under oath and will begin on Tuesday next.

FREDERICTON SEWERAGE LESS THAN ESTIMATE

J. B. McManus Company, of Memramcook, the Lowest Tenderer at \$42,000

The Nearest Figure to Them is About \$11,000 Higher, and One St. John Concern Bid Along With Six More—Council Accepted the Lowest Bid, and Decides to Call for Supplies at Once—Means Saving of \$20,000 if Men Stand by Their Figures.

Fredericton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The city council met at a special meeting this evening and awarded the sewerage contract to J. B. McManus & Co., Ltd., of Memramcook, whose bid was the lowest by \$10,000. Altogether nine bids were received, but one from a local contractor was not accompanied by a certified check and was thrown out. The following is a list of the bidders and places:

J. B. McManus Company, Memramcook \$42,013.00
George M. Byrne Company, Boston 52,460.00
Bruno Bros. & McKenzie, Boston 53,227.00
Gow Palmer & Co., Boston 53,222.50
Willard Kitchen, Fredericton 58,012.00
Brown Bros., Fredericton 58,708.00
H. Mooney & Sons, St. John 60,265.00
Reid McManus, Memramcook 74,185.00

On the sewerage committee's recommendation the council decided to accept McManus Company's bid and they will be asked to enter into a contract at once. This contract will include the trucking and laying of the pipes, the cost of which was estimated by Engineer Barbour at \$61,000. Pipes and material are to be supplied by the city at an estimated cost of \$20,000 which, with the \$8,000 allowed for engineering, will bring the total cost of the system up to \$79,000.

MARITIME TRAVELERS' BANQUET AT HALIFAX

Many Present from Various Parts of the Provinces—Distinguished Guests.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—(Special)—The annual dinner of the Maritime Commercial Travelers' Association was held at the Halifax Hotel tonight. About 160 sat down, the dining hall being very handsomely decorated and illuminated and dinner and service of a very high order, and was considered one of the finest ever held in Halifax.

The president for the coming year, E. Y. Rowland, presided with much acceptance and vice-chairs of various tables were occupied by the vice-presidents for Nova Scotia. Among the prominent guests of the association were Judges Longley and Russell, W. T. Phips, Attorney-General Drysdale and Mayor MacNeil, William Roache, M. P., and members of the various railways and other transportation companies. A good representation of the New Brunswick members were present for the first time in the annual reunion of the association.

INVENTOR HAS BIG CONTRACT TO FILL

Has Promised to Find Husbands for Thousands of Girls Thrown Out of Work by His New Device.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Encouragement is being given in London, says a special cable, to Mr. Neill, inventor of the automatic telephone, who promised the French government to find husbands in Canada for the thousands of girls his invention has thrown out of work. He says there will be no difficulty in keeping his promise.

NEW SCHEME TO PREFER CANADIAN WHEAT

British M. P. Suggests That Home Government Pay the Cost of Transportation of Both Grain and Flour, Using the Empire's Ships Only.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special)—A special London cable says: An alternative for a mutual preference is suggested by Louis Sinclair, M. P. for Romford. He would allow wheat to come in free, as cheap wheat is essential, but appreciating Canadian loyalty, he says:—



Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman.



Chancellor of the Exchequer, Herbert Henry Asquith.

LESS LUMBER SHIPPED FROM MIRAMICHI THIS YEAR THAN LAST

Details of Shippers, Ports Sent To, and Quantities Only in Boards and Ends Was There More Forwarded Than in 1904.

Table with columns: Shipper, Dealt, Scantling, Ends, Boards, Total. Lists various lumber companies and their shipping statistics for 1905 and 1904.

DIGBY'S STRANGE CASE UNSOLVED

Inquest Into Freeman Weir's Death Adjourned Until Today

BODY WARM WHEN FOUND ON SHORE

Post Mortem Shows He was Not Drowned—Cap Located Half Mile Away, and This Cannot be Accounted For—Man's Movements Partially Traced—Will Send Stomach Here.

Digby, N. S., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Coroner Daley opened an inquest this afternoon to inquire into the death of Freeman Weir, of Victoria Beach, aged twenty-one years, found dead near Turnball & Co.'s wharf this morning.

Dr. L. H. Morse performed an autopsy on the body and swore that the deceased did not come to his death by drowning. Without analyzing the contents of the stomach he could not determine the cause of his death.

Ernest German, who first saw the body, said the receding tide had left it about three feet when it was discovered. John Raymond, who saw Chief of Police Bowles turn the body over, said he felt it and found it quite warm.

Benjamin Weir, an uncle of the deceased, and dory mate, said the two of them rowed ashore from their schooner, the Emerald, early last night, had supper together and then separated. He saw him at 9 o'clock and tried to get him to go on board, but he said he was going to the Salvation Army, and then to Mount Pleasant.

Was on Nearby Schooner. Llyd Post, a fisherman on the schooner J. W. Cousins, lying at Syda & Cousins' wharf, said the deceased boarded their vessel about 9.30 and stayed until about 11.30. He did not appear under the influence of liquor, though perhaps he had been drinking some. He refused a drink while there. When he started to go those in the cabin asked him to stay, as there was a spare berth. He called down the fore-castle to ascertain if his dory mate was there, and then went up the wharf.

John Raymond, a member of the Cousins' crew, said the whistle was the steersman's blow to call out the crew, and that the landing was caused by their main boom going over towards the wharf.

Will Send Stomach Here. The inquest was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon. It is strange that deceased's cap should be found dry on the government wharf, a half mile from where the body was found warm as the tide left it. It could not float there at that time of tide.

