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WORRIED TO DEATH

What Christmas Brought to the Rev. Jesse A. Wilkins.

WOODSTOCK, Conn., Dec. 26.—
Worry over the knowledge that his farm which represents the savings of a life-time, was to be taken from him, by the foreclosure of a life-off mortgage, is believed by the medical examiner to have caused the sudden death of Rev. Josse A. Wilkins, '75 years old, a retired clergyman, whose body was found today in the house where he had lived alone for two years. Early on Christmas afternoon Rev. Mr. Wilkins, who for some time has been making an effort to meet the interest on the mortgage is said to have received a notice of foreclosure. Today his body was found on the floor. Physicians promeuned the cause of death to have been congestion of the brain, brought on by worry.

THE STREET RAILWAY

To the Editor of the Star: To the Editor of the Star:
Sir,—Is it fair to the citizens of St.
John the way the Street Railway is putting salt and sand on the track? It is simply scandalous the way they are allowed to do things, They come along with the sweeper and scatter the salt all over the street.

What is the matter with the council, or do the St, John Railway Company pay all the taxes?

Yours respectfully.

Yours respectfully, TEAMSTER.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

At the protestant Orphan Asylum, Wiggins' Male Orphan Asylum, Home for Incurables, Mater Misericordica Home, Little Girls' Home, Salvation Army Home, Scamen's Mission, Almshouse and Lunatic Asylum the immates were cheered yesterday by good fare and other kindly remembrances.

Yesterday afternoon and evening the members of the Carleton Curling Club enjoyed a fine game, the match being between the president and vice-president. The latter won easily, the only Tink in the losine side which proved rink in the losing side which proved able to beat its opponent being the one skipped by the president. On New Year's day the return match will be played.

A SPLENDID CONTRIBUTION.

The collection taken in the cathedral yesterday in aid of the orphans amounted to \$780. A number who were not at the services have announced their intention of further contributing

Mr. Fox, the new organist from England for St. John's church, is a clever musician. His playing in the church yesterday was marked by much skill and taste.

CORNELL HAS 2968 STUDENTS.

ITHACA, N. Y., Dec. 26—The Cornell University register was ready for dis-fribution today. The book shows that the total number of students in atten-ance to date is 2,968, a gain of 176 over

ance to date is 2,008, a guill of 1.1 last year.
This year there are 380 instructors etc., being an increase in the teaching staff of thirty. Forty-six states and sixteen foreign countries are represented in the student body.

CANADIANS DEFEATED.

TORONTO, Dec. 26.—An Edinburgh able reports another defeat for the anadian football team.

JOSEPH FARREN'S DEATH.

OSEPH FAIREN'S DEATH,
Coroner Berryman is today making
enquiries into the death of Joseph Farren, who died from the effects of injuries received at the I. C. R. terminus a week ago. It is said that death
was due to exposure, and Dr. Berryman is finding some difficulty in learning the facts. He has heard from Dr.
Morris concerning the slowness of the
ambulance and has yet to receive the
statements of the steamship people
and the stevedore. Dr. Berryman gays
that as yet he has learned nothing
which would render an inquest necesfary.

WILL THEY STRIKE AGAIN?

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Writing from a Pennsylvania town a former St. John resident says:

"The impression here is that there will be another strike next summer. The coal-companies are working the mines for all they are worth. The strike commission will not get through before spring, the mine owners will not agree with their opinion, the union will not be recognized, there will be a great deal of coal on hand, the selling price will be kept up because the companies know the miners will strike, and so it will be the same old thing over again. At present there is a very bitter feeling between the mine owners and the union members."

CHARGED WITH POISONING.

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YARMOUTH, N. S., Dec. 24.- David Hurlbert was arrested today on the charge of attempting to poison his son-in-law, John Gallagher. Hurlbert, who does not bear the best of reputations at Rockville, his home, some six miles out of town, is out on bail till the en quiry on Monday.

A FAITHFUL EMPLOYEE.

Miss Marshall Saunders of Halifax, suggested in the Halifax Herald that some tangible recognition be made of the faithfulness of section foreman David Ferguson, who saved the express train from being wrecked in the washout near Folleigh Lake. John Donaldson, of Port Williams, who was a passenger sent the Herald \$5.00 to start a fund for the purpose.

St. John. December 26, 1902.

Ulster Bargains

This is the time of year when an Ulster is more useful and comfortable than any other Top Coat and we are offering the balance of our stock at greatly reduced prices—be sure and see them.

len's Ulsters at \$3.00, 4.00, 5.00 and 6.00. Boys' Ulsters, age 12 to size 35, all reduced to \$3.00. Boys' Ulsters, age 8 to 11 years, all marked \$2.50.

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THE SHOE TRADE.

French and Austrian Makers Advance Prices 10 Per Cent.

As a Result of the Too Keen Competition in Raw Material.

VIENNA, Dec. 28.— The Austrian manufacturers have decided to advance the price of shoes ten per cent, on account of the higher cost of leather. They claim this step is due to the extensive purchase of hides in the European markets by Americans, who have practically cleaned out the continental stocks. The Austrians also profess to see increased danger to the European shoe industry from America, owing to the United States government retunding ninty-nine per cent. of the tariff on the raw article when manufactured and exported in the States. The complaint that this procedure is too greatly facilitated by Secretary Shaw's order admitting proof of identity by sample declaration, instead of by affidavit.

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PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Association of Boot & Shoe Manufacturers of Paris, representing extensive 'industries of Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Fougeres, Nancy, and other places, has decided on an advance in the scale of prices for footwear. In making the announcement, M. Cibault, vice-president of the association, says it was made necessary by the gradual monopoly of the raw material by Americans, M. Cibault also asserts that the leather trusts and other leather industries of America are absorbing a considerable part of the raw product of France and are then manufacturing and reselling the finished produce in the French market. The French manufacturers have suffered chiefly from the gradual rise in cost of leather, To meet this the selling price of goods will be advanced 10 per cent.

The manufacturers have also decided to seek a readjustment of the tariff rates of France with the view of improving their position. The advanced scale will first affect the wholesalers, but it is expected that it will soon lead to the augmenting the retail price, by about 20 cents to 65 cents per pair.

BOTH ARE DEAD.

Man and Wife Victims of Accidental Poisoning.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 26.—Mr. and Mrs. Singer are dead, the result, it is thought, of accidental poisoning. Mr. Singer became suddenly ill and his wife sent for a physician. Before one reached their home Mr. Singer had expired and Mrs. Singer had been stricken with convulsive pants. She died while the physican was trying to relieve her sufferings. She revived long enough, however, to say the single word "salts" in response to the doctor's questioning as to what she had taken. The physician believes that the couple took oxalic acid mistaking it for salts.

A DAY'S CRIMES.

Murder and Robbery Committed in American Cities.

MOBILE. Ma., Dec. 26.—Ernest Wimberley, a well known young man of this city, was fatally stabled last night at the corner of the Francis and Warren streets by two negroes. One wound is near the heart and the other in the side. Charks Humphreys and John Golden were arrested, charged with the crime. The cause of the stabling is not known.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 26.—The state bank of Webber, Kansas, seven miles south of here, has been dynamited, and robbed of \$1,500 in cash. The robbers dug a hole through the vault large enough to admit a man and then blew open the steel chest. They then escaped.

WHOLESALE MARRIAGE.

How a Chicago Preacher Earned Big Fee in Short Time.

CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.-Rev. N. B. CHICAGO, Ill., Dec. 26.—Rev. N. 18. Naylor performed a marriage ceremony last night by which five couples were united, says a special to the Chronicle from Armstrong. The blides and bridgerooms formed a circle around the minister, and with clasped hands took the vows. They belonged to a matrimonial club and had agreed to be married at thes ame time and by the same minister.

VENEZUELA.

The Cabinet at Washington Discussing the Arbitration Proposal.

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The cablet is now in session considering the Venezuelan matter. It is understood the question of arbitration will be referred to the Hague tribunal by the agreement of all concerned.

BERLIN, Dec. 26.—A semi-official note published today says: "As in the case of Italian note, the British and German notes to Venezuela presented December 23, declare that if President Roosevelt does not accept the post of arbitration the powers would be prepared subject to certain reservations to submit the matter to the Hague tribunal. The Lokal Anzelger of Berlin published yesterday the following statement evidently inspired by the foreign office: "The German government has excluded from the scope of arbitration of the Venezuelan difficulty a claim of arbitration is begun."

PLAYED SANTA CLAUS

And was Fatally Burned Beside the Christmas Tree.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—Forest Gale, a 15-year-old boy attached to the Salvation Army, was tatally burned last night while playing Santa Claus for three hundred children at Hamilton, Ohio. The accident occurred at the Salvation Army hall, where the amual Christmas entertainment was in pro-

The boy was swathed in rolls of cotton and wore a long beard of smilar material. He was frisking around the tree picking off the gifts for each child and his clothing ignited from a candle. The fire leaped up enveloping him almost instantly. His false beard burned and he inhaled the fiames. Gale was taken to the hospital, where he died twenty minutes later.

CHAMBERLAIN ARRIVES.

Warmly Welcomed by Crowds at Durban To-day.

DURBAN, Natal, Dec. 26.-Colonia BORBAN, Natal, Dec. 26.—Colonial secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, Ingland, Nov. 25 on board the armor-ed cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 1,30 this morning. They received a warn welcome from large crowds of

THE DEATH ROLL.

DUBUQUE, Ia., Dec. 26.—Moses M. Ham, for many years editor of the Dubuque Herald, once a state senator and postmaster at Dubuque during both President Cleveland's administrations, died last night. He was 69 years old.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 26.—Associate Justice Jerryles.

SAN FRANCISCO, Calif., Dec. 26.— Associate Justice Jackson Temple of the supreme court of California is dead in this city. He was born in Massa-chusetts August 11, 1827. In 1852 he came to California, and besides serv-ing with distinction as judge of the district and superior courts he was three times elected to the supreme

PESHAWAR, Punjab, Dec. 26.—Hadda Mullah, who caused so many obreaks on the northwest frontier India, died December 22.

