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Thousand Stirring Lads Are Rotary Guests at Opera House

POST OFFICE HERE HAS RECORD DAY

ROUSING TIME IN TREAT TODAY FOR ROMPING BOYS

Fill Auditorium With Shouts and Laughter At Entertainment TO BE REPEATED

Ringed Choruses, Pictures and Other Good Things Mark Morning

The spirit of boyhood entered into possession of the Opera House this morning when fully 1,000 boys attended a Christmas treat provided by their big brothers of the Rotary Club.

Did they enjoy themselves? Did they throw their entire unspooled little souls into the choruses led by Rotarian Singers?

Did they howl with glee over the antics of 'Inbad, the Sailor,' the trained monkey of the silver screen, and rous their heads off at Owen Coll's jokes?

Did they take away with them the memory of one of the gayest times a boy could have on this fine old earth? Ask them!

All Classes There. They were there in their numbers, Classes, grades, distinctions were forgotten as 1,000 boys sat with poor boys, black with white, Protestant, Catholic and Jew—all welded into one big common family of boys in the name of the little Babe of Bethlehem who came into this bleak old world long ago to teach them the lesson of brotherhood and the gleam of joy.

Keenly Enjoyed. A sea of smiling, eager, animated faces; a roiling chorus about the spreading chestnut tree or a poor pussy cat; a deafening shout of laughter as 'Inbad the Monkey' knocked the villainous mate down into the hold of that ship; a tremendous burst of cheering when Inbad foiled the machinations of the mate and saved the hidden fortune for the skipper and his charming daughter; a respectful silence when the play ended.

School Inspectors To Meet January 8. FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The semi-annual conference of school inspectors will be held here January 8. The inspectors will confer with Dr. W. S. Carter, Chief Superintendent of Education, and Dr. H. V. B. Bridges, principal of the Normal School.

No Indication Of Italian Elections. ROME, Dec. 23.—The executive committee of the Fascist party has sent a circular letter to its provincial branches stating that the new electoral bill is no wise indicates that a general election is imminent. It further declares that the government's decision to introduce the bill is proof of Premier Mussolini's parliamentary security.

DIES IN KINGSCLEAR. FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—Mrs. Mary Gallagher, widow of J. Gallagher, died in Kingsclear at her home Monday afternoon, aged 76 years. She had been ill for four months. Five sons survive—George, Samuel, Walter, Taber and Wardlaw, all of Kingsclear and Mrs. Frank W. Good.

POPE PERFECTLY WELL. ROME, Dec. 23.—In response to queries prompted by a report that he was ill with influenza, it was stated this forenoon that Pope Pius was perfectly well.

Scientist Would Have Marriage Age Limit 21 Years; Society Would Benefit, He Says. CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—(United Press)—For the offspring of persons well along in life the chances for greatness are excellent. This is the conclusion of Casper L. Redfield, Chicago scientist, who today announced an educational campaign to have state legislatures enact laws prohibiting marriage under the age of 21. Redfield said he had been making his investigations for almost 40 years.

CROSS-WORD CRAZE HAS COMPENSATION

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A Boston publishing house reports that because of the cross-word puzzle craze the usual output of 10,000 dictionaries has grown to a monthly production of that number which increased day and night forced fall to keep pace with. On the small desk size the company has booked orders as far ahead as November 1925.

HIS FUNDS SHORT, TRIES TO SUICIDE

MASS. STREET RAILWAY TREASURER RESIGNS.

Victim Tells Hospital Orderly he Used Money For Company Purposes.

BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 23.—Caleb S. Jackson, vice-president and treasurer of the Eastern Massachusetts Street Railway Company, and of the Insurance company which it formed to handle its Workmen's Insurance business, attempted suicide early today after announcement that he had resigned because of improper disposition of \$66,000 of the insurance funds. A note which he left to a sister, Mrs. Mabel Dresser, who shared the apartment in which he tried to kill himself, said he had ruined himself. As state insurance inspectors are still investigating Jackson's accounts, officials of the Eastern Massachusetts street railway said today that they could not give further details of Jackson's transactions.

Denies Crime. At the hospital, an orderly who had read of Jackson's resignation asked him about it. The patient is said to have remarked: "There is no deficit. I used the money for the company, only I spent it in a different way. I spent it for a motor with a motor and a car and a car. Doctors say he will recover."

SECOND DIVORCE

Bridgeport Woman Says Her Second Term Was Worse Than First.

BRIDGEPORT, Conn., Dec. 23.—Laura E. Robble of this city has obtained a second divorce from John G. Robble of New York through Judge John R. Booth in Superior Court after two years' terms of married life. Mrs. Robble received her first divorce in 1908 and was remarried four years later.

NIP FASCISTI PLOT

Editor Sentenced to 3 Months For Libelling President Ebert.

Want 140 Miles As Railway Day Basis

LONDON, Dec. 23.—After sitting for three hours last evening in connection with the railway mileage dispute, the wages board decided to retain the existing basis of 140 miles for one day's pay. This decision, in the event of both sides accepting it, will obviate any further dispute and automatically remove the associated societies' threat of calling a strike if a basis of 100 miles is enforced by the railway companies in January.

Game Cases Are Up In Capital Today

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—The case against Norman Clark and Frank Boone, of St. John, charged with violating the Game Act by killing a calf moose in the Parish of Queensbury during the game season, opened before Police Magistrate Limerick this afternoon. Both cases are defended, C. R. Hawkins appearing. A similar charge on Tuesday last was acknowledged by J. H. F. Teel of St. John. The killing of the one animal is concerned in the three cases.

17 Below Zero Last Night At Capital

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—The minimum temperature officially recorded here last night was 17 below zero. At ten o'clock this morning it was 11 below.

CIVIL WAR MAY FOLLOW STRIFE IN RED RUSSIA

Struggle Between Trotsky and Stalin at Serious Stage

MOSCOW DENIES IT

High Russian Official Brands Report as "An Unmitigated Lie."

British United Press. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The struggle for power in Russia between Leon Trotsky and Stalin has reached a serious stage and civil war is threatened in numerous centres, according to a dispatch to the Daily Mail from its Riga correspondent.

Support Behind Trotsky. Stalin's position is critical, the Daily Mail correspondent says, because moderate Communists, old Soviet generals, the military schools and the red army generally are supporting Trotsky. Stalin's strength rests on a minority of the army, the police and the secret police.

4 Suspects Held On Bank Robbery Charge

SEATTLE, Wash., Dec. 23.—Clarence H. Dicks, formerly Seattle police officer, and three companions were arrested on Canadian extradition warrants on charges of a bank robbery at Tacoma as suspects in a \$40,000 robbery of the Royal Bank at Nanaimo, B. C., December 12. Three others were being sought last night.

WILL STAND TRIAL

Man, Held in Sydney, Will Be Taken to Hamilton, Ont. Soon.

HAMILTON, Dec. 23.—Bill Sherman, wanted here on a charge of murder in connection with the death of Joe Baylous, whose body was found on the mountain side some time ago, will be brought back from Sydney, N. S., in a week or two. The widow of Baylous and three foreigners are held in Hamilton jail awaiting trial on the same charge.

BIG FOX SHIPMENT

105 Valuable Animals Sent From Fredericton to Cherryfield, Main.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special)—A consignment of 105 live black foxes were expressed from Fredericton on Tuesday to Cherryfield, Me., from one of the fox ranches near this city. The foxes had a car furnished for their transportation and their value ran into thousands. They are for breeding purposes. The shipment is the largest ever made from this vicinity.

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TELEME SEES LOTS OF TROUBLE AHEAD

PARIS, Dec. 23.—President Coolidge will abandon his post. Russia will change its government. England will witness a tremendous growth of socialism. The King of Italy will have many troubles. Spain may revolt against the dictator.

HOWL IS RAISED IN THE MEAT QUESTION

BRITISH POLICY FAVORING DOMINION OPPOSED.

Anti-Protectionists Protest Discrimination Against Foreign Firms.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Liberal anti-protection newspapers take up arms today in opposition to the rumored intention of the government to discriminate against foreign meat, while declaring their skepticism concerning the whole story, arguing that, if the suggested schemes are started, it is bound to fail.

Argentine's position as principal supplier of beef to Great Britain is unassailable they say, not only because Argentine meat is better than the Australian but because the British government is too valuable for any government to attempt to discourage its supply.

FRANCE WILL REPAY

Washington Ambassador Says Country Expects Preferential Treatment From U. S.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 23.—Julius J. Jusserand, retiring French ambassador, told an audience here yesterday that France, after a moratorium for a "breathing spell," could see debt to the United States. He made it plain, however, that France expected preferential treatment as compared with terms granted by the United States to other war debtors nations by the United States. France suffered the greatest in fortune comparatively, and finally "because France was the battle field."

ANTI-RED STRUGGLE

Balkans Determined to Take Strog Measures Against Bolshevik Propaganda.

BELGRADE, Dec. 23.—Foreign Minister Mincichewicz, commenting on the proposed creation of an anti-Bolshevik front in the Balkans, is quoted by the newspaper 'Vreme,' as saying: "The struggle against Bolshevism now being prepared for throughout Europe cannot fail to have an effect on our home politics. The government will not hesitate for an instant to apply the severest legal measures against all those whose subversive activity is inspired by the Third International."

Stockings Will Be Ready For Delivery Tomorrow

CONTRIBUTIONS received for The Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund yesterday have brought the total up to a little over \$1,200. Last night a volunteer crew were busy filling the stockings and this work will be completed this evening.

The fund stands now: Yesterday's total \$1,144.64. Mildred A. Austin 1.00. A. H. Burt 2.00. G. H. ... 1.00. Sara E. Harrison 2.00. Mrs. James A. White 1.00. Mrs. Reynolds White 1.00. Sporting Life 2.00. Mrs. L. K. Smith 1.00. C. F. Sundline Club, Long Reach 3.00.

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CHURCHES ARE UNANIMOUSLY IN FAVOR OF UNION

First Reports Made To Bureau of Joint Committee

Those Remaining

Association Secretary Says No Lack of Ministers To Continue Old Church

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The first reports made to the Bureau of Joint Committee of the United Church of Canada reported to the bureau of the joint committee on the 21st of December. These were as follows:

Alma Heights—Unanimous, entering the United Church without a vote. Theological—Unanimous; entering the United Church without a vote. No Lack of Ministers.

SECRETARY of the Presbyterian Association, Rev. J. W. Macnamara, commenting today on the claim of the United Church that 80 per cent of the Presbyterian clergy in Canada are going into the Union is quoted as stating that there will be no lack of ministers for the continuing Presbyterian Church. "We have assurance that we can get as many as 80 per cent of our ministers who will remain with us," he said.

Believes He Found Franklin Skeletons

CHRISTIANIA, Dec. 23.—Kauk Rasmussen, polar explorer, who has just returned here after three years in the Arctic regions, relates that during a visit to Equimauk at Starvation Cove in King William's Island, he found the skeletons of members of the expedition of Sir John Franklin. Rasmussen says that he identified the skeletons from the remnants of clothing and reverently buried the bones. He believes that the men died from scurvy.

Fight In Cell Over Cross-Word Puzzle

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—A four-letter word meaning "a place of punishment" suggested "cell" to Michael Grapp, but to Michael Grapp's roommate, the last three letters were all right, but the first one was wrong. The men fought about it in their cell, and Flood was sentenced to 30 days in the workhouse on a \$10 fine for striking his companion. They had hit upon the crossword puzzle as a way to pass the hours in the county jail.

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Cut Rates For Social And Professional Celebrities Abolished By Steamships

New York, Dec. 23.—Leading transatlantic passenger line operators have abolished the preference system whereby socially or professionally prominent people have been able to ride the ocean in first class accommodations upon payment of steerage rates of fare. The action was taken by the transatlantic passenger conference representing the United States Line, United American, North German-Lloyd, Cun-

European Hikers In Canada



Here are Cornelius Hoffman and his wife who say they wandered the Holland Sporting Club three years ago that they could start from the Netherlands with no money in their pockets and get around the world in four years. They recently passed through Hamilton, Ont., well ahead of their schedule.

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Crowds Jam Streets and Railroad Traffic Is Largest Ever.

