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HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—Advices received here today say that the British government has decided to add another cruiser, the Brilliant, one of the most modern of the fleet, to the Halifax station.

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CHINA IS NOW PREPARING.

Japanese are Assisting the Chinese in the Work.

The Attitude of China Compared With that of the Orange Free State—Russia Not Alarmed.

TOKYO, Dec. 22.—An important joint meeting of the cabinet and privy council takes place today to consider ways and means in view of the grave situation but no difficulty is anticipated in providing for the extraordinary expenditure, including the completion of the Zoolo-Pusan railway. It is believed that unless Russia modifies her reply, Japan will immediately safeguard Korea, though such a step will not necessarily mean war with Russia.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The Russian government is noting with the closest attention and keenest interest the quite uncommon energy now being shown by the Chinese in making warlike preparations under the guidance of a large number of Japanese instructors, says a St. Petersburg despatch to the New York Herald. This has grown so serious as to come into first line of Russia's calculations, increasing as it does the possibilities of war and broadening out the situation on quite new lines. Nor does the attitude of the Chinese in the least dismay the war party here. Its members compare the possible entry of China into the arms to the following of the Orange Free State in espousing the Transvaal cause with the results of losing its freedom and making the campaign doubly easy for the English.

In diplomatic circles Russia's attitude is also a topic of constant interest, the view taken being that if Russia is attacked by two powers, according to the terms of the Franco-Russian alliance, France must come to the aid of her ally, following upon which nothing could stop England from coming in, as she is bound to do by the recent treaty, should Japan be attacked by more than one power. After that possibilities of further international complications are unlimited.

A MOTHER AND WIDOW'S LOSS.

One Brother at Sydney Mines Quickly Follows Other to the Grave.

SYDNEY MINES, Dec. 22.—While Christian humanity rejoices this festive season and thousands of hearts are made glad, let us endeavor to realize the sorrow that invests the home of some—an instance of this is that of Mrs. Nell Ferguson, of this town. One son, in the prime of life, was killed instantly in the mine and buried on Wednesday afternoon, and the following day her other son and only support, twenty-seven years of age, responded to the irresistible command and is now numbered with the great majority. Like his brother, Angus Ferguson, was a young man, respected by all citizens and identified with several fraternal organizations; a Christian in every sense of the word. For many months he was in delicate health, first attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs, which finally developed into consumption that quickly accomplished its purpose. He was much attached to his deceased brother and requested permission to see the funeral procession pass the house. His desire was granted, but his own time was near at hand. Raised from the deathbed by friends, he reluctantly sank in their arms before his wish was gratified. There is little wonder the heart-broken mother, deprived of her two sons within a few days, feels the blow so keenly that her friends despair of her recovery from the shock.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

The C. P. R. steamer Monmouth, from Bristol, arrived off the Island shortly after noon and will remain in the stream until a berth at the west side is available.

Head liner Dunmore Head may sail between five and six o'clock this afternoon.

The Furness liner, Florence, left Halifax, early yesterday morning for this port and is hourly expected. Up to three o'clock this afternoon there was no sign of her.

THE PULP INDUSTRY.

TACOMA, Wash., Dec. 22.—Jacky Smokalem, a widely known Siwash Indian, has killed his wife on the Puget reservation, either by the use of his knife or with a stick of wood.

The Indian remained in his shanty with the corpse for 34 hours, when news of the crime became known and he was placed under arrest.

SHOULD MAKE RECORDS ON THE WARPATH.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—A despatch to the Tribune from Hermosillo, Mex., says: The Seri Indians who occupy Toburin Island, in the Gulf of California, have gone on the warpath, according to information received by the military authorities here. The savages are raiding ranches and committing depredations on the mail routes. The Seris are said to be cannibals and are known to be the fastest runners in the world.

VAN HOUTEN DOES SOME SHOOTING.

PORTLAND, Ore., Dec. 22.—After failing to induce the district attorney to issue a warrant for the arrest of the man whom he alleged had alienated his wife's affections, David Van Houten, a farmer, has gone to a saloon and without warning shot and killed Albert Young, one of the proprietors. Van Houten escaped.

SOMETHING DOING.

SAN FRANCISCO, Cal., Dec. 22.—Nearly a train load of army supplies, hospital tents and blankets have arrived here under rush orders, having been expressed by the U. S. government from Omaha to the superintendent of the U. S. transport service in this city.

A SPLENDID PLAN.

Which Will Give Employment and Health to Hundreds Who Are Now Idle.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A plan to operate a chain of cotton mills in North Carolina by tenement dwellers of this city, taken there and trained by a few skilled workers, is being evolved by men here interested in the cotton business. If their scheme is carried out, it will result in the establishment of a self-sustaining charity which will take hundreds of women and children from the dirty, overcrowded slums of the city into a healthy country life, with cottages and schools. Work on the first mill at Marshall, near Baltimore estate, is to begin in a week or two and a mill of about one thousand spindles is expected to be ready in July.

A ROUGH PASSAGE.

The Furness Liner Florence Had a Hard Time on the Trip Out.

(Halifax Mail.)

The anxiety regarding the safety of the Furness line steamer Florence, was relieved yesterday morning, when she was reported coming up the harbor, on a short voyage. She was 22 hours from London, and almost every day of that trip after the first day which was spent at Gravesend, saw a storm. She was driven 200 miles south of her course and had to use all every day to prevent the seas from breaking over her.

The Florence left London about ten o'clock in the morning of December 3, and dropped down to Gravesend, where a quantity of powder was put on board. The latter port was left early in the morning of the fourth, and then the steamer's trials commenced, for from the time the Thames was left astern she was continually fighting the seas. She was going down the Channel, and that for a time it was thought she would have to lay to, but it was not found necessary. Gale followed gale, but still the good ship fought her way along, holding to her course very well, until, on the fourth, she encountered a terrific hurricane from the north. (All the incoming vessels report this same hurricane.) It was thought to be unwise to lay the ship to as the seas, which were running mountains high, would have overwhelmed her. Instead of that she ran before it, going due south, a distance of two hundred miles, before she again put on the course for Halifax, along the southern route.

During the week the troubles were added to by frequent squalls and piercing frosts. The steamer was light, having only about half a cargo, and in consequence was high out of water, allowing the propeller to lift clear every time she pitched and making it exceedingly difficult to keep her on her proper course. She pitched and rolled to a great extent and for days her crew could not sleep for any length of time, it being almost impossible to remain in the bunkers. Some of the officers have not been able to take their clothes off during the whole passage. The story of her struggle with the seas can be best told in her daily runs, the longest of which was 215 miles and the shortest 35.

