

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, guest 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.

It won't chop wood

but Sargent's Gem Food Chopper will chop raw meat, cooked meat, vegetables of all kinds, fruit, crackers, bread, eggs, cheese, nuts, figs and other foods, and

It will chop

them all rapidly, easily, coarse or fine, in uniform pieces, without mashing, squeezing, tearing or grinding.

W. H. Thorne & Co., Limited, St. John.

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.

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.

CRUSHED TO DEATH.

HALIFAX, Dec. 30.—A fatal accident took place in the west slope of the Flat Hill mines shortly after the midnight shift went to work this evening.

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 as 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.

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.

The theatre had been constructed but a short time and all its equipment was new. This was unfortunately the case with a fire escape in the rear of the building. The small iron balconies to which the iron ladders were attached were up but the ladders had not yet been constructed.

This lasted but a brief interval and the rush from the interior of the building became so violent that many of them were crowded off and fell to the granite pavement below. Others leaped from the platform, fracturing legs and arms and two were picked up at this point with fractured skulls, having been killed instantly.

George H. Elliott, secretary of the Ogden Gas Co., was in a building opposite from the theatre across this alley, and noticing smoke coming down the alley, he ran to the theatre.

Eddie Foy, the principal comedian in the play, was one of the last to see the fire. He was in the rear door after assisting the women members of the company to safety.

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Every Morgue in Chicago Over-crowded

With Bodies of the Dead--The Hospitals Could Not Handle the Injured as Fast as They Came.

Rarely in the history of Chicago has its people been so stirred as by the calamity of today. It is next to the Chicago fire, the greatest catastrophe that has ever occurred here, and the one with which it came and went seemed for a brief period to appal the business section of the city.

The building in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets, on the north side of Randolph street. Although every available policeman with-in call of the department was immediately hurried to the spot and the men placed in lines at the end of the block allowing nobody to enter Randolph street from either Dearborn or State.

In spite of the efforts of the police, however, a large number of people succeeded in breaking through their lines and entering the theatre, and in many cases did heroic work in rescuing the injured and carrying out the dead.

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It was found necessary in order to carry the bodies rapidly to the morgues and to the various hospitals, that the theatre building stock in which the calamity occurred stands midway between State and Dearborn streets.

One large truck ordinarily used for conveying freight to the depots was so heavily loaded with the dead in front of the theatre that the two horses attached to it were unable to start and the police were compelled to assist by tugging at the wheels.

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THE SEMI-WEEKLY SUN

ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 2, 1904.

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 abdicate his functions and evade his duty as a member of the committee to which the consideration of these details was committed.

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

What was demanded of Mr. Blair according to his own statement? He says: "It appears to me that I would acquire myself of the 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 necessity 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 credibility which he attributes to his audience.

Mr. Blair's letter to Mr. McAvity is a masterpiece of evasion. It is a masterpiece of evasion. It is a masterpiece of evasion.

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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PATHEPIC DEVICES.

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 began, the session could be called before the trials.

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.

Walters and cooks from Thompson's restaurant, which adjoins the theatre on the east, rescued 15 people by raising the window in this manner.

A LOSS.

Andrew Pattullo, M. 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. It would not be courteous to quote in this connection Sir William Mulock's opinion of members who take office during their parliamentary term.

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A Beautiful Girl's Experience. Miss Alma Lillia, 609 13th St., Rock Island, Ill., says: "I am a firm friend to Peruna, for I 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."

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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 R. A. Edwards, 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.

Mr. James was a Christian gentleman, a man of deep convictions, broad sympathies and ardent spirit.

Additional U. N. B. Examination Lists.

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

President of the Columbian Co. newspaper editors have been in St. John quite recently.

Masonic Installation.

At a regular communication of St. George's, Charlotte Co., lodge, No. 12, Dec. 28th, the following officers were installed for the ensuing year:

McAdam Junction.

McAdam, Dec. 30.—St. George's church Sunday school gave the children their annual treat last evening.

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.

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.

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.

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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 61st 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 pulpit 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 his 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.

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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.

It was well understood when I retired from the 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.

Such is the Dominant Sentiment in Russia, But She Will Not Take Precipitate Action.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The St. Petersburg correspondent of the Paris edition of the New York Herald says, that dominant sentiment today is that war is inevitable. A high military authority is of opinion that war is a foregone conclusion.