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PLEASUED WITH TRIP

Sir George and Lady Foster Return After Journey of 30,000 Miles.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—Sir George and Lady Foster, who traveled over 30,000 miles within the last five months, including 8,000 miles by train in South Africa and 8,000 by automobile, returned home last night.

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ATTEMPT TO DROWN A LITTLE BABE IS BLOCKED BY POLICE

Two Men Caught Throwing Girl Into the Passaic River.

ARE ARRESTED

One of Them Said to be the Grandfather of the Child.

PATERSON, N. J., Dec. 22—Two men, alleged by Chief of Police Robert Boyle, Paterson, N. J., to have been in the act of throwing a two-week-old baby girl into the Passaic river when they were stopped by the police at a revolver, were held in \$5,000 bail each to await the action of the grand jury by Recorder Whitaker in Paterson.

The father, identified as George Diati, 40 years old, of West Hoboken, and George Shashaty, 23 years old, of Paterson. The child is at St. Joseph's Hospital, and will live. According to a statement said by the police to have been made by Shashaty, Diati is the baby's grandfather. The prisoners speak English imperfectly.

Both men were told they were under arrest. Diati was told to climb into the rear seat of the motor car. The bundle was placed on his lap without being opened, and Boyle, who seated himself in front beside Shashaty, told the latter to drive to Recorder Whitaker's residence. They had gone only a short distance when Boyle said he heard muffled cries and turned and saw Diati attempting to crush the package between his knees.

Chief Boyle ordered the automobile stopped, and opening the package, discovered that it contained a two-week-old baby girl. Shashaty was in the child's clothing so that it would have sunk immediately if it had been thrown into the river. The child was taken to the hospital. A home will be found for it by a Roman Catholic charity organization of the city.

Shashaty told Recorder Whitaker that he had called at Diati's house and had been asked by the latter to drive an automobile to him. He had no knowledge of what the bundle contained, he said.

Chief Boyle told Recorder Whitaker that he was patrolling the river road on a motorcycle when he saw a parked automobile with its lights on. He dismounted and approached quietly, he said, when he saw a man, after motor car and was toward the river bank with a bundle in his arms. The man is from 15 to 20 feet high in the point and, as Diati raised the bundle and was about to throw it into the river, Boyle pressed the muzzle of his revolver into the back of the man's back with one hand and seized an arm with the other. Diati slowly lowered the bundle.

MAY HAVE MANAGER

Kansas City People to Decide About New Charter Just Drafted.

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 23—Under a new charter which now has been drafted and is being submitted for public discussion Kansas City would be given the council-manager plan of government, with a one-house council of only nine members, compared with the present two-house council of 32 members. Kansas City is one of the few large cities of America still to retain the two-chamber council system.

If the proposed charter is adopted, this city would become the third largest in the United States under the manager plan. The other two cities are Cleveland, which adopted the system more than a year ago, and Cincinnati, which approved it Nov. 4 last.

When the commission which wrote the charter was elected several months ago it was instructed by mandate of the voters to draft a city manager charter. The commission also was to provide for a small one-house council.

Notices of Births, Marriages and Deaths, 50 cents.

MARRIAGES

FULLER-HAMMOND—At Dalton, Mass., on Dec. 18, 1924, Helen Nelson Hammond of Dalton, N. B., to John Ransom Fuller, of Canton, Conn.

DEATHS

HARNED—In this city, on Dec. 22, at her residence, 70 Water street, West St. John, Mrs. George Harned, leaving loving husband, one daughter, three brothers and one sister to mourn.

Funeral from her late residence on Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

PIGDEON—At her residence of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Ward, 37 Victoria street, on Dec. 22, 1924, James H. Pigdeon, in the 80th year of his age, leaving one son, one daughter and four grandchildren to mourn.

Funeral Wednesday afternoon at his daughter's residence. Service at 2:30 o'clock.

REGAN—At his home, 309 Germain street, on Dec. 22, after illness of some weeks, Cornelius Regan, leaving his wife, two sons, one daughter, his mother, one brother and one sister to mourn.

Funeral on Friday afternoon from 1000 Main street at 2:30 o'clock.

WILLIAMS—At Montreal, on Dec. 22, Frank Williams of this city, leaving his wife, three children, one son, one brother and one sister to mourn.

Notice of funeral later.

IN MEMORIAM

STEPHENS—In sad but loving memory of my dear father and mother, Andrew and Mary Ann Stephens, who departed this life Dec. 21, 1915, and Dec. 21, 1922.

Asleep in Jesus. **DAUGHTER MARY.**

GREEN'S DINING HALL

King Square
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DINNER 65c
SUPPER 65c
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PERSONALS

Miss Hilda Stevens, supervisor in the London Technical and Art School, Ont., is spending the Christmas vacation with her sister, Mrs. W. G. Tapley, and Mr. Tapley, 192 Waterloo street.

Sanford Goldman, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Goldman, Wall street, has returned from Montreal, where he is a second year student in dentistry at McGill University.

Gordon Corbett, son of Dr. and Mrs. G. G. Corbett, 22 Colburn street, is spending his Christmas holidays at home, arriving yesterday from McGill college where he is studying arts and medicine.

Miss J. F. Johnston, principal of the Standard Business College, left last evening for a short visit to Boston. W. H. Robb of the Canadian Pacific Railway port staff will leave today for Quebec on a two weeks' vacation.

Miss Lorna Davis of St. John is visiting in Moncton, the guest of her sister, Mrs. Robert Healy, Alma street.

Harvey Mitchell, Deputy Minister of Agriculture, left Fredericton on Saturday night for Ottawa on departmental business.

Robert Bailey of North Devon was taken to the St. John County Hospital last night. He is a returned soldier and was badly gassed in France.

R. K. Forsythe, who has been on the staff of the Bank of Nova Scotia at Halifax, has been transferred to St. John. He spent the week-end in Fredericton with Mrs. Forsythe and little daughter, Joan, who are visiting Mrs. Forsythe's father, Hugh O'Neill.

James H. Flower of Newwood, Md., was in the city yesterday en route to Cambridge, Queens County, where he will spend the Christmas holidays.

Tr. Fred Miller, 87 Victoria street, returned on Saturday from Nashua, N. H., where he has been for the last 18 months, and will spend the Christmas holidays with his family.

Rousing Time in Treat For Boys

(Continued from page 1.)

Rotarian Rev. J. S. Bonnell heartily wished them in the name of the club a very Merry Christmas, followed by a united "GIVE TO YOU"—all this can be imagined by those not there, but it was reality.

Again on January 3.

And, it required some time to restore order when H. Mont Jones, president of the club, announced that the entire show would be repeated on Saturday, January 3. That was the idea.

Every boy who was there this morning will be back on January 3 and if he can possibly manage to get a letter to his mother, he is going to do it. Trust him, after this morning's gathering!

Some of the Songs.

The fun proceeded at a furious pace after a few choruses led by Rotarian H. L. Spangler. For several weeks the genial doctor has been coaching the boys in some songs, but the rehearsals had little on the real thing this morning. For example, Rotarian Fred G. Spencer, who generously donated the use of the building, took to his roof when they sang "Poor Pussy." Here is how it goes to the tune of "Solomon Levi":

"I know a little pussy cat, her coat is silver gray,
She lives down in the meadow, she'll never run away,
She'll always be a pussy, she'll never be a CAT.
For she's a pussy WILLOW, now waddays think of that!"

And then—M-E-A-O-W—
That went over with a bang. Then, there was: "In the Cold Old Winter Time."

"In the cold old winter time,
In the cold old winter time,
Mother leaves her windows up,
At zero; that's a crime.
No matter if the rest do freeze,
Just so she's comfy and fine,
She keeps her little toes warm,
On good old daddy's spine."

Then Came Treat.

Following the singing of the National Anthem, the boys were given a big bag of candy as they filed out of the building. There were about 65 members of the Rotary Club present to act as ushers and distribute the bags. Dr. Spangler was in charge of the program and the pictures shown were secured through Rotarian Reg. March. Rotarian Spencer was in

charge of the musical end and Notarian "Moose" Ewing was at the piano.

Rotarian Fred N. Myles was convener for the affair and was assisted by Rotarians J. A. Kennedy, G. P. Hamm, H. Reynolds, T. S. Fenwick. As they moved out the boys were invited to return on January 3.

CLOSINGS HELD IN ALBERT CO. SCHOOLS

Farmers Fear Having to Haul Water Long Dis- tances All Winter

HORNBELL HILL, Dec. 22—The Consolidated School at Hornbell Hill, held a large assembly on Wednesday evening with a splendidly carried out entertainment. Given in the assembly hall. The big room was beautifully decorated for the occasion and the costumes of the performers in several of the numbers gave a spectacular and pleasing touch to the exercises, which evidenced much care and labor on the part of the school staff and pupils. Dorothy Smith, Elizabeth Miller, Jean Weir, Waldor Tingley and Mary and Annie O'Connor took part in the programme. The pupils were all present, and the programme was a creditable one.

PUPILS SEND GIFTS TO AGED PEOPLE

Santa Claus Good to Schol- ars in Greenwich Hill School

GREENWICH HILL, Kings County, N. B., Dec. 22—The school at Greenwich Hill, of which Miss Howley is the teacher, held its closing exercises on Thursday afternoon. The school was filled with the pupils, their parents and friends and some visitors from the district. The programme was a Christmas tree laden with all kinds of gifts, which were presented by the pupils to the aged people in the district. The children also received boxes and barrels of candy. All present were served with coffee, cake and fruit.

In the first part of the programme the teacher gave an arithmetic lesson to grade three, literature lesson to grade four; nature lessons to grades one and five; history to grade six, and music to the whole school. In the entertaining part of the programme there were recitations by Marion McKillop, Hilda McKillop, Curtis Pitt, Arthur Hovey, Borden Pitt and Billy Johnson; monologues by Gordon McKillop and Hilma McKillop; "Christmas Tree," by Billy Johnson; "Watching for Santa Claus," by Marion McKillop and Marion McKillop's chorus, "Christmas Good-bye," by Billy Johnson, exercises, "Christmas greetings," "On Christmas Morning" by the school.

Prizes were presented to Georgeyng pupils by Mr. McKinney, Harrington and McEby, who congratulated the teacher and pupils on the excellent programme. Vote of thanks were extended to the committee which served refreshments.

KNOWS NO MUSIC, BUT PLAYS PIANO AT FIVE

CARDIFF, Wales, Dec. 23—Although he does not know a note of music, a five-year-old boy, who is known as Glyndwr Vale, Rhonda Valley, finds it easy to play the piano. He often hears musical tunes "in his head" before he falls asleep at night, he says.

The school choir choir for the fall term was held at the school house at Wells on Thursday evening before a large audience. The programme consisted of a review in school work with songs and recitations. The school was visited by a Christmas was nicely decorated. A Christmas was held with good results, proved the chief attraction for the little ones.

After the programme Santa arrived and gave each pupil, along with the other little ones present, a fair share of the treat.

W. B. Madill, secretary of E. P. Harrington, trustee, and Mrs. James Maher addressed the teacher and pupils.

Teacher thanked.

A vote of thanks, moved by E. P. Harrington and seconded by G. B. Madill, was extended to Miss Mary Crozier, the teacher, for the fine showing the pupils made and for the excellent way in which she had conducted the school since she had come to Wells.

Miss Crozier replied in a pleasing manner. She is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Crozier, 90 City Road, St. John, and will return to Wells for the commencement of next term.

DIES SUDDENLY

James H. Pigdeon of North End, Passes Away Today at Age of 80.

The death of James H. Pigdeon, which occurred suddenly this morning at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. Arthur H. Ward, 37 Victoria street, removes one of the best known residents of Indiantown, where he had reached the age of 80 years, was born in the North End and resided there all his life. As was the case with many of the older residents of that part of the city he followed the lumber business and as a surveyor worked with Messrs. Cushing and later with Stetson, Cutler and Co.

Had a fine mind.

He was a member of Alexandra Temple of Honor and the St. John Power Boat Club. He answered the call to arms when the Fenian Raid threatened and had in his possession the Fenian flag.

