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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 \$1,500 mortgage, is believed by the medical examiner to have caused the sudden death of Rev. Jesse 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 pronounced the cause of death to have been congestion of the brain, brought on by worry.

THE STREET RAILWAY.

To the Editor of the Star:—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, TEAMSTER.

BENEVOLENT INSTITUTIONS.

At the protestant Orphan Asylum, Wiggins' Male Orphan Asylum, Home for Incurables, Mater Misericordiae Home, Little Girls' Home, Salvation Army Home, Seaman's Mission, Alms-house and Lunatic Asylum the inmates were cheered yesterday by good fare and other kindly remembrances.

CARLETON CURLERS.

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 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 to the fund.

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 distribution today. The book shows that the total number of students in attendance is 2,968, a gain of 176 over last year.

This year there are 390 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 cable reports another defeat for the Canadian football team.

JOSEPH FARREN'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 stevedores. Dr. Berryman says that as yet he has learned nothing which would render an inquest necessary.

WILL THEY STRIKE AGAIN?

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.

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

Men'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 5 to 11 years, all marked \$2.50.

Overcoat bargains in every size.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 Union Street, Opera House Block

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. 25.—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 refunding ninety-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.

PARIS, Dec. 25.—The Association of Boot and Shoe Manufacturers of Paris, representing extensive industries of Paris, Lyons, Marseilles, Fougères, 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 thus 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 pains. She died while the physician 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, Ala., Dec. 26.—Ernest Wimberly, a well known young man of this city, was fatally stabbed last night at the corner of 22nd and Warren streets by two negroes. One wound is near the heart and the other in the side. Charles Humphreys and John Golden were arrested, charged with the crime. The cause of the stabbing is not known.

SUPERIOR, Neb., Dec. 26.—The state bank of Weber, 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. Taylor performed a marriage ceremony last night by which five couples were united, says a special to the Chronicle from Armstrong. The brides and bridegrooms 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 the same time and by the same minister.

VENEZUELA.

The Cabinet at Washington Discussing the Arbitration Proposal.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 26.—The cabinet 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 Anzeiger 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 1,700,000 bolivars (about \$350,000), which must be paid immediately in cash before arbitration is begun."

PLAYED SANTA CLAUS

And was Fatally Burned Beside the Christmas Tree.

CHICAGO, Dec. 26.—Forest Gale, a 15-year-old boy attached to the Salvation Army, was fatally burned last night while playing Santa Claus for three hundred children at Hamilton, Ohio. The accident occurred at the Salvation Army hall, where the annual Christmas entertainment was in progress.

The boy was swathed in rolls of cotton and wore a long beard of sullar 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 flames. 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.—Colonial Secretary Chamberlain and Mrs. Chamberlain, who left Portsmouth, England, Nov. 25 on board the armor-plated cruiser Good Hope, landed here at 10:30 this morning. They received a warm welcome from large crowds of people.

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 Jackson Temple of the supreme court of California is dead in this city. He was born in Massachusetts August 11, 1827. In 1852 he came to California, and besides serving with distinction as judge of the district and superior courts he was three times elected to the supreme bench.

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

WELL KNOWN PEOPLE.

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 congregation of the Propaganda meets January 19, after the holidays, the filling of this vacancy will be among the earliest business transacted.

SYRACUSE, N. Y., Dec. 26.—The Rev. 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 Personal and Other Notes.

SUSSEX, Dec. 24.—The marriage of Miss Lillian B. Taylor, daughter of Stephen B. 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 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 zibeline 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 Foster, daughter of Geo. W. Fowler of P. P., was charming in 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 Charlotte-town, P. 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 taffeta 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, Jr., who was taken with lockjaw on Saturday, remains about the same.

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

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

The infant daughter of Rev. and Mrs. J. B. Gough of this place was christened on Tuesday evening by Rev. A. Lucas. Little Miss Gough will henceforth be known as Helen Warnick 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:

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. McCoolley, citizen, home supposed to be in Nostrand avenue, skull crushed, at Brooklyn hospital.

Beginning among the inflammable materials in the coopers 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.

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 side of the river to help. With the arrival of the water tower No. 6 Battalion Chief Coppinger 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 the men could move it. It crashed down on them. The fireman and McCoolley the citizen were buried, and water tower and ladders were smashed to kindling wood. Ten minutes later the fireman was taken out. It was the battalion chief, unconscious and fatally hurt. McCoolley came next. 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.

