

FREDERICTON.

A Good Snow Fall Rejoices the Lumbermen's Hearts.

One Hanson, a Fast Driver, Fined by the Police Magistrate.

Educational News.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 30.—The Board of School Trustees for the city met this afternoon and transacted a large amount of business.

A delightful Christmas carol service was held in the Methodist church last evening under the direction of F. W. Harrison, the organist.

The Consolidated Coal Co., owning coal areas in Queens Co., and promoted a year ago by Fred F. Dow and W. E. Caldwell, is reported to have been sold to a Boston syndicate.

OTTAWA.

Trade News from New Zealand and South Africa—General Items.

OTTAWA, Dec. 30.—The department of trade and commerce received communication from a large importing firm in Wellington, New Zealand.

Temporary employees of the public work department, some 50 in number, have formulated a demand on the minister for higher pay.

Thos. Cote, assistant census commissioner, east to Europe as secretary of the commission which will investigate the electric processes of smelting iron ore.

The Erie Free Press says tonight the Ross government stands discredited in the eyes of the people.

The street railway service is paralyzed owing to the break down of both water and steam plants.

Over the simple matter of the distribution of rooms in the west block, vacant by the transfer of militia department, the ministers cannot agree.

The cabinet will, therefore, solemnly consider the matter. E. A. Hoare, chief engineer of the Quebec Bridge, was here today conferring with Schreiber, Maschke, Messer, Roberts and Flanagan.

SCH. C. R. FLINT. Total Loss of Vessel Well Known in St. John.

EASTPORT, Me., Dec. 31.—An unknown three-masted schooner, supposed to be lumber laden from St. John, is wrecked on Raccoon Beach, Campobello.

LATER. Schooner is the C. R. Flint of New York, from St. John for New Bedford.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Dec. 31.—Str. Aurora reports a large three-masted schooner ashore on the eastern side of Campobello and deal and scantling floating in the bay.

The following information was obtained here last night with respect to the loss of the vessel: The sch. C. R. Flint, Capt. Maxwell, was wrecked yesterday on the Raccoon Beach, Campobello.

WHITNEY'S LATEST MOVE.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—Leading financiers in Boston and New York, with E. M. Whitney at their head, are contemplating the formation of a big company for the development of coal and iron areas in Cape Breton and the establishment in connection therewith of a big steel plant.

BRITISH REVERENCE.

LONDON, Dec. 31.—The treasury department tonight issued an account of revenue in the United Kingdom for the first nine months of the fiscal year of 1903-4.

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WORLD'S GREATEST THEATRE HORROR!

Over Seven Hundred People Burned to Death in Chicago Wednesday.

In the Iroquois Theatre, a Replica of the Paris Theatre Comique, and Supposed to Be Absolutely Fireproof in All Parts—Asbestos Curtain Failed to Work, Hence the Terrible Death Roll.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Seven hundred people were killed in ten minutes this afternoon during a fire in the Iroquois Theatre, the newest, the largest, and far as human power could make it, the safest theatre in Chicago.

Scenes of Panic That Baffle Description. Young Ladies and Children Were the Victims—Piled Tiers Deep in the Theatre Aisles and Exits.

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fully made with a hope of finding his head, but at a late hour tonight it had not been discovered and all that will ever tell his friends who he was is the color and appearance of the clothing on the lower limbs and this is in such condition as to be hardly recognizable.

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AIRSHIP'S FUTURE.

Count de la Vaux Describes His Thrilling Experience.

The Most Successful Balloon Trip of the Year 1903—What Other Notable Experts Say.

(New York World.)

The most successful balloon trip of 1903 was that of the Jaume, owned by Count de la Vaux, which made the trip from Moulins to Paris on November 14th last.

The Lebaudy brothers are very modest about their achievements as balloonists. It is true that they have made the trip from Moulins to Paris on November 14th last.

Mr. Juliet is an intelligent and industrious man, celebrated as an aviator. His statement follows: "Altogether I am more than content with the achievements of the year, feeling that we have far outstripped our competitors. It was not we who were building a new balloon. We are simply perfecting the old one with which we are so well satisfied. It can take up four persons, and we are so confident of its absolute security that I will allow my employers, Piere and Paul Lebaudy, to make ascensions."

Ballooning is no more dangerous than automobiling. We use an automobile, and if it breaks down we are disabled, but we do not fall to the ground, while with air ships, without balloons, to have an accident to the motor means death, because the supporting power is gone and a terrible fall through space must ensue.

I will not say that we will fly to St. Petersburg, or even to Berlin. Neither will we say that we will fly to New York, or even to London. We will only say that we will fly to the moon, and that we will fly to the stars.

We shall make no material changes in the balloon beyond pointing the compass, so as to cut the wind with lessening resistance. We may enlarge the platform also, which as you know, consists of steel tubing, absolutely precluding any danger.

The advantage of an airship in war are inestimable for taking observations for the commanding general. Cannons are useless against balloons, and the envelope could be pierced with several rifle balls without making it fall to the ground. A descent would be necessary, but would be gradual, and, therefore, not perilous.

Commercially, the balloon has limitations, but otherwise it is equally practicable as a sailing yacht, and no more at the mercy of winds. I expect to see the day when we will have a big balloon factory and be receiving orders the same as any yacht builder. Why shouldn't millionaires have air ships as well as yachts, and sportsmen generally use the sport of ballooning even if a balloon like the Jaume cost \$50,000, and a little airship, like Santos-Dumont's No. 9, but little more than a first class automobile?

Mark my words, the electric balloon is bound to be the pleasure craft of the future.

PARIS, Dec. 14.—Count Henry De La Vaux, who holds the world's record in aerostatics and has obtained the first prize and championship for the longest voyage ever made, for the longest time of any ascension, for the longest time of an airship, the record of distance and duration in France, the most sensational channel crossing and a dozen other prizes and championships, also has not been having made ballooning the fashion in Paris.

