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**Bountiful Christmas  
In St. John This Year**

**Money Circulating Freely And Stores Doing a Rushing Business—Turkeys And Other Products Of The Season At Top Prices, But Demand Is Brisk—Transportation Facilities Are Heavily Taxed—Charitable Organizations Busy.**

Everywhere, in every home, in the stores, banks and all places of business, the spirit of Christmas is abroad and a hirsute view of St. John today would show thousands of people on the streets intent upon the sole purpose of observing Yuletide as it should be.

Brunswick from the United States are sorted in the new postal room at the Union Depot.

Prices Away Up.  
Pork was firm yesterday at 10 1/2 cents, considerably higher than the day before.

Hundreds of Christmas Trees.  
At the head of King street and in the paths in King Square are hundreds of Christmas trees which have been brought in from the country and are being sold at a good price.



**FLOUR WALKER.**  
Those who took the advice to shop early are glad.

Shoppers who have taken advantage of the advice so earnestly given by the merchants to shop early are now congratulating themselves when they see the late shopper waiting impatiently at a crowded counter or in danger of being trodden underfoot in a rush down a corridor at a bazaar sale.

The Polar discoveries are responsible for the influx of Eskimo dolls and north pole toys which are everywhere in the stores. The Teddy bear is now almost forgotten and more dolls are sold than ever.

At the Post Office.  
Nineteen extra men were assisting at the Post Office.

Stamps are being sold from two windows while one girl's time is taken up almost entirely with weighing parcels.

**ROBINSON OPERA COMPANY HERE**



**MISS ESTHER BARTON**  
With the Robinson Opera Company.

The announcement that the Robinson Opera Co. are to be in St. John again is being looked forward to as the theatrical event of the season.

**THREE DIE, VICTIMS OF VENGEFUL ASSASSINS**

**Yesterday a Remarkable One In World Politics—Corean Premier, Russian Detective, And British Magistrate Killed**

A remarkable series of political assassinations of persons high in office was reported yesterday from widely separate points throughout the world.

In Seoul, Corea, the prime minister of the Corean cabinet was stabbed to death with a dagger as an apparent result of the intense feeling in Corea against Japanese influence.

In St. Petersburg the chief of the secret police, Colonel Karpoff, was blown to pieces by the explosion of a bomb, supposedly thrown by an anarchist.

At Bombay, British India, the chief magistrate of Nasik, Arthur M. T. Jackson, was assassinated by a native for revenge, and presumably as a part of the seditious movement against the British rule.

In each of the countries the governing authority is menaced by a dangerous element directed against the existing regime.

Whatever may have been the immediate motive for the assassination of Chief Magistrate Jackson, the outrage cannot fail to increase the present fear of an uprising in India.

On July 1 last Sir Wm. Curzon Wyllie, who had recently held important Indian appointments, was murdered at the Imperial Institute in London by an Indian student who was subsequently hanged.

The men of the sea will be given their Christmas treat in the Seaman's Institute on Tuesday evening, next, when 500 comfort bags will be presented to those in attendance at the annual concert.

**HENRY HILYARD  
PASSED AWAY AT  
NOON YESTERDAY**

**Was One Of St. John's Foremost Citizens—A Man Of Many Activities—Deep Feeling Of Regret.**

Mr. Henry Hilyard, one of St. John's most prominent business men and foremost citizens and head of the firm of Hilyard Brothers, millmen, passed away at noon yesterday at the Hilyard homestead, Douglas avenue, after a short illness.

His early career, obtained in St. John was supplemented by a professional course at the law school of Harvard University, where he received the degree of Bachelor of Law in 1870.

Active In Public Affairs.  
Mr. Hilyard was a very active man and gave a good deal of his time in the interest of the public.

Mr. Hilyard was survived by his wife and one son, Mr. George Hilyard; also by the following brothers and sisters: Mrs. W. H. Smith and Mrs. Geo. Robertson, Messrs. Herbert A. and Arthur H., at Dalhousie; Thomas R. and E. J., at home, and W. W. Hilyard at Dalnora, Florida.

Mr. Hilyard was a very active man and gave a good deal of his time in the interest of the public. Before the union of Portland with the city he was a member of the Portland council and also mayor for one year.

The funeral will take place tomorrow afternoon at 2:30 o'clock at St. Luke's church.

**MAY NOW DEFER  
DISSOLUTION IN ENGLAND**

Lord Curzon last night declared that the House of Lords should be reduced to one-third of its present membership by exempting from attendance all but the peers more suited by aptitude and inclination. How to determine aptitude is the difficult part of it.

**TALK WE'LL GET THIS WINTER.**

Did you ever hear two bowling friends discussing "last night"? Their chatter is as intelligible as Chatter Here's a sample:  
"Going up against new wood is fierce. It was hole after hole, and the majority were railroads. In the second frame Rudy drew Big Dick and Jack followed. In the second frame Walter hits 'em Brooklyn, leaves the 5-9 Lulu and plays the lead in the Cherry Pickers. Charlie cracks them in the pocket for a cinch strike, but leaves Bismark up and poodies goes after it. The Limit was up three times in two games, and the Lady Singer four times, while the Baby was so common it was a chestnut."

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SPARKLING  
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**W. H. THORNE & CO., Ltd., Market Square.**

**FRIDAY**  
Will be your last chance to influence Xmas buyers. Being pay day, and the last day before Xmas, it ought to be a big one. Get after them early Friday Morning in our happy Xmas edition and make the record of this season. Phone 1722 any time before 6 o'clock tonight.  
The Advertising Manager.