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 been 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 inmates, 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-months-old babe, was rescued by one of the waiters. While the fire was at its height there was an explosion in the cafe of Devine's hotel, and several other buildings in the neighborhood trembled from the impact. The total loss is now fixed at about \$100,000. Insurance 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 yesterday afternoon.

MACHINE WORKS DAMAGED.

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.

PETITCODIAC.

The Village Visited by a Bad Fire This Morning.

PETITCODIAC, Dec. 26.—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

Men's Winter Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.

Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c. up to one at 1.75

Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.

New Goods. Right Prices.

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HOCKEY BOOTS

Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hockey Boots at such low prices that you will be surprised.

Now is the time to buy, don't wait until the size you want are all sold.

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VERY CHOICE Medium Codfish.

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Shoemakers' Findings, Plastering Hair, Tanners' and Carriers' Tools Lamplack, etc. 266 Union Street

AFTER CHRISTMAS

SHORT'S DYSPEPTIGURE.

Bronchitis Disappears Like Magic Under the Influence of Park's Perfect Emulsion. Price 25c a bottle. Large bottle \$1.00

Evening a fire was made in McLean & Ryan's furnace, and this probably caused the fire. The losses are as follows:—

McAfee building, worth \$3,000; stock, \$7,000; insurance, \$2,000.

McLean & Ryan, stock \$1,000; fully insured.

John Murray and wife, who occupied the flat over McLean & Ryan's store, were in Moncton 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.

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

King and Churches' 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.

STEAMERS, ETC. EASTERN STEAMSHIP CO.'s. WINTER REDUCED RATES.

In effect November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903. Commencing December 26, 1902, at 8 a. m. THURSDAYS for Luncheon, Eastport, Portland and Boston.

Returning from Boston via Portland, Eastport and St. John, Monday, Dec. 29, 1902. Through tickets on sale at principal railway stations and baggage checked to destination.

WILLIAM C. LEEB, Agent, St. John, N. B. A. H. HANSCOM, G. B. & T. A. CALVIN AUSTIN, V. P. & Gen'l Manager, Foster's Wharf, Boston, Mass.

HELP WANTED, MALLS. Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or Three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

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HOUSE FOR SALE—House 165 Adelaide road, 3 flats, 6 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

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HOTELS. HOTEL DUFFERIN. E. LEROY WILLIS, Prop., ST. JOHN, N. B.

PROTECTION IN ENGLAND. (Windspeg Telegram.) The British corn merchants are complaining that under the present system of duties there is a discrimination of 48 per cent in favor of wheat importations.

DEATHS. FERRAN.—In this city, on the 25th inst., Thomas Ferran, eldest son of the late Peter and Catherine Ferran.

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TRADE AND GOVERNMENT.

Those who remember some past winters in St. John, before the winter port business began, and when trade generally was less active than it has been during the year now closing, are able to see in the present conditions much cause for satisfaction.

That Canada today enjoys prosperity and an expanding trade is due to two lines of policy to which the party now in power were vigorously opposed.

That the 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 cause the high price paid for lumber, nor the prosperity all over the world which for a number of years has afforded Canada better markets abroad.

It has brought into the country some 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 actually lost ground in Germany.

Canada has continued to progress, for that is inevitable; but if a period of 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 the task devolving on its members in their various departments.

In the meantime, however, times are good, and there are evidences that before the pendulum swings back and the world experiences any severe commercial depression a more capable set of men will be at the head of affairs in Canada.

Referring to the St. John Telegraph's 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.

The bullfrog editor 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 matter really not of great importance, but as this is the season of peace and good-will the Star will make a fair proposition: If the Telegraph will produce the forgers of the Rothesay lists this journal of the people will regale the staff of that paper with the legs of January frogs.

The Gazette the other day attacked the management of the lunatic asylum. What's in the wind?

The Fredericton Reporter has been discontinued after a life of more than half a century. In its later years the Reporter reflected strongly the opinions of Mr. Pitt, who is an independent man with a strong individuality.

Yesterday was a notable Christmas Day in St. John. Though there was no sleighing the weather was exceptionally fine, without being too cold.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 25.—Snow 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.

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 British and Russian ambassadors.

THE ARGENTINE MINISTER and wife gave a Christmas party at the legation, while the minister from Peru and his wife entertained a number of Peruvian students in the various schools and colleges of the United States.