	Miles.
December 3	To Gravesend
December 4	107
December 5	113
December 6	113
December 7	128
December 8	85
December 9	61
December 10	35
December 11	30
December 12	161
December 13	212
December 14	81
December 15	102
December 16	177
December 17	137
December 18	184
December 19	200
December 20	60
December 21	123
December 22	149
December 23	149
December 24	149
December 25	In Halifax

NEMESIS IN THE JOB.

BRADDOCK, Pa., Dec. 22.—Since Wednesday last the busiest street of Homestead, across the river from this town, has been without a policeman. The police committee of the borough council have been in a quandary since Wednesday as to how to get a man to take the job. Four policemen were died from disease or accident who held this post at night within the last four months, and none of the regular patrolmen will take it, even at an increase of salary.

The police committee saw no other way of getting applicants for the position than by advertising. Hand bills were posted on telegraph poles, and advertisements were put in the local newspapers. Seven stalwart men responded last evening. The beat they were to patrol was not told them until every one decided to accept the place. Then every one of them made a bee-line for the door.

"I'm anxious to live a while longer," was the sentiment of every applicant.

SPORTING.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Harry Forbes, of Chicago, and Abe Attell, the California featherweight, who is the 123 pound champion of the world, have been matched to fight ten rounds before the Indianapolis (Ind.) Athletic Club on January 4. The men will meet at 122 pounds, ringside weight, for a purse of \$1,500. Straight rules will govern.

COOLED UP FOR COLON.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 22.—The U. S. auxiliary cruiser Dixie sailed from the League Island navy yard today en route for Colon, carrying two battalions of marines, including six hundred men and five months' living and fighting supplies for one thousand men.

George A. Clark has sold his gelding, "Battery," 2.23 1-2, by C. S. P., to W. H. Huyck. The price is said to have been about \$300.

KISHINEFF MASSACRES.

Feared They Will Be Repeated on Christmas Day.

Already Jews are being Molested and Troops Will Protect the Mobs if Resistance is Offered.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The World today says: Real anxiety is felt among the Jews in this city because of the threatened massacre of their countrymen still in Kishineff, which, it is said, the fest will occur Jan. 7, the Russian Christmas.

It is the intention of the many Jewish societies here to hold a mass meeting in Cooper Union, to be conducted in English and there to decide upon concerted action to be taken immediately to relieve their brethren in Russia.

Several prominent Jews, interviewed on Russia's conduct towards their countrymen, declared that some decisive action should be taken against the United States. Jefferson Levi declared the matter was a subject for the Hague.

KISHINEFF, Dec. 22 (via Frontier, Dec. 21).—The suburbs against the Jews has already begun. Incited thereto by the last propaganda for a second massacre on the Greek church Christmas Day, Jan. 7, and by the violent anti-Semitic manifestos which have been distributed, the mob of Christians is such that the real difficulty is to keep them from precipitating a general assault on the Semites before the appointed day. That which seems to have excited the populace most is the declaration of General Urosoff, the governor of the province, that troops would protect the mob if necessary and the Jews resisted. The temper of the people is also shown by the fact that the prisoners acquitted at the recent trial have been escorted to their homes in triumph, including the rich student Kaverin, who undoubtedly murdered the Jew Kalman Waljovitch. The only safety for the Jews seems now to lie in flight and already a number of them have fled to the homes of Kishineff and indeed of all Bessarabia, are preparing to emigrate.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Under a London date, the New York American has this despatch: The Times' Moscow correspondent sends a despatch to his paper by way of the frontier, saying that information from a trustworthy source regarding the existence of a plot to massacre the Jews during the Russian Christmas holidays. The correspondent states he had just read a telegram received by a Jewish woman from her husband, in Kishineff, saying: "The situation is alarming, don't leave." The orthodox Christmas (January 7) was fixed upon a fortnight ago as the most fitting time for carrying out the plot.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—A special cable to the Sun from Berlin announces the death of Jesse Seligman, formerly a partner in the well known Seligman banking house, of New York, at Frankfurt.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Joe Davis, 39 years old, conductor on an "Owl" car, was shot and probably fatally wounded today by a stranger. The men had quarrelled over the issuance of transfers. The stranger escaped.

GLOBE, Wis., Dec. 22.—Two sheepmen near the Giesla settlement have been killed as a result of a feud between cattlemen and sheepmen. The victims were named Berry and a Mexican. The crime occurred at Brush Hollow, in the Founte Basin, the scene of the famous Graham-Tewkesbury feud.

Two men rode to Berry's camp and shot him and his companion, a young Mexican. Deputy sheriffs later captured Zack and John Booth at their home near Giesla, charging them with the killing.

VENTRILOQUIST ROBS JEWELLER.

Voice as of Florence Heard and New Haven Salesman Trusted His Customer with Diamonds.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Dec. 22.—Isaac Levin, a Jeweller, was robbed of about \$2,000 in diamonds today by a trick of ventriloquism practised by a young man who had induced him to go to a boarding house where he said he wished his fiancée to make a choice of diamonds.

Levin says that this afternoon a well dressed young man came into his store, and after looking at a tray of unset diamonds persuaded Levin to visit the house, No. 239 George street, so that a young woman there might have a choice of a Christmas gift.

While they were examining the gems in the back parlor there came a knock at the door, says Levin, and the stranger called out, "Is that you, Harry?" Recognizing an alternative reply, he said, "I'll come up stairs in a moment."

Levin permitted the man to select three stones valued at from \$175 to \$200 to show "Harry."

Levin waited nearly twenty minutes and then called other persons in the house. They said that the man had left some time before and that they knew nothing about him except that he came there alone today and hired a room for a week.

DISASTROUS COLLISION.

Twenty-Two Persons Killed in an Accident in Michigan.

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., Dec. 27.—Tonight the death list resulting from the head-on collision between two Pere Marquette R. R. passenger trains near East Paris early yesterday morning stands at 22 with 29 persons injured, several of them probably fatally.

It was the most disastrous wreck in the history of the Pere Marquette system, and instead of being caused by man's carelessness or mistake is charged to the high wind, which extinguished the red signal light in the order board at McCord's station, where the west bound train was expected to stop to receive new orders. Two minutes before the train rushed by McCord's the light was burning, says the operator there, but in that brief interval the blizzard that was raging extinguished it and train No. 5 ran by the station to the crash into the east bound train No. 6. The trains, which were two of the finest on the system, were reduced to a promiscuous pile of broken and twisted timber and metal, with dead and wounded pinned down and crushed by the fragments of the heavy cars.

When the operator at McCord's station saw train No. 5 fly past instead of stopping, he knew that a collision was inevitable and took the only action possible by dispatching for medical aid and a wrecking train.

