

St. John, N. B., Dec. 30th, 1903.

ALMS HOUSE.

Commissioners Visited the Institution Saturday Afternoon. Christmas Tree Provided for the Children and Gifts for the inmates—All Given a Splendid Time at the Home.

The Alms House commissioners and about fifty other citizens visited the Alms House Saturday afternoon. A Christmas tree was provided by the commissioners for the children and gifts were made to each inmate.

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CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS.

Tokens of Goodwill Which Were Exchanged. The employees of Messrs. Campbell Bros. presented to the Junior partner, with a Turkish lounge.

The foreman of the Telegraph and Job room, Daniel McLean, was presented by the employees with a pair of winter gloves.

Driver William Nelson was given a cash present from No. 1 Salvage Corps. The matron of the General Public Hospital, Miss Mitchell, received from the nurses a cushion, and from the house staff a rocking chair.

Christmas eve Rev. Fr. Bogman of St. Peter's Church, was presented by the Young Men's Association of that church, of which he is spiritual director, with a fur cap.

Bandmaster Jones was presented by four of his pupils with a nice case containing two silver mounted pipes and a supply of tobacco.

Miss Jessie Sipp, organist of the Carleton Free Baptist Church, was Christmas made the recipient of a purse of gold from the church and congregation.

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F. Freight sheds, was pleasantly remembered by his associates, who presented him with a oon coat that will keep him warm during the cold winter days.

The boys' branch committee of the Y. M. C. A. took occasion Thursday to remember James Stele, the janitor, in a substantial way.

Robert Cochran, foreman of the line-men of the Street Railway Company, was the recipient of an address and a handsome pipe and tobacco pouch from the men under his charge.

Rev. B. N. Nobles and wife were remembered by members of their congregation, who presented to them several gifts and \$25 in gold.

Appreciating the artistic manner in which Oak Hall's advertisements have been "set up" by the men of the Telegraph composing room, F. C. Smith, who handles the advertising for Oak Hall, Friday presented a pair of Fowner's gloves each to W. W. Weyman and Joseph Seymour, "ad." men on that paper.

Magistrate Ritchie and Rev. Dr. Raymond made short addresses in which they expressed appreciation of the excellent services rendered by the hospital, which was fitted up about two years ago, when the smallpox epidemic was raging in this city, is kept in proper condition for the accommodation of patients.

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BIG CONSERVATIVE VICTORY! North Renfrew Administers a Fatal Blow to Ross Government by 600 Majority.

It Was a Liberal Seat, but It Vindicated Gamey With a Rush—Reported That Laurier Will Promptly Call on Dominion Elections, ere the Revolt Becomes Still Greater.

WAR INEVITABLE.

China Thinks Russia and Japan Will Fight Ere Long.

PEKIN, Dec. 27.—The opinion entertained by the best informed diplomats in Pekin that war between Russia and Japan is probable and almost inevitable, remains unchanged.

Nothing has been received here to corroborate the special despatches from Tokio which said that the Japanese government was adopting an imperative tone in pressing for a speedy reply to its last note. The report is not believed.

Official communications received here from high sources say that the Japanese war party is gaining in strength and is bringing all its influence to bear upon the government.

The Dwaiger Empress has issued an edict at the request of Prince Ching, appointing several unknown and probably inexperienced officials as heads of army departments.

Influential officials continue in their determination to, if possible, to keep China neutral in the event of war.

LONDON, Dec. 28.—The Daily Mail's Kobe correspondent asserts that the Japanese authorities have requested the newspapers to refrain from publishing news of the movements of troops or other warlike preparations.

In an editorial the Daily Mail says it regards this as a practical censorship and an ominous sign.

Editorials in other papers express concern over the movement of foreign warships towards the Far East, and particularly over the statement that United States marines have been ordered to Korea, fearing some unforeseen incident may precipitate events.

On the other hand the speech delivered by M. Delcasse, the French foreign minister in the senate Saturday, saying that nothing had occurred to cause him to place faith in the alarming reports that were published daily in looked upon as reassuring, and it is believed that the efforts of the power-holders will be successful in preserving the peace.

Special cablegrams published in this morning's newspapers record no important developments of the Far Eastern situation.

WHY SHE WEPT.