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Rabbi Jacobs, referring to the death of Eli 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.

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Canon Welch 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.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 25.—It is stated on apparently good authority that the International Harvester Company, 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.

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.

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.

CHRONIC constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 35 cents. At druggists.

Rev. Dr. Rose, of the Dominion Methodist church, Ottawa, was presented yesterday with a beautiful gown, which he wore at the services.

WANTED—A case of Headache that KUMFORD POWERS will not cure in from ten to twenty minutes.

FREDERICTON NEWS. FREDERICTON, Dec. 25.—Genuine winter weather prevailed here today, 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.

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 almshouse today enjoyed a feast provided through the generosity of Mayor Crocker. Caretaker Thomas had the large dining hall at the institution beautifully decorated, and the dinner was one an epicure might envy.

The county jail is empty, not a single prisoner being confined there at the present time. A report is current tonight that the stock brokerage firm of Fisher & Fisher is in financial difficulties.

HARRY MCCOY, a young man living on the Nashua 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.

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.

HOT SPRINGS, Ark., Dec. 25.—Win. Havig 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 to die.

JOHN W. POWERS of York County and Janie E. Perry of Cady's were married at the Main street Baptist church parsonage on Christmas eve by the Rev. Alexander White.

FREDERICTON'S NEW RINK. The new skating rink at Fredericton, erected at a cost of \$7,000, was opened last evening under most favorable conditions.

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 A. O. H. 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.

COLLECTIONS IN THE CHURCHES. The annual collection for the poor in St. John's (stone) church yesterday was \$219.00.

THE ANNUAL collection for the poor in St. John's (stone) church yesterday was \$219.00. Collections for the orphans were taken up in the Roman Catholic churches yesterday.

HOUSEFURNISHING DEPT. A Few Late Arrivals:

- DOWN QUILTS. English Thoroughly Downproof Coverings in Fancy Sateen, Art Sateen and Turkey Chintz—plain and frilled. Sizes 5x7 ft. and 6x7 ft. Prices from \$4.00 to \$14.50.
- NEW TAPESTRY PORTIERES. \$8.00 to \$28.00 per pair.
- BLANKETS. Notwithstanding our Successful Sale some weeks ago, are still in demand.
- MEN'S CHAMOIS UNDERWEAR. Chamolis Vests.

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

Manchester Robertson & Allison

St. John Star. What better New Year's Gift for an absent friend than a year's subscription to the newspaper that gives the most Saint John news! \$3.00.

THE INSURANCE OF CHILDREN.

It Offers a Temptation That Should Not Be Held Out. The taking out of insurance policies on the lives of children is awakening attention throughout the country.

RECENT WEDDINGS. John W. Powers of York County and Janie E. Perry of Cady's were married at the Main street Baptist church parsonage on Christmas eve by the Rev. Alexander White.

FREDERICTON'S NEW RINK. The new skating rink at Fredericton, erected at a cost of \$7,000, was opened last evening under most favorable conditions.

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.

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THE AMERICAN TRUSTS.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—It is now certain that one-third of the present session will have slipped away before the sub-committee of the judiciary committee of the house will be ready to submit an anti-trust bill to the full committee.

PROVINCIAL NOTES. Winslow Chase of Maquait Lake took into Fredericton yesterday morning one of the finest specimens of a deer head seen there this season.

AT THE RINKS YESTERDAY. The Victoria rink was a centre of attraction morning, afternoon and evening yesterday.

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PLAYED POKER.

Ocean Card Sharp and a Blue Blooded British Actor.

NEW YORK, Dec. 21.—Ocean card sharps played poker with the actor-nobleman, James Francis Harry St. Clair-Erskine, the fifth Earl of Rosslyn, during the trip of the Etruria, which ended today.

A cablegram awaited the captain of the steamer from the home office in Liverpool, directing him to cause the arrest of three men.

When he embarked on the liner the earl quickly made the acquaintance of three "good fellows," with whom he played at first for small stakes.

One of the earl's friends lost a small sum, and to furnish him with an 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 arrival of the cablegram, as the passengers were disembarking, aroused the Earl of Rosslyn to action.

The earl inspected the rogues' gallery and picked out "Doc" Owens, a notorious ocean card crook, as one of the men who had fled from him.

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 its 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.

There are 2 miles of sidings on the two lines, and the whole track is laid with 50 lb. rails.