It is likely the stomach will be sent to St. John to be analyzed. Several fishermen have disappeared or been drowned in this vicinity during the past few years, and the authorities are anxious for a thorough investigation. The people are much interested and anxious to get information. The coroner's office proved too small to hold the crowd, and the inquest was held in the town building.

KINGS COUNTY MAN DEAD AT VANCOUVER

(Victoria Colonist, Dec. 12)

In the death of Daniel Fowler Adams, another pioneer of British Columbia started on the last long trek. Mr. Adams died of heart disease at his home, the Gorge Road, Sunday, and leaves to mourn his loss, a widow, four sons, Charles, Frederick, John, George and one daughter, Mrs. Davidson, of Vancouver. The funeral will take place from the house at one o'clock Wednesday afternoon, and the interment will be at Colwood cemetery. The deceased was 75 years of age, having been born in 1830 at Greenwich, Kings county, New Brunswick.

One of the Argonauts of the Golden State, he early answered the call of the Red gods when in the fifties he left the comforts of his boyhood home for the hardships and strenuous life of California and later British Columbia. The Pacific slope first saw him in 1852 at the time he reached San Francisco in the prime of man's estate physically, fit to do and dare in those turbulent times. He was in San Francisco on that May afternoon, 1856, when James King, the dauntless editor of The Bulletin, came to his death by a bullet at the hands of James P. Casey, whose name is associated with the worst and most lawless elements of the city and whose paper, the Sunday Times, he guided. King lived for several days at Casey's, who never left his bedside until he came into existence. Mr. Adams was one of the members of that committee who took it upon themselves to make life and property safe throughout the west. The day of King's funeral marked the beginning of the committee's work, when Casey and another man named Cora were taken from the city and sent to the penitentiary at San Francisco.

Two years later Mr. Adams reached the site of the present city of Victoria, but a trading post of the Hudson Bay Co. and from April, '58 had been associated with the history and making of British Columbia. For a time he was in the trade, that of building and contracting, but the excitement of the Cariboo rush found him following the streams of gold-seekers who ravaged that district in 1862. When in the north he built a mill at Soda Creek.

When gold was discovered in the sand of the Columbia river in the Big Bend, in 1866 he was one of the first to make locations on McCulloch Creek. Here it was that he nearly came to a violent end when sixteen his companions perished by the overturning of a Hudson Bay Company's boat in the icy waters of Death's rapids. The boat contained 21 persons and of these only Adams and four others reached the land, the boat being swept under by the turbulent rapids. From the Big Bend he returned to Victoria to take up his permanent residence.

He resumed his old business and was in active possession of all his faculties up to the time of his demise. Mr. Adams had to his credit the construction of several public works and bridges in several sections of the province. At different periods he owned large interests in local realty, including at the time of his death the business premises on Broad street now occupied by Mr. Flynn. He also owned the business and saw-mill property on David street.

A. O. H. December Elections. Restigouche County. Division No. 1, Campbellton—President, T. W. Henry; vice-president, M. McArthur; recording secretary, J. P. Crowley; financial secretary, W. H. Keays; treasurer, Alex. J. Arsenault; chaplain, Rev. C. P. Wallace.

Division No. 2, Dalhousie—President, John Lawlor; vice-president, Thos. Dunlop; recording secretary, Joseph J. Nolan; financial secretary, Frank L. G. Magee; treasurer, W. C. Arsenault; chaplain, Rev. A. A. Boucher.

Kings County. Division No. 1, Norton—President, D. O. Laughey; vice-president, D. E. Meigher; recording secretary, E. J. M. Gher; financial secretary, J. W. Galaguer; treasurer, John Ferriault; chaplain, Rev. E. J. Byrne.

Charlotte County. Division No. 1, Milltown, ladies' auxiliary—President, Mrs. W. J. Graam; vice-president, Miss Anne Cronin; recording secretary, Miss Anna E. Coughan; financial secretary and treasurer, Miss Mary Buckley.

Carlton County. Division No. 2, Bath, ladies' auxiliary—President, Miss Mary E. Boyd; vice-president, Mrs. W. J. Gallagher; financial secretary, Miss Alice McGinley; recording secretary, Miss Margaret Guinan; treasurer, Mrs. Jno. McCready.

St. John City. Ladies' Auxiliary, Division No. 1—Mrs. E. Finigan, president; Miss Mary Sullivan, vice-president; Miss Helena McCarty, financial secretary; Miss Winnie MacNeill, recording secretary; Mrs. James McCarthy, treasurer; Miss Kate Hennessy, sergeant-at-arms; Miss Bain, centinel.

HOW THEY KEEP CHRISTMAS IN THE OLD WORLD

QUAINT YULETIDE CUSTOMS THAT ARE OBSERVED IN EUROPEAN COUNTRIES—IN GERMANY EVEN THE CRIMINALS IN THE PRISONS HAVE THEIR CHRISTMAS TREES, WHILE IN HOLLAND, WHERE DECEMBER 6 IS "ST. NICHOLAS'S DAY," CHILDREN HANG UP THEIR SHOES INSTEAD OF THEIR STOCKINGS.

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London, Dec. 7.—In spite of cynical writers, who never fail to assert that the English Christmas is not what it used to be, there is little fault to be found with the way in which the Yuletide is observed in this country. It's true—more the pity—that the yule log is a thing of the past and that in few households in this country, except the King's, does the "boar's head" play its ancient part, but aside from these things, Christmas in England is kept much as it was in Dickens's time. In all the great country houses there the Christmas gather-ings, still "the stockings are hung by the chimney with care," still the Christmas tree bears its mysterious fruit, and still the pudding flames at the end of the day's great revel. Even the carol keeps its place. All over the country—within a few days of



Buying Christmas Trees, Holly and Mistletoe at the Madeline Flower Market.