He is survived by one son, Frank R. of this city and one daughter, Mrs. Ward, Thursday when she made home. He is also survived by four grand children. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 from the residence of his daughter.

LOCAL NEWS

MILKMAN AGAIN SUMMONED.

A second charge against Arthur W. Smith, local milkman, brought by the Board of Health, came up in the police court this afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. He was fined \$5 for selling unpasteurized milk in St. John while this afternoon he was charged with selling milk in this city on Dec. 1 to Dec. 10 without a license.

DR. J. A. McCOURT DIED SUDDENLY THIS AFTERNOON

Under very sad circumstances Dr. J. A. McCourt passed away suddenly this afternoon at his home in Waterloo street.

Dr. McCourt had not been feeling well when he arose this morning, but it was not considered that his illness was serious. About five minutes before he passed away, he was up and talking to his brother, Edward. He took a glass of water, and returned to bed but in a few minutes he was dead.

He is survived by his mother, Mrs. Mary C. McCourt, and one brother, Edward, who will have the sympathy of a large circle of friends.

Heart trouble was the cause of death.

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GET CERTIFICATES AT GRAND HARBOR

Scholars Presented Tokens of Standing at Christmas Closing

MARRIED IN ROXBURY.

A wedding of much interest to friends here took place in Roxbury, Mass., on November 18 when, at the Orthodox Congregational church, Miss Hildred Viola Rathburn, second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Rathburn, of Roxbury, was united in marriage to Harry John Baker of Boston. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Ivan Patch, pastor of the church. The groom is a well known business man in Boston. After a short honeymoon trip to New York and Pennsylvania the newlyweds will take up their residence at 84 Fort avenue, Roxbury, Mass.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Mrs. Margaret Ready was held this morning at 8:00 o'clock from her home in Manawanogish road, Fairbairn, to St. Rose's church, where high mass of requiem was celebrated by Rev. Wilfrid Mallett, curate. In the funeral service were His Lordship Bishop LeBlanc, Very Rev. Dean Charles Collins, parish priest of St. Rose's, and Rev. J. J. Ryan, pastor of the Church of the Assumption, West St. John. Bishop LeBlanc gave the final absolution.

SANTA CLAUS VISITS KINGS CO. SCHOOL

Provides Gifts for Scholars and Little Guests at Wells Entertainment

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RADIO DETECTIVE

St. John Air Sleuth Tests Sets of Fredricton Amateur Operators

FREDERICTON, Dec. 22—Fredricton had its first visit from a "radio detective" during the latter part of last week when an inspector from St. John, representing the radio branch of the Department of Marine and Fisheries, arrived here on the purpose of investigating complaints made by local radio fans of local interference with the reception of broadcast programmes. The complaints were made to the department at Ottawa, which controls the licensing of amateur radio sets, recently, when a number of radio fans discovered that they were experiencing the same interference in the working of their sets. This interference was attributed to one or two local amateur broadcasting sets which have been in successful operation for some time, and a request was made that an investigation of the wave lengths of the sending stations be made.

Suggestions for Xmas

FANCY CHINA—Each piece boxed in fancy boxes. \$1.00 to \$5.00 each.

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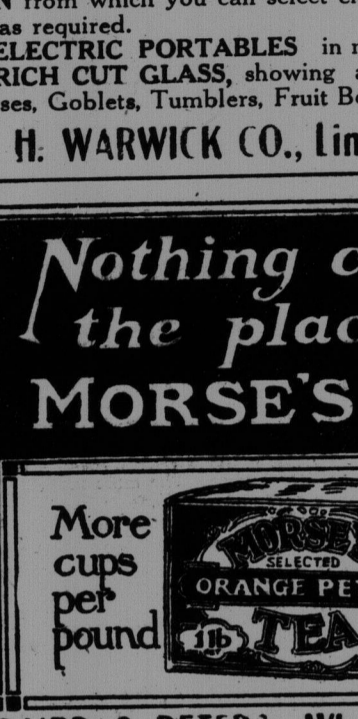
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The Canadian National Railway announces that regular service between Hampton and St. Martin is operated Wednesday December 24, to accommodate Xmas travel.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

The president and directors of the Old Ladies' Home acknowledge with thanks the following generous Christmas donations: T. McAvity & Sons, Ltd., \$100; G. S. Mays, \$50.

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FOR THE KIDDIES

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A full line of novelty shoes, not damaged in the fire in any way, being sold at 2 pairs for the price of one. Levine's Fire Sale, Frost & Wood, building, King Square.

Jugo-Slavia Closes Border To Albanians

BELGRADE, Dec. 23—On account of the Albanian insurrection, the Jugo-Slav government has decided to close the frontier. At the same time it has ordered the disarmament and internment of all persons from the belligerent camps crossing the frontier.

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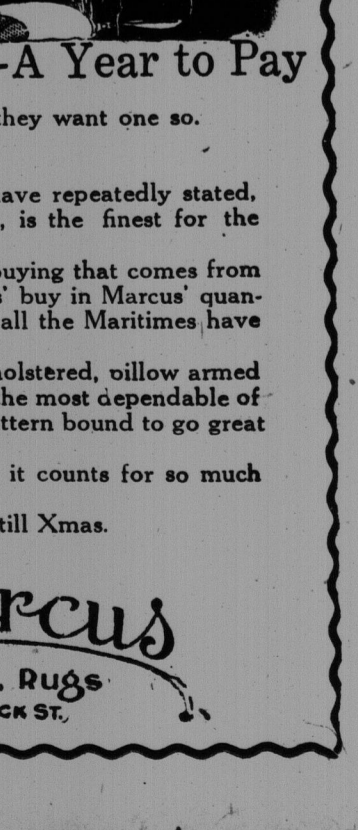
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GREAT CITIES AND CRIME.

We hear a good deal about bank robberies in Chicago, but the Journal of Commerce points out that until the present year there had been no bank robberies in the city since 1919.

OURSELVES AND OTHERS.

In Canada's sister themselves they and their country are well known in the United States they are entertaining a false notion.

achieved a good measure of success in several directions. His health had been indifferent for many years, but hopes of his full recovery have been entertained until quite recently.

Odds and Ends

"You never know what you'll find among the odds and ends." - From "Notes by a Wayfarer."

The lesson the United States is learning to its cost should not be lost upon Canada. We do not want any influx of people who cannot be readily assimilated.

Mr. O'Hara, Deputy Minister of Trade and Commerce, is reported to have scouted the idea that successful business men are the type that should be encouraged by the department as trade commissioners.

South Africa and Titles. (Kingston Standard.) News from South Africa that the Heriot Government does not approve of titles, and will therefore not make any recommendations.

Telephone Courtesy. (From the Canadian National Railway's Monthly Bulletin.) In all intercourse over the telephone no armor is so becoming, no influence so great, as a courteous and affable manner.

A report from Geneva indicates that Germany is willing to enter the League of Nations, with a proviso that she be placed in an exceptional position in case an international conflict should arise.

In the death of Mr. Frank E. Williams the city has lost an active and progressive business man who

Always willing to receive advice if it adds to his useful knowledge. "With great pleasure, Madam," "Very glad to do it, Sir."

It Depends. "Is marriage a failure?" "You never can tell until you've seen the wedding presents."

Her, Faux Pas. Caller: "Visitors, don't you think, always provide pleasure?" Hostess (brightening): "Yes—if not when they come, at least when they go."

Too Personal. "Mamma, why hasn't papa any hair?" "Because he thinks so much."

Not in Accord. "Has your cook been with you long?" "With us? He's been against us from the start."

Broke. "Do you expect to spend a pleasant Christmas?" "I ought to. That's about all I have left to spend."

A Back Hander. Mrs. Scorpaly: "I really don't know what would happen, Richard, if you ever agreed with me on any subject."

A Green Grocer. "Have you any nice fresh eggs today?" asked the breezy customer.

A Greeting. (Austin Dobson.) But once or twice we met, touched hands, today between us both expanded.

No Bureau of Information. Wife (disappointed): "Tom, you never seem to be able to answer my questions."

The Way It Works. (Newcastle Courier.) The less of it they have, the more people seem obsessed with the inclination to speak their mind.

Wages and Building. (Hamilton Spectator.) There is an angle to this question of wages in the building trades which is worthy of greater consideration.

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Florida Letters To The Editor

THE VOCATIONAL SCHOOL. TO THE EDITOR OF THE TIMES-STAR:—Sir:—The fact that the city is now to have a vocational school must be a source of satisfaction to every citizen.

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7-DAILY TRAINS—7 to Florida this Season. Water Tourist Tickets, at reduced fares, now on sale, following dates: Returns until June 15, 1925.

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BROADWAY ASSISTS Helps a Girl Who Broke Her Neck Diving in a Tank.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—(United Press)—Meta Van Hendenkamp, a 17-year-old dancer, lies with a broken neck in Jefferson Hospital here, fighting bravely.

Meta lies motionless day in and day out, barely able to move her head, but she smiles and hopes she will be able to get about in a wheel chair soon.

Last September the girl was a member of "Dear Sir," a musical comedy. At the final dress rehearsal Mrs. Van Hendenkamp dived into a shallow tank and broke her neck. She was taken to the hospital and physicians at first believed the actress could not live.

Her parents came here from Brooklyn, N. Y., and did everything possible to aid the little sufferer.

Soon the Van Hendenkamp finances drained away; Broadway appeared to have forgotten the injured dancer. But Broadway didn't really forget—Broadway just didn't know.

As soon as it was learned that the girl was in want, a benefit was held by Larry Fay in New York. The sum of \$1,141 was collected and presented to Meta for a Christmas gift.

The money was Broadway's way of saying that the actress was not forgotten on the Great White Way.

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does not serve any portion of the school population well and inflicts a heavy transportation charge on the great majority of pupils who would naturally attend the school. This in practice would simply mean that a great many pupils who might, would not attend, and the service which the city, province and Dominion are to spend money to provide would not reach those it is intended for.

The question of site is of great importance, for on the situation of the school depends to a considerable degree the extent to which this service will reach the pupils it is designed to benefit.

It is well to recall that the question of site has already been given exhaustive consideration by the vocational committee through their site committee, and as a whole and by the School Board as a whole. Their decision was reached after investigation covering a period of three or four months, viz., that the Armstrong and Bruce site be expropriated from the owners.

During this period some 14 sites were considered, including three of those now under consideration. In view of this it is perhaps wise to review the reasons for the board's selection of the Armstrong and Bruce site. They may be summarized as follows:—

First—A central situation with respect to all parts of the city.

Second—Situated in a district which today produces 42 per cent. of the whole pupil enrollment of the city below high school grade.

Third—In a location which will take care of and remain central to all future expansion of the city, viz., Lorne, Lansdowne, Dufferin, Victoria and Stanley wards, the direction in which the city is expanding and can expand.

Fourth—Adequacy of site, desirability of school surroundings (present and prospective), suitability of site for the purpose, taking into consideration the finished result and the cost of obtaining it.

The considerations which obtained when this sound reasoning prevailed have not altered one jot, and I cannot see why the decision of the board should be altered after this. The Prince William street site was among the first considered when the Vocational Committee was formed. It was discarded as being inadequate in size, and undesirable as to location, situated as it is on the water front and of a heavy traffic business street. Its suitability with respect to future growth of school population was bad, for the trend of residential growth is away from it.

Alexandra Heights has already been disposed of as a site by the Vocational Committee and the School Board for reasons which were published at the time, and should be sufficiently well understood by every one at this time. The other site on the western end of Douglas Avenue now under consideration suffers from the same disability as Alexandra Heights, in that it is not central.

monstrated their inclination and ability to do so. My letter is written because much of the sound reasoning which I beheld their original choice seems to have been lost sight of in the correspondence which has been published on this subject recently.

Thanking you for this space, I am, Yours truly, F. S. THOMAS, St. John, Dec. 22. Coaster sleds free. Coupons, Green's 12-25

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FRANK E. WILLIAMS DIES IN MONTREAL

Prominent St. John Business Man Passes Away in Hospital There.