The equipment consists of 2 locomotives, 1 first class car, 1 baggage car, 1 box car, 4 flat cars, 2 snow ploughs, and 1 passenger car.

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, 4,670 tons; passenger receipts, \$3,597.53; freight receipts, \$6,946.85; mails and express, \$842.40; total, \$11,386.81; net receipts, \$1,706.51.

AN OILY CHRISTMAS PRESENT. (Boston Globe, editorial.) John D. Rockefeller recently gave his pet college, the University of Chicago, \$1,000,000.

It was about the time of this gift that we noticed the price of Standard oil went up 1 cent a gallon, which on a fair estimate would increase the profits of the monopoly \$6,000,000 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, Malsonneuve, were at midnight mass an attempt was made to set fire to the institution.

FACTORY BURNED. The United States Bobbin and Shuttle factory, which is managed by H. B. Skinner of Lewiston, Me., was totally destroyed by fire yesterday.

ON THE ST. CROIX.

The Lumber Cut Will be About 27,000,000 Feet.

CALAIS, Dec. 19.—The lumber cut on the St. Croix this winter will amount to 27,000,000, about the same quantity that was cut last year.

The Householder—Here, my good man, is a dime. Now please go away. The musician! Ah! But for dens condense only play. It is a kervard 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 Murdoch?

"It is often scientifically stated that fishes can't hear, and therefore, have no 'ear for music.' This is a mistake.

"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.

"The violinist began to play Traumerl, 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.

HELD UP AND SANDBAGGED. Ralph Clarke of Lancaster Heights, west end, traveller for the Hart Shoe Co., who is now home for Christmas vacation, was held up on Prince street, Carleton, three doors below his own home on Tuesday night.

ST. JOHN FIRE ALARM. 2 No. 2 Engine House, King Square. 3 No. 2 Engine House, Union street. 4 Corner Sewell and Garden streets. 5 Corner Mill and Union streets. 6 Market Square, Auer Light Store. 7 Mechanics Institute, Carleton street. 8 Corner Mill and Fort streets. 9 Foot of Union street (east). 10 Waterloo street, opposite Peters street. 11 Corner Broad and Victoria streets. 12 Corner Brunswick and Richmond streets. 13 Brussels street, near old Everett foundry. 14 Corner Brunswick and Hanover streets. 15 Corner Brunswick and Erin streets. 16 Cor. Courtenay and St. David streets. 17 Waterloo, opposite Golding street. 18 Cor. Geimain and King streets. 19 Corner Manchester, Robertson & Alison. 20 Cor. Princess and Charlotte streets. 21 No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street. 22 City Hall, Princess and Prince W. sts. 23 Breeze's Corner, King Square. 24 Corner Duke and Prince Wm. streets. 25 Cor. King and Pitt streets. 26 Cor. Duke and Sydney streets. 27 Cor. Westworth and Princess streets. 28 Cor. Queen and Germain streets. 29 Cor. Queen and Carmarthen streets. 30 Cor. St. James and Prince Wm. streets. 31 Carmarthen st., bet. Grand and Duke. 32 Douglas avenue, near Bentley street. 33 Opp. Hamilton's Mill, Strait Shore. 34 Rolling Mills, Strait Shore. 35 Cor. Sherbrooke and Strait Shore road. 36 Cor. Portland and Camden streets. 37 Head Long Wharf, Main street. 38 Police Station, opp. Mission Chapel. 39 Engine House No. 4, City Road. 40 Cor. Stanley and Water streets. 41 Wright street. 42 Head Milling street, Fort Howe. 43 Cor. Barker's Mill Somerset streets, Fort Howe. 44 Cor. City Road and Meadow street. 45 Marsh Road.

NORTH END. 112 Bridge street, near St. Stephen's mill. 113 Cor. Main and Bridge streets. 114 Street Railway car shed. 115 Cor. Adelaide Road and Feet street. 116 Engine House No. 5, Main street. 117 Douglas avenue, opp. Hon. Jas. Holly's office. 118 Douglas avenue, near Bentley street. 119 Opp. Hamilton's Mill, Strait Shore. 120 Rolling Mills, Strait Shore. 121 Cor. Sherbrooke and Strait Shore road. 122 Cor. Portland and Camden streets. 123 Head Long Wharf, Main street. 124 Police Station, opp. Mission Chapel. 125 Engine House No. 4, City Road. 126 Cor. Stanley and Water streets. 127 Wright street. 128 Head Milling street, Fort Howe. 129 Cor. Barker's Mill Somerset streets, Fort Howe. 130 Cor. City Road and Meadow street. 131 Marsh Road.