As the trains came together the steam-domes of each boiler blew off, releasing their contents, else there would have been added horrors from the blistering steam. No. 6, eastbound, was composed of a mail and baggage car, combination smoker, buffet parlor car, day coach and diner. The baggage coach caught between the engine and the heavy train, crumpled up like pasteboard, only the roof remaining partially unbroken. The big blind mail car, heavily bulkheaded, took the brunt of the blow, but without the crash, and communicated it to the smoker next in the rear. The smoker was swept clear as the mail car telescoped its entire length and turned over at the north side of the track. The smoker in turn crashed several feet into the parlor car and it was at the rear end of the smoker and forward end of the café car where all the passengers were killed and injured. From a space six feet square the bodies of two women, a boy and a man were taken out. The injured and the dead were taken to Grand Rapids.

The management of the Pere Marquette road do not lay any blame on the operator at McCord's station and believe that his light was burning two minutes before No. 5 passed the station.

ONLY \$500 MILLIONAIRES IN THE WHOLE WIDE WORLD.

If there are 100,000 millionaires in the United States, as Senator Depew said at the dinner given by John D. Rockefeller, Jr., to his Bible class, an official of a great commercial agency and the president of one of New York's richest banks are decidedly in error. Both place the number of millionaires in the entire world at 10,000. There are 7,000 in the United States and 1,000 of these live in New York City, whether they pay taxes or not. The financial Red Book, a most carefully completed publication, gives the names of practically all the persons in the United States who are supposed to be worth more than \$300,000. And there are only 15,000 names on the list. No claim is made that the name of every person worth that amount or more is given, but the proportion of those left out is extremely small, for a most exhaustive investigation has been made.

"There may be a few more than 700 millionaires in the United States," said the official of the mercantile agency. "I doubt it, however. I also doubt if there are more than 1,000 millionaires in New York. It is absolutely impossible to tell accurately. It may seem strange that we should not be able to tell, especially when we are engaged in finding out how much a man is worth and giving such information to our subscribers."

"But in the last few years there has been a marked tendency among men of wealth to conceal the amount of their worldly possessions. The first incentive in this respect is the vulgar prominence given to the man that has lots of money."

"There are other reasons men have for suppressing knowledge of the amount of their wealth. Some wish to avoid heavy taxation and give false returns. Another man may have made his money in a business not commonly supposed to be especially lucrative, and he does not care to have his affluence blazoned forth to arouse competition. There also are some rich politicians, but it might arouse suspicion if they stated the exact amount of their wealth. And there are other classes—the men that have their piles in callings that might be frowned upon in the circles they wish to enter; proprietors of gambling houses, saloonkeepers, owners of dives and other resorts. They don't care to have others know how much they have accumulated."

"So, while it is impossible for us to tell exactly how many millionaires there are, we would not take the number of those who are known to possess a thousand thousands of pounds and then multiply the number by ten. For that is what Senator Depew seems to have done in his anxiety to uppe Mr. Rockefeller's young men to get rich."

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.

Schr. Abbie Keast, 36, Dth. from New York. Sch. Tar, 151, from New York; coal.

Coastwise—Schr. Nellie Watters, Bishop, from Montreal; Susie M., Merriam, from Windsor, N. B.; str. Spryhall, Chambers, from Parraboro; sch. James Barber, Ella, from Alma; barge No. 6, McLeod, from Parraboro.

Cleared.

Schr. Franklin, 124, Thorne, for New Haven; plank.

Coastwise—Schr. Hunter, Thompson, on a fishing cruise; barge No. 5, McLeod, for Parraboro; sch. Susie M., Merriam, for Port Gaspere.

THE WEATHER.

MONDAY, Dec. 22, 1903.
Highest temperature, 19; lowest temperature, 3; barometer at noon, 29.74; inches; wind northwest, velocity twenty miles per hour. Fine.
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BIG CONSERVATIVE VICTORY!

North Renfrew Administers a Fatal Blow to Ross Government by 600 Majority.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Dec. 22.—The by-election in North Renfrew for the Ontario legislature today resulted in the return of E. A. Dunlop, the conservative candidate, by over 600 majority, with half a dozen polls to hear from, which will probably increase his majority. The result is a big liberal stun and reduces the Ontario government's majority to one on a vote in the house. The election was a most exciting one and despite the fact that the thermometer registered 40 below zero the largest vote in the history of the riding was polled.

PEMBROKE, Ont., Dec. 22.—The thermometer reached thirty below zero today in many portions of the riding of North Renfrew, but this was experienced by the Ross government in the by-election for the legislature, held today. E. A. Dunlop, conservative, was elected over Lorne Hale by about 600 majority. At the last general election the riding went liberal by 450. The total result was astounding to conservatives as well as liberals. No one expected that the result in North Renfrew would be a landslide for the conservative estimate placed the majority at 200, while the liberals boasted of at least a majority equal to that of the last election. Both sides worked hard, and as a heavy vote was polled as could possibly be gotten out, the workers being numerous and enthusiastic on both sides.

The result is first of all regarded as a vindication for Dunlop, who has been over the riding in opposition to Hon. J. R. Stratton, who declined to meet him on the platform. The meetings he addressed were frequently marked by disorder, prompted by grit heaters, but he generally won out. His speeches carried conviction with them. This is undeniable, especially from the fact that in every division in which both he and Stratton spoke, the conservatives were given large majorities.

The liberals are dumbfounded by the result. The conservatives are equally elated, and it is now regarded as only a matter of a short time when the Ross government will hand in its resignation.

The majorities so far as can be learned tonight are as follows:

Division	Con.	Lib.
Allice	55	33
South Allice	33	55
Bromley	55	33
Cobden Village	15	85
Pembroke, township	58	42
Pembroke, town	92	8
Rolph	34	66
Ross	105	15
Petawa	20	80
St. Lawrence	20	80
Westmeath	62	38
Wilberforce	123	77
North Allice	2	98
	617	86

Majority for Dunlop (conservative), incomplete, 531.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—It is generally conceded that the result in North Renfrew yesterday will hasten the demise of the Ross government. It indicates that the tide of public opinion is running strongly in Ontario against the grays and Sir Wilfrid is not going to take any chances. Next week the formal announcement of the dissolution of parliament will be made. Polling will take place between the 10th and 20th February.

It is impossible to find a more crestfallen lot than among the Ottawa grays. They were cock sure of winning North Renfrew, and Dunlop's great victory is a bitter pill to them. Last night they gathered in goodly numbers around the bulletin boards, but after the first few polls had been received they had no heart to hear further news, and they slunk away to their homes.

Gamely addressed a big crowd from the Citizens' office window and was heartily cheered.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Lorne Hale, the defeated liberal candidate in North Renfrew, arrived in the city today. Interviewed, he stated that he had not been defeated by Mr. Dunlop, but by the record of the Ross government.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—R. L. Borden arrived in the city this evening and was met at the station by a number of leading conservatives. Naturally Mr. Borden was greatly pleased with the result of the election in North Renfrew, which he was sure could not but have an important bearing in intensifying the feeling sweeping over the dominion that the time has arrived to put an end to liberal misrule. The verdict of the people of North Renfrew showed that public opinion has been really aroused to the neck of insisting upon a high standard of rectitude in men at the head of the affairs of the country, and Mr. Borden considered that the lesson has been given a strong impetus by the well considered verdict of the people of North Renfrew.