One of the city's prominent business men, Frank E. Williams, passed away in the Montreal General Public Hospital at 9 o'clock last evening following an operation there a few days ago. About three weeks ago trouble developed, and Mr. Williams, accompanied by Mrs. Williams, went to Montreal. Early reports after the operation were that he was doing as well as could be expected, but the end came suddenly last night, with immediate members of his family present. Two years ago Mr. Williams was in poor health and underwent two operations and seemed to have fully recovered.

He was operated on a few days ago in Montreal but his condition showed no improvement and for some days had given considerable anxiety to his relatives and friends. His wife and three daughters were with him at the time of his death.

Commercial Life.
He had been at various times interested in substantial commercial projects and was a pioneer in the black fox industry in New Brunswick. In partnership with George M. Barker, Mr. Williams organized the Fundy Fox Company, which had ranches near Robbsey, and which operated very successfully.

In religion Mr. Williams was a Methodist and he attended the Queen square church.

Surviving Family.
He is survived by his wife, three daughters, Mrs. A. C. Gilmore and Mrs. George P. Ham, of this city, and Miss Frances Eileen, now attending McGill University; and one son, Harold Ernest, at home. One brother and one sister also survive. The brother is James D. Williams, of St. John, and the sister is Mrs. Fred Pearce, of West River, Pictou county, N. S.

Queens County Lads Are Injured

John and Russell Perry of Cambridge, Queens county, will each lose the sight of one eye as the result of a premature explosion of dynamite which they were using to split an unusually large log. The two young men had placed the charge in auger holes and, it is believed, had cut the fuse too short, as, upon lighting, the charge immediately exploded. Both men were hurled backward and their faces were badly injured in addition to the injuries to their eyes. The men groped their way through the woods until Milton Hughes met them and took them to Dr. Walter's office, where their injuries were attended to. No internal injuries have been found and it is expected that they will both recover. The two young men are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Wilmet Perry, of Cambridge.

DEATHS

William Morgan.

Knowing that death was near, William Morgan, of 30 Vihart street, gave to one of his sons the facts that he wished embodied in his obituary yesterday morning and died in the afternoon, after a severe illness. He was 76 years of age and was born in the north of Ireland in 1848, coming to Canada when a baby. He was brought up and educated in West St. John. He was a faithful Orangeman, having been a member of Dominion Lodge, No. 141, for 50 years. He leaves besides his wife, three sons, William R., City J., and George E., of this city; two daughters, Mrs. Frank Harrington, of Victoria Wharf, Kings county, and Mrs. Evan Fitzgerald, of this city. He leaves 10 grandchildren. Mr. Morgan was in the employ of the city for many years and was greatly respected in his own circle of friends. He was a member of the Anglican Church. His mind remained clear until a few minutes before his death.

Brother of Sir Lomer Gouin.
While attending mass on last Sunday in St. Agnes church, Montreal, Eugene Gouin, deputy sheriff of the Montreal district, and a brother of Sir Lomer Gouin, was stricken with syncope of the heart, and died a few moments after he had been carried into the sacristy.

He was 61 years old. With him at mass were his wife and daughter, Jeanette.

STILL ALARM.
A still alarm called the West Side firemen out about 3:45 last evening for a slight blaze in Rose Brothers store, King street. Very little damage was done.

If the cold "gets into your bones" - drink Bovril



On Reception Day

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| Golf Hose | Bath Robe | Afternoon or Evening Dress | Corduroy Bath Robe |
| Motor Rug | Dressing Gown | Silk Dress Slip | Cedar Chest |
| Wardrobe Trunk | House Coat | Silk Underkirt | Down Filled Comfortable |
| Suit Case | Umbrella | Pullover Skating Sweater | Ivory Toilet Pieces |
| Travelling Bag | Walking Stick | New "Bobby" Coat Sweater | French Perfumes |
| Broadcloth Shirts | Pajamas | Leather Underarm Bag | Community Silver Pieces |
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| Hockey Sticks | Muffler | Skating Cap | Kindergarten Set |
| Tennis Racket | Bath Robe | A Velour Kimona | Child's Desk |
| Funching Bag | Mackinaw | Fur Collared Coat | Community Silver Set |
| Speedway Sled | Hockey Pants | An Umbrella | Middy Skirt |
| Toy Automobile | Tricycle | A Pocket Book | Gym Bloomers |
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London House
F. W. DANIEL & CO. Head King St.

ST. JOHN MUSIC IN N. Y. Word has been received by O. J. Fraser, manager of the New Brunswick Telephone Company, that the concert relayed from here to Moncton over the Company's line and broadcast from the C. N. B. radio station there, had been heard in New York and that at Rhode Island a number had danced to the music.

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To Be Sold at the Hour Stated Only—No Sooner, No Later.

9-10 A.M. LADIES' HOSE 10c PR.	3-4 P.M. LADIES' TRIMMED HATS \$1.00
10-11 A.M. Men's Wool Ribbed Shirts (Slightly soiled) 50c	4-5 P.M. 36 Ladies' Fur Trimmed Duvetone and Velour Coats. All shades. Values to \$30. \$13.95
11-12 A.M. Ladies' Flannel DRESSES In a variety of shades and styles. \$3.65	5-6 P.M. WOOLEN WORK SOX 29c PR.
1-2 P.M. Brushed Wool MUFFLERS \$1 value. Splendid Xmas Gifts. 49c	7-8 P.M. Men's Woolen Coat Sweaters \$1.00
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The store that sets the pace
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Rats Ate \$10,000 Lottery Ticket
MADRID, Dec. 23.—A Barcelona laborer who bought a ticket in a Spanish lottery hid it in a pump. The ticket was drawn for a prize of \$10,000 but when the laborer went to get it he found that it had been eaten by rats. He collected the pieces which were left and stuck them together, and may get his money after all.

Gift Sale as Much as 1/2 Off

Roche's now provide a Sale of Christmas Gift Novelties when you want one. Come tonight and early Tomorrow Morning for better selections. Come anyhow and get as much as 50 p.c. off these groups. Begin with Bulbs in Bowls, and Rust Craft Novelties.

Xmas Bells
9 inches high—5c.
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15 inches high—15c.
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Other decorations reduced.

Toys, Dolls, Story Books and Games
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Sweeping reductions in French Ivory Sets—Photo Albums—Ornamental and Useful Novelties, Clocks, Ash Trays, Candlesticks, etc.

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

WILL MEET AGAIN FATHER LOST TO THEM FOR YEARS

Heller was Convicted, But Disappeared and Reformed Life.

CHILDREN HEAR OF IT

Go to Join Him for Christmas and Back Him in Trial.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A Christmas reconciliation effected by Ellis Parker Heller, a bank embezzler arrested 14 years after the discovery of his crime, will be recalled to his son, Clifford B. Heller, and his daughter, Mrs. Raymond Bowne, of Asbury Park, both of whom believed until this week that their father had died in 1910.

Declared Legally Dead.

New Jersey courts declared Heller legally dead after his disappearance and on his failure to return. But Heller, after two years of incessant travel to quiet his conscience, changed his name, went to live in Detroit as Luther W. Smith and became a substantial business man, donating liberally to charities and evincing a special interest in finding jobs for ex-convicts.

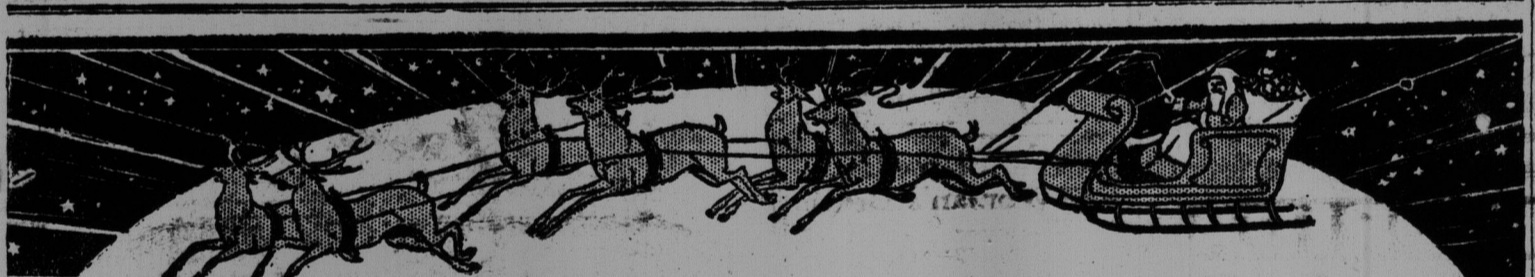
Practical Gifts The Store of DYKEMAN'S SWEATERS CROCHETTED SHOULDER WRAPS AND HUG-ME-TIGHTS CAP AND SCARF SETS CHAPPIE COATS PULLOVERS INFANT'S TOQUES AND BONNETS

forgiveness of their father's crime. He has lived down the past, they feel, and they are sure he is prepared to make restitution.

As the prosperous Mr. Smith, of Detroit, Heller, in 1917, married Miss Catherine Skanlan, having read of the death of his first wife in 1918.

certified copy of an indictment charging embezzlement of funds of a Mount Holy building and loan association, of which he was treasurer.

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Are Synonymous Terms to Discriminating Buyers The next thing to visiting the leading Art Galleries of the world is a visit to our big store at the Christmas Season.

Social Notes of Interest

Mrs. Lucien de Bury, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. G. S. Keator, left yesterday for Montreal. Mr. and Mrs. W. A. MacLaughlin have gone to Kentville, N. S., to spend Christmas with their son, Roderick F. MacLaughlin, and Mrs. MacLaughlin.

LABORITE IS VICTOR In Dundee Election

DUNDEE, Scotland, Dec. 22.—T. Johnson, Laborite, today was elected to Parliament over E. D. Simon, the Liberal candidate. Johnson received 22,978 votes and Simon, 10,294.

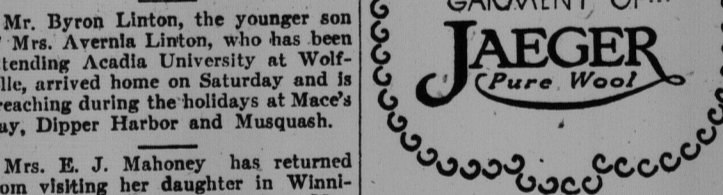
FAIRVILLE SOCIAL

The Young People's Society of the Fairville Methodist church enjoyed a social last evening under the direction of the social president, Miss Annie Shaw.

CLASSES DISCONTINUED

The Y. W. C. A. gymnasium classes are discontinued until Jan. 6 when Miss Dorothy McArthur will be back in the city and the programme will be taken up once more.

MILADY KNOWS WHAT NOTHING CAN COMPARE WITH THE EXQUISITE COFFINESS AND THE WARMLY OF A GARMENT OF JAEGER



SALVATION ARMY IS HELPING POOR FOLK

The collections in the Salvation Army pots on the street corners yesterday amounted to about \$100, or about the average of the corresponding day in each year and the general total was still \$200 behind last year's figures.

MAY VISIT VIRGINIA

Secretary R. E. Armstrong, of the Board of Trade, received a communication yesterday from Major Lettley Hodges, managing director of the Virginia State of Commerce, who was in St. John last August looking over the port facilities.

Wet Wash Phone Main 1707 (Ridiculous Price) New System Laundry CLEANERS-DYERS

IDEAL FOR CHRISTMAS PLAYTIME RECORDS 25c. Little Tot Albums complete with Records and picture stories, \$1.25.

Gifts for Men, Women and Children TRUNKS, CLUB BAGS, SUIT CASES, BILL FOLDS, CHANGE PURSES, SHOPPING BAGS, WRITING CASES, AUTO STROP RAZORS, GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS, THE "TANK" SAFETY BLADE SHARPENER, FOUNTAIN PENS, SELF-FILLERS, WARE FOUNTAIN PENS, EVERSHARP PENCILS.

Smiling Sam writes a Christmas Verse To the Ladies - If I were you The thing I'd do If I wanted to please some man, On Christmas Day To him I'd say Here is the wisest plan: "This AUTOSTROP keen Is easy to clean, Much time and much trouble it saves, Through the year— Dull days and clear— It delivers most capable shaves."

NOTED SCULPTOR PUT IN ASYLUM BY JEALOUS RIVAL

Arrival in London Reveals Astonishing Tale of Misfortune.