WELL KNOWN PFOPLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.-Mrs. Langtry

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Mrs, Langtry arrived here today from Europe. LONDON, Dec. 26.—Premier Balfour is confined to his bed at Whittingham, Scotland. He is suffering from a sharp attack of influenza.

ROME, Dec. 26.—Bishop Conaty, rector of the Catholic University at Washington, appears to have the best chance of appointment to the bishopric of Los Angeles, Calif. When the conference of the Propaganda meets January 19, after the holidays, the filling of this vacancy will be among the carliest business transacted.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The Ecv. Wm. H. Annable, 65 years old, pastor of the Irwin Memorial M. E. church, of this city, died today. He has been for eight years presiding elder to the Central New York conference.

SUSSEX NEWS A Brilliant Wedding-Interesting Pos sonal and Other Notes.

SUSSEX, Dec. 24.—The marriage of Miss Lillian B. Taylor, daughter of Stepher P. Taylor of Sussex, to Dr. Frederick H. Johnson of Easton, Pa., took place at the residence of the bride's parents on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd inst. The ceremony was performed by Rey. Frank Builty Payston of bride's parents on Tuesday afternoon, the 23rd inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Frank Baird, pastor of the Sussex Presbyterian church. The bride entered the drawing room, which was tastefully decorated for the occasion, leaning on the arm of her father. She wore a handsome costume of brown zibelene suiting with strappings of plain cloth. Her hat was of brown velvet with cream applique, and she carried a beautiful bouquet of roses and maiden hair ferns. The pretty maid of honor, little Miss Winifred Fowler, daughter of Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., was charming in white with blue sash. She wore a gold pin, the gift of the groom. After

and white with blue sash. She wore a gold pin, the gift of the groom. After the ceremony lunch was served, and the bride then donned a travelling coat of brown beaver cloth with sable trimmings. The wedding march was played by Mrs. Harnett in her usual brilliant style. Among the guests present were Mrs. C. A. Stockton, St. John, and Miss Taylor, daughter of Dr. F. P. Taylor of Charlottetown, P. E. J.

E. I.

Dr. and Mrs. Johnson left on the western bound C. P. R. for their home. They will spend some time in Boston, New York and Philadelphia. Mrs. Johnson will receive her friends at 224 South 7th street, Easton, on January 21st and 22nd. She will wear a beautiful reception gown of fawn crepe de chene over pink taffata with medallion and chiffon trimmings in trome color and pale green. The bride has been very prominent in both social and church circles and will be much missed. She received many costly presents, including a silver tea service from her brother, S. S. Taylor, K. C., Nelson, B. C.

B. Ainsley Keith of Millstream, who was kicked by his horse a few weeks ago, is improving, Geo. White, Ir., who was taken with lockjaw on Saturday, remains about the same. Dr. and Mrs. Johnson left on the

the same.

Dr. Beverly Sproul is home spending the Christmas holidays with his

ing the Christmas holidays with his parents.

W. H., Heine, Scott act inspector, raided Thomas Brown's restaurant and residence on Tuesday in search of liquor, but found none.

The infant daughter of Rev. and Mr. J.' B. Gough of this place was christened on Tuesday evening by Rev. A. Lucas. Little Miss Gough will henceforth be known as Helen Warnlick McSweeney Gough. Quite a number of friends were invited for the occasion.

A FATAL FIRE.

Two Brooklyn Firemen Killed and Others Injured,

In a \$400,000 Fire That Swept Through a Number of Factories.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.— In a fire which shot through five factories on the river front of Brooklyn after one o'clock this morning three firemen were killed, two were badly injured and more than \$400,000 damage was done. The list of dead and injured is as follows:

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The dead are: Michael O'Toole, fireman of Engine Co., No. 55, on water tower; Thomas Jeffries, fireman, water tower; Company No. 6, crushed out of recognition; battalion chief Thomas Coppinger, of 23rd Battalion, skull fractured, arm and leg broken, died on the way to the hospital.

The injured are: Thomas McCarthy, right leg fractured and right hip crushed, at Long Island hospital; Wm. McCooley, citizen, home supposed to be in Nostrand avenue, skull crushed, at Brooklyn hospital.

Beginning among the inflammable materials in the cooperage plant of Arbuckle Bros., at Plymouth and Bridge streets, within a half hour the flames were shooting from all the buildings and all the available fire engines of Brooklyn, with Chief Purroy in charge, were trying to save the district.

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Thomas Kenny, a watchman in the Arbuckle plant was passing down the stairs, when he saw a ribbon of flame shot out of a rubbish heap on the first floor. Almost before he could gasp the entire first floor was in a blaze. He jumped from a widow and before he had crossed the street the flames were shooting from the windows.

Policeman Buckley sent in one, then two alarms. Before the firemen had arrived the third and fourth floors had caught. When Deputy Sheriff Murray arrived he sent in a third and fourth alarm, and when Chief Purroy arrived, a half hour later, he ordered engines and fire boats from the Manhattan's ide of the river to help. With the arrival of the water tower No. 6 Battalion Chief Coppinser assumed charge of it, and ran it directly under one of the walls. Suddenly the wall was seen to bulge at the third story, and before the men could move it crashed down on them. The fireman and McCooley the clizen were buried, and water tower and ladders were smashed to kindling wood. Ten minutes later the fireman was taken out. It was the battallon chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. McCooley came mext. McCarthy, who will die, it is thought, was found under a wheel of the tower also unconscious. The bodies of Jeffries and O'Toole were found together.

ANOTHER SPECTACULAR BLAZE. ANOTHER SPECTACULAR BLAZE

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SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 26.—
The Maxon block, in Wall street, opposite the Union station, was totally destroyed by fire early this morning and several persons were rescued by the firemen. The fire, which probably was caused by an overheated chimney, was a spectacular one. Had there beer a strong wind probably nothing could have prevented the major portion of the business section from being destroyed. The principal occupant of the block was Jas Devine, who conducted a hotel. His employees ran through the corridors, giving the alarm, and most of the guests made their escape in their night clothes, in an adjoining building, also a hotel, one of the immates, Eva Mahley, was rescued by a fireman. She was about to leap from a third story window, but was prevented by the firemen. The family of Peter Mangini, the chef in Devine's hotel, including a six-monthsold babe, was rescued by one of the walters. While the thre was at its height there was an explosion in the cafe of Devine's hotel, and several oth. old babe, was rescued by one of waiters. While the fire was at height there was an explosion in cafe of Devine's hotel, and several car buildings in the neighborhood tribled from the impact. The total is now fixed at about \$190,000. Instance about \$75,000.

A CITY HALL BURNED.

MARLBORO, Mass., Dec. 26.—In place of Marlboro's city hall the fire which swept through that structure early today left a heap of ruins. Against the broken walls is piled a mass of debris, which includes the entire property of the city public library. The total loss is estimated at from \$300,000 to 500,000. There were 25,000 volumes in the library, which was considered one of the best in the state outside of those in the largest cities. Michael O'Brien, a fireman, was struck by fragments of falling wall, probably will die. It is believed the fire started in a coat room on the second floor from the stump of a cigar thrown away after a basket ball game yeesterday afternoon.

MACHINE WORKS DAMAGED.

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PEABODY, Mass., Dec. 26.—Fire in the plant of the Vaughn Machine Co., here, early today, practically destroyed everything of value in the cylinder, pattern and carpentry departments. The firemen had a hard fight on account of the second outbreak of the flames and after they had been well under control. Estimated loss \$100,000; fully insured. About one hundred men are thrown out of work.

PETITCODI AC.

The Village Visited By a Bad Fire This Morning.

PETITCODIAC, Dec. 28.—Fire started about three a. m. in the tailor shop of McLean & Ryan, which was quickly consumed, with J. J. McAfee's store, Bleakney Bros.' store, King and Churches' buildings.

The origin of the fire is unknown. It started in the furnace room of the tailor shop. About nine o'clock last

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evening a fire was made in McLean & Ryan's furnace, and this probably caused the fire. The losses are as fol-

lows:—
McAfee building, worth \$3,000; stock, \$7,000; insurance, \$2,000.
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John Murray and wife, who occupied the flat over McLean & Ryan's store, were in Monoton spending Christmas. They lost everything, Nothing saved, and no insurance.

Bleakney Bros, saved all their stock. All the stock of McAfee and McLean & Ryan was destroyed.

Hugh W. Churches' warehouse, with contents, was destroyed. No insurance,

contents, was ance.

Goo. Mann's meat shop was also destroyed, but the stock saved.

King and Churche's building was worth \$3,000, insurance \$150.

Mr. McAfee lived over his store and lost all his household goods and clothing.

The Mohawk Hockey team will have their first practice in the Queen's rink tonight, beginning at 8 o'clock. A full attendance is requested.

Manifests for thirty-seven cars of meats, five of lard, three of doors and three of maple flooring, all American goods in transit, were entered at the customs house today for export.

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PROTECTION IN ENGLAND.

(Winispeg "Felegram.)

The British torn merchants are complaining that under the present system of duties there is a discrimination of 48 per cent in favor of, wheat importations, as against flour, and the bye-products pay 48 per cent more duty than the corresponding amount of wheat. In a circular address by the British Corn Exchange to the chancellor of the exchequer, it is pointed out that this protective duty on "milled products during the past seven months has caused British imports of flour to decline to the extent of \$1,600,000. The British Corn Exchange protests that if the duties were imposed for revenue only, they should be so adjusted as not to grant protection to the British milling industry at the expense of foreign and colonial rivals. The circular of the British Corn Exchange tends to show the advastage which the removal of the duties upon colonial produce would be to the colonies. The duties have been of considerable advantage to the British miller at the expense of his foreign and colonial rivals. Preferential trade which would produce the removal of the duties upon colonial produce would place the British and colonial miller upon the same footing. It would extend the advantage, now enjoyed by the millers of the United Kingdom alone to the milling Industry in other parts of the Empire.