Christmas—you may hear the "waits," as they are called—children who sing "God Bless You, Merry Gentlemen," and "I Saw Three Ships," under your windows in the evening in the hope of pennies. Why they call them "waits" nobody seems to know—except that they do wait for the coppers. Yes, England gives itself up to Christmas in quite the old way—all except London. Throughout the provinces there is snow to help out the picture, but London, with its damp, chilly air and soot-laden fog, does not lend itself to a "Merry Christmas." The streets wear a gloomy aspect. All places of amusement are closed. There are no public festivities or demonstrations. What mirth there is always within doors.

But on the next day, Boxing Day—which is also a holiday—everything is different. The streets are full again, the theatres re-open, the pantomimes, dear to the heart of the toy cockney, begin, and Londoners revel afresh in the old stories of "Dick Whittington and His Cat," "Cinderella" and "Bluebeard." Boxing Day, by the way, is believed to take its name from the universal custom of giving Christmas "boxes" or tips to all servants and other factotums on that day—anyhow, it is London's great day of the year.

Meanwhile at Sandringham the King and Queen do their best to preserve the traditions of the old-fashioned Christmas in their celebration. Their Majesties are always served with a boar's head, a baron of beef and a gigantic plum pudding. The boar's head is usually a present from the Kaiser and laid upon a silver dish, with its tusks highly polished; it is carried shoulder high into the dining hall, where the carol is sung beginning with the words:

The King's boar-head in hand I bring Bedecked with bays and rosmery And I pray you good people be merry.

In the remote rural districts many quaint old Christmas customs still survive. In Yorkshire bands of children are assembling, carrying with them a rude travesty of the nativity in the form of a

every one present shakes hands with them and wishes them all the good things of the season. The presents to the servants are rarely limited to the gifts suspended from the Christmas tree, but in these sums of money. The trusted domestic servant of either sex usually receives £30 in cash in addition to other gifts. It is customary in all offices and business establishments for employers to present their staffs with Christmas presents in the shape of double salary for the month of December, a Christmas observance which is keenly appreciated.

Wherever the devoted sons of the Fatherland go they retain their Christmas custom, especially that of making presents. A touching story illustrative of this is told of a regiment of German soldiers en route for the front during the Franco-Prussian war. They were in the snow-covered trenches before Paris, on short rations and exposed to bitter cold weather. Nevertheless they cut down great branches of trees to represent their beloved Christmas trees, hung bise of dry bread on the twigs and left their half-finished horses to them, so that they at least might have each a Christmas present.

The royal palace at Potsdam is the scene of the most brilliant Christmas festival in Europe, for the Kaiser celebrates it in a manner befitting the monarch of the Fatherland, where Santa Claus comes

to every home with gifts and where the very criminals in prison are provided with Christmas trees. On the afternoon of the Holy Eve the Kaiser, accompanied by some of his stalwart young sons, may be seen walking about in the neighborhood of the palace, bestowing Christmas boxes on all the poor folk he chances to meet, and wishing them "Glueck und Heil" ("Happy Christmas"). On every beggar whom he encounters he bestows a silver coin worth 12.25. Meantime within the palace the Emperor, like every other German mother, is putting the last touches to the Christmas trees. They are arranged on tables in the apartment known as the Hall of Shields. There are two enormous trees for the Emperor and Empress and smaller ones for each of their children, varying in size according to their respective ages. Never does the Kaiser show to better advantage than when, a boy among his boys, he throws off the cares of state and joins in the mirth of the Christmas Eve, while from outside the palace come the joyous peals of the church bells, and ever and anon some min-

as these heaps of fir trees grow smaller and smaller, until on the 24th of December, there are very few or none at all left. It is a point of honor in every German family to have a Christmas tree for the children, and many households continue to observe the custom even when all the members of the family have become adults. Wealthy Germans have a Christmas tree which extends from the floor to the ceiling of a lofty chamber and fills with its huge branches the greater part of a large room, and the size of the tree decreases in each household in proportion to the decreasing worldly prosperity of the respective family. In quite poor houses the Christmas tree is nothing more than the twig of a fir tree stuck in a pot and placed in the centre of the table. In every case the Christmas tree is illuminated. If it is a big tree it is hung with hundreds of Chinese lanterns and candles, which throw a brilliant light over the imposing array of presents hanging from the branches, which bend under the load of good things. The smallest Christmas

tree is illuminated by minute candles scarcely bigger than matches. One peculiarity of Christmas in Germany is that the celebration takes place on Christmas Eve instead of on Christmas Day itself. The celebration begins soon after sunset on December 24 and ends on the same evening. Christmas Day itself is simply a public holiday on which the nation enjoys itself. All the streets and places of amusement are closed on December 24 and are open again on December 25.

The programme of proceedings on the Holy Night, as Christmas Eve is called in Germany, is in its essential features the same in every German family. First the family circle gathers round the Christmas tree and sings one or two Christmas carols, for the Germans are a nation of musicians. The husband then embraces his wife and kisses her; father and mother and the children embrace and kiss one another. If more distant relatives and even friends and acquaintances are present they also receive and bestow kisses on all present. There is, in short, a general outbreak of kissing. At most family gatherings some benevolent elder, wearing a fur cap, long white beard and red cloak, enacts the role of Santa Claus and distributes the gifts.

In many German households the patriarchal custom of allowing the domestic servants to participate in the Christmas festivities is still observed. Presents for the servants are hung on the family Christmas tree, and although the domestics do not share in the general kissing,

street party is heard singing the old melody of the Fatherland, "Still Nacht, Nielle Nacht."