LURED BY CALL 22 Years in Fear of Recapture, and Meantime Gave Up Art.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—An astonishing tale of fame and misfortune, of treachery and poverty, is revealed by the arrival in London of Signor Vincenzo Gemito, one of Italy's greatest living artists.

When he was 14 years old Signor Gemito, who is now 72 received the greatest prize offered to sculptors and the work is now in the King of Italy's palace.

Locked in Asylum. One morning as Signor Gemito worked on his clay a courier came to tell him that the King desired his immediate presence.

When he was released he lived for 22 years under the constant fear of being re-interred in the living tomb of a madhouse at the whim of his jealous rivals.

Until now Italy and the whole world believed that he was suffering from insanity. It is only today that the truth is made known.

Green To Resign Office In Union. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 22.—William Green, secretary-treasurer of the United Mine Workers of America, who was elected to succeed Samuel Gompers as president of the American Federation of Labor, announced today that he would resign as an official of the miners' union about Jan. 1.

VOTES FOR UNION. SASKATOON, Dec. 22.—St. Paul's Presbyterian church, Sutherland, voted 98 to 2 for church union Sunday night. It was the first church in this district to report. The church has 97 members.

WANT ADS. ARE MONEY MAKERS Use The Times-Star Classified Columns

The Evening Times-Star Classified Advertisements RATES

General Classifications—Two cents a word each insertion; minimum charge 25c. Situations Wanted—One cent a word each insertion; minimum charge 15c.

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LOST—Purse containing considerable sum of money. Finder will be rewarded on returning Miss Jamieson, Elliott Row. 7012-12-24

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WANTED—Some experienced woodworkers. Monthly work. Employment Office, 443 Main street. 7012-12-24

COOKS AND MAIDS

WANTED—Maid, general work. Apply 104 Union. 7012-12-24

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DISTRIBUTORS wanted throughout Canada for the sale of self-selling Canada Bitters, a medicated tonic purifier of the blood.

SITUATIONS WANTED

WANTED—Position as a male cook. Age 78. 7012-12-24

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FOR SALE—ALWAYS A FEW GOOD used cars, which we sell at what they are worth.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—Desirable central new two-family freestanding house.

FOR SALE GENERAL

CHEAP SALE—Coal dump—art, dump-wagon, speed sleigh—56 horsepower, city road. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—Hudson seal coat

FOR SALE—Hudson seal coat, 207 Prince Edward street. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—Saxophones

FOR SALE—Saxophones. Perfect condition. 445. Apply at 233 Charlotte. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—Hydrolic barber chair

FOR SALE—Hydrolic barber chair. Apply 57 Mill. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE or Hire—A good horse

FOR SALE or Hire—A good horse. 29 Prince Edward street. 7012-12-24

CHRISTMAS SALE ash pupes, speed sleigh, covered sleds

CHRISTMAS SALE ash pupes, speed sleigh, covered sleds—56 horsepower, city road. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—Christmas trees

FOR SALE—Christmas trees—A. E. McInerney, 75 St. Patrick street, 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—New doll house

FOR SALE—New doll house. Cheap. Phone Main 2559-21. 7012-12-24

FOR SALE—Superior quality 1 1/2 carat diamond ring

FOR SALE—Superior quality 1 1/2 carat diamond ring. Magnificent gem. Half price—Write Box 2, Times. 7187-12-25

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WANTED—Infants to board

WANTED—Infants to board. M. 1152-41, 7012-12-25

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WANTED—One or more copies of Encyclopaedia Britannica. Must be in good condition and latest edition. Box 2 15, Telegraph. L.F.

HOUSES TO LET

TO LET—Small attractive cottage, furnished or unfurnished, a Mount Pleasant residential section, twelve minutes from King street—Apply 62 Park street, Main 1467.

FLATS TO LET

TO LET—Flat, 24 Barker street. 7012-12-25

TO LET—Flat, St. Patrick street

TO LET—Flat, St. Patrick street, newly decorated. Sterling Realty. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Flat, 92 Robney Ave.

TO LET—Flat, Barr. Electric—Mrs. Dean, 72 St. James. 7012-12-25

OFFICES TO LET

TO LET—Heated office, 85 Prince William street. Apply to F. P. Coughlin. 7012-12-25

STORES TO LET

TO LET—Heated store, 87 Germain street. Apply to F. P. Coughlin. 7012-12-25

FURNISHED ROOMS TO LET

FURNISHED ROOMS. Gentlemen's Club, 142-144, 7012-12-21

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms

TO LET—Furnished housekeeping rooms, 101 Loddon street, Ye. corner street. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Three heated, light houses

TO LET—Three heated, light houses, desirable rooms, 58 Egan street. Lampert Bros, 555 Main street, Phone Main 4485. 7012-12-24

TO LET—One furnished room, a Coburg street.

TO LET—One furnished room, a Coburg street. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Two large furnished rooms

TO LET—Two large furnished rooms, suitable light house keeping, heated, gas range, fireplace, etc.—545-547, 7012-12-27

TO LET—Furnished rooms, steam heated

TO LET—Furnished rooms, steam heated—M. 2181. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Two lovely heated rooms

TO LET—Two lovely heated rooms. Reasonable. Business people. Breakfast if desired, 115 Leinster. 7012-12-29

TO LET—Furnished rooms with grate

TO LET—Furnished rooms with grate. 21 Dorchester street. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Furnished room, West Side

TO LET—Furnished room, West Side, private family, furnace, board optional. Convenient for winter port—Box 2, 83, Times. 7012-12-24

TO LET—Furnished rooms, heated, 219

TO LET—Furnished rooms, heated, 219 Union street, top floor. 7012-12-25

LARGE furnished front room, 80

LARGE furnished front room, 80 Coburg. 7012-12-27

BOARDERS WANTED

WANTED—Winter port boarders, 50 Paradise Row. 7012-12-29

TO LET—Large front room, heated

TO LET—Large front room, heated, with board; also one single room. Phone M. 832. 7012-12-25

PRaises Baldwin Writer of Popular Book Visits Here

Col. McKendrick, D. S. O., of Toronto, Says British Conditions Better.

Conditions in Great Britain are on the upward trend and confidence is being restored in the people in the Old Country, according to Col. W. G. McKendrick, D. S. O., of Toronto, who returned here yesterday on the Mar-loch, after spending three months in Europe.

The manner in which the Baldwin Government handled the situation in Egypt got the people right on edge in Britain, declared Colonel McKendrick. "The British people realize that for the present at least they have a strong, aggressive Government in power and that is bound to help business conditions."

Build Roads in War. Colonel McKendrick was director of roads for the 5th British Army during the war and on his recent trip to Europe went over some of the roads he built in the war zone of France.

Col. McKendrick declared that Premier Baldwin is the man in the cabinet in whom the British people have the greatest confidence and adds that the selection of Winston Churchill as Chancellor of the Exchequer is far from popular.

APPEAL UNDECIDED Cabinet Ruling on Crow's Nest Rates May Wait Until After Christmas.

Canadian Press Despatch. OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—No decision was reached by cabinet this morning in the appeal of the Prairie provinces against the Railway Commission's judgment upsetting the Crow's Nest Pass rates. Announcement to this effect was made by Premier King following a lengthy sitting at which the appeal was discussed.

Take \$250,000 and Drop Will Contest

WHITE PLAINS, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Four contestants of the will of the late Emily A. Watson, who left an estimated sum of \$12,000,000, have received \$250,000 each to drop court action.

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DO YOUR DUTY DEPOSIT WASTE HERE.

COAL AND WOOD

Drawings for prizes in the Holy Trinity Boy Scout fund were held last night in the Y. M. C. I., Scoutmaster W. E. Stirling presiding.

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STRONG SPEECHES MARK LARGE GATHERING OF TRAVELLERS HERE

Hon. H. A. McKeown and H. R. McLellan Discuss Important Phases of Problems Affecting Canada and Maritime Provinces

THORNTON COMMISSION TAKEN UP

Former Mayor Makes Interesting Comment—George E. Faulkner Also a Speaker—Travelers Prove Themselves Good Hosts at Annual Smoker

Stirling addresses on Canadian problems by Hon. H. A. McKeown, chairman of the Board of Railway Commissioners; Hon. G. E. Faulkner of Halifax, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Travelers' Association, and H. R. McLellan, former mayor of St. John, declared the annual smoker...

The first number on the programme was an address of welcome by the chairman, L. M. Owens; this was followed by "O Canada," sung rightly and heartily by the entire gathering...

Hon. H. A. McKeown. The next number on the programme was the address by Hon. H. A. McKeown.

Satisfied With Birthplace. In opening his address the chairman of the railway commission confessed his perfect satisfaction in the fact that the place of his nativity had been in St. John and that he had labored here during the greater number of years of his life...

It was a body he said that was marked by a self reliance, which others had tried to emulate; it was a body as an article of its creed, and had the indomitable courage to forge ahead despite the many difficulties which had befallen it and the people it represented...

At all times it represented, and the city in which they lived. At all times had the counsel given to the occasion and met it unflinchingly; there were problems here which had to be faced but they were no more difficult than those facing other sections of the Dominion of Canada.

A Great City. Vancouver had mapped out a wonderful programme for itself and had as its aim, the development of the greatest city on the Pacific coast. Its ambition was based on a sound foundation; there were geographical, commercial and other advantages which Vancouver should attain its object, said Mr. McKeown.

There were many wise and prudent men in these provinces who thought it worth while to open their mouths; there were others who could speak well and to good purpose who selected themselves under the cloak of silence from a fear of the frowns of great men and parties; there were others who believed in the cautious, circumspect and guarded policy of not offending party feelings or hampering party government.

From which class would the commission be selected? There was only one pharmacist qualified to compound the prescription after it was written—the Government of Canada. If the pharmacist claimed that he could not compound the medicine because the base ingredient, recognition of our rights under Confederation, was lacking, what was the patient to do?

Sir Henry Thornton said he was satisfied at his first visit here "something was being done" with the Maritime Provinces, but after two years he had not found out what it was. With all due respect to Sir Henry, he wished to submit that our malady was maladministration of the principles of Confederation and betrayal by individual and local selfishness.

In closing his address, Mr. McLellan said he was ready at any time to discuss this matter on the platform with any layman, but he would not discuss it with a lawyer, who would be ready to interpose technicalities. The whole matter was so simple that a high school boy could take the debates of Parliament and convince any court of the justice of the claims of the Maritime Provinces for recognition. It was a question, however, if the Imperial Parliament was not the court to which the appeal should be made instead of Ottawa.

The Programme. Included in the programme were sections by the Baker Male Quartette, a flute solo by Norman Hutchinson, clog dancing by Mr. Burns, solo by Clarence Girvan, monologue by Owen Coll, and a series of moving pictures arranged by R. G. Marsh.

Music was supplied during the evening by the Venetian Gardens Orchestra, under the leadership of William Jones.

The singing of the National Anthem brought this most successful gathering to a close.

It was at this point that the speaker declared that the era of prosperity for Canada was at hand and that the immediate years would see unfolded such prosperity as had never been seen in this land before.

Transportation. He wished to make it very plain that the business interests touched closely the transportation interests. Mr. McKeown paid a glowing compliment to the Canadian Pacific Railway, on land and sea, which had through its road made it possible for Canada to advance and whose ships carried the name of Canada to the four corners of the earth. Then there was the Canadian National road—"our own"—which was one of the greatest factors in producing prosperity, and would increase in usefulness as the years went by.

In concluding Mr. McKeown wished the commercial men the greatest prosperity and sincerely trusted that their highest hopes would be completely fulfilled. A vote of thanks was responded to by singing "He's a Jolly Good Fellow" and with three cheers for Mr. McKeown.

Hon. George E. Faulkner in his address dealt with business conditions and predicted better times for Canada as a whole and the Maritime Provinces.

PAGEANT IS STAGED

"The Nativity" in Carleton Methodist Church is Well Portrayed.

