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THE EVENING TIMES

ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

Read New Story Barlasch of The Guard.

ONE CENT.

WILL PROBE THE STANDARD OIL CO.

United States Government to Investigate Its Affairs.

QUESTION OF REBATES.

Although Great Secrecy is at Present Observed "The O. O. U." is to Come into the Search Light of Rigorous Enquiry.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A Washington despatch to the Sun says:—

It is intimated that the administration is about to extend its anti-trust campaign and the report is current that the Standard Oil Company is one of the corporations that will figure in developments soon to appear.

James H. Garfield, commissioner of corporations, will soon complete his inquiry into the operations of Standard Oil, and it is said that immediately following the publication of his report in January the administration will make clear what it intends to do with reference to justice affecting this great concern.

Officials of the department of justice are rather backward in discussing the plans of Attorney-General Moody, in fact they profess absolute ignorance of any contemplated proceedings against the Standard Oil Company.

In prosecuting his inquiry into the operations of the Standard Oil Company in Kansas and elsewhere the commissioner has proceeded with great secrecy. Only the President, the Attorney-General, Assistant Attorney-General Purdy and the special agents engaged in the work are fully advised as to just what has been done. There is an impression in Washington that the Garfield inquiry has developed some important facts relative to the payment of rebates to the Standard Oil Co. and its subsidiary companies since the Elkins Act has been in force.

Attention is called to recent discriminations in favor of companies affiliated with the Standard, which have been disclosed in reports made to the Senate Committee on Commerce and Manufactures. Mr. Garfield has instructed his special agents in the oil fields to forward their reports as soon as possible. He has before him already an immense amount of information bearing upon the oil industry and he is anxious to submit his report to President Roosevelt at the earliest possible date. From present indications Mr. Garfield will not be ready to hand his report to the President until the middle of January.

What's the Use? (Boston Herald.)

When, as the use in being worth a billion dollars if you are afraid to go on the seas stand and tell where and how you "got it?" J. D. Rockefeller has gone South to evade the subpoena served.

WERE BADLY BURNED

Accident to Men Engaged in Loading Steamer Athos, at Sydney.

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There was intense excitement for a brief period this morning on board the steamer Athos, now loading pitch from the Dominion Tar and Chemical Company, at the Steel Company's pier. The fire was taken fire and while in the act of extinguishing it, half a dozen men, whose names could not be ascertained, were severely burned by the steam. The fire was caused by a lump of pitch falling on a lantern and was extinguished in about ten minutes.

COMMERCIAL

(Montreal Star.) Montreal traders have watched Ancondo so soaring in Wall Street with little surprise. It transpires, however, that the price has made a big rise, a report from Butte saying—W. H. Orem, manager of mining houses, has made an examination of the new strike on the 2,500 foot level. Ancondo, which was yesterday opened to its full extent, is all of 30 feet wide and running in places as high as 40 per cent. copper. The general average being about 10 per cent. This will mean an average of 20 pounds copper to the ton of ore.

NEW YORK BANK STATEMENT

Reserves on all deposits increased \$18,222,000 over that of U. S. increased 2,117,000. Loans increased 1,642,000. Deposits increased 1,120,000. Legal tenders decreased 1,120,000. Currency increased 1,120,000. Bank statement about as expected, negatively good. W. H. G. Co. Dec. 23rd, 1905.

CHRISTMAS ATTRACTIONS

Walt Comedy Co. at the Opera House, afternoon and evening. Wrestling at the York Theatre. Opening of Queen's and Victoria skating rinks. Skating on Carleton Park.

CHRISTMAS GIFTS

The long-looked-for Christmas day is at hand and expressions of good will and kindly feeling are noted on every hand. Many business houses and corporations are remembering their employees in a substantial manner by the presentation of gifts. Among those so remembered were the employees of the St. John Railway Co., the Times and Telegraph, Canadian Drug Co., Campbell Bros. and a large number of others.

DIED IN FLORIDA

A letter to Louis Munroe of this city was received last night from Pensacola stating that Capt. N. V. Munroe of the Windsor ship, Canada, died at that place the day before yesterday. His remains will be taken to Bridgetown for interment.

Bearing the cross does not exempt one from bearing a share of the world's troubles.

There is a certain kind of charity (?) which is only a wall and not active when the lime-light is turned on.

USING MACHINE GUNS IN THE STREETS OF MOSCOW

WILL TAKE HIM TO THE WOODS

Members of Guides' Association Want Surveyor-General Sweeney to Take a Trip—Fredericton News.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 23.—(Special.)—There was a big Christmas market here this morning and despite the threatened soft weather poultry and other farm produce brought good prices. Turkeys were plentiful at 18 and 20 cents, geese brought one dollar each, duck one dollar per pair and chickens 16 cents per pound. The city is crowded with country visitors and the merchants are doing a thriving trade.

The death occurred at Kewick Ridge yesterday of Mrs. John J. Jewett. She was sixty-four years old and leaves a husband, three daughters and two sons.

At the Guides' Association meeting last night, it was decided to offer Surveyor-General Sweeney a free trip through the wilds of the province next summer that he might study the game conditions himself. Four of the leading guides will place their services at his disposal and will furnish a complete outfit for the explorers of the workmen surrendered.

MOSCOW, Dec. 23.—Traffic has been opened here with the assistance of the troops and the railroad battalion. The lines to Nizhni, Novgorod, Yaroslavl, Kazan and the Nicholas road to St. Petersburg are now working normally. Incoming trains only are running on the Win-

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FEAR REIGN OF TERROR

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 23.—1.40 p.m.—Though the printers' union is one of the most advanced and most thoroughly organized unions in Russia, it is unable to enforce the newspaper strike. The Nopce, Yevrasie, Slavo and other conservative papers, expect to appear today.

The Pan Russian Congress of the League of Agitators by peasants, who were organized in St. Petersburg, tomorrow, but owing to the strike few of the delegates are present and the meeting probably will be postponed like the Zastivoi Congress of Moscow until January.