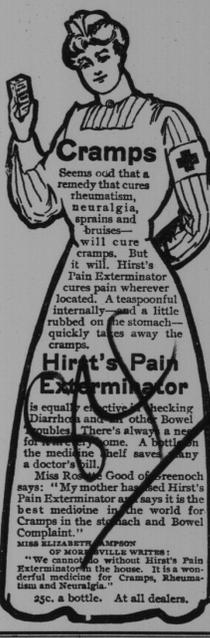
In some of the more remote provinces of Germany quaint customs symbolical of the morning of Christmas are still kept. In some of the eastern provinces bordering on Russia religious services are held in stables to commemorate the birth of Christ. These peculiar Christmas celebrations, however, are dying out under the influence of the twentieth century spirit.

It is a curious fact that Germany's neighbor, Holland, does not observe Christmas at all, except as an ordinary Sunday. With them it is the 6th of December that is given over to mirth and merriment. It is the day of Saint Nicholas, the patron saint of childhood, and an excellent rivalry is maintained between the Italian and Anglo-Saxon appetites and digestion. It is quite the correct thing in Italy, after attending mid-night mass on Christmas Eve, to eat a prodigious supper of eels, vermicelli and periwinkles! Nor does it prevent ample justice being done on Christmas Day to a most bountiful repast, of which the distinctive feature is what is perhaps best described as plum pudding cake—a delectable cross between the two.

Although there is no longer a court to set the example of pomp and splendor in the gay capital, no city excels Paris in the joyous abandon with which it celebrates Christmas—especially Christmas Eve. The Revels services in the Madeleine, Trinitie and other fashionable churches are thronged with people, and at their close all Paris seems to turn out on the boulevards to join in the boisterous merriment of the toy fair. Everybody must sport the latest toy, neither age nor rank being exempted, and if the night be clear and frosty the fun waxes fast and furious. Next day the shops are opened as usual and all places of amusement are thronged.

In Denmark and Norway some strange customs, relics of pagan times, are still observed, though their origin is forgotten. Gables and gateways are decked with sheaves of fine corn. In heathen days they were thus bestowed to feed Woden's mighty horse, Sleipner, as he bore his master away on his wanderings, but now, say the children, they are for the birds, for all must fare well at Christmas-tide.

In the State Museum at Amsterdam is a famous representation of the celebration of the Children's Day, by Jan Steen. In the foreground is the good child with the figure of Santa Claus in his arms, and



Cramps. Seems odd that a remedy that cures rheumatism, neuralgia, sprains and bruises will cure cramps. But it will, Hirst's Pain Extremator cures pain wherever located. A teaspoonful internally—and a little rubbed on the stomach—quickly takes away the cramps.

It is equal to anything for checking Diarrhoea, Cholera, and other Bowel troubles. There's always a need for it. A bottle in the medicine chest saves many a doctor's bill. Miss Rose Good of Greenock says: "My mother has used Hirst's Pain Extremator for years. It is the best medicine in the world for Cramps in the stomach and Bowel Complaint."

OF MORE VILLAGE WRITERS: "We cannot do without Hirst's Pain Extremator in the house. It is a wonderful medicine for Cramps, Rheumatism and Neuralgia." See a bottle. At all dealers.

rounded by gingerbread and other good things, while in the background the naughty boy is crying because he has found only a birch rod in his shoes which the maid is holding.

In Italy more than in any other country religion dominates the observance of Christmas. Its most striking feature is the representation of the "Presepio," or "Holy Manger," in various churches, in some of the houses of the wealthy and by the wayside, even in the poorer villages. Pictorially, by sculptured groups and in many instances by living figures, the Nativity is depicted. In each appears the Holy Babe, Mary, Joseph, the Magi and shepherds. Sacred music adds to the impressiveness of the tableau, and there is no doubting the genuine feeling of devotion which the spectacle arouses in most of those who flock to it.

In some of the rural districts some queer customs have been grafted on the "Presepio." To the shrine comes the head of the village, attired in a special costume and surrounded by a numerous crowd. He offers to the infant Saviour a pot of steaming soup. At the foot of an improvised altar the worshippers lay up on a carpet jam filled with water, which they come to reclaim on the morrow, and which are used as pious presents during New Year's Day. The jars of water are believed to have acquired peculiar virtues during their sojourn in front of the manger. The young girls are careful to make their betrothed drink of the water, for they are convinced that, thanks to the holy beverage, the quaffing of which is equivalent to a sacred promise, the young men will turn out to be the most faithful of husbands.

The Christmas tree plays no part in the Italian celebration but, although it seems somewhat incongruous in sunny Italy, the Yule log figures both in palace and cottage and the sparks and ashes are supposed to bring good luck. Of course, there is much

conviviality and gastronomic revelry, but one is justified in inferring from the form the latter takes that there are essential differences between Italian and Anglo-Saxon appetites and digestion. It is quite the correct thing in Italy, after attending mid-night mass on Christmas Eve, to eat a prodigious supper of eels, vermicelli and periwinkles! Nor does it prevent ample justice being done on Christmas Day to a most bountiful repast, of which the distinctive feature is what is perhaps best described as plum pudding cake—a delectable cross between the two.

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In Denmark and Norway some strange customs, relics of pagan times, are still observed, though their origin is forgotten. Gables and gateways are decked with sheaves of fine corn. In heathen days they were thus bestowed to feed Woden's mighty horse, Sleipner, as he bore his master away on his wanderings, but now, say the children, they are for the birds, for all must fare well at Christmas-tide.