A Christmas pageant, "The Nativity," was given in the Carleton Methodist church last evening under the auspices of the Young People's League before a large audience. A brief description of Bethlehem, past and present was read by Clarence Beattie, the president. The leading characters in the pageant were portrayed as follows: Scribe, Rev. F. T. Bertram; Madonna, Miss Edna Brown; three shepherds, Eldon Fletcher, Clarence Beattie and Edwin Williams; three wise men, Roland Belyea, Arthur Long and F. J. Punter; Herod, Leonard Riggs; Herod's Angels, Sing was beautifully portrayed by Miss Eva Adams and a very pleasing effect was achieved by the representation of the Heavenly Host by ten little girls, and the three angels were represented by the Misses Margaret Henderson, Marguerite Barrett and Mary Owens. Solos were given by Miss Helen Henderson and Miss Olive Kingston. The costumes for the various characters were very beautiful and had been designed by Mrs. F. T. Bertram. After the pageant the members of the choir presented the gift of an evergreen pencil to F. J. Punter, choir leader.

TUNED TOO HIGH

E. F. Harrington, assistant district publicity agent of the American Relay League, said yesterday regarding the complaints of some radio owners that amateur broadcasting in St. John had interfered with their receiving clearly, that on the night on which the complaint was received, there had been no broadcasting done from either of the two stations in the city between the hours of 8 and 11 o'clock. The trouble, he thought, was that the owners had their tubes tuned too high which converted each receiver set into a transmitter and was responsible for the screechings that were heard.

FUNERAL TOMORROW

The funeral of Harry S. Cole will be held from his late residence, McKillop street, Fairville, tomorrow afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. The death of Mr. Cole occurred suddenly on Saturday evening and was learned of with deep regret by a wide circle of friends as he was always a genial man with a smile for all who knew him. He was the son of the late William and Elizabeth Cole of Milford, where he spent the greater part of his life. He leaves to mourn his wife, one daughter, Helen Mins, at home; two sons, Donald and Adam (Campbell, of Fairville); and Mrs. J. T. Rush, of Antigonish.

TEACHERS' SINGING CLASS

The singing class for teachers in the city schools, conducted by J. F. Brown, music director, has been holding the Christmas holidays. The teachers are taking a great interest in this class.

COUGHS

Nature's means of stopping coughs comes to you direct from her vast Spruce Forests. Over 60 years in household use.

GRAY'S SYRUP OF RED SPICE GUM

CUTICURA HEALS SKIN TROUBLE

Face Broke Out in Pimples. Were Disfiguring. Extremely Sore. "My face broke out in a mass of pimples that were very annoying as well as disfiguring. The pimples were small, hard, red lumps at first, but increased in size and came to a head. The pimples were extremely sore and tender, and I was very much discouraged."

December-January Funds

There is every indication of a very active demand for bonds the first of the year which, in all probability, will mean higher prices and consequently lower yields.

We therefore suggest that investors buy now to cover their December-January Funds. We can still offer 4.70 to 5.25% on Government and Municipal Bonds.

Aak for our December Offering List.

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In the Financial World

PRICES UNEVEN IN WALL STREET

Main Trend, However, Appeared To Be Upward

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Uneven price fluctuations characterized the opening of today's stock market, although the main trend appeared to be upward. Gains were limited to fractions, however, except in a few stocks, such as Illinois Steel, Republic Steel and Brooklyn Edison. Can Electric attained another new high in fractional transactions, took place in American Can, U. S. Steel and Montreal Market.

Table with columns: Stock Name, Price, Change. Includes Am Waterworks, Am H & L, Am Can, etc.

EMPLOYERS OF FORD GET A WINDFALL

DETROIT, Dec. 22.—A Christmas present of \$2,000,000 to 30,000 employees was announced by the Ford Motor Company yesterday. Special returns for the year ended in 1924 were formally ratified, and the investment certificates payments have replaced cash bonuses for Christmas.

MORNING STOCK LETTER

(From McDougall & Co.) NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The market yesterday just reversed what had been expected. The fact that the market went down on the recession showed that the pressure of the sell was not very large and on the whole stocks gave a good showing as it was and we would continue to take profits on strong spots. We do not by any means think this market is over but we do think it is entitled to a fairly good reaction.

Opinions on the Market

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CHICAGO GRAIN MARKET

Table with columns: Dec 22, Dec 21, Dec 20, Dec 19. Includes Dec wheat, Dec corn, etc.

WINNIPEG GRAIN MARKET

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SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Stmr. Halfour, 2187, from West Indies; Stmr. Canadian Seigneur, 2664, from Cardiff and Swansea; Stmr. Hochelaga, 2601, Kenny, from Stmr. Gelson, 1414, from Boston; Stmr. Uly, 238, Matland, from Halifax; Conatwise—Stmr. Keith Carr, 117, plying from Westport; Grand Manan; Stmr. McMurtry, from Wilson's Beach; Stmr. Snow Maiden, 21, Foster, from Digby.

Departed. Tuesday, Dec. 22. Stmr. Hochelaga, 2601, Kenny, for Sydney; Stmr. Welland County, 2707, Burch, for Rotterdam; Conatwise—Stmr. Empress, 612, MacDonald, for Digby; gas scho. Snow Maiden, 21, Foster, for Grand Harbour.

MARINE NOTES. The steamer Halfour arrived this afternoon from Cardiff and Swansea with general cargo. The Canadian Seigneur arrived this afternoon from Cardiff and Swansea with general cargo.

The Uly arrived this morning from Halifax and loaded for the United Kingdom. The Dunfer arrived this morning from Boston to load general cargo and potatoes for Havana.

The Andania arrived at London on Dec. 19 from Halifax. The Carmania arrived at Liverpool on Sunday from Halifax.

The Caronia sailed from Liverpool on Saturday for New York via Halifax. The Westland County will sail tomorrow for Rotterdam with general cargo.

The Essex County is en route here from Hamburg with general cargo. The Canadian Radoar arrived this afternoon from No. 8, Sand Point, to the McLeod wharf to take on a shipment of grain.

STERLING EXCHANGE. NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Sterling exchange steady. Demand rates (in cents): Great Britain, 470 1/8; France, 528; Italy, 427 1/2; Germany, 22 1/2; Canadian dollar, 1/4 of one cent discount.

Current Events

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Hudson Motor Car company for year ending Nov. 30, estimated at \$6.10 a share.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The United States Senate finance committee has favorably reported a bill authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury to refund to the Canadian Car and Foundry Co. Ltd. the sum of \$12,278 paid by it as the company's contribution to the cost of the company, the point was raised by the committee on the bill.

The bill was reported on the condition that the company should pay about 4 per cent on the outstanding shares. The committee could not agree with the Government's proposal to make this payment an annual one. It would not be a bad basis upon which to talk of starting payments on the company.

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Transfer of Several Properties Announced

The following property transfers have been recorded: D. Cassidy and others to F. Cassidy, property Masquash; Administrators of Susan Clarke to Charlotte McGarry, property Somerset street; Ella M. Fleetwood and husband to Helen C. Wilson, property King street; A. R. Peterson to Anette M. Peterson, property Exmouth street; Executors Irene M. Simonds to J. Keating, property Newman street.

Pleads Guilty To Theft of Liquor

Harold Phillips was taken before G. A. Smith, a justice of the peace at Fredericton Junction, yesterday, charged with stealing a case of gin from the Dominion Express. He pleaded guilty and was remanded to trial. Later he was escorted to Oromocto by investigators Pilon and Costello and will be tried there. Ten bottles of the gin were recovered by the investigators. The defendant was arrested in this city and taken to Fredericton Junction yesterday.

Chief Justice Will Give Ruling in Morrissey Bridge Case Later

Argument of counsel was completed yesterday afternoon in the Admiralty Court before Chief Justice Sir Douglas Hazen in the case of the Attorney-General vs. the Ship, Waddingham. Court will consider and judgment will be delivered later. Dr. W. B. Wallace, K.C., and W. M. Ryan appeared for the plaintiff and Dr. F. R. Taylor, K.C., and C. F. Inches, K.C., for the defendant. The Province is suing the owners of the ship for damages because of a collision between the vessel and the Morrissey Bridge at Newcastle several months ago.

On Last Sunday Morning at the East St. John County Hospital, a Christmas message was read to the patients and staff, conducted by Rev. Dr. Heines, assisted by Evangelist McKnight. Solos by Douglas McWhiney and Evangelist Knight were features of the service. The accompanists were Miss Harding and Wendell Belyea.

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At the laboratory, where Father John's Medicine is made in Montreal, and in Lowell, Mass., very high standards are maintained in every department. The various ingredients are subjected to most exacting tests and are then prepared under the watchful eye of experts who have had years of experience in making what has come to be recognized as the greatest body builder.

Father John's Medicine is a scientific blending of cod liver oil with other ingredients by means of specially designed apparatus. The preparation is untouched by human hands from the opening of the original containers until the bottle caps are sealed in place by automatic machines.

Years of study and research have been devoted to developing the process of compounding and, while the formula remains unchanged, its method of preparation has been so improved that it stands today as the finest blending of cod liver oil and other ingredients obtainable.

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How Shall You Get New Customers?

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People are attracted by friendliness and thoughtfulness. Show your FRIENDLY spirit through newspaper advertising. Show hospitality to your visitors. They are in a STRANGE store. Make them feel at home.

Make them want to COME AGAIN. But don't advertise friendliness and thoughtful service unless you are ready to GIVE it.

PROVE that you are giving exceptionally pleasing service to your customers. KEEP UP your organization. Create an enthusiastic atmosphere in your store. Be proud of your merchandise.

Newspaper advertising will bring new faces to your store. Your sincere desire to SERVE these patrons will keep them COMING. New customers are VITAL to your success.

The Times-Star

SPORT NEWS CLEANED FROM WORLD'S CENTRES

KNOCKS OUT BURLY COP

Rivers, Who Beat Louis Donovan, Bumps Big Toronto Policeman

Charged with assaulting P. C. William Simpson, 271 pounds, in Toronto, Phillip Rivers, 128-pound boxer, pleaded not guilty and stated in defense that the officer made an unprovoked assault on him, and that he struck back in self defense.

Rivers is the boxer who eliminated Louis Donovan, local mitt artist, in the Olympic trials at Toronto last June.

In the witness box, Simpson swore that at 2:30 a.m. on Monday, he was in the neighborhood of Mutual street and Dundas street east.

"Rivers was standing on the corner of the street and I asked, 'What you are doing here, and he replied, 'I'll report you.'"

"I then said, 'I want to know what you are doing here, and he replied, 'I'll report you.'"

"I then reached out to take his arm, and I struck back. I did not hit him."

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FARRELL WINS \$1,000 IN GOLF COMPETITION

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Johnny Farrell, Quaker Ridge golf professional and the outstanding medal winner of the year, has returned to the city from Tampa, Fla., to spend the Christmas holidays with his parents.

Following the exhibition match, in which he and Critchfield defeated the two Britons, the \$1,000 prize was put up for a driving test and Farrell unleashed a drive that carried from the Tampa mainland to Davis Island—a carry of 310 yards.

Mitchell, regarded as the longest driver in the world, failed to put a ball on the island in three attempts.

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HAGEN DID WELL Won British Open Championship, Also American Professional Title.

By HENRY L. FARRELL (United Press Sports Editor) NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(United Press).—Along with other international sports, golf enjoyed a most interesting and successful season in 1926.

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The Olympic polo matches were also big features of the games in Paris and were attended by crowds that were larger in proportion than those that attended the track and field sports in the Colombes stadium.

The championship was won by a first team from Argentina, which was the first organization to make an Olympic champion out of Argentina.

Berlenbach To Meet Estridge

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A light-heavyweight match, which is regarded as one of the attractive boxing bouts of the season, will be held at Madison Square Garden next Friday night.

The St. Pats of Toronto gave the Boston Bruins a bad beating at the Hub last evening, winning by a score of 10 to 1.

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Shipping Costs More in Britain

Committee Makes Comparison With Continent—More Open Wharves.

A study of British port facilities, just completed by a special committee appointed for the purpose by the Shipping Conference of India, according to shipping officials here, shows that the cost of shipping operations in the English ports is higher than in the continent.

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Vest of Charles I Sold For \$1,310

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A relic of unequalled interest recently appeared at Christie's, the famous auctioneer. It was the vest said to have been worn by Charles I at his execution, and came among the historical relics, gathered by the late P. Berney-Pickein of Tasburgh Hall, Norwich.