PARIS, Dec. 31.—The Times correspondent says that during the visit of Huynen, the director of the northern railways to Port Arthur, Admiral Alexieff, the Russian viceroy in the Far East, requested that Russia does not propose to precipitate action in the event of Japan trying to force the situation.

MONTAGUE, P. E. I., Dec. 29.—The bazaar and social held last week by the ladies of the Christian congregation realized \$160.

The survey for the new branch railway from Cardigan to Montague Bridge was completed yesterday. The surveying staff will go to Murray River today to commence the survey for the extension of the southern branch from Murray River.

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PROVINCIAL NEWS.

MILLTOWN, Dec. 23.—A court of the L. O. P. order has been instituted here by His Court Deputy Sheriff...



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W. MANCHESTER, SUSSEX, N. B.

rented the house on the Den farm from the Hon. L. P. Farris.

SUSSEX, Dec. 23.—Mr. and Mrs. W. Fawcett of Sackville, spent Sunday in Sussex with Mrs. Fawcett's parents...

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—A. E. Trites, railway contractor of Salisbury and his son Willie had a narrow escape while driving on the river near their home yesterday.

The following officers have been elected by Border Lodge, K. of P.:

Miss Ida M. Louden and James W. Bessner were married at the Baptist parsonage, Calais, Dec. 23, by Rev. A. J. Paddelford.

ALMA, Dec. 23.—Edward S. McQuaid, junior in arts and law at Mount Allison University, is spending his vacation here.

At the close of the concert on Saturday evening the children of the Methodist Sunday school received gifts from the Christmas tree and refreshments were served.

On Christmas eve the children of the Baptist Sunday school received cards and confectiories from the Christmas tree.

Dr. Murray has been down thrice to attend Fred Hickey, who is threatened with blood poisoning.

MAURICEVILLE, Dec. 23.—Christmas brought the usual good cheer by family reunions and tokens of esteem.

Rural Dean Dibble officiated at the services in St. John's Church, Oromocto, on Christmas morning.

WHITE'S COVE, Queens Co., Dec. 23.—The pastor, Rev. H. H. Gillies, held service in St. John's church on Christmas afternoon.

The marriage of Miss Ivy Orchard, daughter of John Orchard of this place, and Orland Dykeman of Jemseg took place at the residence of the bride's father on Wednesday evening.

Walter Robertson, son of Charles Robertson, lighthouse keeper at Robertson's Point, while working in the woods one day this week cut one of his feet severely.

Campbell Farris, who has spent the last year at Newburyport, arrived home last week to visit his mother, Mrs. Sophia Farris.

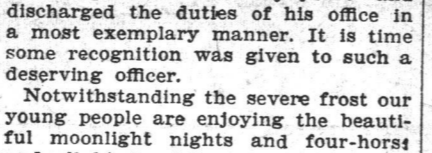
Mr. and Mrs. Sylvester Cameron of Boston are here visiting friends. Robert Orchard of Boston arrived here last week to spend the winter.

LeBaron Hanselpecker and son George, who have been working in the lumber woods at Quebec, arrived home this week. Joseph H. Thompson of Lakeview, who has been working in the lumber woods at Canaan for West Brothers, is suffering with a severe attack of the grippe.

Thomas Wilson of Coal Creek has

late of the lighthouse at Miscou. The medal was awarded by King Edward...

PHILADELPHIA WOMAN OF GREAT MUSCLE.



JANE BAILEY.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—More like a powerful man does Miss Jane Bailey, of Philadelphia, look than like the women we associate our mothers with.

As a womanly woman Miss Bailey may not appear to the majority of men, but when taken from the standpoint of the physical culturist she creates enthusiasm.

Dr. J. H. Ryan is in Sussex for a few days settling his business here. It is his intention to return to St. John to continue his practice.

SHEFFIELD, Sunbury Co., Dec. 23.—W. J. Gilbert on Saturday removed into his new commodious dwelling house on the east side of Majors Island.

Mrs. John McFarlan of British Columbia, formerly of New Brunswick, is spending the Christmas holidays with her family at French Lake, Lakeville Corner, etc.

Crothers Bros., lumber manufacturers of Upper Gasquet, have removed their store to British Columbia, where they are now working lumber for a New Brunswick company.