**NEW CABINET IS  
FORMED IN PORTUGAL**  
All Ministers Are Progressionists—Cortez To Re-assemble Jan. 2 to Immediately Adjourn For Two Months.

### CHARMING CAPES



While capes are much seen on the streets, yet it cannot be contradicted that the proper place for them is over evening gowns.

### CHARM IN MODES FOR CHILDREN

Children, prettily dressed--attractive frocks in Wool and Velvet--Whole Coats of White Fur Are Seen--Great Variety in Small Girls' Hats--What's New in Tab Frocks.

**Caracul Used.** Brown and gray caracul are used for the little coats, and there are shaggy, little motor coats of brown long haired fur whose name it is difficult to divine, such metamorphoses do the humbler pelts now undergo at the hands of the furrers.

**In Velvet.** Some delightful little frocks on the Russian order are made up in velvet usually of a dark tone of blue or brown or green, or in black. This last, which in anything save velvet would seem very sombre for small folk, is highly regarded by the French makers of children's clothes and there is no denying that it usually looks quaintly picturesque and is becoming to a child face and complexion.

**Fine Felt.** Fine felt rivals beaver in popularity and is perhaps better fitted for the dressy hat than the beaver. Velvet hats too are used for dress up occasions and there are many hats of fussy description in shirred silk, often trimmed with fur.

**Coats of Fur.** Whole coats of fur are by no means among the offerings in the children's departments. The all white furs are childish and pretty, but so easily that they are impractical for general wear and can be recommended only for children who have other coats and whose parents can afford extravagances.

**HOW TO MAKE WASSAIL.** Of Christmas drinks, the Wassail bowl is by far the most ancient. When made with ale it is prepared as follows:--Put a pint of good ale or beer in a pan with a half a pound of sugar, half a grated nutmeg, a pennyweight of powdered cinnamon; bring it all just to the boil, then pour in still stirring, about one and a half pints of ale or beer and half a bottle of sherry; together with a good lump of loaf sugar on to which you have rubbed off the yellow part of a lemon; let it all get quite hot, though not actually boiling; then pour it into a bowl, place some baked apples on the top, and serve.

### MADAME STEINHELL HUSBANDS NEED TO BE WATCHED AS SHE REALLY IS

#### Paris Matin Publishes First Installment of an Interesting Series Regarding Life of Notorious Frenchwoman.

Paris, Dec. 22.--Mme. Steinhell excited considerable respect for the energy and courage with which she conducted herself while on trial for her life. Now we see portraits of the lady hardly so flattering as those drawn of her during her trial. It can hardly be thought that these later ones, too, are less true to life. The Paris Matin, which took the trouble to follow Mme. Steinhell after her retirement from public gaze, gives us one of these soberer sketches.

**A Veritable Flight.** It was (it befalls) a veritable flight from the enterprising reporters. Mme. Steinhell threw herself into Mme. Branger's arms, although they had never met, exclaiming "Ah, ma Cheri!" and when she perceived her mistake apologized gracefully. Off went the motor-car at top speed. As it emerged from the depot, and Mme. Steinhell heard the cries of the reporters of special editions of newspapers, she exclaimed, "What a fuss this Steinhell affair is making!"

Salem, Mass., Dec. 22.--"If a woman--any woman--every woman--wants to be sure of her husband she should watch him every minute of the day. I have come to the conclusion that every man, no matter who he is or what position he holds, has moments when he is not to be depended on, and he should be watched accordingly. Only when she reaches her retreat did she ask after her daughter, and when M. Branger offered to go in search of her she thought with gratitude in a demonstrative manner. Mme. Steinhell was not so solemnly impressed by the Court which tried her."

#### WHAT THE HOPE DIAMOND BROUGHT ITS WEARERS

London, Dec. 22.--If the Hope diamond has gone down with its owner in the Straits of Rheo, as a result of the shipwreck of the Swoy, it would seem that the end of the story of a stone which has brought great misfortune to many people has been reached. It was thought that one would remain on the sand and coral of the warm tropical sea. Marie Antoinette, the Princess de Lamballe, and Madame de Montespan all wore the blue stone, and their misfortunes are now history. A French actress had the jewel in her corsage on the evening she was shot by a jealous Russian lover, and when the stone was in the possession of the ex-slut's guardian was strangled at his post. These are a few of the people to whom the stone has brought disaster.

**Getting Brighter.** President Gregory, of the St. John River Logging Company, who here said that the outlook for the American lumber market was thought to be getting brighter all the time, and the indications were that the British market would remain at least as good as at present.

Regarding the output on the St. John River for next season, Mr. Gregory said that the figures were not made up until after the first of the year, but it would be as large as the year, when about 115,000,000 feet of logs passed through the booms here. John Kiburn, who has been on a visit to the scene of his lumbering operations on St. John headwaters, returned last night. He reports fifteen

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St. John, N.B., Dec. 22.--The concentration of the sawmill interests on the Lower St. John River, with the operation of syndicate mills at Fredericton, is a scheme that is now in the progress of evolution, according to the Gleaner today. The scheme is at present in its infancy, and it may take some time to work it out. Those who are working out the idea are confident that the result of the application of the scheme advanced will be a great money-saver for the interests which have to pay for having the progress of their sawing operations, all that stands in the way is the capital invested at St. John in the immense sawmills now situated there. The application of the scheme, which is now being evolved would mean the closing of the big mills at St. John, or practically all of them, which is a big consideration, even though a portion of the machinery might be moved here and installed in the proposed syndicate mills. At \$500,000.