MOUNTAINS OF JEWELS

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—(United Press).—Following a successful expedition to the unexplored mountains, 40 miles beyond Urga (Mongolia), the Russian professor, Krjashnovski, has returned to Leningrad. The expedition discovered rich beds of precious stones, amethysts, agates and rubies, of which samples have been brought home. One of the specimens is a Mongolian topaz, extremely rare and of immense value.

REGINA WINS FIRST TALLY

Crumple Edmonton To 0 in Lightning Fast Game

REGINA, Sask., Dec. 23.—The Regina Capitals won their first game of the season when they defeated Edmonton here last night, seven goals to nil. The game was lightning fast. The Capitals scored one goal in the first period, four in the second period and added another pair in the last frame.

Champion Greb To Marry an Actress

Middleweight Title Holder Will Wed on Christmas Day.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Harry Greb, world's middleweight boxing champion, will be married on Christmas Day. His bride will be a young Cambridge girl, Louise Walton, whom he has known a little over two months.

CONTEST PRIZE WINNERS

For Saturday, Dec. 23, 1926: 1st prize \$100.—Won by H. McNeill, 2nd prize \$50.—Won by Charles Williams, 3rd prize \$25.—Won by John following with 19 correct, each person winning \$3.83.

Shoots His Horse Then Kills Himself

BERNE, Switzerland, Nov. 20.—(By The Associated Press, by Mail).—A man's affection for his horse ended in his death recently in the little village of Dompreux, in Valais canton, Jean Penzhory, a great sportsman and particularly fond of his mount, had shot the animal to put an end to its suffering from disease. Jean went immediately to his bedroom and, with the same pistol, shot and killed himself.

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THE EVENING TIMES-STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. TUESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1924

MAINE RAILROAD MAY DROP 1,000 MILES OF ITS LINE

Said 45 Per Cent Handles Only Three Per Cent Business.

MOTOR TRAFFIC HITS

Auto Service to Cover Abandoned Lines is Proposed.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—A plan by which the Boston & Maine Railroad would undergo a physical and financial readjustment, discontinuing approximately 1,000 miles of track, and obtaining \$18,000,000 cash for improvements to the lines retained, is outlined in a communication by Homer Loring, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the railroad. It was said to follow consultations with general bondholders, representatives of the United States Government, which holds \$46,000,000 in bonds, and large stockholders of all classes.

Motor Hurts Business.

Motor traffic has taken such a large part of the always meager traffic on branch lines that rapidly increasing losses have resulted, Mr. Loring said. Of the 2,440 miles of road, more than 1,000 miles handles only 3 per cent of the business. This it is proposed to abandon, and the Boston & Maine Transportation Company has been organized to assist with motor service in caring for the needs of the communities involved.

Must Restore Credit.

Advancing the need of a financial readjustment, the Chairman said discontinuance of losing lines was only a partial remedy; the credit must be restored. Although net earnings have increased in the last six months, and a surplus after fiscal charges, sinking funds and equipment installments of \$700,000 was available, without a plan such as proposed, he said, it seemed clear "there is no prospect of dividends on any of the present classes of stock for many years to come."

Motor Traffic.

"It is believed," said Chairman Loring, "that the lines to be discontinued, transition from railroad to motor vehicles will be accomplished without unduly affecting the communities and small industries served. The Boston & Maine Transportation Company has been organized to assist with the motor service."

"When the proposed discontinuance program is completed the Boston & Maine will have a system of some 1,200 to 1,600 miles, capable of giving good service at reasonable rates and with low operating costs. It will be not only advisable, but profitable, to spend some money on the property."

NOTABLE PLAYERS ARE AT "PALACE"

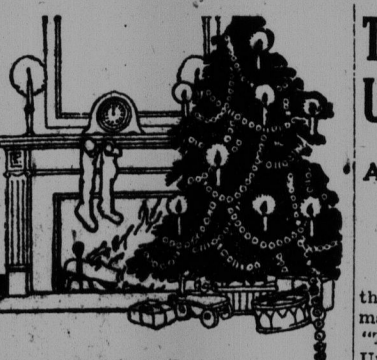
Constance Talmadge and Conway Tearle Lead in "Dangerous Maid" Production.

Constance Talmadge's latest production, "The Dangerous Maid," a First National picture, which opened yesterday at the Palace Theatre, proved to be the finest film offering in which she has appeared. "The Dangerous Maid" is a swiftly moving tale of old England, with the star in the role of Barbara Winlow, who glories in the fact that she is a rebel against the authority of the king who is trying to tread the people under foot. Although a whole regiment of soldiers is billeted in the village in which she lives, they are not strong enough to curb the activities of the charming rebel, who makes a laughing stock of the officers by outwitting them at every turn.

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Dolls in great variety—Mama Dolls, Kid Dolls, Jointed Dolls, Baby Dolls, 5c. ea. to \$7.50.
Toys of all descriptions—Mechanical Toys, 10c. 15c. 20c. 25c. to \$1.45.
Pianos, 25c. to \$2.50 ea. Horns, 10c. 15c. 25c. to \$4.50. Dolls, Bees, Dolls' Furniture, Autos, Trumpets, Drums, Bells, Good assortment of small Toys for Xmas Stockings. Large filled Xmas Stocking 25c. Tinsel, 6 yds. 15c. 6 yds. heavy Tinsel 30c. Icicles, 5c. box. Big assortment tree ornaments, candles and candle holders. Fancy Xmas Crepe Papers, 10c. roll. Box of Paper and Envelopes, special 25c.
Silk and Wool Hose 75c. 90c. to \$1.40. Pair Cashmere Hose, 50c. and 75c. pr. Heather Hose, special 90c. pr. Men's Sox, heavy, 90c. 95c. to 60c. pr. Silk and Wool, 90c. and 60c. pr. Children's Cashmeres, 35c. and 40c. pr. Golf Hose, 50c. pr.
Men's heavy Mackinaw Shirts, \$2.95 ea. Heavy Flannellet, 1.20 ea. Fleece lined, \$4.
Men's heavy sweaters, all prices. Children's Caps and Scarfs 75c. up. Mittens, 25c. 40c. and 50c. pr. Gantlet Gloves, 80c. 90c. 95c. pr. Big assortment fancy Handkerchiefs at wholesale prices.
Brass Jardingers, Clocks, China Cups and Saucers, Novelties.
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Safe Christmas Candy for Children—grown-ups too.
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STRIP THEM AND TRIM YOUR TREE

More Sent To Jail As Drunks

ALBANY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—The number of men and women committed to county jails, penitentiaries and New York city institutions on charges of being drunk and disorderly and driving automobiles while intoxicated showed a decided increase during the fiscal year ended June 30, 1924, it was indicated in reports of sheriffs, and authorities in charge of the institutions to the State Commission of Prisons and made public here today.

Provincial Audit Begun At Capital

FRÉDERICTON, Dec. 23.—The annual Provincial Audit is being made by two accountants from the Price, Waterhouse Company, Ltd., Montreal, T. B. Burke and D. H. Beach, both of Montreal. The annual statement will be published in January, as prescribed by the Audit Act.

TEAR GAS FOR THIEVES.
FÉTERSON, N. J., Dec. 23.—The police chiefs of five New Jersey communities showed these increases over the previous years: County jail, 3,252, or 49.2 per cent; county penitentiaries, 1,011, or 62.8 per cent; New York city institutions, 1,183, or 38.7 per cent.

The commission said a study of reports for ten fiscal years indicated that the number of commitments for these causes was greater during the last year than during any year since 1917, except in the case of penitentiaries, where the number committed was greater during each of the fiscal years from 1915 to 1919 than during the last year.

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The number sent to county jails for intoxication, the report said, showed an increase over the preceding year in every county except Kings, New York, and Queens, where county jails are used for civil prisoners only. Columbia, Franklin, Orleans, Richmond and Sullivan, where there were decreases, and Hamilton, where no commitments were made for any cause.

TRUE AS STEEL IS UNIQUE PICTURE

Aileen Pringle Leads in Screen Production at Charlotte Street Theatre.

Rupert Hughes has discussed a daring theme cleverly, subtly and in original manner in his latest cinema production, "True As Steel," now showing at the Unique Theatre. The result is one of the most entertaining pictures of the year.

The famous author-director has touched on the problems of the woman in business, her temptations, and her dangers. But he does not take the attitude of the reformer who says, "This is bad." He merely presents the condition as he sees it, and, does not attempt to offer a solution.

The title, "True As Steel" is taken from a sub-title in the film, in which the business woman, asked by the "other man" if she loves her husband, says: "I am as true as steel to him. Steel bends—but always returns to the straight when the pressure is released. The story is told without the use of multi-drama, lurid situations or a superabundance of humor.

Aileen Pringle, the Goldenwyn discovery, whose work in the picture is of a high order, is the picture's star. Her work on the way to fame, enhances her record of film achievements with the leading part in "True As Steel." Stanley Gordon, in the leading part opposite her, gives another of his excellent characterizations of the sedate business man. Louis Fazenda, the ex-Sennett comedienne, adds a lighter touch. Norman Kerry, Cleo Madison, Elinor Boardman, Raymond Hutton, William H. Crane, William Haines and others complete the cast.

This fine production will be repeated tonight.

AIR PILOT KILLED

Leaped From Crippled Plane in Blinding Snow Storm in Illinois.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—Trusting his life to a few yards of silk composing his parachute after his airplane failed to function in a blinding snow storm, Clarence Gilbert, air mail pilot, last night leaped into space high in the clouds over the little town of Kaneville, Ill., and lost his gamble with death.

His body, with strands of the parachute which failed to operate, still attached to his belt, was found near Kaneville today after a 15-hour hunt.

His death marked the first fatal accident in the United States air mail service.

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WOMEN AND WAR.
NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—(United Press)—One thousand delegates from 10 of the prominent women organizations in the United States will meet in Washington, January 18-24, 1925, to confer on "The Cause and Care of War." Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt issued the call.

MAY RUN SUNDAYS

Privy Council Rules Excursions Are Legal on Manitoba Railways.

Canadian Press Despatch.
LONDON, Dec. 23.—The appeal of the Lord's Day Alliance to the Privy Council in the matter of the legality of the running of Sunday excursion trains in Manitoba was dismissed by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council today.

Their Lordships of the Judicial Committee agree in effect with the entire ruling of the Manitoba Court of Appeal in the case, that is, that the "Act to amend the Lord's Day Act of Manitoba" passed by the Manitoba Legislature, permitting the running of Sunday excursion trains is valid.

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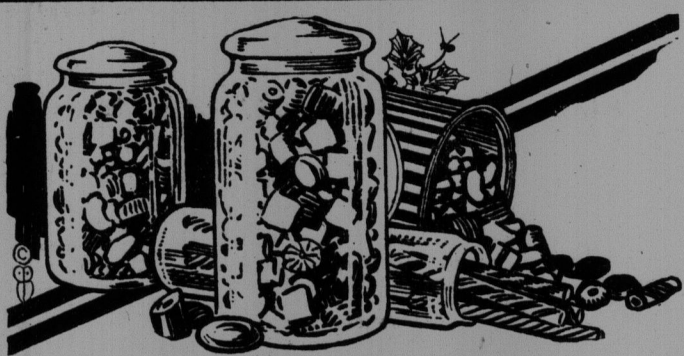
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CHRISTMAS CHEER IN INSTITUTIONS

DAY BRIGHT FOR THOSE IN HOMES.

Special Christmas Dinners, Trees and Gifts Arranged For Joyful Occasion.

In the institutions of the city preparations are under way to give all who will spend the great day there the happiest possible time. There will be bounteous fare on the Christmas table and gifts for those whom illness or other circumstances prevent enjoying the festive family gathering.

At the Protestant Orphanage there will be a Christmas tree, with a visit by Santa Claus. There are about 80 children at the institution, and all are looking forward with keen, childlike interest to the old Saint Nicholas. Friends have donated considerable toward making the day a happy one for the children. Another feature will be the serving of Christmas dinner of turkey, plum pudding, and Yuletide trimmings. The Christmas celebration will be held in the afternoon, when friends of the children will visit them.