H. B. Bridges and wife of Gasquet, are spending a few days at Mrs. Bridge's old home in Sheffield.

F. Purdy and wife spent yesterday with their son-in-law and daughter in Sheffield, Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Bridges, of Bridge's Point.

Mrs. Clark, relict of the late Jesse Clark, died on Saturday night after a lingering illness of cancer of the stomach at the home of one of her sons, the Clark's Corner, and was buried today, the 28th inst., in the family lot of that place.

An interesting and successful entertainment was held in the temperance hall at Upper Gasquet on Christmas evening.

Musk-rats are amphibious animals, but this season, whatever the cause may be, they are wonderfully leaving native homes in the marshes and are being by the travellers on the highway.

The readers of the St. John Daily Sun in these parts join you, Mr. Editor in your congratulations of our brethren in North Renfrew, Ont., on their handsome victory in the recent by-election.

In the borough of Lewisham, Eng., on Monday Major Coates, conservative, has been elected by a majority of 2,012.

A MARQUIS DEAD. DUBLIN, Dec. 30.—The Marquis of Blandford died this morning at Westport House, Westport, County Mayo.

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SPOTS WHERE DEATH LURKS. Rooms Proved Fatal to Inmates—History of Rooms Where Person After Person Dies of the White Plague.

WHERE DEATH AWAITS. Rooms here have held death ready and waiting for years.

ON THE WASHADEMOAK. WASHADEMOAK, Dec. 30.—Mrs. W. J. Smith, a brother of the late Sir Albert Smith, died yesterday at his home in St. John.

PRESENTATION AT JOHNSTON RECTORY. On Christmas evening at the rectory, Johnston, the Rev. C. A. S. and Mrs. Warford met with a very pleasant surprise.

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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."

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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.

THE IMPARTIAL GOD.

But, affirming that God is love, Jesus goes on to affirm that this love is impartial and all-inclusive.

SUCH LOVE BEYOND MEN.

We do not understand it. We love those who love us. Interested in books, we love scholars. Interested in business, we love merchants.

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 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-protecting love.

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 pure, or why the sun sheds warmth incessantly and forever.

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 rises through all the seas, the music also of our universe.

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.

The other day, on the southern shore of Connecticut, stood an inlet of the sea. The cold night was dreary, the sea covered the little bay with a coating of ice.

What "You discouraged?" and over economic, wrong social, and commercial inquiries? God's loving thoughts, and His purposes of righteousness, will grind to powder every iniquity, every wrong, every law, every scatter all wicked wealth, as the tides grind the ice in the harbors, as the tropic waves consume the icebergs of the north.

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 earthquake exhibited His strength. We always knew that God was merciful; the firmament showeth His deft handiwork. But sometimes the harvest of pain that comes from the sowing of sin has made us think that God has an all-consuming fire.

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shall be able to separate His children from His arms and His love. And this thought, that God is love, changed the world for some of us.

SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

ST. JOHN, Dec. 23—Arr, str Florence, Williams, from London via Halifax, Wm. Thomson and Co, general cargo.

DOMESTIC PORTS.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23—Arr, str Proteion, from Liverpool, and sailed for St. John; Evangeline, from London via St. John; bktn Angelo, from Liverpool, via St. John; abia, from Cardigan, P. B. I, for Boston, and cleared.

BRITISH PORTS.

BARRON, Dec. 27—Arr, str Bangor, from St. John, N. B.

FOREIGN PORTS.

CHATHAM, Mass., Dec. 23—Arr, str Bonnie Doons, from Elizabethport for Westville, N. S.

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Boston, Jan. 23—The schooner... watching the coast...

OTTAWA NOTES.

OTTAWA, Dec. 23—The liberal papers today confirm the report of Blair's retirement from liberal politics.

MARRIAGES.

BAIRD-SIMPSON—On Dec. 20th, 1903, at Perth, at the residence of Douglas Baird...

MEMORANDA.

Passed Cape Race, N. F., Dec. 24, str Kaituma, from Glasgow for Boston.

DEATHS.

BROWNELL—At Burwell, Nebraska, Dec. 20th, Capt. William T. Brownell, formerly of Dorchester, N. B., of Bright's disease, aged 52 years.

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