#### TOT MOVE SAWMILLS IN THE COURTS TO FREDERICTON

#### Scheme Now On Foot to Move Mills from St. John in the Consolidation of the Lumbermen's Interests.

J. Fraser Gregory of Murray and Gregory, who was here from St. John yesterday, placed the value of the sawmills in operation at St. John at between \$500,000 and \$600,000 and estimated that the total capital investment of the mill owners is in the vicinity of \$1,000,000. The big saving in the operation of the syndicate mills here will come, it is claimed, in the saving of rattling, bracketing and towage expenses. Rattling costs in the vicinity of \$1 per thousand feet, bracketing adds another 40 cents per thousand, and towage brings the total cost up to \$2 per thousand after driving expenses are paid, before the logs arrive at the St. John mills. The logs sawed at the mills here are handled under the same expense, except that towage does not cost as much. It is claimed that by the establishment of syndicate mills here, and having them run on the co-operative basis such as the operation of the driving and rattling at present, with each log owner paying his share according to the size of his operation, there can be a saving of from fifteen to twenty per cent on the towage charges by having the logs go right from the booms to the mills.

**COUNTY COURT CHAMBERS.** Prescott vs. Blois. Before Judge Forbes, in chambers yesterday afternoon, Herbert J. Blois, defendant in the case of George D. Prescott vs. H. J. Blois, applied to be discharged from the Albert County jail in which he is confined on a writ of capias issued at the instance of the plaintiff. The matter is a civil action.

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### ANTI-VIVISECTIONIST MEMORIAL THREATENED

#### Little Brown Dog of Battersea Storm Centre in England Now --Most Keenly Discussed Statute in Kingdom.

London, Dec. 22.--Storms are again raging about the "Little Brown Dog of Battersea," that effigy which was presented to Battersea in 1906 as a protest against vivisection. This time the authorities have recommended that the memorial be returned to the donors on the ground that it involves unnecessary expenditure for police supervision and causes obstruction of what is now a highway.

**Most Expensive.** The statue has not only been the most keenly discussed monument in London of recent years but far and away the most expensive to guard. Early in 1908 the Chief Commissioner of Police wrote to the borough council pointing out that the cost to the police of guarding the statue owing to the students' demonstrations amounted to about \$2,500 a year. At this rate the cost to the London ratepayers is something like \$10,000. Night and day constables have been on duty and sentry boxes have had to be erected for the convenience of the watching officers.

**Supreme Court Chambers.** Habeas Corpus Application. Yesterday afternoon before Mr. Justice McKeown, in Supreme Court chambers, Dr. L. A. Curry, K. C., acting for Elizabeth Saull, of Woodstock N. B., applied for habeas corpus in the matter of Ethel May Barton, daughter of the applicant by her first husband, Ethel May Barton, was baptized or confirmed by Father Murray formerly of this city. Other witnesses deposed that Mrs. Saull's character in any trial divorce bargain, I was sick of it a year ago, I shall use as much evidence against Mr. Puffer as I am obliged to, but if I experience any difficulty in obtaining my divorce I will produce evidence that will startle this community."

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der the anaesthetic. It knew nothing of what was being done to it on either occasion. None of us can count on so easy a death. We doubtless shall suffer pain in distress both mental and physical. This dog was free alike from fear and suffering. It died neither of starvation nor of overfeeding, nor of burdens from old age. It just died in its sleep.

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Information as to the revenue derived therefrom and other particulars will be furnished upon application. Sale at St. John, N. B., November 30th, 1909. A. C. FAIRWEATHER, Solicitor. D. Jan. 1

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SAINT JOHN, THURSDAY MORNING, DEC. 23, 1909.

CANADIAN NAVY BILL IN PARLIAMENT.

It is quite probable that when the naval programme of the Government is brought down in the House of Commons next month the ministerial side will give outward signs of more general agreement than will be found in the opposition. In the first place some sort of agreement on the Government side is necessary to the existence of the administration. It will not do to bring down a programme which even a score of ministerial members will oppose. A revolt of that dimension would throw the whole party into a first-class panic. Therefore it is so many efforts to support the policy, and their determination cannot be changed, the policy itself will be changed. The Government may count on the pretty solid support of its party or any navy bill brought down, because it will not bring down any bill which any considerable number refuse to support. The revolvers will make the measure. Then to save the ministry, and incidentally to save themselves, Liberal members will vote for a scheme that they do not like, and which they privately admit that they do not approve. They have done it in the past and will do it again. It will be acquiescence rather than support, but it will meet the case.

On the Opposition side there is no such obligation of agreement. The Conservatives are absolutely free to approve or disapprove the Government scheme, or to approve of some features while condemning others. They are not under a party obligation to oppose the Government when they believe it to be right. Certainly they are under no obligation to support a scheme which they do not believe to be sound. This is not an ordinary party question, as the course of proceedings has already shown. It is not a question in which party tactics should stand in the way of public duty. On this matter Government supporters in the House may find it necessary to suppress their real opinion. So much the more reason why members on the other side should be frank, honest and independent.