He is a pioneer as a society aviator. Before he took to the sport it was people never thought of risking their lives in a balloon ascent till he showed them the way. Now everybody that is anybody in Paris descends absolutely necessary to make a voyage in an airship. Mme. du Gast, Rejane, the Duchesse d'Uzes, Gyp and Severine have all found it necessary to take a flight in the air.

"Before I started," said Count de la Vaux, "I never heard of anybody thinking of going up in a balloon except a professional. Now I have had nearly all the smart set in Paris in my basket. The high aristocracy of Germany and Austria is eager to learn, and the French are equally so. I have taken him up a number of times within the last three years, and he in turn has taken up the Archduchess, his wife, and a week from now I shall be in Vienna and shall make a number of ascents with him and take up his five-year-old daughter."

"EVERYTHING IS POSSIBLE NOW—ADATS."

"I would not be surprised if in a few days I took up the genial Emperor Franz Joseph for a trip through the clouds and make him pay an unofficial visit to Emperor William's dominions. Everything is possible nowadays, and I should not wonder if the Emperor William himself became a distinguished aviator."

Comte Henry de la Vaux reached the highest record for the number of free ascensions in the middle of November, when he made his one hundredth trip through cloudland. Counting all his aerial voyages, he had spent in all 865 hours in the basket, equivalent to a period of 35 1/2 days. He had taken up with him 302 passengers, of whom 90 were perfect novices and had never gone up in a balloon before, and 24 ladies. He had covered a distance of 20,700 kilometres and had consumed more than 146,000 cubic metres of gas.

There is not an aeronaut in France or in the whole world who comes anywhere near this record. Count de la Vaux has been quietly distasteful all rivals, and today is the king of aerostats.

"Only a little over five years ago," he said, "I never imagined that I should one day break the records of the world as an aeronaut. The way I came to take an interest in ballooning was quite fortuitous. I happened

to be strolling near the Bois de Boulogne one afternoon—it was July 16, 1898—when I saw a captive balloon puffed up. M. Mallet was looking out for passengers, and as I had nothing to do and nobody else was willing to go up with him, I agreed to enter the basket. In a few minutes I was a thousand feet high in the air and could look over the top of the Eiffel Tower. The experience tickled me immensely, and I at once became a raving enthusiast—that is the only way to qualify it—for ballooning. I arranged with M. Mallet to take me up again on the following day, July 17, and this time in the balloon Voiga on a free course.

SEVEN HOURS FLOATING OVER PARIS.

"We started at 6 o'clock in the evening, and as it was perfectly calm we floated for seven hours over Paris and finally made a descent at one o'clock on the morning of the 18th. I was in the basket. We took a little sleep, and at 6 o'clock in the morning I was so anxious to mount again that we continued our journey and floated away till 11 o'clock in the afternoon. I was attached by the guide-rope to a wagon which took us to Esy-sur-Seine where we had breakfast. I was not yet satisfied. I boiled with a desire to go up again, and it was not till the next day, once more and floated for three hours longer among the clouds. The magnificent landscapes which passed under me were such a novelty to my eyes that I liked, when and where I liked, and, in fact, have my wish satisfied to the utmost."

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Resolved, that the association be organized into a fire protection for timber lands was considered. Mr. McGrath of the Western Association was present and from him it was learned that the body has the draft of a bill in connection with the same matter well in hand, which will be presented at the first coming session of the provincial assembly. As it is a similar to Mr. Livingston's resolution, the association here decided to join with the western people in the matter. The meeting adjourned to the second Tuesday in February.

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during the exposition, when I went with Castillon de Saint-Victor from Paris to Russia. On the first occasion we left Paris at 444 in the afternoon of September 20, and arrived at Wladivostok in Russia at 218 in the afternoon, after covering the distance of 1,577 kilometres in twenty-one hours and thirty-four minutes, for which occasion the jury of the exposition has a special medal of commemoration struck in gold. On October 9 my record beat every previous one made, and still stands first in the history of ballooning. I left Paris again in the Centaure with a strong westerly wind from Vincennes at 5.20 in the evening, and landed at 5.05 in the morning of October 11 in Korostichew, near Kiev, in Southern Russia. The distance covered was 1,925 kilometres. I had several times reached an altitude of 18,000 feet, and had remained 35 hours in the basket.

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WENT ON STAGE TO SEE HER MOTHER.

Eleanor Robson Became an Actress for a Very Peculiar Reason.



MISS ELEANOR ROBSON.

Miss Eleanor Robson, whose remarkable success in Israel Zangwill's Merely Mary Ann has made her one of the most talked of stars on the American stage this season, became an actress for what a great many people will no doubt regard as a very peculiar reason. Miss Robson went on the stage not because she was "stage-struck," but because she wanted to see her mother.

Miss Robson, who was born in England, came to America when she was a little girl, with her mother, Mrs. Madge Carr Cook, who has made a hit this season in the title role of Mrs. Wiggs of the Cabbage Patch. Mrs. Cook was obliged to go to the far west to find a professional engagement, and she left Miss Robson at school in a convent in New York. Mother and daughter were separated for several years, and when Miss Robson was graduated her mother was playing in the Frayley stock company in San Francisco.

"My great ambition at that time," says Miss Robson, "was to become an artist. I had learned to paint on china and I wanted to go to Paris to continue my studies. When my mother wrote me, however, that she had come to San Francisco I would be given an opportunity to try my talents as an actress in the same company in which she was appearing. I accepted at once. I had never thought or cared about being an actress, but I did want to see my mother very much."

That was a little more than six years ago, and the little schoolgirl had her professional debut as Margery Knox in Men and Women. She scored a hit and was praised to the skies by the local newspaper writers. The next two or three years she spent in stock companies, and then came out to appear as Bonita in Kirke La Shelle's production of Arizona. After this she signed a contract with Lieber & Co., and under their management has appeared as Constance in Brownings in a balcony, as Flossie in Unleashed Essex, as Madame de la Vire in A Gentleman of France, as Audrey in the dramatization of Mrs. Johnston's novel, and as Juliet in the all-star production of the Shakespearean love tragedy.