DEATHS.

ERRAN.—In this city, on the 25th inst., Thos. Ferran, eldest son of the late Peter

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TIMES AND GOVERNMENT.

port business began, and when trade generally was less active than it has en during the year now closing, are much cause for satisfaction. Compared with last winter, also, when the blighting effect of smallpox was felt. the present season is an exceptionally one, despite the high price of coal. It is not high prices that caus ardship, so much as dullness of trade and lack of -mployment. with money in his pocket or who has the assurance that he can easily get prices, but he is not as worried about it as the man is who has little or no money and very little hope of earning moving rapidly out from his own shelves is more ready to put a liberal portion of his receipts into circulation than he who knows that notes are naturing and goods are not selling. And so it is that good times beget a universal feeling of cheerfulness and confidence.

That Canada today enjoys prosperity and an expanding trade is due to two lines of policy to which the party no power were vigorously opposed, They denounced the protection that has built up Canadian industries, and they were no less hostile to the policy which pened up the great west, whose development is responsible to a fareater degree than is commonly realized for the growth of trade, When, therefore, a liberal paper points to the figures which indicate an increased trade, and suggests that it is a result of liberal government, the humbug is too apparent. present government did not establish the policy of protection, or build the Canadian Pacific Railway. It did not plant the gold in the Yukon, nor lead to its discovery. It did not give the great west its magnificent crops, nor bring about the economic condition which have caused the movement o settlers northward from the States int Manitoba and the territories. It did not bring about the South African war, which increased Canada's trade. I did not cause the high price paid for lumber, nor the prosperity all over the world which for a number of years ha afforded Canada better markets abroad It has brought into the country som Doukhobors and Galicians and other undesirable immigrants, but it has discovered no new markets, nor has it gained a single concession in any of the old ones. It has not secured reciprocity with the United States, and for the preference given to the United Kingdom it has no return, while it has lost ground in Germany Canada has continued to progress, for dull times should sweep over the world, as it is certain to do in the not distant future, the present extravagant and incompetent government at Ottawa would be wholly unequal to

reversed. In the meantime, however, times are good, and there are evidences that beworld experiences any severe commercial depression a more capable set of men will be at the head of affairs to

the task devolving on its members in

there is a great volume of trade and a

buoyant revenue the record is unsatis factory, one can readily divine what

would happen if the conditions were

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their various departments.

Referring to the St. John Telegraph' persistent sneers at Hon. George E Foster, the Moncton Times pertinently

remarks:

Mr. Foster, it need not be said, is one of the brightest minds and ablest parliamentarians Canada has ever produced. He had been in parliament but a few months when his talent was recognized by that great master and judge of men, Sir John Macdonald, who selected him for the important position of minister of finance. Mr. Foster may not be as skilful or as unscrupulous in political manipulation as some men in public life, but his reputation as a parliamentarian will live long after the miserable Rothesay forgery and its abettors are forgotten. remarks:

The builtrog coitor of the Telegraph does not appear to have run across any of that species during the month of January, and thinks it strange that the Star once contained an item telling what the swamp bullfrogs thought of the swamp voters at Rothesay. The matter is really not of great import nce, but as this is the season of peac and good-will the Star will make fair proposition: If the Telegraph will produce the forgers. Rothesay lists this journal people will regale the staff of tha paper with the legs of January frogs

the management of the lunatic asylum What's in the wind?

The Fredericton Reporter has been iscontinued after a life of more than ilf a century. In its later years th er reflected strongly the opin ent man with a strong individuality. The paper did not suit everybody but many friends, who will be sorry to lose its weekly visits. After Mr. Pitts left the province the Reporter passed into other hands, and the pro prietor announces that he prefers to give his attention to job printing, mises better returns.-Sun

Yesterday was a notable Christmas Day in St. John. Though there was no sleighing the weather was exceptional without being too cold. It was easy to keep the house warm, the ing or driving, and the skating was citizens were contented and cheerful, and all save those bowed down by personal sorrow were in a mood to enjoy the day and the pleasure it

XMAS AT WASHINGTON,

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25. - Sno which began falling late last night gave Washington a genuine Christmas appearance today. The president and the members of his family repaired to the library, where presents were exchanged and the many boxes and packages which had come from out of town were opened. There were a large num ber of callers, and many gifts in the shape of handsome floral pieces were shape of handsome floral pieces were received. Soon after breakfast the president, Theodore, jr., and Lieut. Ferguson of the Rough Riders, who is a house guest, took a long horseback ride, returning in time to join the rest of the family at luncheon with Commander and Mrs. Cowles.

At the homes of the cabinet officers the day was quietly observed.

Among the embassies and legations elaborate celebrations were held. Official dinner parties were given by the

cial dinner parties were given by the British and Russian ambassadors.

The Argentine minister and wife gave a Christmas party at the lega-tions, while the minister from Peru and his wife entertained a number of students in ols and colleges of the United

States.

Tonight the president entertained a number of friends at dinner in the newly finished state dining room.

THAT JEWISH MISER

Interesting Details of His Peculia.

Mode of Life. Mode of Life.

TORONTO, Dec. 20.—Rabbi Jacobs, referring to the death of Ell Hyman, the Jewish miser, who was worth a hundred thousand dollars, said that twenty-five years ago Eli was a rich man. He did not live unhappily with his wife. Mrs. Hyman knew how wealthy he was, and was cognizant of the fact that he invested his money in local securities. Nearly all the scrip was addressed to her. The rabbi has noticed from time to time Hyman's disappearance from the city and, when he occasionally asked him where he had been, the miser said he had been ill and in the hospital. Now it is known he was with his wife at Churchy. These disappearances lasted from a fadays to a couple of months. Mrs. Ilman said she knew her husband was begging when he had money, but she could not prevent him. They had no children. Hyman did not support his wife at all, and had not since their marriage, thirty-two years ago. She was not a Jewess, but an Irish lady, with a private income of her own. They were married by Dr. Jennings, a with a private income of They were married by Dr. Jennings, a Methodist clergyman, according to the Methodist form. She is about 73 years of age, while Eli was about 65.

WHAT DOES HE MEAN?

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Canon Weich in his Christmas sermon in St. James' cathedral referred to the great loss the Anglican church and the Christian world in general suffered by the death of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Concluding his remarks, Canon Welch stated: "Fortunately we owe no allegiance to the See of Canterbury; indeed anything like the establishment of an Anglican papacy would be a calamity of the direct kind."

A BIG PLANT:

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 25.—It is stated on apparently good authority that the International Harvester Company, Deering division, which is now erecting huge buildings in the city, has purchased 35 acres of additional land and will double the capacity of its works here. The plant when completed will furnish employment for some nine thousand men.

BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, BOSTON, Dec. 25.—Dr. Adolf Lorenz, the famous Austrian surgeon, spent Christmas eve at the home of Dr. Franz Pfaff, professor of therapeutics at Harvard College, the company present including only the immediate members of the professor's family. He ate his Christmas breakfast at Hotel Somerset, and in company with Dr. Mueller, his assistant, left for New York on the 10 a. m. train.

PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 25.—Marshall N Rich, for the last 38 years the secretary of the Portland Board of Trade and the oldest Board of Trade secretary in the country, died suddenly this evening, aged 72 years. He was president of the Portland Mercantile Library Association in 1872, and of the Maine Press Association in 1880. From 1867 to 1876 he was deputy collector at this port. this port.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fall. Small, chocolate coated easy to take. Price 35 cents. At drug-gists!

Rev. Dr. Rose, of the Dominion Methodist church, Ottawa, was pre-sented yesterday with a beautiful gown, which he wore at the services. WANTED.—A case of Headache that KUMFORT POWDERS will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes. FREDERICTON NEWS.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 25.—Genu winter weather prevailed here today, and only snow was lacking to make the day an ideal one for winter sports. and only snow was lacking to make the day an ideal one for winter sports. The sun shone brightly throughout the latter part of the day, while the air was keen and frosty. The streets were too bare of snow for sleighing, and only wheeled vehicles were out. Christmas services were held in the forenoon at several churches. No. 4 Co., Royal Regiment, attended the parish church with its band, the latter taking part in the music of the service. Special luxuries graced the dinner table at the soldiers' mess, and Cols. White and Wadmore and their wives visited the men at dinner hour. In the afternoon a thousand or more people enjoyed excellent skating on the river, which is better than at any time for many years. Some interesting horse racing was also seen upon the ice and was witnessed by a very large crowd. This evening the new skating rink was opened and some two thousand people were in attendance as skaters or spectators.

The minister of railways and family spent Christmas here, the guests of his daughter, Mrs. R. F. Randolph. He called upon many old friends, from all of whom he received a hearty greeting.

The inmates of the alms house to-

greeting.

The inmates of the alms house to-day enjoyed a feast provided through the generosity of Mayor Crocket. Caretaker Thomas had the large dining hall at the institution beautifully decorated, and the dinner was one an epicure might envy. His worship and Mrs. Crocket and several leading citizens visited the institution at dinner hour and extended merry greetings to

zens visited the institution at dinner hour and extended merry greetings to the inmates.

The county jail is empty, not a single prisoner being confined there at the present time.

A seport is current tonight that the stock brokerage firm of Fisher & Fisher is in financial difficulties. Walter S. Fisher went hurriedly to Boston last Saturday and has not yet returned. It is impossible to get any confirmation of the report.

Harry McCoy, a young man living on the Nashwaak about six miles from Fredericton, was accidentally shot this morning. He was going gunning and in taking his gun from the wagon it was discharged, the load entering McCoy's right arm near the shoulder.

was discharged, the load entering Mc-Coy's right arm near the shoulder. He was brought to the hospital here and is resting easily tonight.