Municipal Home. The Christmas celebration at the Municipal Home will take place on Tuesday, December 30, when the commissioners will visit the home and presents will be given off a tree. On Christmas Day itself the programme calls for a substantial turkey dinner at the Old Ladies' Home.

At the Old Ladies' Home the Christmas observance will take the form of a happy Christmas dinner. No other special observance of the day will be made.

General Public Hospital. The General Public Hospital has taken on a Christmas appearance. The hall and wards have been trimmed under the direction of the Ladies' Hospital Aid. All the patients will be served with a special Christmas dinner, and the Ladies' Aid will provide the usual treat during the afternoon. A large Christmas tree has been provided for the children's ward, and each of the kiddies will have a visit from Santa.

Children's Aid Home. The kiddies at the Children's Aid Home will have their usual Christmas dinner and tree. Presents for the tree have been coming in from all the children and will receive several gifts.

Home For Incubables. On Christmas day at the Home for Incubables the patients will have their turkey dinner, with all the other requisites. The Christmas tree and entertainment will be on Friday afternoon, the day following Christmas.

Salvation Army. The Salvation Army will be very busy during the Christmas season helping the poor. Baskets will be distributed among the many families. Major Burton said today they are packed in a central place and forwarded to the four corps. In every case where the baskets are distributed tickets will be given every child under 18 years of age and these will entitle them to attend the Army's children's Christmas tree which will be given at the Charlotte street Citadel the first Monday in January.

At the Evangeline Hospital a special dinner will be provided for those there and the children by the Salvation Army. A Christmas tree will also be ready for these children.

During the Christmas season the members of the League of Mercy, under the leadership of Mrs. Burton, will visit the various public institutions and dispense Christmas cheer. A special Christmas dinner for the men at the Metropolitan in St. James street will be given on Dec. 30 at the Citadel in Charlotte street.

Mater Misericordiae. At the Mater Misericordiae Home the usual Christmas dinner will be served. The institution will be decorated for the occasion and the trays, which are used to carry food to those who are unable to leave their rooms, will also be trimmed appropriately.

At St. Vincent's Orphanage Christmas will be marked by a bounteous Christmas dinner and large tree for the children. Gifts will be given and every arrangement to afford them joy will be carried out.

Seamen's Institute. The Seamen's Institute will give a dinner on Christmas day to the 50 or 60 men around that institution who are out of work and unable to secure a berth on a vessel. The dinner is not for the seamen from vessels in port as they will have their dinner on their own vessels. The Christmas treat for the seamen on vessels in port will be held at the institute on Dec. 30.

Industrial Home. Christmas will be fittingly observed at the Boys' Industrial Home in East St. John. On Christmas Eve the boys will hang up their stockings and will eagerly await the "all up" call the following morning to see what good things have been left for them. At noon chicken dinner, with plum pudding, will be served, and in the evening the boys will gather around a large Christmas tree, when presents will be given to them.

In the Jail. The prisoners in the county jail will not be forgotten on Christmas Day. They will all receive a good substantial dinner, as well as some fruit, which Sheriff Wilson purchased personally for them. At the present time there are 21 prisoners in jail serving sentences for various offences.

VAGRANT BUOY FOUND. The C. G. S. Laurentian picked up the Point Prim gas and whistling buoy this morning off Delaps Cove, Annapolis county, N. S., and towed it to Bear River, where it was made secure. This buoy broke adrift some days ago from near the entrance to Digby Gut, and it had drifted to the place where it was finally located by the Government steamer this morning. The Point Prim buoy will be replaced at the first opportunity.

ALMANAC FOR ST JOHN, DEC. 23.

Table with 4 columns: High Tide, Low Tide, Sun Rises, Sun Sets. Values include A.M., P.M., 2.43, 8.09, 4.46.

LOCAL NEWS

CHRISTMAS CABLES. The Canadian Pacific Telegraph Company are reintroducing this year their special cable service to the United Kingdom, special reduced rates. All telegrams and cablegrams are delivered on greetings forms.

CITY PUBLIC WORK. Survey parties are at work in Tucker Park, Commissioners' Friday morning, staking out the proposed roadway. Tenders for the erection of the new city stables will be called for after the Christmas holidays, he said.

WANT 50 CTS. FOR TURKEY. There was not a very large supply of turkeys in the country market this morning. Tomorrow more are expected. The price asked this morning was 50 cents a pound, some 85, but the buyers seemed to be shy of investing, hoping for lower prices tomorrow.

PAID TRIBUTE TO DEAD. At St. Dunstan's church at both ends of a cash donation to the Times-Star Empty Stocking Fund, the Colwell Fuel Co., Ltd. offered to deliver fuel to the value of \$10 to people in need of the same. The offer was gladly accepted and two names were supplied through a recommendation from the Associated Charities. Needless to say, the gift proved very acceptable.

HELD AS HEADQUARTERS. Carman Marshall is being held at Central Police Station on a request from the Commissioner of Provincial Police in Halifax. The telegram asking that he be apprehended if necessary was sent from West St. John. The officer of the West side company was glad to accept and two names were supplied through a recommendation from the Associated Charities. Needless to say, the gift proved very acceptable.

CORNELIUS REGAN DEAD. Cornelius Regan, a well known and highly respected citizen passed away in his 82nd year. He had lived in St. John all his life, and was a prominent member of Trinity Church and of the I. O. G. T. He leaves to mourn his wife and two sons, Clinton and Victor, all in St. John; also his mother, Mrs. P. Larkin of St. John; a brother, Harry Regan, also of this city, and a sister, Miss Minnie Regan, at home.

Is on Way to St. John—Marburn Due Here Tomorrow With 322 Passengers. At least one of the Canadian Pacific Steamship fleet, the Marburn, is on its way to St. John on Christmas Day. She sailed from Liverpool for St. John on Saturday.

Special Entertainment. Arrangements have been made by the shipping companies to have special programmes of entertainment for the travellers on Christmas Eve and on Christmas Day. It is customary to have a big Christmas dinner, with a special church service on Christmas morning. On the eve of Christmas, or sometimes on Christmas night, dances are held in the first class and cabin class saloons. There will be Christmas parties for the kiddies and Santa Claus will visit the little ones.

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MONTCALM WILL BE AT SEA CHRISTMAS

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NOT ONE BEFORE. There were no prisoners in the dock in the police court this morning. The charge sheet, marked "nil," being handed to Magistrate Henderson.

As Hiram Sees It

"Hiram," said The Times reporter to Mr. Hiram Hornbeam, "are rabbits plentiful in the Settlement this winter?" "I see lots of tracks in the snow," said Hiram. "Mind when we used to set snares in the old waste an' in among the second growth spruce an' birch?"

"The snow and the frost brought it all back to me," said the reporter. "I could see myself in a pair of moccasins made for me by Jno Paul out of old bootlees, racing along the path on winter mornings to visit the snares—while the trees around me cracked and snapped with the frost. I would like to do it all over again!"

"Come an' do it," said Hiram. "You kin hev a fast-rate winter—an' make some money. You kin get twenty-five cents a pair fer rabbits to feed foxes." "What?" cried the reporter. "Feed foxes on the most delectable pottle in the world? Sacrifice a rabbit for a pulpine holiday? You wrong me, Hiram, to think I would for a single moment entertain so unworthy an ambition?"

"Well, then," said Hiram, "come out an' hev a rabbit pottle yourself." "Ah!" said the reporter. "Now you are talking. 'Break the news to Mrs. Hornbeam. Shall we say next week?' 'Sure thing,' said Hiram.

IS CHEERFUL OVER OUTLOOK FOR 1925

TRAVELERS' SECRETARY, REVIEWS SITUATION.

Hon. Geo. E. Faulkner Says Association Has Grown to 1629 Members.

Hon. George E. Faulkner, secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Commercial Travellers' Association, who was in the city today, expressed himself as pleased with the outlook for business in 1925 and said he believed the low level of depression had been reached and the march on the up-grade to prosperity begun.

Association Prosperous. Speaking of the Travellers' Association Mr. Faulkner said it was most prosperous and in the 42 years of its existence had grown steadily in usefulness. When it was organized in 1882 it had a membership of 105 and the total financial resources were \$291.83. In the year just closed the membership had grown to 1629 and the financial resources to \$233,827.79. Since its organization there had been paid to the members the sum of \$114,266.

Business Conditions. Talking of business conditions in Nova Scotia, he said the year 1924 had been a very good one and many business houses had been able to close the books this year with the entries in black ink instead of red as had been the case for the last three or four years.

The apple growers of the Annapolis Valley had been blessed with good crops and they had received good prices for their apples, which in turn was reflected in general business conditions.

He referred regretfully to the fact that only about one half of the usual fleet was fishing off the Grand Banks this year, the other half supposedly being engaged in the rum running business. While they might be making as much money, he said, it seemed a pity to leave legitimate business for a demoralizing trade, which did not add anything to the permanent prosperity of the country.

Unsettled in Sydney. The sore spot in the province, said Mr. Faulkner, was Sydney where conditions were very much unsettled. He said he hoped that the negotiations now under way between the Company and the workers would be brought to a conclusion satisfactory to both sides without recourse to a strike.

At Wembley. Mr. Faulkner said the First Congress of Empire Commercial Travellers' Association, held at Wembley, was a great success. The delegation from Canada numbered 21, from Australia, two; from New Zealand, two; from South Africa, two. J. H. Dodgson, of Glasgow, was elected vice-chairman.

The Congress was visited by the Lord Mayor of London and by Lord Leitch, president of the London Chamber of Commerce. Much business of interest to commercial travellers was transacted and the bonds of friendship were strengthened by the exchange of opinions.

In reporting appointments by Cardinal O'Connell to vacancies in parishes of Boston diocese, the Boston Globe says that Rev. Michael F. Maguire, assistant at St. Mary's church, Randolph, is appointed pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Sagittary. It continues:

"Rev. Michael F. Maguire was born Jan. 8, 1874, at St. John, N. B., coming to this city as a youth. He took his philosophical and theological studies at St. John's, Brighton, and at the diocesan seminary in Baltimore, being ordained in the latter city by the late Bishop Curtin on June 19, 1901.

The late Archbishop Williams assigned him first to St. Edward's church in the Montello district, Brockton, where he remained for a few years, and then he was transferred to Randolph."

BORN IN ST. JOHN

Rev. Michael F. Maguire Promoted to Parish in Boston Diocese.

In reporting appointments by Cardinal O'Connell to vacancies in parishes of Boston diocese, the Boston Globe says that Rev. Michael F. Maguire, assistant at St. Mary's church, Randolph, is appointed pastor of the Church of the Blessed Sacrament, Sagittary. It continues:

"Rev. Michael F. Maguire was born Jan. 8, 1874, at St. John, N. B., coming to this city as a youth. He took his philosophical and theological studies at St. John's, Brighton, and at the diocesan seminary in Baltimore, being ordained in the latter city by the late Bishop Curtin on June 19, 1901.

The late Archbishop Williams assigned him first to St. Edward's church in the Montello district, Brockton, where he remained for a few years, and then he was transferred to Randolph."

VERNER OFFICERS, L. O. L. INSTALLED

Good Reports on Year Are Read and Degrees Are Conferred on Several Candidates.

The installation of officers and the conferring of the Royal Blue and Royal Art degrees on several candidates were successfully carried out last evening at a meeting of the Verner Lodge, L. O. L., No. 1, which was held in the Orange Hall, Germain street. The annual reports were also read last night, and they showed that the lodge was in a very prosperous condition. In addition to the members of the lodge there were visitors present from other city and county lodges. District Master William M. Campbell was in charge of the installation ceremonies.

The officers installed last evening were: Worshipful master, J. Starr; deputy master, Alexander Phillips; chaplain, William Stanley Hawk; recording secretary, James E. Hiram; treasurer, Charles B. Barber; lecturer, James H. Peacock; secretary, Keith A. Barber; marshal, F. N. Perkins; foreman of committee, Charles W. Carvell; members of committee, John H. Burley, Henry Crawford, T. M. Todd and H. C. Rowley; auditors, J. H. Burley and H. C. Rowley.

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