In the State Museum at Amsterdam is a famous representation of the celebration of the Children's Day, by Jan Steen. In the foreground is the good child with the figure of Santa Claus in his arms, and

every one present shakes hands with them and wishes them all the good things of the season. The presents to the servants are rarely limited to the gifts suspended from the Christmas tree, but in these sums of money. The trusted domestic servant of either sex usually receives £30 in cash in addition to other gifts. It is customary in all offices and business establishments for employers to present their staffs with Christmas presents in the shape of double salary for the month of December, a Christmas observance which is keenly appreciated.

RARE BEASTS IN POCANTICO HILLS

Farm Folk and Villagers Up That Way Encounter Some Wonderful Animals

HEADED ROCKEFELLER'S WAY

One Man, Noted for Veracity, Meets a Feathered Ape Turning Cartwheels Towards the Estate.

(N. Y. Herald.)

Just what kind of zoological aggregation there will be on the Pocantico Hills estate of John D. Rockefeller when the animal reported to be journeying toward it arrive is somewhat terrifying to contemplate. A weird set of beasts are on their way there if the despatches of the last three weeks from the wilds of Westchester, Ulster, Orange and Rockland counties are to be believed.

Correspondents have sent in almost daily accurate descriptions of the animals, furnished by ordinarily veracious citizens actually taking a holiday with home. The earliest of the despatches was that under date of Pleasantville, Westchester county: "While William Bible, a well-known citizen of this place, was returning home late last night, came upon a beast he had never seen before seated on a rock. It resembled an orang-utang, Mr. Bible says, but it had feathers instead of fur. It three arms, four legs, and its tail grew out of the back of its neck. When the beast saw Mr. Bible, it immediately arose on two legs, and brandishing the others, regarded him with glaring eyes. It started toward him, but instead of walking toward somersets. Mr. Bible does not know what would have happened, for he suddenly tripped and fell and was unconscious for some time. When he recovered the beast was gone. Its trail showed that it was headed for John D. Rockefeller's Pocantico Hills estate.

"Valley Cottage, Rockland county," Hiram Croft, of this place, had a harrowing experience last night. While returning to his home he turned a corner and found suspended from the limb of a tree a huge animal which swung by its neck, all the while observing him with gleaming eyes. Mr. Croft, who is very brave, at once went up to the animal and began to tickle it behind the left ear, whereupon it let out a screech that must have been heard for miles, and, relinquishing its hold on the limb, started in the direction of John D. Rockefeller's county—Mr. Croft said the animal had ears like a mule, and body of a soft-shell crab and feet like a dog."

Edenville, Orange county—"Sam Porthon, who works for a nearby farmer, is laid up in bed from an experience last Saturday night. When he was returning from a night festival he was startled to find in the road in front of him a creature which had a head like a monkey, the body of an elephant and a mane like a lion. It had four eyes resembling red lanterns. Porthon saw to it that he wherupon the animal, after giving him a blow with its tail, started in the direction of the Rockefeller place over at Tarrytown.

Other despatches from East View, Westchester county; Hub Crossing, Orange county, and Stone Bridge, Orange county, are in the same tenor.

HENS PAY What Fifty Hens on the Maritime Province Farms Would Mean to the Owners.

A writer in the Maritime Farmer says: "The average number of laying hens kept on the maritime farm is only fourteen. When we consider that poultry is better than any other adjunct to the farm and the prospects of the industry, it is reasonable to suppose that this average will be increased to fifty before many years. In 1904 the fourteen hens on each Maritime farm produced \$2,000 worth of poultry and \$1,000,000 in eggs. Now if fifty hens were kept, the proportion of poultry sold, but not first fattened, would be twenty-five per cent. increase in price, the fatened poultry would bring \$2,500. If these were properly selected it would not take long to get an average production to bring up to the combined returns from the dairy and the farm. It would pay for all the coal and produce and live stock sold for in 1904, as well as all the field crops marketed; as well as the most killed on the farm, the live stock sold, the revenue from the orchards, wool clipped from the sheep. It would buy up all the produce from the cow and milk them, as well as other hired help on the farm. It would pay for all the coal and gold produced in the province, and leave a most enough to pay the rent due on the best farms for one year in the maritime provinces."

FIND MARKET FOR HERRING IN NORTHWEST Ottawa, Dec. 20.—(Special)—George Riley, M. P. of Victoria, says that since Mr. Cowie, the Scotch expert for curing herring, has started operations on the Pacific coast, a market has been found for herring in the northwest.

Until now British Columbia has made no use of its herring. The trade was entirely undeveloped.

Dr. Warden's Son His Successor. Toronto, Dec. 20.—The emergency committee of the Presbyterian General Assembly continues the appointment of the late Rev. Dr. Warden's son as general agent.

PAINLESS HOME CURE FOR Cancer Scott & Lusk, Bowman's Bay, Ont., will gladly send you a packet of Cancer Remedy and others who have been cured by this truly marvelous remedy that cures without pain and often your own family need know you are using the treatment.

Advertisement for Dr. Kendrick's White Liniment. Text: DR. KENDRICK'S ORIGINAL WHITE LINIMENT. THE BAIRO CO., LIMITED CHEMISTS, WOODSTOCK, N.B. PRICE 25 CENTS.



Booths and Hawkers on the Boulevards

LOCAL YORK COUNTY LOAN PEOPLE TAKING ACTION

Statement from National Trust Company submitted by J. G. Taylor at Meeting—No Details of Local Situation Available Yet—The Meeting Adjourned Until Next Wednesday.

A meeting of the local shareholders in the York County Loan Company was held in the offices of Earle, Belyea & Campbell yesterday afternoon...

Mr. Taylor mentioned that the local office possessed neither bank account, safe nor letter book, and further details would have to be obtained from the head office...