The curling season was inaugurat-ed today by the annual match, presid-ent v. vice-president. Harry Rutter, president, finished with a good lead over the side led by Vice-President R. F. Randolph.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

Take Laxative Bromo Quinine Tablets. All druggists refund the money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature is on each box. 25c.

TWO MORE VICTIMS.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.-Wn Helwig and Joe Kerney, both of Hot Springs, victims of yesterday's pool-room explosion, died during last night. Thus far these are the only fatalities recorded, although four more are likely

Benjamin Murray, driver of a gasolene tank wagon, who was arrested charged with criminal negligence, says he made a connection from his wagon to the gasolene tank in the cellar under the pool-room. Upon entering the cellar he found that 20 or 30 gallons of gasolene had overflowed and formed a pool on the floor. Fearing an explosion, he rushed to an open window and closed it. He says the door was then opened by a negro porter, and the gases coming into contact with the lights in the pool-room, ignited, and the explosion followed. Benjamin Murray, driver of a gase

RECENT WEDDINGS.

John W. Powers of York County and Janie E. Perry of Cody's were married at the Main street Baptist church parsonage on Christmas eve by the Rev. Alexander White. The young couple were unattended. They left town on Thursday morning to spend Christmas at the bride's home.

Two newly wedded couples, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Rigby of Hartland, Carle-ton County, and William Barton and wife of Fredericton Junction spent Christmas at the Park hotel.

FREDERICTON'S NEW RINK.

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The new skating in a trederictor, erected at a cost of \$7,000, was opened last evening under most favorable conditions. The ico was excellent for skating, and great crowds of people were in attendance. The rink has an ice surface 172 by 82 feet. It has large and comfortable dressing rooms and promenade for spectators upstairs and down. The main building is illuminated by the new Dew light and the dressing rooms by electric incandescents.

WINTER PORT MATTERS.

The Elder-Dempster str. Lake Champiain sailed vesterday morning for Liverpool. She was fully loaded. Her cargo has already been described in the Sun. She took her old crew across

the Sun. She took her old crew across with her.

The Donaldson str. Concordia berthed at No. 4 shed yesterday morning She has yet some inward cargo to getrid of.

Str. Manchester Importer, which came here via Halifax, was at anchoi in the harbor yesterday.

THE A. O. H.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 25,-Jan SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 25,—James E. Dolan of Syracuse, president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, has signed final papers whereby the order throughout the world is brought under one governing board. The ratification of the agreement for the amaigamation of the societies in the United States, Canada, Australia and Ireland comes in the nature of a Christmas greeting from the president of the organization.

COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES

in St. John's (stone, chart, was \$219.60.
Collections for the orphans were taken up in the Roman Catholic churches yesterday. The amount of the offering at Holy Trinity church was \$166; at St. John the Baptist church, Broad street, \$135.88.

HOUSEFURNISHING

A Few Late Arrivals:

DOWN QUILTS.

English Thoroughly Downproof Coverings in Fancy Saisen, Art Satsen and Turkey Chintz—plain and frilled. Sizes 5x6 fc. and 6x6 ft. Prices from \$4.00 to \$14.00. This is a sample lot, and the designs are all new and effective.

NEW TAPESTRY PORTIERES.
\$8.00 to \$28.00 per pair. These are the very latest, plain colored Rep with Fancy Tapestry Border, Brocade Rep with Applique Border, Moire Rep with Applique Border, Moire Rep with Fancy Border, all shades and without fringe, making a rich and very effective hanging. BLANKETS.

Notwithstanding our Successful Sale some weeks ago, are still in demand, and we have yet a good selection to

and we have yet a good selection to choose from.

Other seasonable goods are Comfort-ables, Screens, Rugs, Rope Portieres, Table Coverings, Draperies, Cushions Cushion Tops, Furniture Coverings. MEN'S CHAMOIS UNDERWEAR. Chamois Vests.

Chamois Shirts with short or long

Chamois Drawers.
Chamois Chest Protectors,
Pure Wool Abdominal Belts. ARCTIC SOCKS

for men, women and children, for bath-room or bedroom, for wearing under Moccassins or Rubber Boots, 25c., 30c. DRESS GOODS ROOM-BLACK

Black Wool Voile with black em-broidered designs, \$1.35. Black Voile, with silk stripe, \$1.25_e \$1.40.

Black Wool Estemine, \$1.10.

Plain Silk and Wool Eolienne, \$1.10.

\$1.20, \$1.50, \$1.70, \$1.85, \$2.15, \$2.75.

Black Silk and Wool Brocades, special prices, \$1.50, \$1.75 \$2.25.

Black Bhoche Poplins, special prices ne \$1.10.

Black Coating Serges, 50c., 55c., 60c.,

Black Cheviots, 50c., 55c., **69**c., 75c. Black Camels-Hair Cloths, 65c., 95c., \$1.45, \$1.85.

M. R. & A's Unrivalled \$10.00 Suits for Men.

John Star.

most Saint

What better New Year's Gift for an absent friend than a year's subscription to the newspaper that

gives the John news?

\$3.00.

THE (NSURANCE OF CHILDREN. It Offers a Temptation That Should Will be Permitted to Have a Merry Not Be Held Out.

BEAUTIFUL CHRISTMAS TREE

What might be termed "an electrical Christmas tree" is the admiration of many friends who have called at the residence of A. O. Skinner, Coburg street. The tree was arranged for Master Eric Thomson, son of Percy Thomson, grandson of Mr. Skinner. A large fir is placed in one corner of the large parlors while in a bank of fir and spruce boughs next to the tree are the glittering words, "Merry Xmas; see my tree, Eric." With the parlor darkened, a switch is turned on and the large tree is immediately transformed into a blaze of colored lights. Nearly fifty small colored incandescent lights are used and on the tip of each branch of the tree is one of these lights. The colors are red, white, blue and amber, and the effect is very pleasing. The lights or bulbs were imported from New York by Mr. Skinner, and Fred Trifts, the Opera House electrician, did the wiring, which is very creditable work.

NEW PLAN FOR UNIVERSITY

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President Woodrow Wilson, of Princeton University, author of "A History of the American People," is at work on the development of a plan of his own which will be an innovation in American universities. He intends to introduce the tutoral system into Princeton, such as is used in Oxford, and by which tutors are available for every student in his individual preparation for classes. It will require twelve and a half million dollars to institute the change effectively, and President Wilson is sure of getting it. His "History of the American People," by reason of its flowing, style and charm of narrative, is said to have made as great a popular as a scholarly success.

THE AMERICAN TRUSTS.

It offers a Temptation That Should Not Be Held Out.

The taking out of insurance policies on the lives of children is awaking attention throughout the country, and the press is sounding the toesin of alarm against a system which opens up temptation to a certain class of it.

In Pennsylvania child insurance is lives were insured for \$100 each. Investigation by the state insurance commissioner has shown that nearly 400,000 children under twelve years of age are on the books of a single industrial insurance company.

Commenting on the matter, the Philadelphia Public Ledger declares flatly that the "principle of life insurance in insurans his He for the benefit of his support by death. The death of a child inflicts no such loss on the parent. On the contrary, it relieves him from the cost of the child's maintenance, and in a financial sense is a benefit to him. The parent has not a lawful right to insurance upon it."

The Springfield Republican calls attention to an unsuccessful attempt to prevent this kind of insurance in the rest. In the child's life, and therefore he has not a lawful right to insurance upon it."

The Springfield Republican calls attention to an unsuccessful attempt to prevent this kind of insurance in the surance is no more than what would suffice to give the child a burial, there can be no objection. But when the sum of the policy goes beyond this the death of the child becomes an immediate financial advantage to the parents, and in cases of very poor people a temptation is held out which should not be there."

Conges, colds, hoarseness, and other threat aligneds are quickly releved by Cresolene and had a heautifut second.

took into Fredericton yesterday morning one of the finest specimens of a deer head seen there this season. The deer was shot by Mr. Chase near his home and had a beautifut spread of antlers well mated. It was disposed of to Walter Lister for a Toronto

party.

Wentworth B. Winslow, eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. E. Byron Winslow, Fredericton, was married at New York on Friday last to Miss Liberty of that city.

AT THE RINKS YESTERDAY.
The Victoria rink was a centre of attraction morning, afternoon and evening yesterday. In the morning Manager Armstrong threw the doors open to school children and they enjoyed skating to their heart's content. Afternoon and evening large crowds were present. The Vic's own band provided the music, which included all the latest popular airs.

The Carleton open-air rink had a fair crowd both afternoon and evening yesterday. In the evening music was furnished by the rink's own band, a new musical organization which made a very good showing. The ice was in spiendid condition.

The Queen's rink opened yesterday with a good attendance both afternoon and evening. The ice was in perfect condition for skating and the Artillery band furnished a musical programme in its usual excellent style.

A GREAT DEPARTMENT STORE. AT THE RINKS YESTERDAY

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A GREAT DEPARTMENT STORE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—william C.

Strange, the manager of the O'Neill department store in Sixth avenue, has purchased the real estate and business of the O'Neill Company. The sellers are the heirs of the late Hugh O'Neill, chief of whom is his widow. No details as to price are furnished, though it is believed to be in the neighborhood of \$3,000,000.

A corporation will be formed for the purpose of taking over the real estate, which will be leased for 21 years, to a company which will conduct the business on the same lines as formerly.

PLAYED POKER. Ocean Card Sharps and a Blue Blood-ed British Actor.

NEW YORK, Dec, 21.—Ocean card sharps played poker with the actor-nobleman, James Francis Harry St.

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Clair-Erskine, the fifth Earl of Rosslyn, during the trip of the Etruria,
which ended today. The earl lost,
about \$1,500, but suspected no dishonesty until the arrival of the Etruria.
A cablegram awaited the captain of
the steamer from the home office in
Liverpool, directing him to cause the
arrest of three men. The officers of
the ship were not quick enough, and
only one man was arrested. He described himself as Jerome McKay, 36
years old, a tapitalist, of Harrisburg,
Penn.
When he embarked on the liner the

portunity to get revenge another game was proposed.