WEST SIDE. 112 Engine House, King street. 113 Ludlow and Water streets. 114 King street and Market Place. 115 Middle street, Old Fort. 116 Prince street and St. James streets. 117 Sand Point wharf. 118 Queen and Victoria streets. 119 Lancaster and St. James streets. 120 St. John and Watson streets. 121 Winslow and Watson streets.

COMMERCIAL.

STOCK MARKET.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Wall street.—The local speculative interest in the market dealings was in a few of the specialties.

NEW YORK, Dec. 25.—Cotton futures opened at 12.00, December, offered, 8.51; January, 8.52; February, 8.53; March, 8.51; April, 8.51; May, 8.54; June, offered, 8.35; July, 8.36; August, 8.16; September, offered, 7.94.

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SPORTING NEWS.

WRESTLING. Dan McLeod Won the Championship of the Americas.

WORCESTER, Mass., Dec. 25.—Dan McLeod won the championship of America at catch-as-can wrestling and the \$1,500 end of the \$2,000 purse in Mechanics' Hall before 1,100 people this afternoon by getting the better of Tom Jenkins.

CURLING. Competition at the Thistle Curling Rink for the John H. Thomson medals. First Series. Jan. 2nd, 1903.

James K. Fraser, David Brown, H. N. Sharp, Rev. D. Fraser, E. W. Paul, A. E. Wilson, R. A. Courtney, skip, A. W. Sharp, skip.

H. S. Keith, A. H. Campbell, G. I. Belyea, G. L. Warwick, W. P. Robinson, skip, Andrew Malcolm, skip, W. G. Adams, R. T. Patchell, F. D. Miles, T. H. Belyea, J. C. Chesley, Harry Barnes, W. A. Shaw, skip, A. D. Malcolm, skip.

James K. Fraser, E. I. Simonds, Frank Watson, J. S. MacLennan, J. C. Milligan, S. W. Palmer, Jas. Mitchell, skip, J. A. Sinclair, skip, W. J. Featon, J. E. Wilson, Roland Frith, R. S. Orchard, Charles Reid, skip, Arthur Kerr, skip, G. H. McDonald, skip, D. H. Willett, skip.

F. A. Jones, Arthur Machum, J. S. Gregory, K. E. McDonald, G. U. Hay, A. G. Stevens, Rev. W. H. Raymond, J. M. Barnes, skip, W. A. Shaw, skip.

A. G. Golding, James Knox, W. B. Robertson, J. Roy Thomson, Louis Barker, G. S. Bishop, A. F. Shaw, skip, J. H. Thomson, skip, W. J. Emery, M. D., W. T. G. Campbell, L. A. MacLennan, L. A. MacLennan, J. L. McElroy, Arthur Kerr, skip, M. MacLennan, M. D., J. P. Shaw, skip.

H. H. McLeellan, J. H. Pullen, W. H. Holly, H. M. McAlpine, C. W. Frizy, David Mackenzie, W. M. Rivers, skip, A. B. Holly, skip.

James Bishop, W. H. Mowatt, Fred. McFadden, F. H. Flewelling, L. A. Langstroth, J. A. Malcolm, skip, G. U. Hay, skip, E. L. Corbett, H. D. Fritz, Chas. Dabney, G. B. Burpee, skip, W. F. Burpee, skip, Alex. Macaulay, skip.

SMALLPOX AT HALIFAX. Hamburg-American Line Steamer Sent to Quarantine with a Slight Case. (Halifax Herald, 25th.) The Hamburg-American line steamer Anstran arrived at 5 o'clock yesterday morning from Hamburg via Bologna.

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

TORONTO, Dec. 25.—Ald. Daniel Lamb, who has had many years' experience in the city council, tonight announced his candidature for the mayoralty.

OLIVER WENDELL HOLMES. To cure a headache in ten minutes. Use KUMFORD Headache Powders.

WIDOWS STILL HUSBANDLESS.

Mother and Daughter Who Seek Help-makes Make a Fruitless Journey to Bellmore.

BAY SHORE, L. I., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Elizabeth Goldsmith and her daughter, Mrs. Anna Brown, both widows, of this village, 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 railroad tickets.

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 Brooklyn came here in search of them, and expressed keen disappointment at his inability to make their acquaintance.