Officers of United Mine Workers Who May Order Another Strike



JOHN MITCHELL

Consumers of anthracite coal, who depend on the product of the Pennsylvania mines to keep warm in winter, will await with bated breath the result of the conference...

1903 expires by limitation on the 31st of next March. Under that award an increase of pay was granted and shortening of the day from ten to nine hours...

HAS HAD FIFTY-THREE YEARS' ACTIVE WORK

Granite Rock Division, Sons of Temperance, Celebrate the Anniversary

John Thomas, the Veteran Chairman, and Robert Maxwell, M. P. P., Deliver Stirring Addresses—Concert Brings Proceedings to a Close.

For fifty-three years Granite Rock Division, Sons of Temperance, continued to hold meetings and labor more or less vigor for the cause of abstinence...

Since liquor saloons were abolished in the west there has in less active work in the temperance cause...

Food Christmas Season. Condition of the weather during the last days has given wonderful impetus to food business...

NO SHORTER THAN INTERCONTINENTAL

Mr. Copp, M. P., Says Surveys for G. T. P. through New Brunswick Will Show This.

Speaking of the G. T. P., A. J. S. Copp, M. P., of Digby, said Tuesday that the results of the latest surveys, he understood, showed that the proposed line through New Brunswick would not be any shorter than the I. C. R. line...

The fact of the government building would, he thought, cause an agitation to get the dominion to assume possession of all the provincial roads...

FORMER ST. JOHN MAYOR DEAD IN NEW YORK

Col. Charles R. Ray Died Suddenly in Street Car.

Col. Charles R. Ray, a former mayor of St. John, died suddenly in a Lexington avenue street car in New York Monday...

BLISS CARMAN'S LITTLE PROTEGE

A GLOBE ROTTER Perry McGowan, Returning, Eats Six Plates of Ice Cream—'Foreign Kind Tastes of Onions.'

TEN MONTHS A TRAVELER Saw Japan, China, Hawaii, India, Egypt, Italy, France and England—Likes 'Clean Foreigners'—Guest of New Brunswick Post.

(N. Y. Herald, Dec. 13). Ten-year-old Perry McGowan, of 264 West Fifty-seventh street, probably the youngest world traveler of his time, arrived home on the American liner St. Paul Saturday night...

These were Singapore, where, on the Fourth of July, he had set off a cannon which he put on proper footing for handling the vast amount of freight that was sure to come from the west to be shipped to England and other halves...

Accident on Boston & Maine Track

Andover, Mass., Dec. 20—A rear-end collision between a passenger train and a freight train occurred on the Boston & Maine railroad at Ball's Cove late tonight. No one was injured.

WINDING UP OF THE YORK LOAN

(Toronto Mail & Empire) Of the modes of disposing of the York County Loan Company's assets that were possible up to the 14th inst. two now appear to be excluded...

SEES NO REASON FOR MANY CHANGES IN CANADA'S TARIFF

A. J. S. Copp, M. P. of Digby, Gives Expression to His View

United States at End of Growth Along Commercial Lines, and He Believes They Will Yet Be Coming to Canada Seeking Reopportunity.

FATHER BURKE WAS CHOSEN PRESIDENT

P. E. Island Fruit Growers Pass a Number of Resolutions.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 20—(Special)—The Provincial Fruit Growers' Association meetings closed today...

TELS OF ST JOHN MEN IN THE WEST

Oram Mabee Home from Calgary—Will Return With Family.

Oram Mabee, formerly of the North End, now of Calgary, arrived from the west Tuesday, and will probably return with his family...

Volcano in Fearful Eruption

Honolulu, Dec. 20—The steamer Ventura, from Australia, brings a report that the eruption of Mount Matutu, on the Island of Savaii, in the Samoan group, has increased to such force that the mountain has been piled up 3,000 feet...

NO GREATER PORTLAND

Portland, Me., Dec. 19—The enabling act passed by the legislature two years ago for the annexation of South Portland to this city upon the acceptance of the fact by both cities was rejected by the voters of Portland today.

South Portland a year ago voted in favor of annexation by a large majority. The total vote passed today was about one-third of the total at the municipal election two weeks ago.

"BOSTON IS FAST GOING TO PERDITION"

"Holy Jumpers" Condemn Divorce, Strawberry Festivals, Pretty Stenographers and Harvard.

The "Holy Jumpers" appeared in the South End yesterday in Oddfellows' Hall, where they opened a seven days' convention with screaming, running, dancing, jumping, kicking, running up the wall, grovelling on the floor, standing on their heads and other manifestations of peculiar delight.

Incidentally they declared that the formal churches were filled with "dried up backsliders," that strawberry festivals were leading the people to perdition, that divorce court judges, clerks, lawyers and ministers who married divorced persons would "sink down into hell," that "Boston was going to hell and would soon get there," that the theological schools were turning out "sinister dudes, as much alike as two toothpicks," and closed a long list of exciting thrusts at the established order of things by humorously imitating a dignified, formal minister announcing the church strawberry festival from the pulpit and by giving a clever imitation of a grindstone sharpening an axe.

AMHERST AFTER NEW WATER SYSTEM

F. A. Barbour Has Been Engaged to Investigate—Says Water May Have to Be Brought 18 Miles—Gilbert Murdoch is Conducting the Survey—Tenders for Sewerage Construction in Fredericton to Be Opened Thursday.

F. A. Barbour, the consulting engineer in the Loch Lomond water extension, arrived in the city on the early train Tuesday morning, from Amherst, and went through to Fredericton. He has been retained by the town of Amherst to investigate the water supply and secure, if practicable, a better system.