With the political strike as a revolutionary weapon, apparently losing its effectiveness owing to frequent use, fears are entertained that the revolutionists may be driven to the old methods and inaugurate a series of terrorism. The government is aware that a number of high agents of the revolutionary organization have recently returned to Russia and increased precautions are being taken to safeguard all its authority at St. Petersburg and Tsarsko Selo.

RAILWAY STRIKE INEFFECTIVE

VALDIMIR, Russia, Dec. 23.—Owing to the hostile attitude of the people here, who have attacked the houses of the railroad men, the strike leaders would have been torn to pieces had the troops not intervened. The railroad strikes here is ineffective. Most of the employees are working. Reports received here from several villages in the provinces tell of the murder of agitators by peasants, who were organized at their attacks on the emperor. Among the victims was a young woman who was killed while trying to save an agitator in the village of Nodol were themselves torn to pieces.

KUBANK, Russia, Dec. 23.—The striking railroad men of this city have proclaimed a provisional government and have named an appeal for support in the city.

OREL, Russia, Dec. 23.—At the village of Penkov the peasants have killed two revolutionary emissaries. One of them was beaten to death and the other was burned.

ST. JOHN HAS ITS SEAMY SIDE EVEN AT CHRISTMAS

The approach of Christmas arouses varying emotions when viewed from different standpoints. Certainly Christmas 1905, can bring little pleasure to Alfred D. Wilson of Crown street, who is in a position to refute the contention that the Yule Tide is the sorriest of seasons.

Mr. Wilson is in a sorry plight this Christmas as the following will show. Until about a week ago he was employed by the city corporation on street work and when last pay came and he was laid off he figured he would have something over eight dollars coming to him.

Upon arriving at his office he expected something of a shock when he discovered he had been laid off. He had been laid off about \$12.25 in change and a receipted tax bill.

Mr. Wilson had figured that he could have done much with what dollars were as he could get but little work \$12.25; and the tax receipt, while an admirable specimen of its kind, had no purchasing power.

Light dollars would have gone a little way toward making a Christmas for him, but as it is the \$12.25 will soon be expended on the necessities of life, will prove but a poor substitute for a Christmas turkey or a plate of roast beef.

But even if Mr. Wilson could have disposed of the tax receipt he would have had further troubles for a constant vetted his house a day or two ago and informed him that if his day taxes for 1905 to 1904 were not settled, at once proceedings would be taken against him.

And this is in St. John with the Christmas festival but a few hours away. Mr. Wilson is perfectly willing to work but at present is hindered with sore feet, which he says he has had since he was a child, and he is unable to do any work at present.

Mr. Wilson is about 45 years of age, and for about fifteen years was employed in the dining department of the "Cotton Mill," but finding that the conditions were beginning to affect his health he was obliged, about a year ago, to seek outside employment.

Aided by Neighbors

Every home in this city where destitution has crossed the threshold is not visited and made happy during this festive season by the charitable institutions. At least there is one home on Winter street, which but for the charity of a

couple of families might offer the pang of hunger on Christmas Day.

Some time ago the waywardness of a young man named Fitzgerald resulted in his being sent to jail, and by his imprisonment an aged father and mother were left in want in their home on Winter street.

Mr. Robert Crawford and a neighbor, learning the circumstances of the case, visited the wretched home and discovered that there was not a scrap of food there, and only a few small sticks of wood remained to bring warmth to the feeble couple. Seeing the condition of Mr. and Mrs. Fitzgerald the two women went to their own homes and brought several of the necessities of life to the aged couple and aided them greatly in several ways.

A North End Case

London case reported to the Times is that of a family residing in the North End who are really deserving of assistance, and whose hard lot could be made much easier.

Several of the children are suffering with measles and occupy a large portion of the mother's time and attention, and while the father is at present employed, it has been learned that his income is not sufficient to meet all expenses.

It could not be learned definitely whether anything had been done for them or not.

ST. JOHN'S FIRE RECORD FOR THE CLIPPING YEAR

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Jan. 8.—Still alarm, 7 a. m., Hatfield House, Union street; chimney on fire.

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Feb. 13.—Box 23, 12.25 p. m., Tufis' fancy goods store, German street; total loss.

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MARCH.

March 13.—Box 312, 10.20 p. m., Thomas Kane's house, Rockland road; chimney on fire.

March 15.—Box 143, 1.43 p. m., Portland Rolling Mill; slight fire in shed.

March 17.—Box 412, 8 a. m., false alarm.

March 19.—Box 241, 9.02 p. m., Wellington Green's barn, Summer street; total loss.

March 31.—Box 212, 12.20 a. m., John Campbell's house, St. James street, West End; total loss.

APRIL.

April 1.—Box 15, 4.10 p. m., McWilliam house, Brunswick street; spark on roof.

April 4.—Box 23, 3.25 p. m., Frederick Jones' house, German street; bed on fire.

April 8.—Box 27, 8.20 a. m., Macaulay Bros.' store; damage \$23.50.

April 10.—Box 125, 10 p. m., false alarm.

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THE TIMES NEW REPORTER

THANKS, EVERYBODY.

Early this morning gifts began to arrive for the Times new reporter, and the staff in the business office were kept pretty busy piling them up. Most of them were remembrances from lady friends. There were nine pairs of slippers of different sizes, fourteen shaving brushes, six mousethe cups, eleven neckties, twenty photographs, one scripture text, ten cigar holders, nineteen cakes of soap and twelve bottles of perfume. Still more and some sticking plaster.

A CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Binks and the little Binkses, and Mr. and Mrs. James Jones and the little Joneses, will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Hornbeam.

Mrs. Hornbeam has been making doughnuts and pumpkin pie all this week, and Hiram has been kept pretty busy picking fowls and doing chores. He came to

down this morning and remarked that turkey was not so high as he had expected. Still, when he left the market and went into a toy shop his "wail" made the eyes of clerks bright out. When he left that shop the proprietor ordered more cases of goods opened.

Hiram says Christmas only comes once a year, and that the older he grows the younger he is, because he has to be as young as all the youngsters put together.