It is in the title role of Merely Mary Ann, however, that Miss Robson has found the role best suited to her capabilities, and as a result she has made a cash and good fortune for herself in a decade. It is pleasant to note, too, that success has not turned Miss Robson's head, and she has the same earnest personality and unaffected manners today that she had six years ago, when she gave up her pet ambition to be a painter and traveled across the continent to become an actress so that she might see her mother.

The Hudson's Bay company did not want any American squatters on San Juan Island. Perhaps the fur-traders were afraid their stock might grow smaller by degrees, or they remembered how they were chased out of Fort Vancouver. Still they couldn't keep those American fellows off the island. The latter had better pertinacity of the British, to give 'em their due. They squatted on San Juan Island, and they were there when the fur-traders were afraid their stock might grow smaller by degrees, or they remembered how they were chased out of Fort Vancouver. Still they couldn't keep those American fellows off the island. The latter had better pertinacity of the British, to give 'em their due. They squatted on San Juan Island, and they were there when the fur-traders were afraid their stock might grow smaller by degrees, or they remembered how they were chased out of Fort Vancouver. Still they couldn't keep those American fellows off the island. 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MR. BLAIR'S EXPLANATION.

One thing is made clear by Mr. Blair's letter to Mr. McAvity. Some others that needed clearing up are not explained.

We look in vain to the letter to find a good reason why Mr. Blair proved himself to be so brief an opponent of the Grand Trunk Pacific bill in the house.

When Mr. Blair says that he did not think that his duty required him to take part in any controversial discussion or to details of the bill he simply states that he thought proper to abrogate his functions and evade his duty as a member of the committee.

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as a retiring minister did not demand it.

What was demanded of Mr. Blair according to his own statement? He says: "It appears to me that I would acquire myself of responsibility for the measure which I was unable to approve, when I should state in parliament, as strongly and fully as I was capable of doing, the grounds and reasons for my resignation, and should follow up the same by voting against the government's bill."

It was to assume responsibility, not to escape it, that Mr. Blair was elected to the house of commons. Nor did he escape responsibility by refusing to do his duty.

When Mr. Blair informs Mr. McAvity that the opposition at Ottawa complicated the situation by proposing an alternative involving "a distinct admission that the necessary for a new railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific was one of immediate and pressing urgency," he imposes too great a strain on the credulity which he attributes to his audience.

Mr. Blair's letter to Mr. McAvity is a masterpiece of evasion. He says that he has retired from political life, that he is no longer a party leader or a member of the house of commons, and that he has taken office from the government whose last important measure he strongly and bitterly denounced.

Mr. Blair has been a long time in public life, and he knows how members oppose measures which they seriously desire to defeat.

We do not for a moment dispute Mr. Blair's statement that the office he has taken came to him unsought.

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act creating the commission and carried it through the house, and therefore ought to understand the duties imposed upon him.

By the election of North Renfrew the majority of the Ross government was reduced to three, with the speaker and the chairman in a house of ninety-eight.

But the Ross-government is not to be beaten in that way. If the trials are not postponed until the session begins, the session could be called before the trials.

The first petition set down for trial is that against Mr. Davis, one of the ministers. This member of the cabinet is probably not entitled to sit in the house.

The terrible fatality at Chicago by which hundreds of persons, nearly all women and children, were killed, is one of those calamities against which there is no absolute protection.

A LOSS.

Andrew Pattullo, M. P. P., whose death by suicide in London is reported, was an interesting and useful public man.

Mr. Blair is the twenty-fifth liberal member of parliament to take office from the government.

WORLD'S GREATEST THEATRE HORROR!

er minor injuries. The great loss of life was in the first and second balconies. These combined will seat about 200 persons.

It was declared tonight by the manager of the theatre that the fire was not caused by the grounding of an electric wire or to any defect in the equipment of the theatre.

Among the hundreds of persons who rushed to the rescue were the call fire was heard on the streets was Bishop Samuel Fellows, who happened to be passing the theatre.

It was the presence of the children, hundreds of whom were in the audience, and the efforts of their frantic catch another child, that the fire first thought to seek the safety of their young, that caused much of the pandemonium.

Sheriff Barrett and a score of deputies from his office assisted in carrying out the injured people and keeping order among the mob of frantic relatives who thronged the streets in front of the burning building.

Walters and cooks from Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theatre on the east, rescued 15 people by raising the window in this climate cannot have the front or sides open.

Miss Elsie Elmore of Astoria, Oregon; Miss Mary Patterson of Ciumbus, Ohio, and Miss Josephine Eddy of Evanston, Ill., were the first to notice the fire, which crept along the top of the drop curtain.

Herbert Cartworne, a member of the cast, assisted many of the chorus girls from the stage exits in the panic.

Up to this time the flames had not been in sight of the audience.

STOP THAT COUGH! Colds Lead to Catarrh—Catarrh Leads to Consumption.



Miss Alma Lillia, 609 13th St., Rock Island, Ill., says: "I am a firm friend to Peruna, for it cured me in two days of a cough which had been annoying me for three weeks, and which had developed a serious catarrh of the throat and lungs."

Then there came a great roar and a grave wave of air, and the flames shot out over the parquette of the theatre until it seemed to me as though they must reach the very front walls of the building.

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CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Coroner Traeger at 7.45 p. m. reports by actual count 328 dead.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—At 9.30 p. m. it is declared by the police that 637 bodies have been taken from the ruins.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—According to Stage Manager Carlson, all the theatrical people are accounted for, though some were slightly burned.

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—According to the morgue keepers, there are 375 bodies at five of the morgues, as follows: Holston's, 159; Jordan's, 159; Carroll's, 23; Gavin's, 23; County, 19.