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.

Both women are hopeful that they will yet secure life companions, and the mother says if she does not soon obtain a husband she does not care to live.

EDUCATION IN CHILL.

Chief Secretary Seeking Information in The States.

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.

There is a growing feeling in the nation, as well as in the other South American republics, especially the southern republics, that we will have to become more and better acquainted with the United States and vice versa.

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.

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.

TO ADVERTISERS. Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 o'clock to ensure insertion in that day's issue.

IMMORTALITY.

Views of Oliver Wendell Holmes in a Letter Now First Published.

About twelve years ago a prominent Hammond, Indiana, man, at that time a member of the city school board, wrote to Dr. Oliver Wendell Holmes, asking him concerning the meaning of the lines of certain passages in his "Elsie Venner."

My Dear Sir:—There is no answer to the argument against immortality, so far as I can see, on physiological or materialistic grounds.

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.

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.

MEETINGS AND ENTERTAINMENTS.

The 62nd Fusiliers will give an "At Home" in their rooms on Princess street New Year's eve.

At the Christmas concert at St. Phil...

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL.

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

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

Twenty car loads of fruit arrived in St. John yesterday from the str. Ask, now at Halifax.

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. Fanning, Thos. Tait, O. Dufresne, P. Dorhamill, J. Reid, J. N. Langlois, Thos. A. Martin and M. McCarthy.

Thomas Farren, who was injured on board the str. Orana, Thursday, Dec. 18th, while at work, died at his home, 11 Paradise row, at two o'clock yesterday afternoon.

A gasporeux boat belonging to Otis Craft of the west end, and valued at \$40, was maliciously destroyed early Tuesday morning.

Shank Donohue, a well known west end character, who has only one arm, was found by officers on duty in an intoxicated and unconscious condition last night near the west side toll house.

Rev. Mr. Wood of Toronto, a brother-in-law of Rev. Mr. Hooper of Montreal, has been called to the rectorship of Dorchester.

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DIGBY WHARF.

(Ottawa Citizen, Dec. 19.) 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.

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.

At the Christmas concert at St. Phil...

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For Rates, Dates, and Time Limits of Excursion Tickets to Points West of Montreal, see nearest Ticket Agent, or write to C. B. FOSTER, D. P. A. C. P. R., St. John, N. B.

BAND AT QUEEN'S RINK

Every Tuesday and Thursday Evenings and Saturday Afternoons.

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

The Monday evening skating club will hold its first meeting in the Queen's rink on Monday night next.

MONTREAL, Dec. 25.—Rubber goods manufacturers in this province, and Ontario are greatly concerned over the recent increase in the price of crude material, the latest quotations in London, England, being equal to ninety-nine cents a pound in this market.

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

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Holiday Goods

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You Can Buy THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S. The Biggest and Best assortment of Dolls, Toys and Xmas Novelties in St. John will be found at Arnold's Department Store, 15 Charlotte St.

Special Sale of TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED MILLINERY. In order to make a speedy clearance, we have reduced our entire stock of Untrimmed Hats to 25c, 35c, and 50c.

Mrs. K. Cameron & Co. 77 King Street. IF YOU WANT THE BEST, GET Lawson Coal, FROM J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street. Telephone 250

Every cash customer will receive a Handsome Calendar. We have the largest stock of DRY HARD WOOD in the city, and will quote special rates to those who want quantities.

GIBBON & CO'S., 122 Charlotte St. BUSINESS AT SAND POINT. Sand Point presented quite a busy scene this morning, when five winter port steamers were discharging and taking in cargo.

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 Christmas.

F.R. PATTERSON Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets. WHITE LAWN APRONS From 25c. up. STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 50, lowest 23, wind at noon 15 miles per hour. Snow is reported at Montreal, Chatham, Halifax, Grand Manan and Portland. At Quebec the weather is clear. At Sydney, Charlottetown, Yarmouth, Boston and New York cloudy.

LOCAL NEWS.

The best of the good teas—Red Rose. 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 McGuigan is reported as being in a somewhat more serious condition this afternoon.

In the York Theatre on Sunday afternoon the boys of Mill street Mission will hold Christmas exercises.

Over five hundred bags of confectionery 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 today in dressing the elaborate Christmas tree for the Sunday school children of the parish.

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

A Gordon Lewis 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.

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.