He has Santa Claus whiskers and a smile for everybody, and the young Binkses and Joneses are in for the time of their lives. Mr. Binks is Mrs. Hornbeam's cousin, and Mr. Hornbeam is related to Mrs. James Jones. The Times new reporter's only regret is that he cannot accept Hiram's invitation to join in the festivities.

KEEPING IT DARK.

The fact that Louis Miller of Boston, who broke up the steamer Lake Superior, has been in town for several days was not

given out at City Hall. Even when tackled by the Times new reporter yesterday, Mr. Miller was not disposed to talk. He said he was down to get Christmas presents from his friends, and that he had some business in another direction, and so on.

But Mr. Miller and the ferry committee could not fool the new reporter. The fact of the matter is that Mr. Miller was sent for by the committee, and he did not know what to do with the Ladies. Every time an official looks at her he sends in a request for more fittings. The committee were in doubt whether it would be cheaper to get all the new things required to make her suit the official, or to sell her and have her broken up.

Therefore they sent for Mr. Miller. He would not say this morning whether he has an option on her or not, and one man asserts that Mr. Miller proposed that the committee keep the Ladies and sell the official to be broken up. Developments may be expected in a few days.

If the Ladies should be broken up, the brass plate with Naval Architect MacLean's name on it will be preserved in the public library.

MUCH MONEY TO BE SPENT NEXT YEAR

SEASON WILL MAKE RECORD

Winter Port Business This Year Promises to be Heaviest in History of Port.

The Times some time ago stated that the winterport business here this season would probably be a record breaker, especially in the shipping of export freight. The amount of local freight which has also been sent away. Last year the amount of cargo received up to the same time was 1,567 less than this year, so it is evident that the season of 1905-1906 promises to eclipse all previous records.

Up to the present time about 1,600,000 bushels of grain have been sent in the elevator on the West side, and by the middle of January another million bushels will have been received. Already 1,000,000 bushels have been sent away, and at present there are about 600,000 bushels in the elevator. It is striking and is being shipped away every day, and the employees of the millings are kept busy all the time.

The weather so far this year has been most favorable for the railway people, and they have taken advantage of it to rush freight right along.

It is understood that the business much better on this account, as there have been no heavy storms yet, to impede the traffic.

THE CHRISTMAS MARKET

Busy Crowds Thronged Aisles All Morning—Prices Reasonable for Seasonable Viands.

Business in the country market this morning was very brisk, and after nine o'clock up till noon, the building was thronged with citizens out to purchase their Christmas dinner. Nearly every stall in the market is decorated with greenery, and with the large stock of poultry, vegetable and meats, the market presents the appearance of real Christmas.

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Supt. Downie of the C. P. R. Tells of Company's Plans

ON THIS DIVISION

Large Sums to be Expended in Renewing Bridges and Other Necessary Work—New Freight-shed and Improved Yards for McAdam.

Occasionally some talk is heard of the C. P. R. abandoning the port of St. John, but in view of the fact that a large number of appropriations have been made for work on this section of the C. P. system during the year 1906 it would seem that those who made the prophecies were somewhat off in their prognostications.

Superintendent William Downie, with Divisional Engineer J. H. Harbour returned from Montreal yesterday, where they were in conference with the general manager of the company regarding plans for the coming year. Mr. Downie said this morning that considerable money would be expended on this section of the system, over which he has control, a very large number of appropriations were asked for and granted by the executive, so that the main line from here to Megantic and the branch lines of this section will receive considerable attention. Mr. Downie said the road on this division was never in better shape than at present, a large amount having been expended during the year just drawing to a close. It was the company's policy to replace all wooden bridges with permanent steel structures and this has been done in many cases. The estimates for 1906 provide for the renewing of bridges, stations, platforms, coal sheds, water tanks, etc., in many portions of the system. Considerable ballasting will be done and improvements in the McAdam yard will be carried out. A new freight shed at McAdam and improvements in the McAdam yard to the extent of about \$300,000 are planned. The new freight shed at Kildy Cove, near St. Andrews, with a massive steel and masonry structure that will provide excellent loading facilities in connection with the company's big hotel at St. Andrews for use during the tourist season. It is understood that the work planned will call for a very large expenditure, but the company is determined to make the road first class in every respect. It is likely that anything will be done to improve the West Side facilities, at least until the new wharf is completed, as extensive improvements at Bay Shore were completed a short time ago.

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

MERRY CHRISTMAS TO ALL!

With the Heartiest Thanks that we can give you for the most liberal patronage you have Extended to us during the Christmas Trade.

TODAY will see the finish of these strenuous days, but if you should see this Advertisement before the close of the Christmas shopping; bear in mind that there is no store in St. John that offers the assortment of USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS that this one does.

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Bargain Counters

Which abound with the latest and most up-to-date designs of Christmas Gifts in China ever shown at the following prices:

- - 35c, 50c, 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.25. - -

O. H. WARWICK CO. LIMITED.

78 to 82 King Street.

THE TRUE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS WORKING FOR TEMPERANCE

The World is Now One World and Humanity Must Learn the Lesson Taught by the Annual Festival of the Nativity.

As the nations which celebrate Christmas move are the ruling nations of the world, whether by force of arms or by the success of commerce, or by a certain "shin" for the better, it is not surprising that some of these nations, I suppose that millions of people will engage in Christmas festivities, or, having heard of him, know nothing about his birth.

It was a very pathetic thing, a few years ago, when to those who were enrolled in the Boer country, Christmas Day came. Without any flag of truce, without any professed agreement, real hostility was suspended on Christmas Day. Hicket did not exchange shots with Peter, and for that day men did not shoot.

The Christmas of the northern nations is a winter Christmas and always has been. Till Capt. Cook's day, and later, the northern nations have had the principal word in literature, in history, and in poetry, and in song, is the word "winter."

Of the twentieth century Christmas, it is to be said or sung by poet or preacher, in Greenland or in Wilkes Land—that the world is now one world. "Perfected in one," and that with every year the union of continent and islands is more perfect.

To take a little instance, which is a pretty one, from the moment when Green became known as being at Greenwich, though he was living on an island in the Pacific, or on the edge of an ice-field in Alaska.

And make two lovers happy. And an admiring word of readers you.