"Alice Ben Bolt" Had Lost a Drink.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Weeping as if her heart was breaking, one of the eleven women who, with five men, were arrested in a resort in Mulberry street last night, was asked sympathetically by Magistrate O'Brien in the Tombs police court today what was the cause of her tears.

"I had just ordered a drink when the cops came and took me away," she replied.

"What is your name?"

"Alice Ben Bolt."

"Turning to one of the men prisoners, the magistrate asked, "Where are you from?"

"The Promised Land," was the answer.

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TRIPLE DROWNING.

Terrible Skating Accident at Half-way River Lake. Near Parrsboro.

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TALK OF LONDON.

A Let-up Is Promised on the Fiscal Contention.

Lord Strathcona Made an Interesting Speech at a London Dinner.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—Until the meeting of parliament—now fixed definitely for 2nd February, we are likely to enjoy comparative quiet. It is with relief that the weary politician hears this week that Mr. Chamberlain is now content to wait, and that the campaign will not be entirely resumed till next autumn.

This week, on Mr. Chamberlain's side, the speakers have included Lord Selborne and Lord Onslow, while on the free trade side the chief speakers were Mr. Bryce, Winston Churchill, Sir John Gorst, Lord Hugh Cecil, Sir Edward Grey, and on the protectionist side, Mr. Harcourt, who in a speech to his constituents, declared he had seen protection at work and had lived to see the benefits of free trade, and he remained "an out and out free trader." He remarked that what success Mr. Chamberlain had gained was on the side of protection for home industries, and not on the side of preference for the colonies and he argued the colonies needed no special tariff. It is in fact, said, he remained "an out and out free trader." He remarked that what success Mr. Chamberlain had gained was on the side of protection for home industries, and not on the side of preference for the colonies and he argued the colonies needed no special tariff. It is in fact, said, he remained "an out and out free trader."

There is some expectation that the unionist party may be reunited when the house of commons at next session has to meet the Irish question more. It will not be surprising if the Irish movement and its subsidies press because I had the temerity to read in the legislature a few sentences of what Mr. Pugsley had stated on the question in 1897. The charge which Mr. McKewen with twelve other members of the house had been writing against Hon. Mr. Pugsley in 1897 was that he had "intentionally omitted to mention that the Irish movement was a movement of the Irish people, and not a movement of the British people."

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LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

To the Editor of the Sun: Sir—The Gleaner of the 18th inst. not to be outdone by the Telegraph, at the head of its editorial column says that I ran up and down the country attempting to organize opposition to Mr. Martin, who was lately returned to represent this county by acclamation; that no one was willing to become a victim or court certain defeat; that I knew that had no chance, as I was snubbed under at the last general election; that I am a mere incendiary person who has attempted to stir up national and religious feelings.

Every one in this county knows that last spring I was taken down with a very serious illness, and for three months lay at death's door, which I only since quite recently that I am able to work for a few hours a day. As a matter of fact I did not approach a single person to organize opposition to Mr. Martin, and the Gleaner is welcome to publish anything it knows in this respect. I am most concerned in regarding any unfriendly feeling, and am thankful to say it is returning in a most surprising manner. I do not mean to convey that I did not think that the government had done well, been opposed, but as far as I was personally concerned my physical condition compelled me to remain very quiet, which I did.

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USES OF FINGER PRINT.

Corroboration of Old Customs by Modern Science.—Value of Different Kinds of Marks.

(London Globe.) There is, perhaps, no more striking instance of the corroboration of old customs by modern science than in the use of finger prints. For centuries the Chinese passport has been a government stamped piece of paper on which the traveller impresses his own hand. Long ago, police officials discovered that this is an effective means of preventing the transfer of a passport, as the lines on the hand of no two persons alike. The several recent robberies the London police have effected remarkable arrests from the single clue of a finger-print on paint or glass. By photographing the marks on the hands of the thieves, the police have traced the identity of the criminal who made the mark has been discovered and his arrest has followed. This is the case with the eastern and western science meet.

It is only in these last ten years that we have discovered and systematized the "science" of finger prints. The marks which Asiatics have long dimly utilized, Purkinje, a German doctor, in 1823, was the first European to draw lines on the fingers, and to trace the patterns traced on the top phalanges of the finger and thumb. His treatise received little notice. But working independently, the Englishman, Henry Fauld, began, about forty years ago, to put finger prints to practical use in India. In registering the sale or purchase of land many of the natives refused to sign, but he insisted on an aboriginal method of signing documents by impressing their ink-daubed thumb on the paper. The Hindus custom so struck Sir William Herschel, a British official, that he insisted on the parties to deeds affixing their thumb-prints to the documents and to the register. Then, if the parties refused to sign, he insisted on the parties to deeds affixing their thumb-prints to the documents and to the register.