The unanimous resolution of last year may be quoted as binding the Conservative members. Undoubtedly so far as a member's expression of opinion commits him the Conservative members who in council approved and authorized Mr. Foster's original resolution are bound by its terms. This resolution declared that Canada should contribute to the naval defence of the Empire. To that plain declaration of principle the Opposition members were probably committed by a resolution of their own, and they should not abandon it without giving a good reason.

The resolution which the House adopted was Mr. Foster's with large additions by Sir Wilfrid Laurier. The Premier would not allow the motion to pass without this appendix respecting Canadian construction and Canadian control. Mr. Foster was not satisfied with the substitution. Neither was Mr. Borden. Most of the Conservative members were in the same frame of mind respecting it. But the resolution had to be that or nothing, and they let it go. So the motion was declared to be unanimous, but it was so by consent or rather by silence, and not by approval.

This year the House will be asked to do something more serious than submit to the mutilation of a resolution. The legislation which will be introduced is the adoption of a permanent policy. It is a situation in which each member is under peculiar and unusual personal responsibility to speak and vote according to his individual convictions. That duty belongs to Government supporters as well as to Opposition members, but whether dissenting ministerial members allow themselves to be stamped, or are able to mutilate the Government policy, the Conservatives should be true to themselves.

THE TRUE DISCOVERER.

Commander Peary will now get part of his due, but he has been cheated of a portion of the fame he made his own. The world does not keep up applause over a great achievement so long that a man can easily afford to lose the first and best of it. Commander Peary coming from the polar conquest, trailing clouds of glory, found the civilized world already heaping its honors on another. Dr. Cook said that there was glory enough for two, and this might have been so had the two been comrades, or even friends, or had their claims been undisputed. As it worked out the dispute between the two claimants diverted public attention from the achievement itself. Commander Peary lost his chance to go on a triumphant lecture tour while his fame was fresh, and the fortune which he would have made has been greatly reduced. It may be that a few people, seeing how a record may be faked will have doubt about the genuineness or accuracy of Peary's claim, though it has passed the examination of a society of experts. Commander Peary is now officially recognized as the true discoverer of the Pole, but his fame will shine with a milder radiance because Dr. Cook crossed his orbit.

THIS IS A CONFESSION.

We are told that it is not proper to condemn the Smead deal before the inquiry is concluded. But it happens that in this case the facts which condemn the deal are admitted. The middleman declares on oath that he bought the wharf for \$700, and sold it to the Government for \$5,000. There is not the slightest doubt about either figure. Nor is there any doubt that the Government could have bought the property for the price that the middleman paid. So whatever may come out in the remainder of the inquiry it will remain

made true that the Government paid seven times the market price for the property.

The future inquiry may or may not throw some light on the division of the \$4,300 spoil. It may show whether the Government ever intended to use the property. Perhaps it may go a little farther in tracing the history of the negotiations between the department and the middleman. If the final destination of the plunder shall be discovered it will be worth while. There may be a question whether he can be compelled to give it up. These features of the case may be discovered when the evidence concerning them has been given out. But the case is complete and confessed so far as concerns the payment of \$5,000 by the Government for a wharf that was for sale at \$700.

CANADIAN OR BRITISH.

The Halifax Chronicle thinks that it has discovered a political party in Canada which is willing to contribute money to the naval defence of the Empire, but refuses to offer men to sail and fight in the ships. Whereupon it rolls its eyes in a kind of fine frenzy and compares these politicians to those who in other days hired Hessian and Swiss mercenaries to do their fighting.

We do not know of any public men who advocate the programme which the Chronicle discusses in this wise. Those who believe that Canada should have paid for a Dreadnought would certainly not oppose the idea of Canadian men serving on the ships that Canadian money bought. But whether the ships are built in Canada or Britain, the service will be open on even terms to men from both sides of the Atlantic.

So we should suppose. But perhaps the Chronicle expects to find in the naval bill a condition that no person but a Canadian shall serve on one of the ships of the Canadian fleet. If it is the provision there will be some point in the Chronicle's tirade. Otherwise the point is missing.

Perhaps the Chronicle can tell us what percentage of Canadian-born men are found among the private soldiers of the permanent force now stationed at Halifax.

THE STANDARD.

Mr. James H. Crockett, managing director of The Standard, who has since last March given his attention largely to the affairs of this paper, has asked his fellow directors to accept his resignation in order that he may devote his time more fully to the Frederickton Gleamer. Mr. Crockett now finds it possible to carry out his original intention to withdraw from the management after the organization should be completed and the business in good running order. This circumstance furnishes occasion for the Telegraph to supply the misinformation that "The Standard has not proved a financial success," and that "there have been many dark rumors in regard to the future of The Standard," and "so far they have not been found to be authentic." If the Telegraph finds it an agreeable diversion from its own financial activities to add to the rumors that are not authentic, there is no objection on the part of this journal. The Standard's success at the present early stage in its history exceeds the expectations of its founders. It is not yet making anybody rich, but has established itself as a journal which the people buy and read and believe, and the future of such a paper is well assured.

SHIPS AND SHIP MONEY.

The London Telegraph's naval expert points out that the comparison between the number of German and the British Dreadnoughts "building" is always misleading. If Germany has the same number under construction as Britain, the latter country is making the greater progress. This is because Great Britain builds a Dreadnought from start to finish in less than two years, while in Germany it takes three years. Therefore when the two nations are turning out the same number of ships each year, Germany would have three on the stocks for Britain's two. The Telegraph writer attributes a large part of the German navy scare to the failure to observe this important fact.