A PAINLESS CURE FOR CANCER

Send six cents (stamp) and learn all about the marvellous cure that is doing so much for others. Scott & Jerry, Boston, Mass.

Barlasch of the Guard

By HENRY SETON MERRIMAN

"Yes," he said. "Take the medalion, and promise to send it to his mother. Holy Heaven—they all have medalions, and they all have mothers. Every French man remembers his mother—when it is too late. I will get a cart. By tomorrow we shall fill it with keepsakes. And here is another; he is hungry. So am I, comrade. I come from Moscow—half."

Barlasch interrupted the last message of a dying man to inquire whether he had heard of Prince Eugene. It was strange to learn how little they knew. The majority of them were quite ignorant of French, and had scarcely heard the name of the commander of their division.

"This talk is like a coffee-mill," he said. "I do not know to what regiment he belonged. He asked me if I was Russian—I then he wanted to hold my hand. And he went to sleep. He will awake among the angels—that pariah."

Not only had no one heard of Charles d'Arragon, but few knew the name of the commander to whose staff he had been attached in Moscow. There was nothing for it but to go on toward Kovno, where, it was understood, temporary headquarters were established.

Barlasch had told d'Arragon that officers had been despatched to Kovno to form a base—a sort of stock-in-trade of a large regiment of the empire. There had been a talk of Tibet, and diverting the stream, or part of it, toward Macdonald. In the morning the juveniles ascribed that Macdonald was likely to be in no better plight than Mumi; for it was an open secret in Dantzig that York, with five-fifths of Macdonald's army, was about to abandon him.

The road to Kovno was not to be mistaken. On either side of it, like fallen landmarks, the dead lay huddled on the snow. Sometimes a ragged and shivering man found the remains of a fire, where, as a forlorn hope, some poor imbecile had stumped the bark.

Barlasch found himself in a stronghold which was strong in theory only. For the frozen river formed the easiest possible approach, instead of an insuperable barrier to the enemy. He had an army which was a paper army only.

ASK FOR Labatt's India Pale Ale

The standard to which other brewers endeavor to work. Taken by Nervous People at night it acts as a very effective and harmless hypnotic.

It is Undoubtedly Better for the sick and convalescent than potent medicines or tonics, of which no one knows the composition. Ask your wine merchant for a sample order.

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CHRISTMAS SPECIALS 2 lbs. Mixed Nuts - 25c. 2 Doz. Oranges - 25c. Christies' Nursery Honey Cakes - 18c. lb.

Steamer "Restigouche" Has Arrived with Sydney Fresh Mined Old Mine Sydney Coal. The Gold Seal Mine Certificate of the quality of the celebrated Coal can be seen at our office.

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Archbishop Bruschi Will Issue a Pastoral on Sunday.

(Montreal Witness.) Sunday was a red-letter day in the history of St. Gabriel's parish, the occasion being the thirty-second anniversary of the foundation of St. Gabriel's Total Abstinence and Benefit Society.

The treasurer's report showed \$1,674.40 to the credit of the society. In the afternoon at three o'clock His Grace Archbishop Bruschi paid his first pastoral visit to the parish.

Referring to temperance he said that he was glad that St. Gabriel's parish had two good temperance societies. He would issue a special pastoral letter next Sunday against intemperance.

His Grace the archbishop, who was present in the sanctuary, again addressed the congregation, telling them that one thing gave him great joy, it was to see so many young boys enrolled under the banner of temperance.

William W. Malcolm returned home yesterday from Halifax, where he is a student at Dalhousie College.

IT'S DELIGHTFUL IN THE BERMUDAS

The fascinating Orient, France, Spain, Italy, the Holy Land, Egypt, bathed in golden sunlight—all these await the winter voyager. How many long to escape the ice and cold of Canada, yet dread the evil effects of seasickness.

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LUMBERING IN MEXICO

The Chimalapa Co. will Ship Logs to Montreal for Manufacture.

MEXICO CITY, Mexico, Dec. 22.—The Guerrero Development Company, which was recently organized with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, has already taken steps to establish large lumber mills upon the tract of 1,000,000 acres of timber land in the State of Guerrero.

The price of American lumber has advanced forty per cent in some cities of Mexico during the past six months.

The Chimalapa Lumber Company will soon begin shipping large quantities of hardwood logs from its property in Mexico to Montreal, where they will be manufactured.

STOCK MARKETS
NEW YORK, Dec. 22.—Today is a holiday on the Cotton and Coffee exchanges and also in the sugar market here.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Today is a holiday on the stock exchanges.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 22.—The Cotton, corn and provision exchanges have closed today.

W. S. BARKER, Commission Stock Broker, Room 7, Palmer's Chambers.

My latest New York advices are to the effect that Southern Pacific bought for the long pull, will show larger profits.

The Equity Fire Ins. Co., Anglo-American Fire Ins. Company.

Edwin K. McKay, Gen. Agt., 330 Prince William St., St. John, N. B.

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27th Christmas On the Corner of Charlotte and Union Sts.

That has been our unbroken term. Thanks to the public for their liberal patronage in the past, and we trust to be able to cater better to the wants of all in the future.

Toys, Dolls, Books, Fancy Goods, Crockery, etc. PRICES LOW AT WATSON & CO'S., Corner Charlotte and Union Streets.

DOINGS IN THE SPORTING WORLD

HOCKEY, SKATING, THE RING, ETC.

THE THREE HOUR RULE DISCUSSED
A fair sized meeting of members of the three hockey clubs composing the city league was held last night in the Y. M. C. A.

INDIANS WON AGAIN
In the St. Peter's Y. M. C. League last evening, the Indians defeated the Vikings 3 to 1 in an interesting match.

HOCKEY TALK
Lorne Hanney will likely be elected captain of the hockey Winnipeg Woodies.

HORSE NOTES
The Quebec late horse races are making preparations for the special races to take place Dec. 23 on the ice of the Quebec race track.

ABOUT FITZSIMMONS
Robert Fitzsimmons was born June 4, 1862, at Eleton, Cornwall, England.

ABOUT JACK O'BRIEN
Joseph P. Hogan (Philadelphia Jack O'Brien) will be 28 years old next month.