Mr. Borden will remain in the city several days for the purpose of conferring with the provincial organizers.

HALIFAX APPLE BUSINESS.

It would seem that there was a possibility of the Allan line mail steamers receiving something at Halifax for Liverpool in the way of apples. Other perishable goods are also talked of. More apples it is said will go to Liverpool from this out during the present season. The cause is rather an improved Liverpool market or a falling off of the demand at London. Formerly London has taken fully two-thirds of the Halifax shipments of apples. The C. P. R. London boats from St. John are also scheduled to call at Halifax on their homeward trip to receive apples. The Montreal, now at St. John, will be the first to call there.

ON CHICAGO'S HEARSE.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—More hearses were used by the undertakers today in conducting funerals than at any time since the heavy drivers went on strike, but in every case policemen rode on the hearse with the driver. In one or two instances, regular funeral processions of the hearse and carriages drove to the cemeteries.

In answer to the notification sent out by the lawyers' association yesterday, declaring that the places of the strikers would be filled at once unless the strikers applied for their jobs, more than 100 men are said to have returned to work.

The employers say that they will have no difficulty securing men to fill the places of the strikers, and that carriages for the use of the general public will be sent out this week.

Norman Larson, said to be a union teamster, was arrested for interfering with a hearse which was returning from Rose Hill cemetery. Larson with two companions stopped the hearse and tried to unhitch the horses, but seeing two policemen approaching, the three men became frightened and ran away. The police gave chase and succeeded in capturing Larson.

The Chicago board of arbitration at the request of the Livery Drivers' Union, will endeavor to settle the trouble by arbitration.

CANADIAN BRIEFS.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Judge Fortin, on Saturday, rendered judgment in the case of the Dominion government against the city of Montreal for \$15,000. The government sued for the cost of maintaining the militia on the wharves during the strike of the longshoremen last spring. The city resisted payment on the ground that the service performed was in the interests of the Dominion as a whole, and should be paid for by the Dominion.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The candidates nominated on Saturday for the Dominion house include: Lennox and Addington—Heron Koeh, liberal; Wentworth—D. Smith, conservative.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—The official announcement is made of the retirement of H. M. Whitney of Boston as vice president of the Dominion Coal Company. Mr. Whitney also retires from the board. His successor is J. Reid Wilson of Montreal.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 22.—Laurier will not return to Ottawa much before New Year's day. Usage demands that he be here New Year's day to attend his excellency's levee. The prime minister will utilize the intervening period by again visiting the city of Quebec and conferring with the stalwarts of the party there regarding the elections.

Felix Parasote, an elevator boy at the Russell, was crushed to death this morning by missing his footing when boarding the elevator while it was running.

THE YEOMEN OF THE GUARD.

Now that the Christmas festivities are over the principals and chorus of the Yeomen of the Guard are settling down in earnest to rehearsals and hard work. The intervening period, comprising the principal members of the cast: Sir R. Cholmondeley—Blanchard Fowler.

Colonel Fairfax—John A. Kelly. Sergeant Mervin—E. S. Watson. Leonard Mervin—B. Gillespie. Jack Point—Rupert E. Walker. Wilfred Shadbolt—Ralph Fowler. Elsie Maynard—Miss Agnes Munro. Dame Carruthers—Miss Marjorie McCann. Phoebe Mervin—Miss Helen Fowler. Kate—Miss Maud Scott. Rupert Walker, who is producing the opera for the New Brunswick Festival Association, is well satisfied with the way things are shaping. The chorus, under the skilful handling of A. C. Ritchie, is rapidly committing the music to memory. Enthusiasm is the order of the day. Walker expects that if all goes well to stage the production about Feb. 12th.

Chronic Constipation surely cured or relieved. LAXA-CAL-TABET, never fails. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 35 cents. At all druggists.

FUNERALS SUNDAY.

The funeral of the late William J. Draper was held at three o'clock yesterday afternoon from his late residence on Horsfield street. Interment was made in the Church of England burying ground. Rev. Dr. Morrison officiated at the house.

The funeral of the late Miss Josephine Kane was held at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon from her mother's residence at Bay shore. Service was held in the Church of the Assumption by Rev. Fr. O'Donovan. Interment was made in Sand Cove cemetery.

The funeral was attended by large numbers of friends and relatives, and the floral offerings were many. The pallbearers were Messrs. McGarrigle, Matthews, Mullaly, McDonald, Thos. and Arthur Fitzgerald.

The funeral of the late Thos. Clarke was held from his late residence on Carleton street, at 2:30 o'clock yesterday afternoon. Interment was made in Fernhill cemetery.

QUEEN'S PRECEPTORY.

Names of officers elected at the annual meeting of Queen's Preceptory, No. 62, Royal B. Knights of Israel, held Saturday night, Dec. 20th, at Orange Hall, German street: John W. Curry, W. P. P. McMahon, D. P. Philip Palmer, chaplain; Charles W. Stockton, reg.; James Elliott, treasurer; Geo. A. Earl, 1st lecturer; Fred H. Pitt, 2nd lecturer; Charles B. Ward, 1st censor; Rudolph Wehrlich, 2nd censor; William Thompson and John Burley, standard bearers; George Forsyth, purveyor; committee, James Robinson, Robert Carson, Thomas M. Corbett; Robert Rubins, W. T. Bell, Douglas McArthur, Andrew Rolin. The officers were installed by P. P. C. W. Stockton, assisted by P. P. R. A. C. Brown. Reports showed Queen's Preceptory had a very successful year. A good sum of money in the treasury and all the necessary paraphernalia for conferring degrees from royal black to red cross.

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

TRIPLE DROWNING

Terrible Skating Accident at Half-Way River Lake, Near Parrsboro.

PARRSBORO, N. S., Dec. 22.—One of the worst skating and drowning accidents that ever took place in these parts happened at Half-Way River, eight miles from here, yesterday afternoon, and as a result, the cruel waters of the lake claimed as its victims Beverly Robinson, his son, Clifford Robinson, and Jas. Lockhart. The two last victims together with a younger brother of Robinson's, were skating on the lake and being older and stronger skaters, were in advance of him. When at the upper end of the lake near the inlet, Lockhart without a bit of warning skated into an air hole and was never seen alive again. Robinson, who was close behind, but who is supposed to have slackened his speed on seeing Lockhart going, but not enough to stop enough to catch the edge of the ice and him, also went in, but was fortunate enough to catch the edge of the ice and hold on. The younger brother of Robinson, who was far enough behind to save himself from going in, went as fast as he could to the Newville C. S. store and gave the alarm and as fast as they could get there a number of people were on the spot, among them Beverly Robinson, father of the boy who was still holding on to the ice. In coming along the men had hastily grabbed a board and this was shoved out, but the boy was so far gone that he could not let go of the ice to grasp it and as a last resort the board was shoved over the hole and the father started to reach the boy. Just as he was about to take hold of him the board broke and father and son disappeared under the ice, never to be seen alive again. The drowning happened at about five o'clock, just as it was becoming dark, but searching parties went to work and at once began to try to recover the bodies. They worked until ten o'clock at night and then on account of the cold and stormy weather it was abandoned until this morning, when they went to work to find the bodies at twelve o'clock quite close to where the accident happened.