CHICAGO, Dec. 31.—Seven employees of the Iroquois theatre were arrested tonight on orders issued by Chief of Police O'Neill.

ST. JOHN MAN IN CHICAGO FIRE. The terrible disaster in Chicago was the one topic of conversation on the streets here today and many inquiries were made at the newspaper offices.

Miss Lillia, of Illinois, started out exactly in this way. Fortunately, she took a course of Peruna before it was too late.

The first step toward consumption is catching cold. The next step is a failure to cure it promptly.

At any time during the progress of the catarrh, from the first onset of the cold to the final solution in the lungs, Peruna can be relied upon to stop the disease.

"I have used Peruna at various times during the past year or two with most satisfactory results."

"I am entirely relieved from an irritating cough, the result of excessive effort in the Presidential campaign, and I am a firm believer in its efficacy in any such trouble."

"I had a number of colds during the year, and each left me with a little more catarrh; then this good medicine until I sicken at the sight of them. But Peruna cured me up in such quick time that I can't say I have ever since had a constant use of it for the catarrh entirely out of my system."

By and by they get tired of taking medicine and give up in despair.

Address Dr. Hartman, President of The Hartman Sanitarium, Columbia, O.

were made at the newspaper offices as to what further particulars had been received. There are in St. John quite a number of persons who have friends in Chicago and among these much anxiety prevailed.

Among those best known in St. John who were in any way connected with the fire were William Carlson, son of John L. Carlson, K. C., of this city.

Estimates of the dead and injured vary. The police account of the dead is 346. The estimate of the newspapers is 328. Besides these there were 65 people missing at midnight.

As Edward McGowan was at work on his farm on Monday chopping down a tree he was quite seriously injured by a limb, which struck him on the head, inflicting a large gash and rendering him unconscious for some time.

At the meeting of Garabaldi division, S. of T. No. 131, on Monday evening the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: John Boyd, W. P. Mrs. Wm. Murchie, W. A. Ruel, J. C. Clintock, R. S. Sida Deakin, Asst. S. J. Andrew Murchie, fin. S. Eugene Smith, Treas.; Rev. C. Flemington, chap.; Wm. Harris, com.; Cassie Elliott, Asst. C.; Roy McNally, Inside S.; and Wash Godose, outside S.; Allice Lewis, sup't. young people's work.

A young daughter has arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Grover Fleming, Debec.

SPRINGHILL RACES. SPRINGHILL MINES, Dec. 31.—The exhibition commission having fixed dates for its next fall meeting, the management of the Victoria Driving Park, Springhill, have been considering and expect to advertise races for July 1 (Dominion Day) and 1 and a summer and fall meeting. If the sport will amount to it, substantial prizes will be offered.

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CITY NEWS.

Recent Events in and Around St. John.

Together With Country Items From Correspondents and Exchanges.

To cure Headache in ten minutes use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

Senator King and Mrs. King of Chipman, are in the city.

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

J. Urquhart, an employe of the Humphrey Clothing Co., Moncton, has won first honors for design of gaiters and clothing in a contest that has been recently carried on in the United States.

Chronic Constipation cured early or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price, 35 cents. At drugists.

The death of Miss Louise, aged 15 years, eldest daughter of S. Edwards, of Chatham, of Kings county, occurred Tuesday. She was a very bright girl and greatly beloved.

Thomas N. McGrath of the firm of Dickie & McGrath, who carry on extensive lumber operations at Tuskent, N. S., was in town yesterday stopping at the Royal. Mr. McGrath says that next season will go almost entirely to South America.

Davidson acknowledges the receipt of the following subscriptions to the Little Girls' Home, with many names and amounts.

Rev. P. J. Skelton, B. A., successfully passed the final oral examination for the degree of bachelor of divinity at the University of Chicago on the 22nd inst. In view of the fact that he maintained such high standards during his course it was decided by a special vote of the faculty to give him the final examination before leaving St. John. Thereafter he is returning to go back to Chicago. Mr. Skelton begins his work at the Cathedral the first Sunday in the new year.

ADDITIONAL U. N. B. EXAMINATION LISTS.

The following is the result of the second year logic examination of the University of New Brunswick:

First—Allingham, Burnett, Clarke, Ferguson, Evered, Turley, McEath, Stevens, Miss Stoford, Perry.

Second—Anderson, Bonner, Brittain, Clark, Coonan, Cochran, Dole, Girwood, Harrison, Hazen, Lunn, Macneil, McNally, Reid, Squires, Smith, D. R. Tritch, Miss Wilson, Wright.

Third—Kingshore, Malloy, Thomas, Torres, Tweedie.

MASONIC INSTALLATION.

At a regular communication of St. George, Charlotte Co., lodge, No. 12, Dec. 28th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year: George Gray, M. M. James, Gray, B. W. J. A. Grant, J. W. M. Mason, P. M. Treas., C. Johnson, sec. M. E. Fletcher, S. D. J. Boyd, J. D. C. C. Alexander, S. S. H. I. Taylor, J. S. Roberts, Grand, J. D. C. W. M. Tyler, M. L. G. R. J. Dods, P. M. Tyler, St. Marks' lodge, A. P. and A. M., of St. Andrew's, N. B., has installed the following officers: James Stewley, W. M. Thomas A. Hart, S. P. R. Wren, J. W. G. H. Lamb, sec.; A. Rigby, treas.; Wm. Law, S. S.; John Stairs, J. S. Thos. Armstrong, S. D.; E. E. Field, J. D. C. Wm. Clark, chap.; D. E. Rollins, tyler.

McADAM JUNCTION.

McADAM, Dec. 30.—St. George's church Sunday school gave the children their annual treat last evening. At 4 o'clock the children met at W. Weeks' residence, where games were played and supper served. At 7.30 all went to the church, where Christmas carols were sung and stories of the season told. Santa Claus appeared and in a happy manner distributed presents from the tree. Santa was assisted by H. T. Perkins, G. Williams, F. C. Perkins and M. Wise.