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

The steamer Oriana will sail from Halifax today for Cape Town with a full cargo. Newfoundland merchants are sending out a large consignment of fish. Rhodes, Curry & 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)

The Scottish curlers will arrive here on the mail steamer Bavarian on Saturday or Sunday. They will remain in Halifax about 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 likely begin on Monday and the Halifax Curling Club are making extensive arrangements for the reception and entertainment of the visitors. The curling party is made up as follows:

- Rev. J. Kerr, M. A., F. R. S. E., F. S. A. (Scott) Dirlston Club. Provost Ballantine, Peables Club. Mayor Bertram, Medwin Club. H. Bramwell, Upper Nisshadae Club. Robert Cousin, Merchiston Club. A. E. Campbell, Gourcock Club. May Scott Davidson, Hercules Club. Provost Gordon, Bathgate Club. H. Gibson, Beggar Club. H. Husband, (hon. sec. and treas.) Dunfermline Club. W. Henderson, Kinnochry Club. H. Johnston, Upper Annandale Club. Dr. Kirk, Bathgate Club. D. Bentley Murray, Altricity Castle Club. T. Macmillan, Glenearin Club. D. Murray, Kelyvendock Club. Jas. McGregor, Camperdown Club. Henry Frain, Castle Huntly Club. D. Provost, Criaglockhart Club. G. Deans Ritchie, Broughton United Club. Mark Sanderson, Duddingston Club. A. T. Simpson, Eildon Grove Club. J. Simpson, Orwell Club. A. 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.

Nearly 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 Goodspeed were permitted to supply them with some Christmas dainties yesterday. 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.

GASPEREAUX ARE CHEAP.

Never Sold So Low in the St. John Market. The unsatisfactory condition of the markets to which gaspereaux or alewives 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 breeded 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 dealers 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. Alban Clarke of Sussex spent Christmas at his home, Charlotte street, west end.

Senator J. V. Ellis and Mrs. Ellis spent Christmas with their children in Wolfville. A. H. Baillie of the Dominion Bank, Montreal, came to St. John yesterday to spend Christmas with his father, Charles Baillie.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Bastin of Fredericton are at the Park Hotel on their honeymoon. Mr. and Mrs. Richmond Dooe of this city spent the holiday visiting Mrs. Robert Webber, St. Stephen.

Miss Jarvis of the St. Stephen school staff is spending her vacation at her home here. John Meliday 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. Quinlan, steward of the asylum, who has been confined to his house for some days, is much improved 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 the compliments of the season.

THIS EVENING.

Loyal Orange Black Knights, Orange hall. Election of Officers, Court Oungonday, I. O. F. Christmas entertainment, Tabernacle church. Mission band concert, Victoria street Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Dobson in Portland street church. Christmas concert, St. Philip's church. McCutcheon-Baxter Stock Co., at Opera House. Skating at Victoria rink.

FELL OVER THE WHARF.

On Wednesday evening a sailor from the steamer Montcalm fell into the water at the Sand Point terminus and might have been drowned had it not been for the plucky action of David Luney. Mr. Luney fastened a rope around his waist, went over the wharf and succeeded in placing a coil of the rope round the man, who was then hauled up by persons on the wharf. He had been in the water for some little time, but beyond a severe chill was none the worse for his duckings.

IMMIGRANTS.

The Elder-Dempster liner Lake Ontario is due here this afternoon with eight hundred immigrants, the usual proportion being destined for western Canadian points.

The Hamburg-American steamer Assyrian is lying in quarantine at Halifax, and advises received here are to the effect that her passengers will probably be detained for the full term of twenty-one days.

VALUABLE GIFT TO ST. JOHN'S CHURCH, OROMOCTO. A very interesting and happy feature of the service at St. John's church, Oromocto, was the presentation for use in that church of a beautiful cross lectern.

The gift is the offering of A. Stanley Clowes, a vestryman 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.

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, 'tis every one's delight to keep it up—to keep it up." But this year the swelled heads 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 failed to make his usual remark.

He opened court earlier than usual, in order to get a good start and disposed of the bench in double quick 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.

Sixteen jags in all were gathered in, and of these three were quietly disposed of. Two sailors 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 months' imprisonment was handed out.

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 McCoskey of the New Victoria hotel was the recipient yesterday of a fine steel engraving. The employees 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.