Dr. Rand, the coroner, was notified and went to the scene of the accident to hold an inquest. Beverly Robinson, who was about forty years old, belonged here, but has been living at Half-Way River for four or five years, where he was employed in the mill of the Newville Lumber Co., and Clifford, who was sixteen, was his eldest son. The family left behind consists of a wife and six children, the youngest fourteen months old. This is a very sad case, and the removal of the father and eldest son, who were the bread winners of the family, leaves them in a bad position, and they have the sympathy of the entire community in their sad affliction.

Jas. Lockhart, the third victim, formerly belonged to Cannville, but has been in these parts four or five years, and has two brothers now living at Half-Way River. He was unmarried and about thirty years old.

DOWIE'S FAREWELL.

CHICAGO, Dec. 22.—Preparatory to leaving for Australia John Alexander Dowie bade farewell to his Chicago adherents at a meeting in the Auditorium today. After an all night "watch night" meeting in Zion City New Year's eve Dowie will leave for New Orleans and will travel to San Francisco via southwestern route, stopping at various large cities en route. He intends to sail from San Francisco Jan. 31 and counts on being back in Chicago next June.

Several times in the course of his remarks Dowie spoke in a friendly manner of President Roosevelt, and in his prayer asked that Mr. Roosevelt's enemies be circumvented, and forestalled in carrying out their mischievous plans.

CORPSE: NOT BRIDEGROOM.

MCKEESPORT, Pa., Dec. 22.—After a journey of nearly 4,000 miles, which was to have its termination at the nuptial altar, Miss Lillian Bennett of Wednesday England, today stood in the presence of the remains of her betrothed, who was killed in a collision with a wreck of the Duquesne limited last Wednesday evening. The scene in the little darkened parlor of the home of Thomas R. Good, brother of Ambrose, was very pathetic.

Just across the street from the home of Thomas Good stands the cottage which Miss Bennett's intended husband had purchased and furnished for her. Tomorrow, which was to have been the day of the wedding, will witness the funeral.

CHOIR ON STRIKE.

MONTREAL, Dec. 22.—Melville Church, the leading Presbyterian place of worship in Westmont, the fashionable residential suburb of Montreal, is without the service of a choir today. In his sermon on Christmas morning, Rev. T. W. Winsfield, pastor of the church, severely criticized the members of the choir for eating candy during the progress of that portion of the service in which they did not play a leading part. As a result of the criticism a deputation from the choir waited on the reverend gentleman on Saturday and requested a retraction. This he refused to make, and as a result the choir, without an exception, went out on strike.

GIFTS TO THE HOSPITAL.

The General Public Hospital was the recipient of many useful gifts from a host of kind friends this Christmas. Among others, Baird & Peters sent a set of grapes, oranges were received from Miss L. MacLaren, scrap books from the Children's Scripture Union at Rochesay through Miss M. A. Peters, and the ladies of the Church of England Institute forwarded fruit, candy, Christmas cards and games. The management wish to express their thanks to all these kind friends who remembered them at this festive season.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—Thomas Fraser, father of Graham Fraser, director of works of the Dominion Iron and Steel Company, died at New Glasgow today.

TRAVELLERS' GUIDE.

Passenger service to and from St. John, N. B., by Canadian Pacific.

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STEAMBOAT SERVICE.

By Dominion Atlantic.
S. S. Prince Rupert leaves St. John every Monday, Wednesday, Thursday and Saturday at 1:45 o'clock; arriving from Digby at 5 p. m.
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Leave St. John (Turbill's Wharf) at 7:30 a. m. on Wednesdays for Grand Manan, Campbellton and St. John. Return, leave for St. John on Monday at 8:30 a. m.

DISCOVERED A NEEDLE.

RESTING ON SPINE.
TROY, N. Y., Sunday.—Henry F. Boardman, a wealthy citizen of Troy, had a peculiar experience Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Boardman were at the Waldorf-Astoria, New York city. They left the hotel to take a cab. Mr. Boardman while stepping into the vehicle felt a sudden sharp pain shoot through his neck and down one of his arms into his hand, causing him to drop a grip he was carrying. The sensation following the shock resembled paralysis, and, greatly alarmed, Mr. Boardman returned to the hotel and the resident physician, Dr. Adams, was summoned. He could not discover any wound or apparent cause and called into consultation a surgeon. They decided that a surgical operation would be necessary.

On making an incision in the neck the physicians discovered a needle resting on the spine. Mr. Boardman could not explain its presence there.

ANNIVERSARY.

St. George division, No. 353, S. of T., celebrated their 15th anniversary on Saturday evening in the Temperance Hall, Market Building. The hall was crowded to the door and the following programme was carried out: Opening address by the chairman, D. C. Fisher; vocal solo, R. Leaman; mandolin solo, F. McGorman; speech by D. W. P. Bro. S. P. McCavour; vocal solo, F. Leaman; recitation by Sister M. Laggett; recitation, Sister N. Jackson; address by C. E. Everett; P. M. W. P.; vocal solo by D. S. Thomas; recitation by Bro. J. Rogers; reading by Mrs. G. Armstrong; vocal solo by Bro. Smith; speech by Bro. Wm. Rogers, D. G. W. P.; recitation by Bro. H. McCavour; reading by Sister McAfferty; vocal solo by Bro. H. W. Redding; reading by Sister Mrs. Duffey; phonograph selections by Sister McLeod.

Refreshments were served by the ladies of St. George division and the evening's entertainment closed by singing the national anthem.

ADDRESS BY HON. H. A. McKEOWN.

The W. C. T. U. Hall, north end, was well filled yesterday afternoon to hear Hon. Mr. McKeown deliver an admirable address on temperance. He depicted the evil effects of drinking in all its forms from the era before Christ until the present time, eulogized the efforts of the W. C. T. U. and kindred organizations in the work in which they are engaged, and predicted the time would soon come when the people would have prohibition. John Armour sang Face to Face by request. Mrs. H. Johnson playing the accompaniment and leading the vocal exercises of the meeting. Rev. C. W. Hamilton offered prayer. John Law presided.