ABOUT FITZSIMMONS (continued)
Fitzsimmons lost a battle to Jim Hall at Sydney, August, 1890, and immediately came to America to challenge Jack Dempsey.

ABOUT JACK O'BRIEN (continued)
After making a reputation as an amateur he first attracted attention as a professional in 1890, when he was 18 years old.

ABOUT FITZSIMMONS (continued)
Fitzsimmons won the light heavyweight championship of the world by defeating George Gardner in 20 rounds at San Francisco.

ABOUT JACK O'BRIEN (continued)
He went to San Francisco in 1900, drew with Al. Neill in 15 rounds and suffered the only knocking out of his career at the hands of young Peter Jackson in 15 rounds.

ABOUT FITZSIMMONS (continued)
He went to England and by winning 18 straight fights became champion middleweight of Great Britain.

SHIPPING JOURNAL

Table with columns: Name, Date of Arrival, Date of Departure. Includes entries for Gulf of Anson, Parisian, etc.

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A Reasonable Cause For Indignation

To the Oglivie Flour Mills Co., Limited, Montreal. Dear Sirs: I was surprised on the 9th inst. to receive a letter from you saying that a merchant near here had told you I was dissatisfied with ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR.

I have not had any trouble in making bread with it. I make my own yeast, mix my bread at night, and in the morning find it light and beautiful. On December 1st I sent my son to buy a barrel of ROYAL HOUSEHOLD FLOUR and he said he was out of it.

RECEIVER DISCHARGED
Ubero Plantation Co. Reorganized with Greatly Reduced Capital.

MARINE NOTES
Battle line steamer Troia, Captain Hill, arrived yesterday at London from Halifax.

REPORTS DISASTERS, ETC.
VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 19.—The steamer P. S. S. Victoria, which was wrecked on the rocks near the mouth of the Strait of Juan de Fuca, was raised today.

VESSLS NOW IN PORT
Not Clear of Date—Showing the Tonnage and Companies—

REGULATING HIS ACCOUNTS
Jack Showkey came suddenly face to face with his wife, Al. Showkey, who was sitting at the table.

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GREETING Before another issue of the Times appears, Christmas will have come and gone. This paper will not be issued on Monday. For all its readers, in city, town, village and countryside, the Times wishes a happy Christmas.

CHRISTMAS Let us be thankful for Christmas. This season has come to be regarded as one dedicated to the kinder instincts of human nature, and the appeal is to that spirit which prompts to loving service. There is a deal of selfishness in the world. It lies at the root of the inequalities and the suffering of life. Selfishness makes the rich man regardless of his poorer neighbor, if he is so. Selfishness makes the poor man squander on his base appetites, if he does so, the earnings that should make his humble home an abode of joy. It is selfishness that causes bickerings and jealousies and all uncharitableness.

CAUSE FOR THANKFULNESS Seldom has St. John come to the Christmas season under more agreeable conditions than have prevailed for the past week or more. The weather has been so favorable that not only have the citizens had ample opportunity to enjoy the inevitable shopping, but country people have been able to come to town with produce and make their purchases without interference by storm or bad roads.

CHEERING NEWS It is good news that already over fifteen hundred carloads of western freight more than for the like period last year have passed through this winter port to the ocean steamers. It is good news for the rest of the season, and for the working men who are employed at Sand Point. It is also pleasing to learn that the Canadian Pacific Railway has apportioned a large sum of money for improvement work next year on the Atlantic division, which will place it in a better position to handle the increasing traffic to this port.

TRADE OF ST. JOHN The Trade and Navigation returns show the following comparative statement of the trade of St. John for the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1905, compared with the preceding fiscal year: 1904-5. Exports, \$1,948,041; Imports, \$3,138,033; Entered for consumption, \$5,291,764; Duty, \$1,001,568. For the fiscal year 1902-03, the exports were valued at \$1,534,733; and the imports \$5,038,281. Thus the exports last year were a little more in value than in the preceding year, but less than in 1903-04; while the imports were less in 1904-05 than in 1903-04, and about the same as in 1902-03.

LIFE AND DEATH What is Life, Father? A battle, my child, Where the strongest lance may fall, Where the wisest eyes may be beguiled, And the stoutest heart may be quailed, Where the foes are gathered on every hand, And rest not day or night, And the feeble little ones must stand In the thickest of the fight.

What is Death, Father? When the strife and the toll are o'er, The Angel of God, who calm and mild, Says we need fight no more; Who, driving away the demon band, Blows the dust of the battle cease; Takes banner and spear from our falling band, And ordains an eternal peace.

Open Tonight till 11. St. John, Dec. 23d, 1905. Buy His Gift At HARVEY'S Tonight.

Sale prices on Men's Overcoats, Men's Suits, Men's Reefers, Boys' Overcoats, Boys' Suits, Boys' Reefers, Boys' Sweaters; Bath Robes, House Coats, Shirts, Ties, Mufflers, and many other lines. Men's Overcoats, Regular \$5.00 to \$15.00, Sale Prices: \$3.95, \$5.40, \$7.50 and \$11.75

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MACAULAY BROS. & CO., City Agents Children's Box Calf, nice Dressy Shoes low heels, \$1.30. Children's Dongola Kid, spring heels, patent tips, \$1.15. Misses' Box Calf, low heels, \$1.60. J. W. SMITH, 37 Waterloo Street.

CHRISTMAS DISPLAY. "Ontario Beef," Lamb, Mutton, Pork, Veal, Turkeys, Geese, Ducks, Chickens, Fowls, Moose Steak, Venison, Quail, Prairie Hens, Black Duck, Brant, Squabs, Partridge, Hams and Bacon, Lard, Chopped Suet, Sausages.

O'NEIL BROS., City Market. Just One Day Left in which to take advantage of BUSTIN & WITHERS' Christmas Sale of FURNITURE. We have a few Secretaries and Combination Desks, which we will sell at a small margin above COST in order to clear. These desks are made of Quartered Oak and real Mahogany. Call and take advantage of this great offer. Remember, all other lines are being offered at a Big Discount.