L. R. Ross, terminal superintendent of the I. C. R. in St. John, was presented on Christmas eve by the employees of the engineer 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, formation by the company, but 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 Being Pushed All Over Canada. Several of the Upper Canadian newspapers have recently been devoting some space to facts regarding a business concern known as the Canadian Stores Advertising Association, which has for some time been doing business in different parts of Canada.

Enquiry is learned that agents of the above association are canvassing St. John and are securing quite a number of contracts. The business consists of advertising different lines of supplies in grocery and other shops throughout Canada, and the shopkeepers are asked to make a contract with the association whereby the latter is granted the sole right of displaying advertising cards in the stores. For the privilege of giving this right to the association the merchant is asked to pay a fee of one dollar, but this is not always collected when the contract is made.

In return for the use of his shop, his signature to the contract, and his dollar, the merchant is promised one-half of the profits accruing to the association through the advertising done. This is to be paid quarterly, and in some cases the one dollar license fee is to be kept back out of the first quarter's profits. The agent who visited the stores in St. John stated that for certain places the profits ought to be at least one hundred dollars per year, and while very few of the smaller merchants who have signed the contract hope to receive this amount they were influenced to make the agreement by the hopes held out to them.

The advertising concern has, according to the Upper Canadian papers, made contracts with large manufacturers for the advertising of their goods, and is handling placards for only one house in each line of business. In this way other manufacturers are shut out from advertising or exhibiting placards in any of the shops whose owners have made contracts with the association.

A second agent of the association is expected to make the round of the contracting stores in a few days for the purpose of measuring the wall space available for advertising.

La Patrie of Montreal criticizes the scheme unfavorably.

CATTLE SHIPMENTS.

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 at Hong Kong, December 24.

AT HALL'S BOOK STORE.

Late Books in Artistic Bindings and Beautiful Illustrations. An Old Sweetheart of Mine, by James Whitcomb Riley. Illustrations by Howard C. O'Riarty. Love Letters of a Musician, by Myrtle Reed. More Love Letters of a Musician, by Myrtle Reed. Lavender and Old Lace, by Myrtle Reed. Borrowings, bound in ooze calf. More Borrowings, bound in ooze calf.

In cheap books we defy competitor. Twenty books, 2 for 25c. Other books by best author at the same price.

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OF EVERY DESCRIPTION. Guns to Hire at Reasonable Rates. Boxing Gloves, Punching Bags, Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, etc.

KEE & BURGESS, SPORTING GOODS. 195 UNION STREET (Near Opera House) St. John, N. B.

High as Christmas Happiness. ascend the pinnacles of those who have seen our exquisitely patterned, delicately tinted tea sets, which make such graceful gifts for Christmas. You'll be hard to please if you don't find something to suit your taste. We invite your inspection.

C. F. BROWN, 501-5 Main Street.



MAY INVEST IN MEXICO. REMEMBER THE BOYS. 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.

HALIFAX SINGER IN ST. JOHN. (Halifax Herald.) Miss Blanche Shute, the well-known contralto of Dartmouth is meeting with large success in St. John. She is engaged at present as soloist by the Centenary Methodist church, the wealthiest church in the city. Miss Shute is a daughter of Robert Shute, of Dartmouth, and a sister of the well-known basso, William Shute.

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.

LOTS OF GRAIN. 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 hundred thousand bushels of grain per day are being handled, and there is every prospect that this quantity will gradually increase.

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

CHRISTMAS GIFTS FOR SMOKERS!

HAVANA CIGARS, in boxes of 25, 50 and 100. DOMESTIC CIGARS in boxes of 10, 25 and 50. BRIAR PIPES with and without cases. PLAIN AND FANCY MEERSCHAUM PIPES. CIGAR AND CIGARETTE TUBES AND CASSES. Rubber and Leather covered TOBACCO POUCHES. TOBACCO JARS, PIPE RACKS, HOOKAHS. Asbestos and imitation MEERSCHAUM PIPES, etc.

CHARLES BAILLIE, 70 King St. Gold Talks.

At this season, when you have so many demands upon your pocket book, consider the following prices:

Table with 2 columns: OTHER DEALERS' PRICES and MY XMAS PRICES. Lists various items like Men's German Slippers, Men's Extra Quality Overshoes, etc. with prices.

I keep one of the best assorted stocks of up-to-date Footwear in the city. I want your trade and I am prepared to make it to your advantage to patronize me.

REVERDY STEEVES, 44 BRUSSELS STREET, Opposite Baptist Church.