DR. OROHYATEKA

Addresses Many Thousands at Chicago—Was a Monster Initiation.

CHICAGO, Dec. 23.—The largest fraternal meeting of any organization ever held in Chicago took place here last night in the Medical Hall. The speaker was a grand rally of the Chicago members of the Independent Order of Foresters to welcome the speaker, Dr. Oronhyateka, who was the head of the order. The seating capacity of the large hall was soon exhausted; chairs were placed in the aisles and the crowd was turned away, being unable to obtain admission. The hall was packed in every inch of room, and hundreds of men and women were disappointed. Fully two thousand people were turned away, being unable to obtain admission. The hall was packed in every inch of room, and hundreds of men and women were disappointed. Fully two thousand people were turned away, being unable to obtain admission.

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In a portion of the hall set aside for the special occasion of the initiation of new members of the Independent Order of Foresters seeking initiation. They made a goodly showing for the energy of the Chicago members and the presence of the speaker. When the impressive services of initiation was ended, it was found that exactly 616 new members had been added to the order. Dr. Oronhyateka's address was received with the usual attention and aroused great enthusiasm. He welcomed the new members and thanked the Chicago members on behalf of all who have the interests of Forestry at heart for their energy and the achievement of the speaker. The chief ranger then dwelt upon the advances made by the order the world over, and the bright future which lay before the institution. His address was interspersed with applause, and when he took his seat the greatest enthusiasm prevailed. The demonstration was in every way a success. In point of numbers it holds the record among Chicago fraternal circles; never before have so many applicants from Chicago sought initiation, and greater interest could not have been exhibited in the proceedings. It was a great success.

"NO VOWEL" TOWN.

(London Mail.) Many places have curious names, but apparently there is only one place which has a name without any vowels. That place is the little hamlet of W, near Paris. We being an unpopulated village, the inhabitants of the hamlet have transformed it into "W," but this change has not been sanctioned legally, and on all the official documents the name of the hamlet has 117 inhabitants, and its sole attractions are the Chateau d'Omny, which has been for many years the possession of the Marquis de W, and the Chateau de Vigny, which is one of the best specimens of the Renaissance style of architecture. So far as is known, there is only one person in Europe at present who has a name without any vowels, and that is M. S. B. the mayor of Prague. Strangers to the city who find it necessary to interview the mayor take care first of all to learn the proper pronunciation.

LATE CHAS. S. FARNELL.

The Sun announced yesterday the death in this city of Charles S. Farnell, a clerk in the C. P. R. steamship employ here, who was well thought of here and also in Montreal, where he had his home. Mr. Farnell was taken suddenly ill here and was not expected to recover, but he was not expected to be done for him. Capt. Troop and Hector McLean of the C. P. R. staff visited him here, and the remains will be sent to Montreal on the afternoon train. Mr. Farnell left a widow and three children resident in Montreal.

SMALLPOX AT BUFFALO.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Nine persons suffering from smallpox were taken today to the quarantine hospital today. Six of the cases were discovered in the city, and the remaining three were a large number of persons were exposed to infection.

THRILLING EXPERIENCE

Of the Passengers on a Big Atlantic Liner.

Hit by a Wave Sixty Feet High—Vessel Thrown on Her Beam Ends.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—A number of passengers who were on the Atlantic transport steamer Menominee, bound for this port, when she was struck by a hurricane December 7, and disabled some days, arrived here today on the steamship Cedric. They told a thrilling story of their experience. Four days after the steamer sailed she ran into a terrific gale and a huge wave which the ship's officers said was 60 feet high, struck the ship, throwing her on her beam ends. It came with such force as to crush in the heavy deadlights in the cabin port-holes on the starboard side and the staterooms were flooded. Most of the passengers were in bed when the wave hit the ship and were thrown from their berths with bedding, baggage and everything movable on top of them. The utmost confusion prevailed for a time, and the passengers were disabled and the ship helpless. One sailor was caught in the backwash of the wave and dashed against the bulkhead and "run in" the trough of the sea. Three other seamen were seriously injured by waves while repairing the steering gear.