BUSTIN & WITHERS, 99 Germain Street. May your Christmas joys be without regrets, the golden hours be without alloy, the spirit of giving be all unselfish, and the happy day leave pleasant memories to all our friends and patrons. Yours sincerely, M. L. SAVAGE.

Xmas Gifts. Travelling Cases, Toilet Sets, Manicure Sets, Work Boxes, Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, Collar and Cuff Boxes, Portfolios, Music Rolls, Shaving Sets. Come and see and LARGE show and our Small prices. JAS. A. TUFTS & SON, Cor. Germain and Church Sts.

MONCTON NEWS

Presentation to Proprietor of Brunswick Hotel by the Male Help of the House.

MONCTON, Dec. 22.—I. C. R. Police Inspector Skiffington returned yesterday from Quebec, where he was prosecuting a couple of young men named Portuquin and Polopar on the charge of stealing freight from the I. C. R. at that place. The accused were convicted and sentenced to two years each in the penitentiary. A third man, named Dupel, who acted as Montreal, was followed and brought back by the I. C. R. police. He will be tried on the same charge in a few days. Clarence Burke, operator in the Western Union Telegraph office, left today for Halifax, where he has been transferred. He came here from New Glasgow about a year and a half ago. George McKenzie, one of the bright young operators in the local office, has been promoted from clock clerk to regular operator. Harry S. Cullen, I. C. R. driver, Stationton, returned today from Boston, where he took his young son for special treatment for lameness. The lad was placed in a Boston hospital, where he will remain for about six weeks. The hospital surgeons gave Mr. Cullen every encouragement that they could bestow.

George McSweeney, proprietor of the Brunswick Hotel, was visited on this evening by a committee representing the male employees of his house, and presented with an address, accompanied by an oak rocker. The address reads as follows:—To George McSweeney, proprietor of the Brunswick: Dear Sir,—We, the male employees of the Brunswick Hotel, wishing to recognize your many acts of kindness, desire on this festive occasion to tender to our best wishes for the holiday season. We trust it will be one of many similar happy occasions, and we ask you to accept the accompanying chair as a slight token of our regard and esteem. Again wishing you the compliments of the season, and a bright and prosperous new year, We are, yours truly,

The boarders in Mrs. Wm. Brown's house, Applebald street, this afternoon presented her with a handsome bric-a-brac and china cabinet and also her help with a substantial cash holiday envelope. Mrs. Foster, head of the vocal department at Mount Allison Ladies' College, by spending Christmas in the city with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Humphrey. Miss Foster will assist the Central Methodist choir in the Sunday evening service and sing a solo. G. F. McNally and R. C. Colwell, of the High School staff, left today for their homes in Fredericton to spend Christmas.

Dr. Campbell of Springhill is in the city to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. R. W. Simpson. Clarence Wheaton, of the Royal Bank staff, Montreal, and son of Merritt Wheaton of the I. C. R. office, arrived home today to spend the Christmas holidays. E. Fife, general traffic manager of the I. C. R., returned this afternoon from Montreal, where he has been attending the G. I. B. and I. C. R. industry relating to freight cartage matters. Miss Ethel Murphy is home from Pine Hill College, Halifax, for two weeks.

PRAYER FOR PRISONERS A subscriber sends the Times the following from the pages of an old pocket book, as something to be brought to heart and mind at Christmas:— God pity the wretched prisoners, Who live in their cell, and who never see their friends, Whatever the sins that tripped them, O God pity them still, I say. Only a strip of muslin, Cleft by the rusty bars, Only a clasper of stars; Only a barren future, Only a past that's forgotten, Only a score from warden, Only a note from men, Only a life that might have been, Once they were little children, We were led by a gentle mother, Towards the Golden Street. Therefore, if in life's forest, They should have lost their way, For the sake of her who loved them, God pity them still, I say. O mothers gone to heaven, For the sake of your loved ones, That your eyes may not look earthward, On the future of your task. For eyes in those mansions, The choking tears would rise, Through the lattice and the eaves, Would wipe them from your eyes. And you, who judge so harshly, Remember, if you should have done, This tripped the feet of others, Would not you have tripped your own? Are you sure that the red-faced angel, Who warns you of errors done, Will call you to the mill, and say, Then him on whom you frown? Or, if a steeper purpose, Vows you'll live the best, A stronger will to conquer— A smothered prayer to better— And when temptations meet you, You can curb them with a smile, If you can chain pale passion, Then bless the hand that crowned you, Remembering, as you do, 'Twas not your own endeavor That blazed your future so. And never set at the weakness That made a braver fall, For the hand that lifts the fallen, God loves the best of all. Then pray for the wretched prisoners, All over the land today, That a boy hand in play, May wipe their guilt away.

GOING HOME FOR CHRISTMAS Going home for Christmas—rush the train along? Car wheels seem a-mov'ing to the music of Longfellow since we've seen 'em the old fields, far away? But we're going home for Christmas—we're going home today! Going home for Christmas—old-time hills are dells, Where melody is a-singing 'all the sweetest of her notes' home-dre's blazin as in days o' long ago, Lighten'g the snows, an' 'twinklin' 'cross the snow! Going home for Christmas—where true love Let the rattlin' engine whistle o'er the rails! Weed out every misdoom—each familiar sin; Going home for Christmas to be little folks again! —Frank L. Stanton in Atlantic Continent.

REMEMBER THE ORPHANS (St. John Monitor) It ought not to be necessary to remind the Catholics of this city that the Christmas Day collections in our churches are set apart for the benefit of the orphans in St. Vincent's Convent and St. Patrick's Industrial School.

Curling Coats

FOR Xmas Gifts. Last year we were headquarters for Curling Coats. This year we have many new and handsome patterns. Curling Coats make very acceptable Xmas Gifts. Please call and inspect. Orders should be given early.