THE WEST INDIA LINE.

Str. Dahome, Capt. Lockhart, cleared at Halifax Saturday for the West Indies.
Str. Oceano, Capt. Fraser, left Bermuda Saturday afternoon for Halifax, and after discharging there she will come to St. John, where she will be due on Friday next.
Mrs. Roy Arnold Watters will receive her friends at her home, 35 Adelaide street, on the afternoons of the 29th and 30th of Dec.
George Nuttall, Toronto; Walter Wrighton, Portland; Alfred Markland, Eastport; and John Murgatroyd, Eastport, are at the New Victoria.
Chief of Police and Mrs. Clark of St. John are spending a few days with Dr. W. H. Steeves—Frederick Gleaner.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORT Powders will not cure in ten minutes.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Mr. Bunau-Varilla, minister of Panama to the United States, stated tonight that he had notified Sir H. Morimer Durand, British ambassador to the United States, of Panama's willingness to assume a part of the exterior debt of Colombia, in proportion to the population of Panama compared with that of Colombia. The minister says this will be done as soon as the independence of Panama is recognized by Colombia.

The total amount of the exterior debt, with interest added, is about \$15,0

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The annual meeting for the election of officers of the High School Alumnae Association will be held tomorrow, Tuesday, afternoon at 4 o'clock in the High School building. All members will kindly be present.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.

Walter S. Potts Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

The best hard coal is Gibbon & Co.'s Triple X Lehigh. Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 613.

The North End Rink has opened for the season. Band Tuesday night. Good skating at popular prices, 10 and 15c. Season tickets at Durick's Drug Store, H. H. Belyea, manager.

We will still give away the large \$10 photo with every dozen, from \$3.00 per dozen and up until New Year's Day. Studio open all day Christmas and New Year's. ISAAC ERB & SON, Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

The D. A. R. steamer Yarmouth will remain in the dry dock at Halifax for two or three days. Her tall shaft is being drawn out for examination. Alex. McGregor, the D. A. R. marine superintendent, is looking after the work on board.

Irving Woodworth, an employee of the Albert Manufacturing Co. of Hillsboro, Albert Co., met with a painful accident on Wednesday last. He was tampering a charge of dynamite, when it exploded. The iron bar was driven through his arm, and it is feared the loss of the sight of both eyes will result.

It was announced a considerable time since that the dominion government had decided to grant \$1,000 to Samuel Gardner, who was so long the immigration agent at this port. Mr. Gardner has not yet received the money, to which it was admitted he was entitled, nor has been told of any cause for the delay.

A man named Arnold fell from a team on Tower street, Carleton, Saturday, and was picked up somewhat bruised. He was sent to the hospital in the ambulance and it was reported there last night that he was not badly injured.

A Sunday school convention, representing New Brunswick, Nova Scotia, P. E. Island, Quebec and New England, is to be held in Portland, Me., Jan. 19-21, under the auspices of the International Sunday School Association. The convention is open to attendance by all Sunday school workers.

This evening the Young People's Association of St. David's church will hold its first musical evening in its winter course of meetings. The programme will be: A Night with Christmas Carols, consisting of carols by girls and boys. Solos by Mrs. Frank Godsoe, Miss Trueman and Master Eric Titus; vocal duet, by Mr. and Mrs. Fred Simpson; also a paper by Miss Irene Shaw on Christmas carols.

W. L. Robson and Arthur V. Branscombe, of Manchester, Robertson, Allison, Ltd., left today for New York, where they take the big White Star liner Cedric for England. Mr. Robson will buy costumes, jackets, silks and suitcases for the ensuing season and Mr. Branscombe will stock the millinery departments with the latest and best productions of the European style centres.

One hundred and seventy immigrants arrived at Halifax from Liverpool by the steamer Canada, which came in Friday night. The immigrants include Scotch and English miners and a number of Russian Jews for Montreal. The balance were for Western Canada. They passed through this city westbound early yesterday morning.

For Bread, buy GOLDEN EAGLE FLOUR. For drink, buy Tiger Tea, 50c, 50c, 40c, and 30c. For Porridge, buy Jewel Grits, 15c. a package.

Cor. Duke and Charlotte Sts. Store Open Every Evening.

MISS MORAN RESIGNS.

Teacher at the Alms House Was Presented With a Pair of Opera Glasses.

Miss Alice Moran, who has tendered her resignation as teacher at the Alms House school, was, on Saturday, the recipient of a gift from the Alms House commissioners, appreciative of the excellence and efficiency of the work which the young lady has performed during the seven years in which she has been engaged as teacher at the institution.

The gift was a handsome pair of opera glasses of ebony and gold, enclosed in a case of morocco. With the remembrance was the following address:

Dear Miss Moran,—The commissioners of the Alms House desire to express their appreciation of the excellent work done by you as teacher in the school of this institution.

The high state of efficiency in which the school is at present reflects much credit on you, while the esteem in which you are held by the pupils and officials of the house must be a source of gratification to you.

The commissioners beg you to accept this token of their regard for your services, and they hope you may be as successful in your new career as you have been in the past.

With best Christmas wishes.

On behalf of the board, (Signed) GEO. A. KNOX, Chairman.

S. M. WETMORE, Secretary.

ARMENIANS ROBBED.

Of the undesirable immigrants who were sent back Saturday on the Lake Manitoba, there were four Armenians who claimed that they had been cheated by fellow countrymen who came out from Liverpool on the ship with them. He told them that he had been in America before and knew considerable of the methods of the immigration officials. He said that the four had been taken to a room where they were to be examined, and that the officials, while the poor people whom he had robbed were detained and finally sent back to Europe, minus their hard earned money, with which, no doubt, the crook is enjoying himself.

A PERSISTENT IMMIGRANT.

An Italian woman, anxious to come to America, a few years ago attempted to emigrate from Naples, but was prevented from doing so by the U. S. immigration medical inspector stationed there, as she was an undesirable person. She sailed for New York, however, and another port, where there was no inspection. There she was met by the same inspector, who had been transferred to the New York staff, and she was sent back. Two winters ago, she tried again, this time coming to St. John, where she had secured that the same inspector should send her back home. Once again she made the attempt, and came out to Quebec, but her Nemesis again confronted her in the same inspector, then on duty in Quebec, and for the fourth time she was deported. It is to be hoped that it is also the last.

PROBATE COURT.

In the matter of the estate of the late Edward Dalton, probate was granted to the widow and daughter of the deceased, who were named in the will as executors. The estate is valued at \$6,800 personal. Daniel Mullin, proctor.

The passing of the accounts in the estate of the late John Simpson was commenced this morning. Stewart Fairweather, proctor for the executors; A. P. Burnhill, proctor for David W. Simpson, Sr.; and J. H. A. L. Fairweather, proctor for David W. Simpson, Jr.