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AROUND THE WORLD.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Rev. Francis E. Clark, the founder of the Christian Science movement, left for his trip around the world. Dr. Clark was accompanied by his daughter, several prominent clergymen and Charles H. Dowd, who was at the South Terminal station to bid Dr. Clark a farewell. Dr. Clark and his daughter will spend Sunday in Omaha, going from the city to San Francisco and thence to the Orient.

SOME STRANGE DELICACIES.

(London Mail.) It is a truism that anything purchasable can be bought in London. The shop window of a Piccadilly confectioner exemplifies this fact. His trade in Chinese edible birds' nests has lately developed to such an extent as to warrant the inclusion of that somewhat rare delicacy among the more commonplace goods displayed in his window. The nests are used in making a soup which was until recently consumed only by Celestials, but which is now gaining favor among English gourmets of experimental tendencies and ultimate wealth. For it is the dearest soup known. The nests—little gelatinous things in the construction of which the saliva of the tiny Chinese birds is the principal constituent—cost fifteen shillings an ounce.

POTATO SALAD.

HALIFAX, Dec. 25.—The Furness Line str. Florence, for whose safety grave fears were entertained, arrived here today after a voyage of 22 days from London. Her officers report continuous tempestuous weather all the way across without one smooth hour. The Florence loaded powder for the military at Gravesend and the next day found the storm so great that she almost had to lay to in the channel. On Dec. 14 she encountered a hurricane from the north and ran before it 200 miles out of her course. Had she done otherwise the sea would have smashed the ship.

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The Baroness, who is blue-eyed and flax-haired and a most entertaining talker, brought with her a large collection of souvenirs from the savage lands where she lived so long. The list, including dog-eared tin boxes, human teeth, boomerangs, spears, spears and war drums, which are not beaten, but which sound their tocsins by being rubbed, and a most curious booming sound that can be heard at a great distance.

The Baroness displayed great amazement when asked about a report that she had separated from her husband. "Separated from him?" she gasped. "Why, of course not. There must be some awful mistake. Why, I hadn't even heard the rumor until you started that rumor with malicious intent, or else our names have been confused with some one else's."

It was asked if the Baron had accompanied her on the trip. "No," she said. "I left him in Africa—oh, that's it," she added brightly. "Yes, we have separated, but only for a short time. I hope, I want to spend Christmas with my family in Cleveland, so I came over, leaving him in the Uganda. But I am going back to him soon. During my stay here I will give one or two lectures in behalf of charity, and will illustrate them with the photographs of that wild country which I have taken. I have a large number of films, some showing wild animals in motion, others showing them asleep or feeding, and nearly all taken at close range."

"Both my husband and myself are nature lovers, and we got well acquainted with beasts while living in that hot Uganda. The country is a vast game preserve, you might call it, and all kinds of wild animals are there—elephants, tigers, zebras—oh, I must tell you about the zebra! I think we must have captured four hundred of these in all. We were the first to break into the harness, and you know what a sensation these caused when we shipped them abroad and they were being dragged traps around in Paris and other capitals."

"But here is my greatest pet," the Baroness said as she opened a hand-box that had been punctured with many holes and drew out a feecy looking bundle, which she proceeded to unwind. Several yards of downy looking stuff was unrolled, and then was disclosed a strange looking little animal, which seemed part monkey, part squirrel and part kangaroo. Its tiny face resembles that of a monkey, while it has the short fore legs and strong hind legs of a kangaroo. Its tail is long and bushy, like that of the squirrel, and its body is covered with a soft down which resembles the fur of squirrels.

"We have given it the name of night squirrel," the Baroness explained. "I can't see why by day and is so very rare that no one seems to know much about it or its habits, and you know what a mistake it is to call it a monkey. I was in a Berlin hotel a call boy mistook one for a rat and killed it before I could interfere."

The Baroness said she intended going direct to her husband, where she would spend the holidays. Another passenger by the Blucher was Justo Garcia y Zeles, son of General Garcia y Zeles, who was in the general's office at Hamburg. The first question he asked after being landed was whether the nomination of General Leonard Wood had been confirmed. When told that it had, he showed his surprise, and expressed great regret, and paid a high tribute to General Wood.