In the opinion of this writer, Britain can keep the lead in spite of all that Germany can do. She can build ships in more places and build them more rapidly. But of course there is the additional question of paying for them. This is the problem that confronts the British taxpayer, as it does the German. It is the cause of the oppressive features of the budget. It turns the attention of the people to the expedient of customs taxes. Ship money must be found now as three centuries ago, and those who go in search of it find trouble and sorrow.

MR. ASQUITH REASSURED.

Mr. Asquith says that Great Britain need have no fear of German naval superiority. Britain is safe to hold her lead for next year and the year after. This is quite encouraging. But it was Premier Asquith, Mr. Haldane and Sir Edward Grey, his leading ministers dealing with military and foreign affairs, who promoted the scare by telling of the German programme, and picturing in the language of panic the possible consequences. The message of re-assurance was due from the chief promoters of the fright.

When the danger speeches were made the Lloyd-George budget was to be defended. Nothing short of a war scare could justify such a budget at that time. Now the agitation has gone beyond the limits proposed and the ministers are applying soothing remedies.

A SPIRITED PARTY.

The Conservatives of Lunenburg, who were defeated in a provincial by-election a few weeks ago, took the field again immediately in a federal by-election. They have again failed, but only by some 250 majority, which was a rather close vote for that riding. This fight was certainly worth making and is a splendid example of the kind of courage and persistence which in the end makes victory sure. The Opposition captured the town of Lunenburg and divided Bridgewater. Had they won the election these Conservatives of Lunenburg would have been overwhelmed with praises and congratulations. They are no less deserving because they came a little short of victory.

People are taking notice of the fact that in the competitive appointments made to the Third Division in the civil service by the commissioners 27 of the 57 went to women. The Montreal Gazette sees in this a prospect of a large increase in the number of clever women seeking admission to the service, seeing that the law allows them the same pay as men. But it should not be forgotten that while the Third Division is open to both sexes, women may not compete for positions in the two higher ranks. Naturally this tends to increase the proportion of clever girls who compete in the one division open to them.

Nansen, who has refrained until now from saying anything on the question of Peary versus Cook, says that he knew it all the time. If only he had mentioned his suspicions to his friend the King of Denmark, or his other friend, Dr. Torp, of the University of Copenhagen, he might have been a benefactor.

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CHRISTMAS HYMNODY

A correspondent writes: "In your issue of December 18 there was an article upon Christmas hymnody which contained some inaccuracies of statement that I feel impelled to call your attention to. The writer says of the Latin hymn for Epiphany by Prudentius: 'The English version of this hymn is by an American hymnologist, Edmund Caswell.' It is by the English translator Edward Caswall. Canon Oakley the writer calls 'Father Oakley.' He continues: 'There are two more carols by American authors, Mrs. Alexander's 'Once in David's Royal City,' and John Caswood's 'Hark, the Sound of Holy Voices?' 'Neither of these writers was American. Mrs. Alexander, who wrote 400 hymns, mostly for children, was born in Ireland and was the wife of the Bishop of Derry, and John Caswood was an Englishman. His hymn here referred to is 'Hark, What Mean Those Holy Voices?' The opening lines of Wesley's famous Christmas hymn are not:

"Hark, the herald angels sing  
Glory to the newborn King."

The correct lines are:

"Hark, how all the welkin rings  
Glory to the King of Kings."

The writer also speaks of "Charlotte Elliot, the bedridden poetess," Charlotte Elliot, to whom he refers, was not bedridden. Her sister said of her: "From early years she was more or less an invalid, and consequently her life was one of much seclusion, offering but few incidents and little variety. Her life was hidden one. She always rallied during the summer months and was able to pay visits to friends at a distance." At intervals she visited Normandy, Paris, Scotland; travelled for months one year after another here and there, on the Continent or in Switzerland, and made long visits to different parts of England.

PROBATE COURT.

Estate of James Donahue. In the probate court yesterday, the matter of the estate of James Donahue, deceased, came up. He died intestate, leaving his wife, Mary Ann Donahue, and five sons and seven daughters. Mrs. Donahue was appointed administratrix. There is no real estate. Personal estate is \$750. John Kerr, K. C. is proctor.

CIRCUIT COURT.

The case of O'Donnell vs. Ruddock, which was scheduled to be tried before His Honor Mr. Justice McLeod with-out a jury yesterday morning, in the Circuit Court, was adjourned until Wednesday next at Admiralty Court Chambers. Messrs. Hazen and Raymond appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. S. A. M. Skinner for the defendant.

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Asbestos Bonds, Black Lake Asbestos, Canada Cement Pfd., Cobalt Lake, Chambers-Ferland, Cobalt Central, Floy, Kerr Lake, La Rosa, Nancy Helen, N. S. Cobalt, Peterson's Lake, Silver Queen, Silver Leaf, Tretchway, Tomskam, Can. Car. Pfd., Cement 227 1/2-26, Cement Pfd. 35-88, Cement Pfd. 100-12, Can. Pfd. 75-100, New Quebec 515-30, Cement 25-26, Black Lake Bonds 100-79 1/2, Black Lake Pfd. 18-62 1/2, Black Lake 35-21, COTTON RANGE, Jan., Feb., March, May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Dec. 1909.