A representative gathering met at the house of H. F. Perkins to wish him good by on his leaving to take charge of the school at Harland. After some recreation and a cup of coffee Mr. Perkins was presented with a purse containing \$25.00. Mr. Perkins suitably replied, referring to his pleasant work in McAdam during the past five years. Afterwards the company sang together. He's a Jolly Good Fellow. Then after some more games and dancing the bright little meeting broke up about 12.30 a. m.

COMMUNICATION WITH P. E. I.

The government steamer Stanley which since the close of navigation has been running from Summerside to Cape Tormentine, was on Tuesday afternoon ordered to Pictou and is now on the Pictou-Georgetown route. The Minto made a few trips from Pictou to Charlottetown, but some days ago this steamer was also transferred to Georgetown and the two boats are now making alternate trips. Shippers in both Summerside and Charlottetown were rather indignant at the early change as considerable quantities of freight were waiting to be carried across.

The intention of the marine department is evidently to have both boats together before there is any possibility of them being caught in the ice. It appears that a special effort is to be made to avoid a repetition of last winter's trouble. Quite a lot of drift ice is now reported in the Straits, but as yet the steamers have had no difficulty in crossing.

Men for the Island, and passengers wishing to connect, leave here on the 11.35 p. m. train. Mails from the Island arrive at 6 a. m.

NOTICE.

The canvassers and collectors for the SEMI-WEEKLY SUN are now making their rounds as mentioned below. The Manager hopes that all subscribers in arrears will pay when called on.

Edgar Canning is in Albert County and Westmorland.

F. S. Chapman in Kings County, N. B.

REV. SILAS JAMES

Died Yesterday at his Parsonage at Gagetown, Queens County.

Rev. Silas James died Tuesday afternoon of ascending paralysis, at his parsonage in Gagetown, in the first year of his age.

He was born at Red Rooth, Cornwall, England. In the late sixties he came to Canada. He was for some time engaged in mission work in Halifax. His success in this work of the mission led the authorities of the Methodist church to approach him with a view to his entering the ministry. Having attended Mt. Allison University for three years, he was received as a candidate for the ministry in 1871. He has been stationed upon the following circuits: Upper Kent, Boiestown, Grand Lake, Apohaqui, Gagetown, Richibucto, Murray Harbor, P. E. I., York, P. E. I., Belle Verte, Hillsboro, and Gagetown the second time.

His wife was a daughter of the late James George of Upper Sackville, who with one son and two daughters survives him. His son is Fred James, B. A., principal of the Upper Sackville school.

Mr. James was a Christian gentleman, a man of deep convictions, broad sympathies and ardent spirit. In his walk and conversation, he adorned the Gospel of Jesus Christ. His nature was tender and loving, and a more pleasant and happy home than that of Mr. James it would be difficult to find. He was a faithful and conscientious worker, and upon all his fields of labor there are many to testify to his nobility of character, careful visitation of his people and his interest in their spiritual welfare. In his pulpits ministrations he was thoughtful and dignified, studying to show himself approved, and rightly dividing the word of truth. He was respected by his flock as a double or doubtful interpretation, and upon all great questions people knew where he stood.

The desire of his heart was granted him, in that he was permitted to lay down at once his life and work. On the Sunday before Christmas he conducted worship in the Burton church, and with this service his public ministrations ended.

The funeral took place Wednesday morning in the Gagetown church at ten o'clock and was attended by Rev. J. C. Berrie, president of the conference, and the Rev. Jas. Crisp, chairman of the district.

The body reached St. John Wednesday evening and was taken Thursday morning to Sackville, where internment took place. Rev. Dr. Stewart delivered the sermon in Sackville church.

At 4 o'clock on Dec. 31.—The funeral of the late Rev. Silas James took place from the Methodist church here this afternoon at half-past two and was largely attended. The service was held in church in which Rev. Geo. Steele, J. C. Berrie, president of New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island conference, Wm. Harrison, Dr. Paisley, and Dr. Stewart took part. Interment took place in the Sackville cemetery alongside the grave of one of the deceased's children who died some years ago.

SENATOR KING AND SON

Talk of Mining in the East and West.

Senator King of Chipman and his son, P. E. King of Cranbrook, B. C., are at the Royal. The senator says that the coal mining at Chipman is going out satisfactorily. The number output in that vicinity this season he believes will be about the same as usual.

Mr. King, Jr., is a dentist located at Cranbrook. Two other brothers are there, Dr. J. H. King, who is a member of the British Columbia legislature, and Dr. Stewart, who is carrying on lumbering operations. This season he has one hundred and twenty men employed in the woods.

Cranbrook is a town of something over two thousand inhabitants, and is growing rapidly. Near it is the largest lead mine in the world, the St. Eugene lead mine. It has not been in operation for some time on account of the low prices of lead and the difficulty in getting it on the American market because of the high tariff. But the government has granted a bonus on lead and the mine will resume operations the first of next month. The mine was discovered by an Indian and a priest, who realized about \$12,000 out of it. It is now valued in the millions. Mr. King is spending the Christmas vacation with his parents, Senator and Mrs. King, and will return to the west in a few days.

WELL-KNOWN CAPTAIN DEAD.

The many friends of Capt. W. T. Brownell, late of Dorchester, N. B., will regret to hear of his death which took place a few days ago at Burwell, Nebraska.

He had been in the employ of the Messrs. Taylor Bros. as master of different ones of their ships for the past thirty-one years and was one of the most intelligent and successful shipmasters sailing out of the port of St. John. By his genial and friendly manner he made hosts of friends.

His last ship, the Albania, was sold in London last summer, when he returned to his family in Nebraska, being sixty-two years of age, where he hoped to have the needed rest in his declining years.

BLAIR RESIGNS

To Accept a Much More Lucrative Position.

Ex-Minister of Railways Announces His Reasons for Retiring from the Dominion Parliament.