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With a few years the lumbering business in the Duluth region has been revolutionized. Streams are no longer the chief method of conveyance of logs to mills, and consequently summer is not the only time in which the sawmill business can be carried on. This winter more than three-fourths of the timber supply of the district comes to mills by railroads. The two roads belonging to the United States Steel Corporation are bringing to Duluth alone 300,000,000 feet of logs and are "moving" another hundred million between interior points on their lines. This gives a supply of logs all the year round. Mills equip themselves with "hot ponds" into which the logs are dumped and from which they are steamed to the sawmills. These ponds are simply large enclosed spaces in the water at the fronts of mills into which waste steam is discharged. They never freeze, though the temperature may be below zero, and the warm water takes frost from the logs. Frost in the timber would make sawing and handling impossible. A mill equipped with a hot pond is able to get logs in winter adds sixty per cent. to its former capacity, so the interest on permanent investment is reduced. By running all winter mills can furnish special bills to the customer, and the mill owner can get the spring with large stocks of boards for the season of navigation.

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To William Bayard, M. D., LL.D., etc., President of the New Brunswick Loyalist Society: "He bore without abuse the grand old name of gentleman. It is with signal satisfaction that we, your fellow members of the Loyalist Society, beg to add our congratulations to the many you have received on the occasion of the sixtieth anniversary of your natal day. As the honored and esteemed president of a society that endeavors to honor and perpetuate the remembrance of those devoted patriots who, in the spirit of duty, followed in the path of duty, as they saw it, at the cost of personal sacrifice, we greet you today with affection and true respect. In your long and active life in this community you have nobly followed the best traditions of the past, and in so doing have conscientiously, fearlessly, and often times with real self-sacrifice endeavored to follow the pathway of duty. It is in promoting the welfare of your fellowmen, you have had to encounter difficulties, to overcome prejudices and to labor strenuously. We feel that your noble example is a great satisfaction to you, in the evening of your days, to realize that you have not labored in vain, and that in contemplating your life work you can speak of something as 'my duty done'."

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The New Brunswick field would derive much benefit if a number of workers would avail themselves of this opportunity, and bring back results to their own work. The Sunday school friends of Portland offer hospitality to any whose names are sent in by the committee requested entertainment.

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Story from the Booming West That Makes Maine Lumbering Look Small.

In accordance with an old custom, the lumber interests of the Northwest close their year December 1. When the mills all ceased running with the coming of winter this was actually the close of the year, but now many of the mills run the year round. This year the mills in the Duluth district have cut 88,000,000 feet of pine lumber. This is a great amount as was ever cut in the district, though the mills of the city itself reduced their totals 50,000,000 feet from last year. The Duluth district is the largest white pine section in the United States and probably remains so for all other white pine regions are fast declining. Of the cut of this year about 600,000,000 feet was shipped to the east by water via Duluth. The rest was distributed to rail to Chicago, the west and the south. Practically the entire cut of the mills in the city of Duluth goes east by water, and with it about 100,000,000 feet cut by barter mites. The value of the white pine cut of the district this year is about \$17,500,000, to which is to be added a vast sum paid for freight to points of consumption. The probabilities are that the cut of the coming year will decrease about 25 per cent. But mills go into the winter

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET. Those who visited the country market Wednesday were surprised at the big display of meats of all kinds made in the district. It is almost completely filled and the general run of things are superior to the last year's show. Beef is plentiful and so are turkeys and fowl of all kinds. On over, the property of the district is made which is considerably to the attractiveness of the scene. In no part of the extensive building is there a larger and more satisfactory display of goods than in the district, occupied by Thomas Dean. Mr. Dean is justly proud of his showing and hundreds as they pass by stop to admire the various things so nicely arranged. Dr. Stockton said that friendly relations between Great Britain and Canada on the one hand, and the United States on the other, were most desirable. He would not be willing to yield to anyone in zeal for the welfare and progress of the society, the object of which was to commemorate the centennial of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, who gave up their homes and wealth and followed the flag into this country, that they might enjoy British freedom. In the lobster year, 1903, 74,942 lobsters were taken in the state of Maine, and in addition to this the Portland and Rockland dealers imported from Nova Scotia about 400,000. The Maine catch was divided among the different counties as follows: Washington county shows a gain of 28,527 cases over 1902. Hancock county