Speaking of a representative of the Telegraph, Mr. Barbour said Amherst was at present supplied from the Nappan river, but during the past two years there had been a shortage of water, and survey was now being made to ascertain if the present source was capable of improvement. And alternative proposition to extend a pipe line to the Maccan river was also under consideration. Mr. Barbour mentioned that Gilbert G. Murdoch, of this city, was conducting the survey to the Maccan which was beyond Springhill, and eighteen miles distant from Amherst, a gravitation system would be employed, he said, if this source were utilized as the river was situated some 400 feet above the level of the town taken to mean it.

SAD CASE OF SEYMOUR GOURLEY

(Sackville Post). A few days ago it was announced in Nova Scotia papers that Mr. Seymour E. Gourley, former Conservative M. P. for Colchester, had been taken to the hospital at Halifax for treatment, and that there was little hope of his recovery. This was taken to mean that Mr. Gourley was being treated for a physical ailment from which he has been suffering since more than a year, but his condition is far more serious and a great deal sadder than at first reported. Mr. Gourley has been removed from his home at Truro to the asylum at Dartmouth, his mind having become deranged, as a result of long continued ill health.

Advertisement for 'The GRANGE' horse feed, featuring a horse and text: 'Satisfaction Guaranteed At all dealers. 25 Cents'.

WANTED.

Complete History of the War Between Russia and Japan. This is a new ready and well known...

WANTED—A first or second class male teacher for Lancaster school district...

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DEATHS.

MOORE—At Amherst (N.S.), Dec. 18. Death of Mrs. Moore, daughter of S. Moore...

BOWEN—Died in this city on the 18th inst. after a long and painful illness...

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ST. JOHN MARKETS. Ontario high grade... 4.85. Ontario medium grade... 4.75.

Christmas Gathering of Edibles a Good One; How Wholesale Prices Compare With 1904.

The Christmas produce market as usual is well worth seeing. The display of fat beef is fully equal to anything seen here for a long time.

With regard to home rule for Ireland, Mr. Leitch said the Liberals in the next parliament, would be as absolutely opposed as he himself to advancing any such proposal.

A GOOD SCHEME. It looks as though the railroads are coming somewhat nearer to the people. The management of the New York Central railroad forbids porters in parlor and sleeping cars from brushing passengers in any other part of the car than the vestibule.

Where the Money Went. The large real estate holdings explain the whereabouts of much of the cash. There can be no doubt that the managers thought the best investment they could make would be in land.

Does Your Food Digest Well? When the food is imperfectly digested the full benefit is not derived from it by the body and the purpose of eating is defeated.

The Kent Jewelry Stock is easy of access, no matter how remote your residence from Toronto. Many of our stores have now personally selected our merchandise.

BURDOCK BLOOD BITTERS is constantly fetching cures of dyspepsia because it acts as a most effective way upon all the organs involved in the process of digestion.

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McADAM ORANGEMEN'S NEW HALL



THE NEW ORANGE HALL AT McADAM

Clarke Wallace Lodge No. 72, of the Royal Orange Order, is now in possession of one of the finest halls in the province. This building, erected at the cost of \$5,000, is seventy-six feet long and thirty-one feet wide, and is two stories high.

RESTORING THE TIMBER AFTER FOREST FIRES

It is well for the province of Ontario that the late government did not pursue the easy and imprudent policy of some of the adjacent States in regard to the destruction of forest wealth.

CARLETON COUNTY TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

Woodstock, Dec. 21.—(Special)—The twenty-first annual session of the Carleton County Teachers' Institute opened in the Opera House this morning.

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GOLD WATCH FOR THE BANDMASTER

62nd Fusiliers Band Give Leader a Handsome Timepiece

DID NOT KNOW IT WAS COMING

Surprised Him at Smoker in Sutherland's Hall — Col. White Makes Presentation — Recipient Sixteen Years Leader of Regimental Musicians.

The smoking concert of the 62nd are always enjoyable functions, but an event occurred at the one held last night in Sutherland's hall which will make it more memorable than usual.

W. M. A. B. Mowat of Clarke Wallace Lodge

The building is to be lighted throughout by the new gasolene light, one of the recent inventions of Thomas A. Edison.

Bandmaster F. H. Jones

great value of a band to every regiment. It was the music that put life and animation into the soldier, and he advised the men of the 62nd to cultivate an esprit de corps and appreciate their band.

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TERRIBLE EXPERIENCE OF SHIPWRECKED CREW

New York, Dec. 21.—A twenty-four hour cruise, with every member of the crew in the rigging, in a vessel which crept a few miles along the Virginia coast line, bumping in the shoals with nearly every wave, was the experience of eight sailors who arrived here today.

CASTORIA For Infants and children

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OBITUARY

Geo. W. Draper, Halifax. Halifax, Dec. 19.—George W. Draper, ex-governor of Melville Island, died today.

The Late Miss Moore. Miss Bessie Hazel Moore, who died at Amherst Monday afternoon, was a great daughter of the late Capt. and Mrs. Fred Mitchell, of St. John, also of the late Rev. and Mrs. F. S. Moore, of Charlottetown.

Daniel McDermott. Daniel McDermott, one of the best known steeplechase riders in this city, died at his home, 78 Broad street, Wednesday, aged 70.

Roland Brewing. Sussex, Dec. 19.—Roland Brewing, an elderly and respected resident, passed away today at the residence of his son, Walter, School street.

Mrs. John Charlton. Simcoe, Ont., Dec. 19.—Mrs. Ella Gray Charlton, wife of John Charlton, for 32 years M. P. for North Norfolk, died today.