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 30.—The following is a copy of the letter Hon. A. G. Blair announcing his retirement from active politics:

OTTAWA, Ont., Dec. 26th, 1903. Thomas McAvity, Esq., Chairman of the Liberal Executive Committee, St. John, N. B.

Dear Mr. McAvity: Circumstances attending my resignation from the ministry, coupled with subsequent events, have compelled me to consider for three years, the advisability of coming to a decision on this subject. I feel that I should without further delay make known to my constituents in St. John, and to party friends throughout the province, the conclusion at which I have arrived.

It was well understood when I retired from a cabinet that I did so owing to a difference of opinion on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway project, and on that question only, as to the general policy of the government, I was in accord with my colleagues.

Although the question upon which my difference with the government arose was an important one, I entertained the decided view that neither this consideration nor the fact that I held strong opinions on the subject, imposed upon me the duty of separating myself from my party.

I was also of opinion that my duty as a retiring minister did not demand that I should take part in any controversial discussion which should ensue between the government and the opposition, during the passage of the details of the bill through its committee.

Upon this view I acted, and in the light of all that has occurred of the amendments proposed to the bill and the discussion which followed, I do not regret the course which I pursued during the second reading had been carried by a large majority. I cannot see that I would have strengthened my attitude in opposition to the project, had I participated in the session itself.

The opposition itself very much complicated the situation by proposing an alternative scheme to that of the minister. I have not the time to discuss a distinct admission that the necessity for a new railway from the Atlantic to the Pacific was one of immediate and pressing importance. To this view I could not subscribe. I had contended strongly that the few months' consideration given by the government to this measure during the session of the present parliament was quite insufficient to justify the country in embarking upon so great an undertaking. I should have preferred the alternative which I had proposed had adopted after two or three weeks' consideration only, and to which I was prepared to submit the country.

The reasons which I have given in this regard seemed to me clear. It was obvious that my attitude on the railway question had not found favor with the public. I have not, therefore, been able to do otherwise than to resign, and I have no regret in doing so.

There appeared only one way in which a permanent rupture of my party relations could be avoided, namely, by retiring from active political life, and upon this step determined, as being not only in accord with my personal feeling, but a justifiable and proper course to take under existing circumstances and from the point of view of public duty. Having relieved myself from responsibility for the government measure by my resignation, and justified this step by my statement, I have no regret in doing so.

Owing to the severe weather, both the winter boats, Minto and Stanley, have now made Georgetown their only port of call on P. E. I. The Minto came on Saturday from Pictou, and the Stanley on Monday from Summerside and Cape Tormentine.

A thoroughbred stallion was imported last week from Ontario by parties at Murray Harbor, north. The price of the horse is said to be \$1,000.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Toole of Lower Montague are receiving congratulations on the birth of a son, their first-born. Mrs. Toole is in a very delicate state of health.

Horatio Nelson returned on Thursday from a short trip to St. John and Boston.

Montague is believed to have at least four places where liquor is sold. Last week papers were served on two parties for breach of the C. T. Act.

PEOPLE OF THIS PLACE.

There are people in every town and village of this country who have been cured of itching, bleeding, and protracting piles by the use of Dr. Chase's Ointment. Ask your friends about this great preparation, they can tell you of its great soothing, healing and antiseptic powers. Few reputable people have endorsed Dr. Chase's Ointment than any other preparation you can mention.

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BOSTON LETTER. American Papers Note How Canada Is Now Going Conservative. Deaths of Former Provincialists in the City of Boston and Its Vicinity—Business Notes—The Lumber and Fish Markets.

(From our own correspondent.) BOSTON, Dec. 30.—The general political situation in Canada is attracting much interest in this country, especially among the newspapers. Several journals, including the New York Evening Post, express the opinion that the pendulum is swinging in favor of the conservative party and that the present government will have no walk-over when it musters sufficient courage to dissolve parliament. The loss of North Renfrew and the last stand of the liberal party in Ontario were recorded in most of the United States newspapers. The Worcester Telegram commenting thereon says: "Canada seems to be swinging more and more to the conservative side. At the North Renfrew, Ontario, election, a conservative won by 800 majority in a district that was carried by the liberals in the last election by 485. The dominion election is not far off. And a surprise is apt to be sprung."

TOKIO, Japan, Dec. 31.—The completion of all the necessary preparations for eventually have been followed by the receipt of the Russian reply. It is reported at Seoul that the Russian minister is trying by every means to induce the Korean government to grant a lease of Masampo as a naval station. The unrest in Southern Korea continues.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 29.—The Methodist Sunday school held an interesting entertainment in the church last evening, with a Christmas tree for the young folks. W. T. Knight presided. The programme consisted of exercises and recitations by the children, choruses, etc., and a solo by Miss Amy Feck. A silver collection was taken.

SOUTHAMPTON, N. S. SOUTHAMPTON, N. S., Dec. 28.—Mrs. D. Dickinson, who went to Victoria general hospital for treatment, returned home a few days later, the doctors considering it unsafe to risk an operation. She has some relief of going to Massachusetts for treatment.

GAME PROTECTION. CAMPBELLTON, N. B., Jan. 1.—Our game and their protection is a topic of discussion throughout Northern New Brunswick at present, and there is considerable disapproval of the present method of protecting the woods during the close season. We understand that a change is being considered by the department, but in the meantime, it is current rumor, that deer, being slaughtered, are sold in the game wards were put on duty in February, and no doubt that will be the date of their assuming their present duties.

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WANTED—A second class female teacher for school district No. 5, Parish of Upper Kings Co., N. B. Apply at once. Salary \$40 per week. Apply at once. BARNES, Secretary, Barnewville, Kings Co., N. B.

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WEEKLY SERMON.

The Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis on "The Love of God."