MONTREAL STOCK MARKET

Morning Sales. Canadian Pacific Railway 50@117.50, 100@120.00, 150@125.00, 200@130.00, 250@135.00, 300@140.00, 350@145.00, 400@150.00, 450@155.00, 500@160.00, 550@165.00, 600@170.00, 650@175.00, 700@180.00, 750@185.00, 800@190.00, 850@195.00, 900@200.00, 950@205.00, 1000@210.00.

AMERICAN PRODUCE MARKET THE CALL MONEY RATE SOARS TO NEW RECORD. New York, Dec. 22.—Flour—Steady with demand slow. Receipts, 34,097; shipments, 27,432. Wheat—Spot, easy; No. 2 red, 1.30 nominal; No. 1 Northern Duluth, 1.23 3/4 and No. 2 hard winter, 1.24 1/4 nominal.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER. By direct private wires to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. New York, Dec. 22.—Today's stock market developments caused no surprising movements ruling dull and listless throughout the session.

WINNIEPEG WHEAT MARKET. St. John, N. B., Dec. 22.—The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd., supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg wheat market.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET; YES- CANADIAN REDUCE TERDAY'S TRADING ON ALL ST. MARKETS

Shares. Bid Pious High Low Close. Amalgamated Copper... 88 88 88 88 88. American Beet Sugar... 46 47 46 46 47. American Car and Foundry... 71 71 71 71 71. American Cotton Oil... 67 67 67 67 67.

NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—The extreme dullness into which the stock trading fell today was traceable to the restraining influence of the tightness of the call money market. It is the assumption of the professional traders here that this condition is temporary and incident to the year-end requirements and to be succeeded, consequently, by relaxation with the turn of the year. This expectation probably explains the disposition to adopt a waiting attitude and the probably thought slight response to helpful factors. Special stocks rose temporarily and in spite of the weight of oppression on the general list caused by the narrowing of credit resources.

MONTREAL STOCK EXCHANGE. By Direct Private Wire to J. C. Mackintosh & Co. Miscellaneous. Bid Ask. Asbestos... 30. Bell Telephone... 149. Can. Packers... 75.

THE COTTON MARKET. New York, N. Y., Dec. 22.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, 36 points higher. Middling uplands, 15.75; middling Gulf 16.00. No sales. Consolidated—Firm, 15 1/4. Savannah—Steady, 14 1/2. Charleston—Firm, 14 1/4.

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DAILY ALMANAC. Sun rises today... 8:08 a.m. Sun sets today... 4:41 p.m. Sun rises tomorrow... 8:09 a.m. Sun sets tomorrow... 4:41 p.m. Arrived—Yesterday. Str. Kaven (Nor) Pedersen from Boston, R. Reford Co, general cargo for Havana.

Marine Notes. Allan Line steamship Hesperian which left this port last Friday for Liverpool took away a cargo valued as follows: Canadian goods, \$196,485; United States goods \$68,812; total, \$265,247. Among her freight were 79,324 bushels of wheat.

APPOINTMENTS AT PROVINCIAL CAPITAL. Fredericton, Dec. 22.—Royal Gazette today has among appointments the following: County of Gloucester—George Gilbert, barrister, to be a district or stipendiary magistrate for the county of Gloucester to reside at Bathurst.

OUTLOOK FOR THE SPEEDWAY

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FAST TEAM ASSURED FOR ST. FRANCIS

The St. John students who are attending St. Francis Xavier College returned to the city yesterday to spend their Christmas vacation. Speaking of hockey prospects in St. F. X. during the coming season, the boys say that the college will turn out a very fast team this season, and the winners of last year's Nova Scotia intercollegiate championship expect to duplicate the performance again this winter.

LYNCH AIMS TO REDUCE FRICTION

New York, Dec. 22.—Thomas J. Lynch, the new president of the National league, sent out a letter today to his six veteran umpires—Hank O'Day, Bob Emslie, Steve Kane, James E. Johnston, William J. Klem and Chas. Rigler—asking them to communicate with him with whom most of their troubles with players originated last season.

Stiff Sentence For Noted Auto Driver



"MONTY" ROBERTS.

At last the driver of a gas wagon Roberts, famous driver of the car has been sentenced to jail for violation which won the New York to Paris in the automobile laws and in at least trace in 1907.

The victim is no other than Monty for 30 days and fined \$150 and costs.

WORLD'S SERIES TO KEEP PITRE OUT OF GAME

Special to The Standard. Montreal, Dec. 22.—To cap the off of fabulous wealth for good hockey players, the National Athletic Association has applied for an injunction to prevent Didier Pitre, the famous forward from playing with any other team than the Nationals.

Pitre signed a contract to play with the Nationals for a certain consideration. Then there was friction, and when notified to attend practices he refused to do so.

Another Reason. "Then there's another reason which is based upon fact. The much talked of umpire bribery scandal has been a bitter pill for the magnates to swallow. Not until this mess was uncovered a year ago was there the slightest ground for suspicion that baseball was not on the square.

The action of the National League in adopting the 168 game plan is causing much speculation and gossip. The plan was suggested by Ebbets of Brooklyn and Murphy of Chicago and was adopted unanimously at the meeting here last week.

The fact that the Cubs and Pirates have both won world's championships for the National League in the last two years is taken to mean that the magnates in the old organization are not trying to dodge the issue, fearing the result.

Tom Longboat, the runner, asked the Toronto board of control yesterday to pay over to him the balance of \$250 still in the city treasurer's hands as part of the Longboat fund.

STAR BOWLERS FINISH SECOND

Manage to Capture Needed Point from Standard in Holy Newspaper League—Holy Trinity Defeats C.M.B.A.