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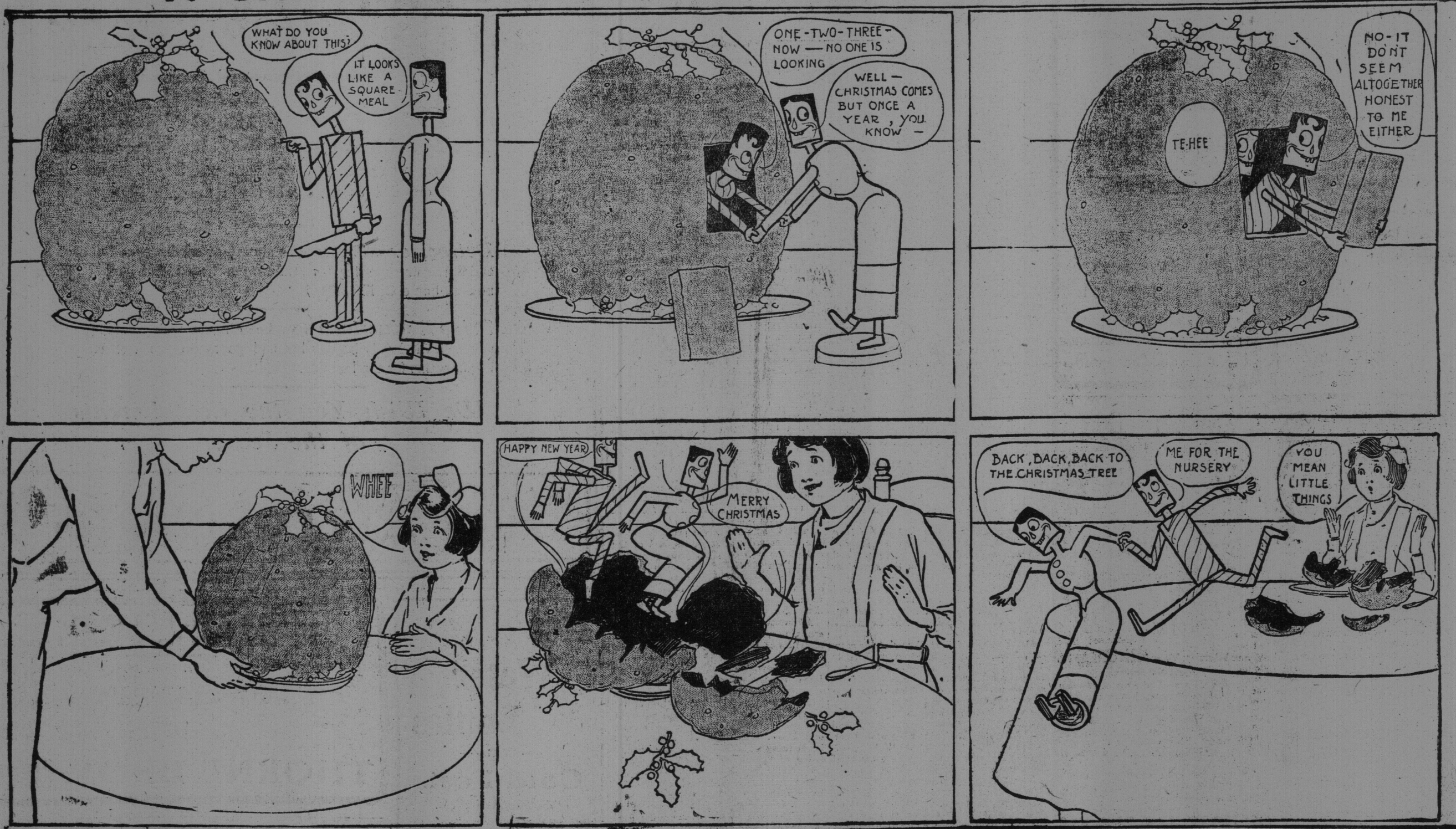
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PHOTOS PHOTOS PHOTOS! Photos of the Scholars of Victor and Alexandria Schools can be seen at my studio. Also views of the Launching of the Ludlow. Amateur finishing a specialty. GEO. C. FARREN, 74 Germain Street.

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A CHRISTMAS MORNING SURPRISE IN TOYLAND



MUGGSY UNEARTH'S A FAGIN AND GETS A CHRISTMAS DINNER



THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1905.

Interesting Suggestions for Our Lady Readers

SARTORIAL SPLendor OF THE OPERA SEASON

Satin Appears Very Large in the More Elegant Evening Gowns and Shows Only the Faintest Blush of Color, Nobly Delicate Greys and Blues, Set Off by Rich Laces, Tulle and Tinsel Flowers.

The opening of the opera season in America cities has brought costumes of a superlative magnificence to the fore. The materials of the winter are all splendidly suited to grand opera, and the fancifulness of some of the gowns and cost models exploit them to perfection.

The highest note of elegance and extravagance is struck in all of the opera modes, for it is in the atmosphere of song that society shows off its finest clothes. Nothing that is not ball-like in cut and texture is ever seen in the boxes, and the quality and magnificence of the jewels worn is dazzling.

The simpler opera effects are made exclusively to order, and since young girls not yet out are generally seen at matinees, a number of the bodices of these are high. Opera parties are usually given for the young folk during Christmas week, when exquisitely dainty toilettes are worn, with such delicate trinkets as are allowed the young.

In point of texture the quantities of satin used in the imported garments plainly demonstrate the fact that the great makers consider satin as first choice. The qualities employed are of a sublime softness, and such tints as are seen show the faintest blush of color.

Palest greys and blues which are almost opalescent, show in some splendid gowns lined with rich lace or draped with tulle and tinsel flowers.

Tinsels in some form or other appear upon all the gowns and tulle and net costumes. Sometimes it is most delicately employed, but again the gold design will be almost savage in its gorgeousness.

For gowns of a fairly simple sort, cloth is the best cloak material, and unless the gown is white it should be of a dark tint or black. Pale blue, faded rose, and pearl grey are excellent evening cloak colors.

Upon the silk, cloth, velvet and lace cloaks worn by the box world upon last patronage opera really depends in this country, are exploited the most pretentious pelts. Again long capes are seen entirely of ermine, huge muffs and sometimes a very becoming hood, chiffon lined, going with these.