THE EYE AND EAR TEST. It is reported some of the railway labor organizations in connection with the I. C. R. are looking closely into the matter of the proposed new eye and ear test. There seems to be an impression abroad that there is an "African in the timber." In this connection it is, perhaps, worthy of note that the circular issued to trackmen in reference to the matter has been withdrawn.

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BAPTIST MINISTERS.

Fast Resolution Supporting The Committee of Baptists and Free Baptists Who Are Now Considering Terms of Union.

The Baptist ministers met this morning at the usual time, Rev. C. Burnett in the chair. The ministers present were: Revs. Dr. Gates, Dr. Manning, C. T. Phillips, I. B. Colwell, B. N. Nobles, H. H. Roach, Dr. Black, C. Burnett, A. B. Cohoe and David Long. Reports received from the churches showed a good attendance. Christmas services were held yesterday in all the churches.

Dr. Gates, for the committee for exchanges, brought in the following report for the second Sunday in January: Gernall street, Rev. A. B. Cohoe; Brussels street, Rev. David Long; Waterloo street, Rev. C. Burnett; Main street, Rev. B. N. Nobles; Leinster street, Rev. C. T. Phillips; Carleton street, Rev. H. H. Roach; Victoria street, Rev. Dr. Gates.

Rev. A. B. Cohoe introduced some suggestions for the further promotion of the union of Baptist churches in the city. Rev. C. T. Phillips read a paper on the Literary Features of Baptist Union, which was discussed by Rev. Dr. Black and Dr. Gates. Dr. Gates brought in the following resolution:

The Baptist and Free Baptist ministers are united in their delight in the growing spirit in our churches looking toward organic union of the two Christian bodies here represented in this province and we rejoice that committees representing both bodies are now appointed looking toward this end; therefore,

Resolved, that we hereby assure the above committees of our deep interest in this matter and that we shall cheerfully co-operate with them in their best wishes and prayers.

METHODIST MINISTERS.

The Methodist ministers met at the usual time and place, Rev. S. Howard presiding. There were present: G. M. Campbell, W. C. Matthews, S. Howard, C. W. Hamilton, Dr. Wilson, W. J. Kirby, H. D. Marr, C. Comben, and H. E. Thomas, of Campbellton. Bro. Thomas addressed the meeting on the work of the Campbellton circuit showing that Methodism is doing noble work in raising funds necessary for building purposes, and the church work is getting along splendidly.

A general discussion followed, in which several brethren took part, and a very interesting time was spent. Touching reference was made to the serious illness of Rev. Silas Jones, and a message of sympathy was ordered to be sent by Rev. G. M. Campbell from the brethren.

HOME FROM THE WEST.

George Godfrey, formerly a well known resident of this city, but who for the past two years has been living in the Northwest, is home on a visit. Mr. Godfrey has recently been unfortunate in being confined to the hospital at Medicine Hat for over seven months by an attack of fever. He has been in the employ of the C. P. R., but on returning to the West, which he will do in a few weeks, will engage in bridge building for the territorial government. Mr. Godfrey is quite satisfied with his new home and thinks there are lots of good openings for mechanics.

IN HALIFAX.

The big number of small boys who came from the city on Christmas Eve in a state of intoxication was simply appalling. The police never remembered seeing so many very young boys under the influence before. One lad of about twelve years lay in the cabmen's waiting room for over two hours in a state of extreme helplessness. Dartmouth correspondent Halifax Echo.

CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS.

John W. Rusk, foreman of the I. C. R. freight sheds, received a Christmas box from his associates in the shape of a warm coat.

E. A. Goodwin was presented with a handsomely bound set of Dickens' works in eleven volumes by his employees.

Capt. G. H. Green, of No. 1 Salvage Corps, received a handsome set of No. 3 fire station with appropriate gifts.

A COOL SNAP.

In some parts of Canada today the weather is extremely cold. The meteorological report shows that in Toronto it is ten below zero, in Montreal eight below and in Quebec three below. In New Brunswick today the mercury dropped to four below zero at Chatham. In other parts of the province it does not seem to have been quite so cold.

BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of Anastasia Teresa Spittel was held at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon from her parents' residence, 89 Duke street. Rev. Father Cormier officiated and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

There will be a meeting tonight at eight o'clock of the city laborers. All are requested to attend.

Chambers Lodge, A. O. U. W., will meet this evening for election and installation of officers.

The Malcolm brothers, Jack, Jim, Bruce and Don, have issued a challenge for a game of basket ball during the holidays with any team disposed to take it up.

At St. Philip's church this evening in connection with the Christmas tree a musical and literary programme will be carried out with an address by Geo. Walker.

There will be a very special meeting tonight in the Salvation Army barracks, 181 Main street, Indianapolis, led by the provincial staff and assisted by Adj. Wiggins and all the city officers. Special music and singing. Don't fail to be there and hear the musical wonder.

Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Falconer left Picotue last Thursday for Halifax, where they spent Christmas with Professor R. A. and Rev. J. W. Falconer. They expect to leave on the steamer Dahome on the 28th for Trinidad. Before leaving Picotue they were presented by the congregation with a purse of gold.

Manifests were received at the Customs House today for the following American goods in transit: One car of canned food, five cars of cattle, five cars of flooring, two cars of logs, three cars of glucose, seven cars of pork, two cars of meats, two cars of lard and two cars of provisions.

PERSONALS.

The engagement of Miss Muriel Adair Thomson, daughter of John H. Thomson, to Walter Harrison, of the Bank of New Brunswick, is announced.

Miss Sophie Bayard, of St. John, is spending her Christmas holidays with Mrs. Aubrey Brown, of Digby. James Sippell, son of E. M. Sippell, will shortly enter upon a practical study of mining and follow that up with a term of study in mining engineering at McGill.

Rev. Silas James, Methodist minister at Gasquetown, is seriously ill and not expected to recover. Rev. James Crisp, of Gibson, has been called to his bedside and went down Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. F. S. Sharpe and daughter left Saturday evening for a visit to Toronto. Mr. and Mrs. E. McCready left Saturday evening for a few days' visit to Montreal.

Miss Julia Elliott left this morning for a trip to Boston, New York and Philadelphia.

Miss Ida DeBoe, B. A., of Newcastle, is visiting her friend, Miss Dunlop, Carmarthen street.

W. B. Buchanan, of Montreal, is in the city. C. E. Maxwell, formerly of the Canadian Cycle Company of this city, but now of the Y. M. C. A. training school at Springfield, Mass., is in the city to spend the Christmas holidays.

Wm. T. Robb, of New Glasgow, N. S., is spending the holidays in the city.

A BRUTAL ASSAULT.

Norwegian Sailor on Trial For Cutting and Wounding a Spaniard.