Somebody has said that "there's nothing so uncertain as a dead sure thing," and the truth of the old saying was proven yesterday afternoon, when the Star succeeded in wresting one point from the Standard.

The game yesterday was contested tooth and nail, throughout, the Standard winning out by one solitary stick. The most remarkable feature of the meeting was the absence of that peculiar "enthusiasm" which has characterized all games in which the aspirants took part.

Standard scores table with columns for player names and scores.

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Holy Trinity scores table with columns for player names and scores.

Second game scores table with columns for player names and scores.

WOULD MEET 2 IN SAME RING



CHARLEY WHITE.

Memphis, Tenn., Dec. 22.—Charley White, whom Battling Nelson picked as the boy to wrest Abe Attell's title from him, is out with a challenge to fight Jimmy Moran and Babe Cullen, the same night.

White has come up in the ranks the last year. He is a clever Yiddish boy of 18, with a name that sounds like a C. Q. D. wireless.

Murphy... .87 76 87 250-82 1-3  
O'Neil... .84 80 75 239-79 2-3  
Coughlan... .78 83 86 247-82 2-3  
M. Cohan... .81 82 78 251-82 2-3  
Mullin... .90 87 85 262-87 1-3

OUTLOOK FOR THE SPEEDWAY

Cold Weather and Snow Only Needed Now to Put Sport Under Way--The Fast Ones That Will Compete.

Now that the time for wheels is almost at an end, the fans will commence to get the speedway at Millidgeville in order.

To make this possible there must be a good fall of snow and plenty of cold weather. Then the sports will start, to look around and see just what speed is in St. John.

Some of the fastest horses in the city will be seen on the speedway, and amongst them are Mr. Ed. Jewett's recently imported grey gelding Buchanan, with a mark of 2:15 1/2.

Another speedy pacer will be seen in Paddy-Bags owned by Wm. McDonald, city market. It is rumored that Louis King, the well known driver, will hold the reins on this fast one.

Mr. Slow Reid's fast pacer Archie W., will probably be seen in action for the first time this season. It is a well known fact that this pacer has a mark about a low, and he will no doubt, prove capable of holding his own with the best of them.

The seasoned driver, Thos. Hayes, will drive Nan Patterson or Blonidon and as both trotters have great speed, it is reasonable to state that he will be a dangerous factor this season.

Mr. Fred Emery will drive his new colt which has John R. Gentry as grand sire.

Conductor Willard Broad has brought from Moncton one of the fastest paces seen here in a long time. He has cleaned out everything but paces seen here in years as a mare around Moncton, and behind a mare like her Mr. Broad should certainly come down in great shape.

Harold McDougall will drive his pacer named Marion W. He will no doubt make some of the fastest ones stand by and take notice.

Mr. Fred Barnhill has a chestnut trotter which he has brought from St. Stephen. She is a beautiful animal, and can step some too.

Captain White of Millidgeville will have behind his new colt by Beltry Chimes. It is a handsome young colt, and in another year should show extreme speed. Captain White, it is understood is going to make this colt pace, and no doubt like her sire Beltry

Large advertisement for White House Coffee, featuring a can of coffee and text describing its quality and availability.

THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Fresh westerly and north westerly winds, cloudy and a little lower temperature, some light local falls of snow or sleet.

SYNDICATE OF LUMBER MILLS AT FREDERICTON IMPROBABLE

Report From Capital Of Co-operative Scheme To Shut Down Mills In St. John Not Credited By Local Lumbermen—J. Fraser Gregory Speaks Of Difficulties In The Way—J. R. Warner Is Also Skeptical.

St. John lumbermen are not much disturbed over the proposed formation of a big syndicate at Fredericton having for its object the manufacture of all lumber coming down the St. John on a co-operative basis, thus doing away with rafting, bracketing and towing charges on the river below the capital and possibly shutting down all the big mills in St. John.

Mr. J. Fraser Gregory, of Murray and Gregory, Ltd., was one of those interviewed last evening and was very emphatic in his statement that there could be nothing in the proposed syndicate. In the first place, he said it was not feasible, the season in Fredericton was only six months and in St. John the season lasted the year round.

A Great Money Saver. The despatch stated that the scheme was still in its infancy but that those who were working out the idea were confident that the result of the application of the scheme would be a great money saver for the interests which have to pay for sawing millions of feet of lumber. All that stood in the way was the capital invested in the large sawmills in this city.

Mr. J. R. Warner was also skeptical of the practicability of the scheme of co-operative mills. "Some years ago," he said, "the same thing was set on foot among St. John lumbermen but nothing came of it and it would not be a success here. I am very sure it would not be in Fredericton."

AROUND THE CITY

On Saturday next, Christmas Day, The Standard will not be published.

Taken Out of Temptation's Way. Policeman Ira Perry found a pair of chickens hanging outside Mr. Peter McIntyre's store last evening and took them to the North End police station for safe keeping.

A Correction. Mr. Harry Gilbert, of Rothesay, informs The Standard that the report that he had accepted a position in the public works department at Ottawa, is incorrect. He is giving up his business at Rothesay but has no intention of entering the Government service.

The Sugar Refinery. A letter has been received from Mr. F. C. Durand, who proposes establishing a sugar refinery here, informing his solicitors, Messrs. Weldon and McLean that he has been making good progress with the I. C. R. authorities concerning the removal of the trestle in lower cove and expects to receive their decision this week.