Wm. H. Kennedy. William H. Kennedy died very suddenly Thursday morning at his home in Main street.

John Bell. John Bell passed away at his residence, 300 Princess street, Thursday in his 82nd year.

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Weddings. Snyder-Crawford. Miss Margaret A. Crawford, niece of Dr. Crawford, was married at 3.15 Wednesday morning at the residence of the latter to J. Claude Snyder, of the International Harvester Company.

Hopewell Hill Notes. Hopewell Hill, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Handran, widow of the late Henry Handran, died at her home on Saturday at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Stevens.

Harcourt Items. Harcourt, Dec. 21.—Miss Melinda Willson died at the residence of William Taylor, Ford's Mills, on the 19th, of tubercular disease.

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MAKES PAPER OUT OF MILL REFUSE

George S. Cushing Perfects Process on Which He Spent Two Years

EIGHT TONS PAPER A DAY BEING MADE

Thirty Men Employed on the Work at Cushing's Mill—Product Stands the Test and is Declared Satisfactory in Every Way.

A mill for the manufacture of non-sized sheeting paper has for some time been in operation in connection with the Cushing and Union Point, manufacturers and exporters of lumber, shingles, etc.

Many interested in the development of the pulp industry and the manufacture of the paper have for years been endeavoring to solve the problem of reducing the cost of pulp.

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SACKVILLE NEWS

Two Weddings Wednesday—Methodist Quarterly Meeting—Social and Personal Matters.

Sackville, Dec. 21.—The marriage of Edwin P. Anderson and Alice Maude Sears was solemnized at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thos. Sears, Mt. View, last evening.

Methodist Quarterly Meeting. The quarterly meeting of the Methodist church, held at the residence of the officiating clergyman, Rev. Dr. Stewart, York street, Sackville.

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FIVE GOLDEN RULES

First—Eat only 3 meals a day, 5 hours apart.

Second—Eat nothing between meals.

Third—Eat slowly and chew food thoroughly.

Fourth—Drink little fluid with meals.

Fifth—Take one "Fruit-atives" tablet about twenty minutes before meals.

Follow these directions for a month and see how much better you are in every way.

LOCALS

The Telegraph wishes everybody Merry Christmas.

Miss Curran, school teacher in Lancaster No. 3, has resigned her position.

John McGuire, of Spar Cove Road, fell on the ice near the foot of Victoria street last Sunday and broke one of the bones in his left leg.

Before Judge McLeod Tuesday J. King Kelly made application for winding up order in the case of H. Robertson, Trustee, Co. Mr. Kelly is acting for F. G. Tritce.

At a meeting of the directors of the drug merger held at the Windsor Hotel, Montreal, yesterday, matters were arranged to the satisfaction of the Canadian Drug Company, who will now join the merger.

About one hundred men have left Fairville for points in the Maine and New Hampshire woods. The only man remaining in Fairville are the pulp and box mills.

The police, on behalf of friends, are looking for a young man, Frederick William Powell Craig, who left his home Nov. 21 and is supposed to be headed for Canada.

Miss Eleanor Row, a former resident of this city, was married on Dec. 7 at Boston to Woodford Ketchum, of that city. Mrs. Ketchum is a daughter of Miss E. Row.

Nellie Little, of Holyard street, may lose the sight of both eyes as a result of lightning, she with kerosene last Saturday. She poured oil into the stove at the same time holding her head so close that the flames came in contact with her eyes.

Owing to the recent cases of smallpox in Ontario, it has been decided that until further notice all persons coming from Montreal from Fredericton Junction and Tracy must furnish evidence to the health authorities of freedom from infection of smallpox. Otherwise they will not be allowed to remain.

Fred LaForest, of Edmundston, is at the Victoria. Mr. LaForest says everything is quiet in his section of the country at the present time, as everybody is busy getting ready for Christmas. Mr. LaForest will wait in the city until Saturday to meet his young son, who is attending Monmouth College.

The following residents of the Maritime provinces were registered at the high commissioner's office in London during the week ending December 21: Mr. J. F. Kenny, and Miss Furness, of Halifax; Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Warden, A. A. Stockton, J. H. A. L. Fairweather, and A. H. Hanington, of St. John.

There was a large attendance Wednesday at the annual meeting of Court Martello, I. O. F. The following officers were elected: B. B. Jordan, O. R. Robt. Strain, V. C. R. K. J. MacRae, R. S. T. H. Belyea, treasurer; G. W. Morrell, F. S. E. N. Davis, orator; H. J. Keirwood, S. W. Geo. F. Thompson, J. W. George H. Worden, S. B. W. A. Simonds, J. B. court physicians, Dr. G. A. B. Addy, Dr. W. S. Morrison; J. S. Taylor, D. H. G. S. B. Armstrong, W. Watson Allen, B. B. Jordan, W. B. Keirwood, court committee; J. S. Flagler, E. M. Davis, finance and audit committee.

It is understood that several of the local members of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association will avail themselves of the forthcoming visit of the tariff commission to appear before the board and make suggestions as to changes from the present schedule. At the meeting on Wednesday afternoon in the rooms of the board of trade, the matter was fully discussed with R. J. Young, secretary of the association, who urged this course should be adopted. Among other points dealt with by the general view was expressed only to goods through Canadian ports. It is likely that the tariff and customs committee of the board of trade will also be heard by the commission, which are expected to reach the city on Jan. 11.

The Bell Company will have of Honeycutt, who has been in the city for some time, and is expected to have some better today.

Miss James Buckley is visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. Barriault, in Moncton, N. B.

Miss Aletha Wathen has resigned the Trout Brook school.

Harry Wathen, of Kent Junction, has some better today.