The All-Embracing, All-Healing, All-Forgiving Love of God, was the subject of the sermon by the Rev. Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis in Plymouth church, Brooklyn, N. Y. His text was: "For nothing shall be able to separate us from the love of God, which is in Christ Jesus our Lord." Dr. Hillis said: "Man's earliest, latest, and dearest enthusiasm is his enthusiasm for greatness. Once the true hero stands forth fully revealed all rise up and do him reverence. The reason is very simple. The great man intimates to us that we are to become like him. He is a prophecy of what the small man may be when God and all the resources of His love have wrought their full ministry of largeness upon his soul. If the great man is living and leads us we give him reverence and visit him with triumphant processions into our city. If the great hero dies the whole land is bowed down with grief, and with booming of cannon and ringing of bells the people chant his solemn funeral requiem. It is because we reverence greatness that our people in the summer make their pilgrimages across the sea, to visit the hero's tomb. There we muse with unweary heads before the little house in which some heroic man once stood. We stand long before the table at which Milton wrote or the path where Addison once walked or dreamed. How precious the memorials of these great men! How great the interest! Sacred the old torso by Phidias, the illuminated missal by Giotto! Sacred the old Magna Charta, with its names of heroic barons! Living, the great man is an educational institution, an organized university, diffusing light and wisdom. Dead, he becomes an added inspiration and quadruple influence. Henceforth the generations borrow strength and inspiration from his tomb.

THE INTELLECT MUST BE FUSED WITH LOVE.

But in order that the great man shall do his best work, his genius must be carried up to love. All great achievements are not the achievements of mind, but of mind in earnest, intellect that glows, reason that is on flame. A great piece of work means that a great mind toiled with unquenching enthusiasm upon the tool, the marble, the poem, the law, the reform. Now, enthusiasm means a god dwelling within. Have you ever compared these two books—"The History of Civilization" and "The History of Enthusiasm"? They both talk about the same man and discuss upon the same subject. Indeed, the names might have been interchanged. "The History of Civilization" talks about great enthusiasm put in terms of thought and law. "The History of Enthusiasm" talks about great laws and thoughts fused and glowing with love. Sometimes the great mind carries its love up toward his fellow sufferers and his fellow men. His name is Moses and his work is the emancipation of millions. Sometimes the great thinker is concerned with pure spirit, and he carries his enthusiasm into the study of the soul. His name is Plato and his work is philosophy. Sometimes the great thinker is concerned with social abstractions; then his enthusiasm manifests itself in revolution, and the man's name is Luther, or Hampden, or Cromwell, and his message is a reform. Sometimes the great mind is fused by a single individual, and the intellect alone is helpless. The force of the sunbeam is not its light, but its heat. Take the warmth out of the August sunbeams, and though the sun shone with undiminished long day through the light, glowing and sparkling, would not fall on green pastures and golden meadows, but on snowdrifts and frost crystals. The life of the sunbeam is the warmth that lends vital power to the seed. And take the love out of the intellect, and it is as impotent as cold, white light, falling on frozen clouds. Not many are born with this power of affection. Love in most troubles and trickles, and in times of trouble, vanity and selfishness, dries like a summer's brook. Only at long intervals does a man like Paul appear, who can pour forth love in great, deep tides, flowing with the depth and majesty of a river. There are a thousand great scholars born, to one great intellect fused with love, like Paul. God takes one sunbeam and organizes it into a Plato. Then he takes a thousand sunbeams of intellect and binds them together in one glowing heart named Paul. About once in a thousand years does such a lover of his kind appear. It is as if the atmosphere of a soul so vast, so voluminous, and so rich, threatened the exhaustion of infinity itself. Perhaps these great hearts need not come often. One of them appearing at long intervals can fertilize and vivify society, as the sun hanging over the fields can pour life into all the roots and seeds. It seems, then, that it is not enough for us to have the great intellect, but the great heart must be added to make the great man.

BUT GOD IS INFINITE INTELLECT AND LOVE ALSO.

And, now, consider what is meant when we are told that this infinite mind that pervades the universe and sustains all created things, is also the infinite heart, pervaded by an all-embracing love—an all-healing love, an all-helpful love, an all-merciful love. It is said that the physical universe represents the intellect and genius of an infinite being, rushed into sight through suns and stars and the procession of the seasons. But the great work that the supreme mind accomplishes represents a fragmentary copy, an imperfect replica, a little feeble miniature of what God does perfectly.

Why God forgiving iniquity, and transgression and sin? Because it is His nature to do so. We cannot explain it. We do not know why He makes a mother love a sick babe or why He makes a bird love to sing, or why the rose is red, or why the dewdrop is four, or why the sun's rays warm us incessantly and forever. But we do know that God waits upon sinners; that His love never grows faint; that His heart is never discouraged; that though men's sins be as scarlet, He will wash them white; that He does not desire the death of any man; that to the very least He will forgive our sins. For nothing shall be able to separate man from the love of God in Christ Jesus.

GOD'S LOVE THE LIFE-BLOOD OF THE UNIVERSE.

Consider that the love of God is the life-blood of this universe, the sap that runs through all the trees, the tide that runs through all the seas, the music also of our lives. The universe is a symphony of love. The husbandman knows that so long as the sap runs freely the vine and tree are safe. You can prune away the boughs that are dead, but you cannot cut the sap upon the trunk itself. The storm can pound away the leaves, but the sap within will heal the wound—without, limiting the growth of the tree. The dew juices will send forth life, the dew upon the grass. The sap that runs through the veins of the human body, will heal the wound—without, limiting the growth of the human body. The sap that runs through the veins of the human body, will heal the wound—without, limiting the growth of the human body.

GOD'S LOVE THE ONE GREAT THING IN LIFE.

Fulfilling such a career for man, the love of God is the one great thing in life. It is important that we have food and drink and raiment, these supporting strength. It is good that man obtains competence; this lends tranquility in old age. It is a good thing for a man to be a scholar; this lends wisdom and knowledge. Friends, a troop of friends, these calm the heart. But when the parent gives the child a Christian gift, the toy is soon forgotten. Becoming familiar, it is soon worn out. The child's abides in the child's heart is the parent's love. That love abides and unchanging, that love abides and unchanging, that love abides and unchanging, that love abides and unchanging.