Mr. John A. Segee to Appeal. Mr. John A. Segee who was fined \$20 which was allowed to stand, for trespassing on and injuring the property of The Turbulent Real Estate Co., states that he is going to appeal from the police magistrate's decision and have the case taken before Judge Forbes in the county court.

The boys' department of the Y. M. C. A. are making arrangements to publish a newspaper. H. A. Lordly has been appointed editor, J. Hipwell and P. Cunningham, assistant editors and E. Megarity business manager.

McGill Has Great Hockey Team. Mr. Louis McDonald who is taking a course in civil engineering at the University of McGill, returned to the city yesterday to spend his Christmas vacation at home. Mr. McDonald is a graduate of St. Joseph's college and while there was identified with the athletic life of the college.

Good Things Filled Seventy-Five Baskets. The provisions, fruits and other good things taken by the Centenary Methodist Sunday school children to the orphanage last Sunday afternoon, were sent out by the committee to homes where they were delivered to fifty-five well-filled baskets for the families. This is double the amount distributed last year.

S. S. BORNIE. St. John also institute Appreciated. Nansen, Havell and the first part of an entertainment for the Pierrot St. John about plan Tunesian last Special Roundmen's Mission, Mr. L. Stearns, conductor, spoke highly of the troupe and was being done by the troupe.

For the Orphans at Silver Falls. At a meeting of the committee in charge of the Father Matthew's Association annual Christmas tree and entertainment for orphans at Silver Falls held in St. Malachi's hall last evening, final plans were arranged. A tree filled with plentiful good things will be taken out to the institution and an entertainment in which some clever local talent will take part has been arranged.

Death of Miss Clara Raymond. The death of one of the children of a United Empire Loyalist of 1783, occurred in the city yesterday when Miss Clara Raymond passed away at the Old Ladies' Home, aged 93 years. Miss Raymond was the daughter of the late Mr. Jesse Raymond of Norton, Kings county, who was one of the youngest of the loyalists.

U. S. CRUISER WILL PROTECT FISHERMEN ON MARINE COAST

Capt. Burns Of Curlew Hears Of New Departure — 800 Lobster Traps Destroyed At Tusket Islands.

The cruiser Curlew which arrived in port yesterday reports having raided and destroyed hundreds of lobster traps along the Nova Scotia coast and especially in the vicinity of the Tusket Islands.

Speaking with a Standard reporter yesterday afternoon, Captain Burns said that each year, much difficulty is experienced with poachers along both the New Brunswick and Nova Scotia coasts and it was determined this season to adopt strenuous measures towards the violation. The lobster season on the Nova Scotia coast does not open until December 16, and on the 14th and 15th of this month the Curlew destroyed nearly 800 traps around the Tusket Islands.

50,000 Live Lobsters for Boston. With regard to fishing generally, Captain Burns said that this season, especially in sardines and herring would fall considerably short of former years. The lobster catch, however, since the opening of the season last Wednesday had been very good.

PERSONAL. Mr. Frank S. Scammell of Chicago, is in the city on a visit to his mother, Mrs. J. H. Scammell.

Cecil Porter, Roy Smith, Robin Johnson and Fred Clawson arrived home yesterday from McGill for the Christmas holidays.

Macedonian Murderer Will Hang Today. Toronto, Dec. 22.—It is understood that M. Steffo, the Macedonian murderer, will hang tomorrow, at 8 o'clock, as efforts of the lawyers to save him have been unavailing.

FROM CALIFORNIA TO TAKE COLLEGE COURSE AT ST. F. X.

J. Ena Sent East To Finish College Education — Hockey Team In Great Shape For Coming Season.

Coming all the way from Los Angeles, California, Mr. J. Ena, a son of a former resident of the Maritime Provinces, has been attending St. Francis Xavier College, at Antigonish. Mr. Ena passed through the city yesterday on his way to Eastport to spend the holiday with a friend, Mr. A. Fahy.

G.T.P. TRAINS TO PASS THROUGH BY 1912

General Manager Chamberlain Declares That Road Will Be Completed Sooner Than Was Expected.

Ottawa, Dec. 22.—"Without any doubt we will be running trains over our own rails to the Pacific by 1912, and perhaps before," said E. J. Chamberlain, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific, when interviewed today.

BROKAW TO TESTIFY TODAY IN DIVORCE CASE

New York, Dec. 22.—W. Gould Brokaw did not take the stand today in his own defense, as was expected. Instead his counsel introduced testimony designed to show that the demands of Mrs. Brokaw, who is suing for separation with alimony of \$60,000 a year, are unreasonable, in view of the husband's diminished fortune.

A Holiday Necessity A BOX OF Snijfer's UNQUALLED CANDIES Chas. R. Wasson, The Drug Store, 100 King Street.

KODAKS —FOR— Christmas Gifts We have the complete KODAK line. Prices from \$7.00 up. Tank Developers \$3.00, \$5.00, \$6.00. E. G. Nelson & Co., Cor. King and Charlotte Sts.

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For Christmas We have a stock of fine CONFECTIONERY, PERFUMES in pretty packages, 25c to \$5.00 each. TOILET SOAP in boxes, 25c to \$1.00 each. EBONY HAND MIRRORS, 75c to \$2.50 each. EBONY HAIR BRUSHES, to match mirrors. E. CLINTON BROWN, DRUGGIST, Cor. Union and Waterloo Sts.

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