The "sport" continued, and the earl lost his \$1,500 in the most good-natured way, supposing it to be a gentleman's game. The hands were dealt out all the way acros sthe Atlantic, a most remarkable series of full houses, straights and flushes failing to the earl's fellow players.

The arrival of the eablegram, as the passengers were disembarking, aroused the Earl of Rosslyn to action. Detectives Moody and Leeson were on the pier, and they quickly arrested the man who figured on the saloon passenger list as Jerome McKay of Harrisburg. The other men wanted made their escape.

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Leeson took McKay in a cab to po-lice headquarters, and the earl fol-lowed in another cab. McKay was locked up, charged with being a sus-

lowed in another cab. McKay was locked up, charged with being a suspicious person.

The earl inspected the rogues' gallery and picked out "Doc" Owens, a notorious ocean card crook, as one of the men who had fleeced him. When the Oceanic sailed on her last tripfrom New York, Detectives Moody and Leeson, and Detective Manlon of the White Star line found Owens on board. They warned him not to play cards, and he replied that he was going abroad for hig health. The police are now looking for Owens, who has been barred from ocean steamers again and again during the last three years.

"I don't care to say anything," said the earl to a reporter. "I got in the game and I lost. I came over here to seek a theatrical engagement, and if I can't find one I shall return shortly. The date of my marriage to Miss Bearie I riven has not yet been settled."

THE KENT NORTHERN

Sold to a Syndicate—The Statistical

Statement.
As stated in Saturday's Star, the Kent Northern railway has been sold to Thos, Ritchie, of Halifax, who represents a syndicate,

The Railway and Shipping World, in tits last issue, said:—

"A syndicate of New Brunswick capitalists has purchased the Kent Northern Ry, and it is understood that the proceedings being taken in the courts to have the line sold in the interest of the bondholders are in connection with this sale. The sale has been ordered to satisfy the bondholders' claim for \$270,000 principal, and \$101,000 for interest. By a recent order of the court rails to the value of \$6,000, owned by the Department of Railways, have been exempted from the sale, and \$350 is to be retained from the proceeds of the sale to satisfy the department's claim for car service. The K. N. Ry, is operated from Kent Jct., on the I. C. R., to Richbucto, 27 miles, and there is an extension of 7 miles to St. Louis, known as the Richibucto and St. Louis Ry, which though operated by the K. N. Ry, is not involved in the present sale, There are 2 miles of sldings on the two lines, and the whole track is laid with 50 lb. rails. The K. N. Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000, and received by way of loan from the dominion rails to the value of \$58,334.27, and a subsidy of \$136,000 from the dominion rails to the value of \$68,334.27, and a subsidy of \$136,000 from the dominion rails to the value of \$68,334.27, and a subsidy of \$136,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000, and received by way of loan from the dominion rails to the value of \$68,334.27, and a subsidy of \$136,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000, and received by way of loan from the dominion rails to the value of \$68,334.27, and a subsidy of \$136,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a paid up capital of \$50,000 from the Ry, has a pai The Railway and Shipping World, in first class car, 1 baggage car, 1 box car, 4 flat cars, 2 snow ploughs, and 1 flanger. Operations for year ended June 30, 1901:—(R. and St. L. Ry, figures included); train mileage—mixed trains, 18,000 miles; passengers carried, 5,795; freight carried, 4,070 tons; passenger receipts, \$3,597.53; freight receipts, \$6,946.83; mails and express, \$842.40; total, \$11,386.581; net receipts, \$1,706.53.

was broken open.

FACTORY BURNED.

The United States Bobbin and Shutter factory, which is menaged by H. B.

Skinner. of Lewiston, Me., was totally destroyed by fire yesterday, with no insurance. The loss is estimated at \$15,000.

WEST SIDE.

12 Sugine House, King street.

12 Ludlow and Water streets.

13 Middle street, Old Fort.

15 Winelow and Union streets.

16 Queen and Victoria streets.

19 Lucraster and St. James streets.

243 Winslow and Watson streets.

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ON THE ST. CROIX. The Lumber Cut Will be About 27, 000,000 Feet.

CALAIS, Dec, 19.—The lumber cut of the St. Croix this winter will amount to 27,000,000, about the same quantity sharps played poker with the actornobleman, James Francis Harry St. Clair-Erskine, the fifth Earl of Rosslyn, during the trip of the Etruria, which ended today. The earl lost about \$1,500,000 and James Murchle & Sons will cut 6,000,000 each; Granville Chaese will cut 2,000,000 and the Eastern Pulpwood Company will cut 3,000,000 and the Eastern Pulpwood Company and the Eastern Hulpwood Company and the Eastern Hulpwood Company and the Eastern Granville Chaese into Digby lake for F. H. Todd & Sons. John Pinkerton, for Murchle Sons, and G. S. Jackson for the Eastern Pulpwood Company, are opportunity to get revenge another game was proposed.

The "sport" continued, and the earl lost his \$1,500 in the most good-natured way, supposing it to be a gentleman's game. The hands were dealt out all the way acros sthe Atlantic, a most remarkable series of full houses, and the same quantity to get with the Etruria.

Eastern Pulpwood Company, are operating on Digby lake. Wm. Hamilton is operating at Grand Falls for F. H. Todd & Sons.

The Householder—Here, my good man, is a dime. Now please go away. The Musician—Ach! But for dens condy play, Id is a kervarder to go away. Vat?—Chicago News.

FISHES AND MUSIC,

(Kansas City Journal.)

Merely as a diversion from the strenuous life of business and politics, what do you think of this fish story from the pen of Lieut. Thomas Benton Murdock?

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"It is often scientifically stated that fishes can't hear, and, therefore, have no 'ear for music.' This is a mistake. Susan Devereaux, a handsome Butler county girl, now 15 years old, has for a year or two been going to the Walnut, which runs through the John Devereaux farm, and feeding the fishes with all sorts of things gathered about the place, and great numbers of them came to the rocky ledge, when she first began to throw bread crumbs, bits of meat, and the like into the water.

"This bright eyed girl is an artistic violinist and has a voice of wonderful sweetness. Some weeks ago she went to the Walnut to feed her pets, and after the food was all given out the big and little fellows disappeared in the depths of the stream. Taking up her violin she began to play Traumerel, by Schumann, and no sooner had she gotten fairly into it than the fishes returned in greater numbers than before and most of them remained motionless, their eyes fixed steadily on her as she brought out the full force of the beautiful production. She was surprised and delighted. Then she sang to them, and the seemed more attentive than when she played, but when she struck up the Arkansaw Travelter on the violin the fishes began to dart about each other, as in play, making the water fairly boil in the manifestation of their delight. "Since then the little daughter not only feeds her fishes, but sings and plays for them, and her father and mother, who have taken a peep at them from behind a tree, say there must have been 500 fishes in sight when she played and sang for them last Tucsday."

13 Corner St. Patrick and Union streets.
14 Corner Brussels and Richmond streets.
15 Brussels street, near old Everitt foundry.
16 Corner Brussels and Hanover streets.
17 Corner Brussels and Hanover streets.
19 Cor. Union and Carmarthen streets.
19 Cor. Courtenay and St. David streets.
21 Waterioo, opposite Golding street.
22 Cor. Germain and King streets.
23 (Urivate) Manchester, Robertson & Albaon.

ried, 5.795; freight carried, 4.070 tons; passenger receipts, 35,945.83; mails and express, 3842.40; total, \$11,385.881; net receipts, 31,795.51.

AN OILY CHRISTMAS PRESENT.

(Boston Globe, editorial.)

John D. Rockefeller recently gave his pet college, the University of Chicago, \$1,000,000. This makes in all \$11.-250,000 that he has given that institution since he started in 1890.

No one would care to belittle such benevolence in the name of education, but nevertheless there is a kind of oily smell about it that is guite noticeable.

It was about the time of this gift that we noticed the price of Standard oll west up 1 cent a gallon, which on a fair estimate would increase the profits of the monopoly \$5,000,000 a year.

But the Chicago university gets the benefit just the same. Who pays it is another question. Perhaps it makes little difference.

SET FIRE TO CONVENT.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—While the sisters of the Providence Convent, Mailsonneuve, were at midnight mass an attempt was made to set fire to the institution. Two bedrooms were found ablaze by the nuns who returned at 1.20 a. m.

The main entrance of the convent was broken open.

WEST SIDE.

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COMMERCIAL

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 26.—Wall street.—The only apeculative interest in the opening dealings was in a few of the special see. Brooktyn Transit, after wavering slight, y, advanced half and sugar gained as muich. Amsigamated Copper ran off a sharp fraction. Changes otherwise were small and mixed.

COTTON. DAILY QUOTATIONS. W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker.

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Am Coton Oil
Am Sugar Refin
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Chesa and Oblo
C, M and St P.
C and Gt West
Consolid Gas
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SPORTING NEWS.

Dan McLeod Won the Championship of America.

WORCESTER, Mass, Dec. 25.—Dan McLeod won the championship of America at catch-as-can wrestling and the \$1,500 end of the \$2,600 purse in Mechanics' Hall before 1,000 people this afternoon by getting the better of Tom Jenkins. Jenkins had a bad leg, caused by blood poisoning, and the pain of this leg caused by the points of a brass buckle entering the flesh, made him quit in the third bout. In order to protect the injured leg, Jenkins had a leather bandage with a steel with the brass buckles. Two of these were broken in the early part of the match and the brass points dug into his flesh until the pain was unbearable, and he was afraid of farther blood poisoning. He had wrestled 20 minutes in the third bout when he told McLeod the condition he was in and said he was willing to quit and cail the match a draw or go on wrestling. McLeod insisted on continuing, but Harry Pollok, Jenkins' manager, refused to let match. Jenkins won the first fail by a McLeod and the was fast from the start, McLeod being on the aggressive almost all the time. Pellok issued a challenge during the match for Jenkins, offering to back him against any man in the world for any part of \$5,000.