THE IMPARTIAL GOD.

But, affirming that God is love, Jesus goes on to affirm that this love is impartial and all-inclusive. He is low as well as the high, for the weak and the strong, the bond and the free, the rich and the poor, the Jew and the Gentile, the man and the woman, the child and the old man. He is the Father of the fatherless, the Friend of the friendless, the Father of the fatherless, the Friend of the friendless, the Father of the fatherless, the Friend of the friendless.

WHAT HIS LOVE DOES, DEPENDS UPON MAN.

This love of God that comes to man comes to our generation with all the shock of a thrilling discovery. We always knew that God was strong; the patriarchs exhibited His strength. We always knew that God was good; the patriarchs exhibited His strength. We always knew that God was good; the patriarchs exhibited His strength. We always knew that God was good; the patriarchs exhibited His strength.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 28.—Arr, str Florence, Williams, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson and Co, general cargo. Dec 28.—Str Prosper, Johnson, from Liverpool, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson and Co, general cargo. Dec 28.—Str Prosper, Johnson, from Liverpool, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson and Co, general cargo.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 28.—Arr, str Proteion, from Liverpool, and sailed for St. John; Evangeline, from London via St. John; Evangeline, from London via St. John; Evangeline, from London via St. John.

BRITISH PORTS.

BARRON, Dec. 27.—Arr, str Bangor, from St. John, N. B. SHIELDS, Dec. 28.—Str, 27th, str Devon, for Portland. HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—Str, str Alceda, for St. John, N. B. LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27.—Str, str Devonian, for Boston.

FOREIGN PORTS.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 28.—Arr, str Bonnie Doon, from Elizabethport for Westville, N. S. Passed, tug Gypsum King, towing two barges from Windsor, N. S. for New York (anchored at Nobska). PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 28.—Arr, str Hilda, from Parrish, N. S. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 28.—Arr, str Suvenero, from Halifax.

MEMORANDA.

Passed Cape Race, N. F., Dec. 24, str Kastalia, from St. John, N. B., for Glasgow; 26th, str Sarmatan, from Glasgow for Boston. In port at Miramichi, Dec. 11, str Glenwood, Buchanan, from and for New York, arrived 10, to sail about 24th with sugar. In port at Sydney, N. S. W., arrived 20th, for Bridgetown. In port at Apalachicola, Fla., Dec. 20, str Arthur M. Gibson, Milburn, for St. John, N. B.

NOTICE TO MARINERS.

BOSTON, Dec. 28.—Notice is given by the Lighthouse Board that a lantern showing a fixed white light has been placed on the foremast of the sunken str. Kiowa, entrance to Boston Harbor, Mass. The steamer lies in about 5 1/2 fathoms of water, both masts and mastsack swiveling, on the following approximate bearings—Boston lighthouse, N. W. by W. 1/2 W. 1/2; Point Allerton bar beacon, W. S. W. 1/2 W. 1/2; Hardung Light Beacon, S. by E. E. 1/2 E. Notice is also given that a gas lighted buoy, placed by the lighthouse board, and showing a fixed white light during periods of fog, has been placed in main channel, Boston Harbor, Mass., close to a sunken str.

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ST. JOHN, Dec. 28.—Arr, str Saxonia, for Liverpool; Boston, for Yarmouth. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 28.—Arr, str Clayton, from Sackville, N. B., for New Haven; McClure, from Monmouth, N. S., for do; Nat Ayer, from Bangor for Stoughton, Conn. CALAIS, Me., Dec. 28.—Arr, str Maple Leaf, from Parrish, N. S.; Samuel Cusker, Jr, from New York.

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23.—The liberal papers today confirm the report of Blair's retirement from liberal politics. His appointment as chairman of the railway commission is a matter of but a few weeks. He and Sir Louis Davies left for the United States this morning on the private government car, to investigate into the working of the interstate commerce commission and other bodies in the States having to do with railway transportation. In other words, he desires to obtain all information that is available to assist him in organizing the prime minister's cabinet and getting it into working order. Solicitor General McKeown will likely be the candidate in St. John city in place of Blair. If there is any appointment to the cabinet before the general election, Mr. Emmerson will likely get the portfolio.

MARRIAGES.

BAIRD-SIMPSON—On Dec. 26th, 1903, at Perth, at the residence of Douglas Baird, brother of the groom, by Rev. A. Gordon Alder of Methodist Episcopal church, Andrew, Daniel B. Baird of River de Chute to Ina H., eldest daughter of the late David Sample of Florenceville, N. B. DYKMAN-ORCHARD—At the home of the bride's parents, at White's Cove, Queens Co., N. B., on Wednesday, Dec. 23rd, at 6 o'clock p. m., by Rev. H. H. Gilles, Orlando S. Dykman of James to Ivy M. Orchard. HOLMAN-SOMMERVILLE—At the residence of the bride's mother, Mrs. Daniel Sommerville, Norton, Dec. 20th, by Rev. B. H. Nobles, William H. Holman of Essex, and Alice J. Sommerville of Norton. MILLS-KAY—At St. Mary's Church, on Dec. 26th, 1903, by the Rev. Dr. Raymond, rector, Walter Henry Mills of Brookville, N. B., and Mary Eva, King of Sussex.

DEATHS.

BROWNELL—At Burwell, Nebraska, Dec. 28th, Capt. William T. Brownell, formerly of Dorchester, N. B., of Bright's disease, aged 52 years. BREE—At Portland Terrace, Sidsmouth, Devon, England, on Dec. 25th, Sophia Bree, daughter of the late Edward Crossley Bree, daughter, and widow of the late Henry Crossley Frink of this city. LANG—In this city, on Wednesday, Dec. 23, Jane A., widow of the late R. J. Lang.

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