Victor Svensen, a sailor on board the steamer Salmo, lying at the Pictou wharf, appeared in the police court this morning to answer the charge of assault upon two fellow sailors, Hansen Sander and Marvel Nevra. The latter is in the hospital at present suffering from the effects of the brutal assault made upon him by Svensen.

The trouble occurred on Christmas eve. As yet it has not been determined what gave rise to the assault, but it appears that Svensen in a fit of uncontrollable anger drew a razor and fell upon Nevra, who is a Spaniard, beating and cutting him quite badly. Sander interposed to save the Spaniard and received a bad cut in the stomach.

Capt. Olsen, of the steamer Salmo, placed the sailor under arrest and on Saturday handed him over to the city authorities. Hearing in the matter was begun this morning and will be concluded tomorrow.

Two drunks, Richard Adams and T. Roach, scooped in on Saturday, forfeited eight dollars each this morning. Alex. Beaton and Robert McLaughlin were each given thirty days, and Wm. McCauliff two months for drunkenness.

WORK AT FERNHILL.

Quite a lot of work is being done this winter at Fernhill, mostly along the lines of opening up new land and improving that already in use. Stone drains are being put in from Central avenue to Dell avenue, from Central along the shore of the pond, and from Dell avenue towards the new entrance on the Westmorland road. There will be in all about one thousand feet of new drains. These are made by stones being placed together in the form of a trough and covered with wide flat stones.

SPRING MILLINERY.

Scarcely were the fall millinery openings over before the wholesale houses commenced their preparations for the spring business. They are now laying in their stocks and taking orders for the materials to be used next summer. From present indications, it would appear that the fashions in trimmings will be along the same lines as last spring, all soft chiffons and ribbons in delicate shades, and foliage and fruit in endless variety. Everything points to soft effects.

A GOOD IDEA.

When the fire alarm rang last evening, there was natural uneasiness among members of congregations in all churches at different churches. In Centenary, Rev. G. M. Campbell announced, as soon as the information could be obtained, the number of the box from which the alarm had been sent. Following this, only one person, a man who lived in the North End, left the church while the others of the congregation were relieved from all uneasiness.

STEAMER SEIZED.

SYDNEY, N. S., Dec. 27.—Preventative Officer William Fitzgerald seized the Blue Diamond steamer Mystic for landing a piano from Boston on her last trip, contrary to the dominion customs regulations.

The offence is alleged to have been committed on the 15th of December and the piano was brought for a member of the steamer's crew, who resides in Louisburg and forwarded to that place by rail. The steamer was released on payment of the customary fine.

IMPORTANT TO LUMBERMEN.

The recognition of a mercantile custom by courts of law is well illustrated by the judgment given out yesterday by the division court in an action between lumber dealers, Mickle & Collins, of Simcoe county. The court holds that two inch lumber among dealers means anything from 1 3/4 to 2 1/4 inches.—Toronto News.

THE DAILEY STOCK CO.

The production of The Fatal Wedding, by the Dailey Stock company at the Opera House on Saturday night was a great success. Tonight the bill will be The Midwinter, which those who are in a position to know say will eclipse The Fatal Wedding in dramatic power. A good house should be present.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES.

Very successful Christmas exercises were given by the primary classes of the Carleton Baptist church yesterday afternoon, under the direction of the primary teachers. There was a large attendance.

The children of the primary department in the Carleton Baptist Sunday school yesterday afternoon carried out a programme of Christmas exercises which were well attended.

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DISHONEST PACKING.

A Very Bad Barrel of Nova Scotian Apples Sold Here Last Week.

R. T. Worden has been fooled on a barrel of apples and will take action against the packer under the Fruit Marks Act. A day or two ago Mr. Worden purchased from a schooner at South Wharf a barrel of Nova Scotian Bonaparte Pippins, marked first grade, or number ones. Upon taking a few layers off the top of the barrel some spotted apples appeared and Mr. Worden proceeded to investigate still further. A little way down in the barrel he found an old sack under which were about three pecks of apples which would not rank in any class. The sack had evidently been placed there to prevent the worthless apples from working any nearer to the top of the barrel. Mr. Worden intends reporting the matter to Inspector Barton Gandy and will take proceedings against the packer.

UNDER THE PALMS.

The soloists in the cantata Under the Palms, which is to be given in Carleton City Hall tomorrow evening, are Misses Ella Titus, Maud Scott, Vera Burpee, Sadie Smith, Mrs. William Irons, Mrs. H. McLean, Mrs. Tufts and G. S. Mayes, Thomas Rippey, J. H. Carter, H. S. Mayes, Wm. Lanson and Murray Long. There will be a chorus of sixty voices. Dr. Arnold Fox will give a piano solo.

DR. MATTHEW SHALL SEE SEA SHELLS.

Joshua P. Clayton, superintendent of Fernhill cemetery, has handed over to Dr. Matthews the valuable geological discovery he made a few days ago in Fernhill cemetery. In the nature of some mussel shells. Dr. Matthews intends to give the shells a thorough microscopic examination and will make a special report to the Natural History Society of the conclusions he reaches.

ADMIRALTY COURT.

The case of Thurbur vs. the ship Beaver was to have come up for hearing in the admiralty court today, but owing to the absence of the plaintiff, has been indefinitely postponed.

Court Log Cabin meets this evening in Foresters' Hall for election of officers.

AMERICAN BASEBALL

Meeting of the Association Being Held in Chicago Today—President Hickey Resigns.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—The annual meeting of the American Baseball Association began here today. The club owners are uncommunicative in regard to their choice of a new president, who is to be elected at this meeting, but the plans of leaders in the organization do not miscarry. It is practically certain that J. Ed. Gravo, a Cincinnati newspaper man, will be elected to succeed President Hickey, who has announced that he will hand in his formal resignation today. The circuit will remain the same as last year, with clubs at Milwaukee, Indianapolis, Columbus, Louisville, Kansas City, Minneapolis, St. Paul and Toledo. The only change in officers for next season will be in Minneapolis, Manager Watkins, of Indianapolis, having acquired control of the Northern club and sold out his interests in the Indianapolis club.

CHICAGO'S TROUBLES.

Pneumonia Establishing a New Death Record and the Hospitals All Overcrowded.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—With pneumonia establishing a new death record Chicago and the county hospitals crowded so that patients are sleeping on mattresses on the floor and less serious cases being turned away, a serious problem confronts the Chicago health authorities. The many varieties of weather from which the city has suffered during the last week is blamed not only for the many pneumonia deaths, but for the crowding of the hospitals in another way. Within the last few days an unusual number of patients, injured by falls on icy sidewalks, have been taken to the county hospitals and, though a new emergency ward has been opened, all cannot be cared for properly. Last week's alarming increase in deaths from pneumonia is made the subject of the last health bulletin. 139 deaths from pneumonia were reported last week.