CURLING. Competition at the Thistle Curling Rint for the John II. Thomson medals. First Series.

J. Arthur Sharp H. N. Sharp, E. W.Paul, R. A. Courtnay, skip, David Brown Rev. D. J. Fraser, A. E. Wilson, A. W. Sharp, skip. A. H. Campbell, G. L. Warwick, F. A. McAndrews, Andrew Malcolm, R. T. Patchell, T. H. Belyea, Harry Barnes, A. D. Malcolm

James E. Fraser, Frank Watson, C. J. Milligan, Jas. Mitchell.skip W. J. Fenton, Roland Frith, Robt. Reid, C. H.McDonald, skip. J. E. R. S. J. W. D. R. Wilson. Orchard, Cameron Willett, skip.

F. A. Jones,
J. S. Gregory
G. U. Hay,
Rev. W.O. Raymond,
skip.

Arthur Machuni,
K. E. McDonald,
A. G. Stevens,
J. M. Barnes,
kip. A. G. Golding, W. B. Robertson, Louis Barker W. J. Shaw, skip. James Knox.
J. Roy Thomson
G. S. Bishop.
J. H. Thomson, skip.

Janes Bishop,
Fred. McFadgen,
J. A. Malcolm, skip.
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J. A. Malcolm, skip.
J. W. H. Mowatt,
Fr. H. Flewelling,
L. A. Langstroth
J. U. Hay, skip. E. L. Corbett, Chas. Damery, W. J. S. Myles, F. F. Burpee, skip. H. D. Fritz, G. B. Burpee. J. McB. Morriso p. Alex. Macaulay,

SMALLPOX AT HALIFAX. lamburg-American Line Steamer S Quarantine With a Slight Case.

Quarantine With a Slight Case.

(Halifax Herald, 26th.)

The Hamburg-American line steamer Assyrian arrived at 5 o'clock yesterday morning from Hamburg via Bologne. She left Hamburg on the 10th, and experienced terribly rough weather throughout the whole passage. She brought 515 immigrants, 111 of which were for the United States. After arriving at quarantine the port physician went on board to examine the passengers. It was found that there were three cases of sickness on board—a middle-aged Norwegian being afflicted with small-pox; those having the measles and tearlet-fever are children. The case of smallpox was so slight that it was some time before it was decided whether it was smallpox or both.

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The passengers will have to remain in quarantine for eighteen days. The steamer will be disinfected and allowed to proceed in four or five days.

"You say you saw my Willie half an hour ago?" asked Willie's mother. "Wher's did he say he was going?"
"He didn't say, ma'am," replied Tommy Steut.
"Didn't he tell you that I had sent him on an errand for the corner grocery store?"
"Of yes ma'am, but he didn't say where he was going."

"Of yet myrm, but he was going."

TORONTO. Dec. 25.—Ald. Daniel Lamb, who has had many years' experience in the city council, tonight announced his candidature for the mayoralty. Mayor Howland and C. C. Robinson are already in the field.

WIDOWS STILL HUSBANDLESS. Mother and Daughter Who Seek Help-mates Make a Fruitless Journey te

BAY SHORE, L. I., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Goldsmith and her daughter. Mrs. Anna Brown, both widows, of this yillage, whose anxiety to obtain husbands has been told in the papers, have returned from a trip to Bellmore, in Nassau County, whither they went at the request of a resident there—a man who is in search of a wife, and who sent the mother and daughter tailroad tickets. Their journey proved fruitless, however, and the wedding bells will not ring out for them just yet.

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The Bellmore would-be benedict explained that he was too busy to leave home to call on Mrs. Goldsmith and Mrs. Brown, so they obligingly visited him. It seems, however, that he was not suited, and made no proposal for the hand of either.

George Crum, who owns the building in which the women live, has served them with a notice to vacate, as their rent is in arrears.

While they were at Bellmore on Tuesday a farmer living near Bycoklyn came here in search of them, and expressed keen disapopintment at his inability to make their acquaintance. He was in search of a house-keeper, and says he has a large farm. He declined to give his name.

Mrs. Goldsmith and Mrs. Brown were at home last night when a reporter called on them. They were busy at work opening and reading over twenty letters which came for them in their absence. All were from persons who had read of their desire to secure husbands, and some were quite interesting, but very few contained any definite propositions.

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At the conclusion of the meeting of the executive committee of the board of education in Brooklyn the other night, Dr. Carlos Silva Cruz, chief secretary of the secondary education, Department of Education, Chili, addressed the members of the board. Dr. Cruz visited the Pan-Amerivan exhibition as a member of the official commission to the United States, and at the request of his government he has remained in the United States for the purpose of lavestigating the various school systems. In the course of his speech, Dr. Cruz said:

"Chili has always paid much attention to education, in fact she has paid more attention to it than any of the other South American Republics. The educational system and not, as here, a city system. Chili wants to study whatever may be of use to her in the different system in the United States. She has not in the past been in close touch with the United States. Not in as close touch, I might say, as she is with the European nations.

"There is a growing feeling in the nation, as well as in the other South American republics, that we will have to become more and better acquainted with the United States and vice versa. It is, we believe, in the interests of the countries of both North and South America to have a closer relation. "In general we are a poor people, We cannot explore our own natural resources which are probably larger by far than the natural resources of North America. We realize that American and European methods mean much for our own advancement.

"Regarding our educational service. Our system is largely taken from that of Germany and is a national system. This is accounted for by the fact that it was mostly organized by German scholars. It has not taken us long to discover that we must spread and that it was mostly organized by German scholars. It has not taken us long to discover that we must spread and that it was mostly organized by German scholars.

TO ADVERTISERS.

Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISE-MENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 a. m. to ensure neertion in that day's issue.

IMMORTALITY.

Views of Oliver Wendell E . nes in a

(Cincinnati Enquire.) About twelve years ago a prominent Richmond, Indiana, man, at that time a member of the city school board wrote to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes,

asking him concerning the meaning between the lines of certain passages in his "Elsie Venner." The following reply was received. BOSTON, April 22, 1890.

My Dear Siri-There is no answer to the argument against immortality, so far as I can see, on physiological or materialistic grounds. The eye is the organ of sight; when that perishes the sight perishes with it, even though the rest of the body remains living. So when the brain perishes, its functions, consciousness in all its modifications, perishes.

Such is the natural conclusion. We cannot reach the doctrine of immortality of the individual from below upward. It must be from the heights of spiritual being that we attain to it. The conviction of personal immortality thus reached differs with the individual. Some feel as sure, so they say, and so it seems, as they are of the present existence. Others are wanting in faith and imagination. Read Thomas a Kempis and see how absolutely real to him is the fife of the spirit independent of the body.

This is all that I can write between the lines of, my proposition in "Elsie Venner": If conscious being is separate from the bodily organism, then immortality of the soul is conceivable. To some this belief is natural and easy; to others difficult, perhaps impossible. Daniel Webster had inscribed on his tombstone, "Lord, I believe, help Thou my unhellef." That is undouttedly the mental attitude of many Christians of today.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

Yours sincerely OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES.

To cure a headache in ten minutes.

MORNING'S NEWS. Fresh Candles

LOCAL

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Three hundred and forty cattle and ten hundred and fifty sheep arrived this morning from Montreal for the str. Concordia.

A slight fire in a an ash bin in the rear of Rev. T. F. Fotheringham's residence on Elliott Row, brought out the fire department last evening. The damage was very slight.

Twenty car loads of fruit arrived in St. John yesterday from the str. Ask, now at Hallfax. Three carloads were for St. John and seventeen for points west. Marsh & Marsh of Toronto are the shippers.

The following have been reported by Sergt. Ross for working in the city without a license, being employed by the C. P. R.: H. Hatheway, W. J. Wilkins, W. Farning, Thos. Tait, O. Dufresne, P. Dorhamil, J. Reid, J. N. Langlois, Thos. A. Martin and M. McCarthy.

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kins, W. Farning, Thos. Tait, O. Dufresne, P. Dorhamil, J. Reid, J. N. Langlois, Thos. A. Martin and M. McCarthy.

It looks as if the Mohawk hockey club mean business. They are selling league tickets in books of five each for one dollar, and there is a big demand for them. Single tickets will cost 25 cents. They expect to make up their guarantee to the rink management in this way.

Str. Platea, Capt. Davison, from Boston for Amsterdam, before reported beached at Ymulden, after being ashore, etc. is now affoat. The vessel's pumps keep the leak under. She will proceed for Amsterdam under her own steam, escorted by two pump boats.

Thomas Farren, who was injured on board the str. Orlana, Thursday, Dec. 18th, while at work, died at his home, 11 Paradise row, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon. The deceased was about 45 years of age, and lived with his mother, who is a widow, and his sisters. There are two brothers, William of East Cambridge, Maßs., and Peter of this city. There is a rumor that he died from exposure.

A gaspereaux bost belonging to Ottis Craft of the west end, and valued at 340, was malliclously destroyed early Tuesla/ morning. It had evidently been taken to Strait Shore and there smashed up. The boat had been sawed in four places on either side, had geveral holes broken in its bottom and then set adrift. It was afterwards picked up by a man named Wilson above the falls.

Shank Donohus, a well known west end character, who has only one arm, was found by Officer Gosline in an intoxicated and unconscious condition last night near the west side toll house. He was put lato the kateman's waiting room until Officer Lee was summoused. He was then farrifa to the lock-up. This man should he taken care of by the authorities or he will probably, be picked up some morning in the near future frozen to death.

PROVINCIAL.

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Rev. Mr. Wood of Toronto, a prother-in law of Rev. Mr. Hooper of Moncon, has been called to the rectorship of Porchester.

It is stated that Ochillies McDonald.

who has bonded coll areas hear Port Mode C. B., will sink a shaft on a rocky sist known as Plint Rock and mine his coal from under the occas

william Kirwin, a machinist of Albion Mines, was run over and killed by a train at New Glasgow yesterday. GENERAL.

King Edward and the royal family spent Christmas quietly at Sandring-

The Winnipeg board of trade favors an extension of the Intercolonial railway from Montreal to Lake Superior. In January Hon, Clifford Sifton will make a tour of inspection of the Canadian immigration agencies in the United States.

William T. Borden, a famous American athlete, whose engagement to Miss Florence Myron of St. Paul was to have been announced yesterday, died in a hospital in that city on Wednesday.

nesday.

Word comes from the New Hebrides
Islands that Captain Henry A, Atkinson, of the British schooner Lilly, was
killed and two of his crew wounded

y natives of the islands.

Albert W. Adams of New Rockelle has been awarded a verifict of \$75,000 against the New York Central for the loss of a leg in a railway collision. He was a passenger on the train.

The late Mrs. Lura Currier of New York leguenthal \$50,000 to Val. Unit versity

DIGBY WHARF.

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(Ottawa Citizen, Dec. 10.)

A. J. Copp, M. P., Digby, is here to urge upon the government the advisability of constructing an addition to the present wharf at Digby so as to make it a deep water terminus. Mr. Copp has the promise of the companies owning the steamers which ply between Boston and Portland and British ports, that if adequate accommodation be provided their steamers will call at Digby on the outward frip. This would enable the produce of the Sissibco, N. S., pulp mills, as well as the mills at New Germany, in Lunenberg county, to be shipped direct from Digby instead of being sent across the Bay of Fundy and shipped from St. John, N. B.

A PERTINENT QUERY.

Biggs—"Say, can I sell you a good horse?"
Diggs—"Don't know. What is the matter with the animal?"—Chicago Daily News.
There will be a band at the Carleton open air rink tonight. There is excellent ice. The rink promises to be more popular this winter than ever.

Fresh Candies daily.

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D. P. A. C. P. R., St. John, N. 18

QUEEN'S RINK

Every Tuesday and Thursday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons.

in's church this evening Rev, and Mrs. Coffin will sing the Midnight Call, accompanied by two guitars.

The Monday evening skatting club will hold its first meeting in the Queen's rink on Monday night next. The club members are looking forward to a very eigloyable season.

The concert given in the Congregational church last Sunday evening by the choir of the Boys' Mission will be repeated with some additions in York Theatre next Sunday at 4 p. m., under direction of John Bullock. There will be a giver collection.

There will be a rehearsal of the Chapman Festival Chorus at the York Theatre on Tuesday evening. Also a committee meeting at eight of clock this evening at Mrs. C. F. Harrison's, Germain street. All members are expected to be present.

MONTREAL, De., 25.—Rubber goods manufacturers in this province and Ontario are greatly soncerned over the recent increase in the price of crude material, the latest quotations in Jondon, England, being equal to nin-tynino cents a pound in this market. It is given out on good authority that an advance of from 15 to 50 cents will follow on manufactured goods, including hose and garments.

SHIPPING NEWS.

Coasiwise — Schr. 77cod Bros. cs. Golding. from Quaev; sehr James La. or. Sc. Rite. from Alma, Behr. Nellie J. White. 124, Seely, from Apple Rive. Barko, No. I. Niek. Cson., From Parrisboro, Sch. Hattle McKay, 71, Cord. Fota Parrisboro.

Stmr. Standard, 17.8, Sluiter York, Imperial Oil Co., ballast. LATE BUTP NEWS

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British Ports

LOMPON Dec 22 Ard, str linears,
from St John and Halfax.

AVONMOUTH, Dec 26 Ard, str Manxman, from Pertiand
LIVERPOOL, 24- Ard, str Corbethian.
from St John and Halfax.

man, from Portland
LIVERPOOL, 24. And, str. Contestion
from 8t John and Italifax
ILIVERPOOL, Dec. 24.—Sid, strs. Tunisian,
for Halfax and 8t John, 25th, Norseman,
for Jordand,
LIZARD, Dec. 25.—Passed, str. La Touraine, from New York for Havre.
QUEENSTOWN, Dec. 25.—8d, str. Tentonic (from Liverpool), for New York,
GARDIFF, Dec. 25.—Battle libre Mastings,
Kehoe, sailed for keriden this morning.
Foretty Ports.

BUCKSFORT, Ne. Dec. 25.—And, see
Empress, from Bostom 8th, put into Sorrento 11th with loss of head sails and cryw,
frostbitten.
BOSTON, Dec. 22.—And, str. Manculla,
from Pearl Lagoon, six; Halitax, from Halflax; Boston, from varmouth; sichs www. of
Tanner, froms Fort Lamps; Utility, from
Hillsboro,
Sailed, str. Mysto, for Louisburg; Utility,
for Hillsboro, N. S.
FORTLAND, Sec. 196. 25.—Sid, sech Lyman Law for a bad port.
N. B.
NEW YORK, Sec. 25.—Bound south,
sech Norman, from 8t John, vol. Strigader,
from Stemington, Met. Elia Frances, from
Stemington, Met. Elia Frances, from
Rockland, Met. John Vinne, from Pertland,
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N. B.
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The 62nd Fusiliers will give an "At Home" in their rooms on Princess street New Year's eve.

True Blue Oddfellows' lodge of the west end will hold its meeting this evening.

The Mission Band of Victoria F. B. church will give a concert in the church lis evening. A good programme is promised.

Rev. Mr. Dobson will preach in Portland Methodist church this evening under the auspices of the Epworth League.

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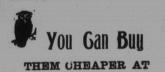
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BUSINESS AT SAND POINT.

Sand Point presented quite a busy scene this morning, when five winter port steamers were discharging and taking in cargo. The steamers were the Montcalm, Concordia, Parislan, Manchester Importer and London City. The latter arrived on Wednesday night, and the Manchester Importer last evening. The Parislan will sail about nine or ten o'clock on Sunday morning with a good cargo and quite a number of passengers.

F.R. PATTERSON

WHITE LAWN **APRONS** From 256. up.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

Synopsis.—The storm which is now cer red off the New England coast, appears be diminishing in energy. From Nova Scot to the Banks, strong winds and gales fre cast, with snow. Easy of Fundy to Unit States ports, easterly today, fresh nort-westerly winds on Saturday.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be no choir practice at Trinity this evening.

The Montreal express was a half hour and the Boston train one hour late today.

Thos McGuiggan is reported as being in a somewhat more serious condition this afternoon.

In the York Theatre on Sunday af-ternoon the boys of Mill street Mis-sion will hold Christmas exercises,

Over five hundred bags of confec-tionery and fruit were distributed to the children of St. Peter's church yesterday.

The St. John students of Mount Allison purpose holding a Mt. A. skating party in St. John on Friday night.—Sackville Tribune.

On Saturday evening the firm of Emerson and Fisher will give a dinner to their staff. The affair will take place in White's restaurant.

Officer Hamm was last evening called into Mrs. Corrigan's house on Chapel street to quell a disturbance Mrs. Corrigan's son was making.

The ladies of the Church of St. John the Baptist were busily engaged to day in dressing the claborate Christ-mas tree for the Sunday school chil-dren of the parish.

The Carleton Cornet Band played some selections on the west side band stand on Christmas eye, and then spent a pleasant evening in their rooms in City Hall.

A. Gordon Leavitt's Christmas greeting to his intimate friends makes them see things. It is a photograph of a part of his splendid collection of birds and insects, with two reptiles.

and insects, with two reptiles.

The steamer Yarmouth did not go to Rodney slip today on account of the storm. She will probably be taken over tomorrow and will be repaired in time to go on the St, John-Digby run by the first of the year.

Marconi wired to a friend in Halifax on Wedneslay that the wireless telegraphic service between Cornwall and Canada will not be insugurated for some days, and that both stations were now engaged experimenting.

The steamer Orlana will sail from Halifax today for Cape Town with a full cargo. Newfoundland merchants are sending out a large consignment of fish. Rhodes, Currey & Co, are shipping a carload of stuff from their works at Amherst.

A Moncton despatch last night said:
"Three trains of cattle are on their way
from Montreal to St. John over the I.
C. R. The first train will pass through
about six o'clock tomorrow morning
and the other two some time during
the latter part of the day."

THE SCOTCH CURLERS

Due in Halifax Today or Tomorrow —Play there next Tuesday. (Halifax Echo.)

Manchester Importer and London City. The latter arrived on Wednesdaynight, and the Manchester Importer last evening. The Parisian will sall about nine or ten o'clock on Sunday morning with a good cargo and quite a number of passengers.

ON PARTRIDGE ISLAND.

Thanks to the King's Daughters and the kindness of citizens Dr. March was able to give the quarantined children on Partridge Island a merry Carismas. In all there were about half a top of fruits, candies, nuts, etc. The dector of the Lake Champlain assisted Dr. March, and after they had finished the distribution the two were carried on the shoulders of several sturdy, and grateful immigrants.

Marshall N. Rich, for the last 38 years secretary of the Portland, Me, board of trade, is dead.

W. D. O'Donnell, a well-known Halfax photographer, is dead, aged 89 years.

Are you using Red Rose, ara? It's good tea.

—Play there next Tuesday.

The scottish curlers will arrive here on the mail steamer Bavarian, on Priday or Saturday. They will remain in day or Saturday. They will remain in display the sabout a week, as they are not scheduled to leave here for St. John until Saturday morning, January 3rd. Some of the curlers are bringing their wives on the trip. Play here will like by begin on Monday and the Hallfax Curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Play here will like by begin on Monday and the Hallfax Curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling Club are making extensive arrangement for the reception Club.

Mayor Baturday.

T. Macmillam, Glenearin Club.
D. Murray, Kelvendock Club,
Jas. McGregor, Camperdown Club.
Henry Prain, Castle Huntly Club.
D. Provan, Criaglockhart Club.
G. Deans Ritchle, Broughton United

or, and Sanderson. Duddnegston Club.
T. Simpson, Elidon Grove Club.
Simpson, Orwell Club.
F. Smith, Stenhouse and Carron

Club.
The Nova Scotia curling rinks will play the Scottish curlers at the North End rink on Tuesday evening next. It will be Old Scotia vs. Nova Scotia.

Mearly all the Nova Scotia clubs are sending representatives to Halifax to meet the Scotsmen, and many keen games are looked forward to. It is proposed to have an all-Nova Scotia team of six rinks, made up from representatives from all the clubs, to meet the Scotsmen on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

IN THE JAIL

The mothers of Higgins and Good-speed were permitted to supply them with some Christmas dainties yester-day. All the prisoners were given a good dinner and about a dozen short term men were given their liberty. One of them got lonesome and loaded and was taken back before night.

GASPERBAUX ARE CHEAP.

Market.

The unsatisfactory condition of the markets to which gaspereaux or ale-wives are shipped caused prices this year to go to the lowest point on record in the St. John market. They have sold down to \$2 per barrel, which does not represent the actual cost. James Patterson said on Wednesday, in reply to the Star's enquiry, that some of the early catch this year, which were barrelled when the price was higher than it was later in the season, cost considerably more than \$2 per barrel. They were therefore sold at a loss. He had himself declined the offers of New York parties to purchase from him at that price, preferring to ship in small lots himself, and doing so to better advantage.

Asked why these fish do not sell for local consumption, Mr. Patterson said our people did not like them as they are put up for export, and they are not put up in any other way. Still, when properly cured for the local taste, they are excellent fish, A former well-known St. John merchant used to get Mr. Patterson to put him up a supply each year for his own use, and preferred them to herring. But the popular taste has not run toward gaspereaux, except when fresh or smoked, and no attempt has been made to create a local demand for the pickled fish. The catch this year was not unusually large, and the fact that 'the deal-crs are not making profits is due to the condition of the southern markets. The price is less than half what it was two years ago.

PERSONAL.

Chief Clark spent Christmas in Fredericton.
C. B. Foster went to Halifax last night.

Senator J. V. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis spent Christmas with their children

n Wolfville.

A. H. Baillie of the Dominion Bank A. H. Baille of the Bollmin Balls Montreal, came to St. John yesterday to spend Christmas with his father Charles Baillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bustin of Freder icton are at the Park Hotel on thei

honeymoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Dooe of this
city spent the holiday visiting Mrs
Robert Webber, St. Stephen.
Miss Jarvis of the St. Stephen schoo
staff is spending her vacation at her
home here.

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John Melliday is home from New York, spending the Christmas season with his father.

The engagement is announced in Ottawa of Dr. George S. MacCarthy to Miss Audrey Blair, daughter of the honorable, the minister of railways.—Toronto Globe.

W. A. Quinton, steward of the asylum, who has been confined to his lame, who has been confined to his

lum, who has been confined to his house for some days, is much improve and will be around in a few days.

J. J. McCAFFREY'S ENTERPRISE.

Along with one of the prettiest of Christmas menu cards comes to the Star from the Queen Hotel, Fredericton, a very pretty little booklet with views of the Queen parlor and dining rooms, and of pretty bits of Fredericton scenery. The booklet also tells in a brief, attractive way, about beautiful Fredericton and its chief hotel. Proprietor J. J. McCaffrey has entered upon his new field with excellent prospects, and evidently intends to keep the Queen and Fredericton well to the front. The hotel has been renovated and refurnished throughout with excellent taste and with a practical man's eye to the comfort of guests. The Star extends to Mr. McCaffrey.

A very interesting and happy fea-ture of the service at St. John's church, Oromocto, was the presentation for use in that church of a beautiful cross

In that church of a beautiful cross lectern,
The gift is the offering of A.
Stanley Clowes, a yestryman of St.
John's church, and is humbly offered
"To the glory of God and in loving memory of his father and mother."
The offering was received by the rector who in due form set it apart for its sacred use.

TREASURY BOARD.

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The treasury board will meet this afternoon for the purpose of passing a number of bills which it is desired to have entered in the books before the end of the year. Judging from the pile of accounts awaiting disposal the board will have a busy session.

POLICE COURT.

Apples of Sodom That Lurked

Among the Christmas Fruit. "Christmas comes but once a year,
'tls every one's delight to keep it up,
—to keep it up." But this year the
swelled neads who suffered for their
fun were only about half as numerous
as they were a year ago. Last Christmas twenty-six healthy old specimens
sat on the bench awaiting disposal.
This year the cops could raise only
fourteen. Last year there was not a
Jew in the gang. This year there
wasn't even half a Jew, but the magistrate falled to make his usual remark.

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He opened court earlier than usual in order to get a good start and disposed of the bench in double quicl order. None of them had much to say. A few remarked that they had only been keeping Christmas, but the majority volunteered nothing beyond the fact that they had been loaded for bears.

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Sixteen jags in all were gathered in, and of these three were quietly disposed of. Two sallors were sent on board their ship and one man from the north end, who nearly had the D. T.'s, was sent home for treatment.

Of the other fourteen one was a woman—Mary Jane Toner. The fines imposed varied from five days to two months, and in all about fifteen mouths' imprisonment was handed out.

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The only prisoner at all worthy of notice was Thomas Donohoe, the one-armed man, who with one-legged Tom Nickerson, forms the best working team in the jail, and who only got out a day or two ago. He went back to his chum and his job. The others were uninteresting and unprofitable, and the majority went into jail to eat their New Year's dinner.

SOME PRESENTATIONS.

Miss McCoskery of the New Victoria notel was the recipient yesterday of a Miss McCoskery of the New Victoria hotel was the recipient yesterday of a fine steel engraving.

The employes of John E. Wilson presented him on Christmas eve with an onyx table and lamp, and a complimentary address.

Proprietor Damery of the Park hotel was presented by his staff with a magnificent picture of the Tel-el-Kebir Battle.

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L. R. Ross, terminal superintendent of the I. C. R. in St. John, was presented on Christmas eve by the employes of the engineeer department with a heavy gold band ring bearing his initials in raised letters.

Little Gerald McCafferty, the call boy at the St. John round house of the I. C. R., was well remembered Christmas by the employees there. They presented him with a rubber coat, a pair of boots and overshoes.

On Wednesday evening the teamsters of White's Baggage Express Co. presented the manager, Harry Green, with a fine office chair. The presentation was made by Harry Sullen, formerly with the company, but now with the D. A. R. Mr. Green fittingly replied to the address, and during the evening treated the teamsters to an oyster supper.

A NEW SCHEME. Which is Peing Pushed All Ove. Canada.

ton, a very pretty little booklet with views of the Queen parlor and dining rooms, and of pretty bits of Frederict on scenery. The booklet also tells in a brief, attractive way, about beautiful Fredericton and its chief hotel. Proprietor J. J. McCaffrey has entered upon his new field with excellent prospects, and evidently intends to keep the Queen and Fredericton well to the front. The hotel has been renovated and returnished throughout with excellent taste and with a practical man's eye to the comfort of guests. The Star extends to Mr. McCaffrey the compilments of the season.

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Loyal Orange Black Knights, Orange hall,
Election of Officers, Court Quangeon dy, I. O. F.
Christmas entertainment, Tabernacte church.
Mission band concert, Victoria street Baptist church.
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A large shipment of live stock for the Concordia arrived in the city by the I. C. R. today about eleven o'clock and were shortly afterwards taken to the west side, where they are now being put in the stockyards. The shipment consists of four hundred and twenty-four head of cattle and ten hundred and forty-seven sheep. They will be loaded on the steamer tomorrow morning, after being inspected. Another even larger consignment, consisting of nine hundred and twenty-five head of cattle and seven hundred sheep, is now on the road to St. John for the steamer Montcalm. They are due to arrive here tomorrow night or Sunday morning and will be loaded at the west side.

Steamship Empress of Japan arrived.

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MAY INVEST IN MEXICO.

P. S. MacNutt and F. A. Jones will leave tomorrow for Mexico, where, in the interests of themselves and a number of other St. John men, they will inspect a large sugar plantation situated about fifteen hours' ride from Mexico City. The gentlemen interested have for some time held an option on the plantation and the present visit of inspection is for the purpose of deciding whether or not to close the purchase. The property consists of two thousand acres of sugar growing land, a large part of which is now under cultivation with cane and an auxiliary crop of rice. On the plantation is a fine mill recently erected at a cost of twenty thousand dollars.

The season for cutting the cane is in February, and if the purchase is completed the St. John men will take charge at once. S. MacNutt and F. A. Jones will

HALIFAX SINGER IN ST. JOHN. (Halifax Herald.)

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Miss Blanche Shute, the well-known contraits of Dartmouth is meeting with large success in St. John. She is engaged at present as soloist by the Centenary Methodist church, the wealthlest church in the city. Miss Shute is a daughter of Robert Shute, of Dartmouth, and a sister of the well-known basso, William Shute.

REMEMBER THE BOYS.

The C. P. R. and Western Union messenger boys are presenting holiday greetings to their friends and are in turn, no doubt, substantially remembered. The C. P. R. boys present a neat pocket fire alarm list, and the Western Union boys a pretty little calendar. A HAPPY CHRISTMAS.

Christmas was quietly but thoroughly enjoyed in the city yesterday. The services in the various churches holding them were well attended, and the special music greatly enjoyed. The skating and curling rinks drew large crowds and the performances at the York Theatre and Opera House were well patronized.

The C. P. R. elevator is now running almost full time, being in operation twenty hours out of every twenty-four. An average of one thousand bushels of grain per day are being handled, and there is every prospect that this quantity will gradually increase.

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