For the protection of the delicate slippers and for warmth, high carriage boots edged with fur are also in demand. These may be of velvet or broadened silk, but as they are always big enough to go over the slippers they cannot present a very small or elegant appearance.

Preferred opera gloves are of white suede, and while the majority of the fans are on the tiny old-world order, many of them are huge and built entirely of ostrich feathers. Indeed, there is quite a revival in big feather fans, the newest ones showing gold or pearl settings of great beauty.

Yes, the little fan seems far more charming, and so perfectly are the old designs copied that even connoisseurs are deceived sometimes.

MARY DEAN. HER BRASS BAND They were newly married, and they were a Lancashire lad and his lass. She was holding the wedding ring to her ear as one sometimes does a sea-shell.

The husband was curious to know what she was trying to do, so he asked her: "What art thou doing, lass?" "Why, listenin' to the music," came the unexpected answer.

"Whoever heard o' music in a wedding ring?" he said. "Why," she answered, "has't never heard a brass band play?"—Birmingham (England) Post.

How often a man who feels quite certain he cannot be made to yield to a little skillful flattery.

All wraps on the wide-leaved Dalmatian order are advanced in this purpose, white predominating, 'velvet' and cloth over all other materials.

Into the more splendid class of white cloth, there is sometimes a "rich border" of tinsel embroidered net, to which nothing could be more beautiful.

One such border had against the delicate, vanguard clusters of silver grapes as here, as hickory nuts, and the coiffure ornament on with this magnificent garment, matched in fantasy. It was nothing less, in fact, than a wreath of silver grape leaves.

Chapelets of this description, made of all sorts of gilded and silvered leaves—many showing the lovely green—are favored by girls of classic type whose opera costumes have also sometimes a classic beauty.

One charming gown seen was of white crepe de chine with a long, low, tunic edged with a deep gold ribbon. The coiffure ornament was in the form of three gold handmaids finished at the sides with gold comets.

And now a word as to the music-loving world which cannot afford this magnificent. There are scores and scores of women who go to the opera simply yet properly dressed, for if one is not to sit in a fine box this ball splendor is never considered.

In the seats downstairs and in the upper balconies many high bodices are worn, but one point is everywhere considered, and that is to achieve a delicate classic, as the French call it—something as light and delicate as possible.

With skirts of pale cloth or black silk, many charming bodices are seen of fancy nets, lace, etc., dainty opera bags, fans and a smart coiffure giving these the required touch.

In fact, besides the light waist, a great deal depends upon a well-dressed head, which must invariably show some species of ornament. Charming bows of diamond dotted velvet, or of tinsel ribbon are to be found in the shops for this purpose, and if the waist is sufficiently dainty, one of these roses or comets may be worn.

In the boxes, the beautifully dressed heads, with their massive waving and ringlets, and tiara, wreath and flower ornaments, are not the least of the splendid sight.

Much depends upon the smartness of the cloak worn, so in order to achieve effects they might not otherwise be able to afford, many women buy the better paper patterns and make their evening cloaks themselves.

For gowns of a fairly simple sort, cloth is the best cloak material, and unless the gown is white it should be of a dark tint or black. Pale blue, faded rose, and pearl grey are excellent evening cloak colors.

Upon the silk, cloth, velvet and lace cloaks worn by the box world upon last patronage opera really depends in this country, are exploited the most pretentious pelts.

For the protection of the delicate slippers and for warmth, high carriage boots edged with fur are also in demand.

Preferred opera gloves are of white suede, and while the majority of the fans are on the tiny old-world order, many of them are huge and built entirely of ostrich feathers.

Yes, the little fan seems far more charming, and so perfectly are the old designs copied that even connoisseurs are deceived sometimes.

MARY DEAN. HER BRASS BAND They were newly married, and they were a Lancashire lad and his lass.

How often a man who feels quite certain he cannot be made to yield to a little skillful flattery.



TOILETTES SEEN IN THE BOXES

OLD-FASHIONED FUN AT CANDY MAKING

There is but one way to have a genuine good time at a candy pull, and that is for every member of the party, both girls and men, to put on great gingham aprons and resort to the kitchen.

Maple Sugar Fudge.—Put one cupful of milk into a saucepan and add two cupfuls of maple sugar in the form of a syrup, two ounces of grated chocolate and one tablespoonful of butter.

Chocolate Tablets.—Grate four ounces of unsweetened chocolate and place in a shallow pan.

Plain Molasses Candy that will pull the most tried and best recipe is to put four cupfuls of molasses in a good sized iron kettle.

Another delicious candy to be pulled is made with three cups of white sugar, a half cup of water and a half cup of vinegar, mixed, and a piece of butter the size of a walnut.

Plain Fudge.—Put two cups of brown sugar into a granite saucepan, with one cup of milk, half a cup of butter, chocolate, grated, and a piece of butter the size of an egg.

Sultana Caramels (a new fudge which has not a sickening sweetness).—Melt one quarter of a cup of butter and one cup of sugar, one-half of a cup of milk and one-quarter of a cup of molasses.

OMIT KING JAMES FROM THE BIBLE

A London despatch says: After trying in vain for three years to persuade the authorities of the Oxford and Cambridge universities to consent to the omission from reports of the authorized version of the Bible its ridiculous and fulsome dedication to King James, the Rev. Dr. Dawson Burns appealed to the "Christian public" a few days ago to assist him in getting these authorities to "yield to the force of reason and reflection."

The appeal has been successful. Dr. Burns, who is an orthodox clergyman of considerable standing, has just announced that the consent has been given. The wonder is that the most potent, grave and reverend seigniors concerned should so long have insisted in the popular version of the bible of which they have been placed in control.

As Dr. Burns points out, the actual James I. of England and VI. of Scotland was the direct opposite of the lauded James of the dedication. James was not a "Most High and Mighty Prince," but a low, mean and despicable one.

It was not "King of France," as the translators style him among other things. He was not comparable to Elizabeth as "this sun in his strength" to a "bright occidental star."

His coming to the throne was not a "great and manifold blessing," but a national calamity and his "hopeful seed" filled the land with confusion and bloodshed.

There is some excuse for the authors of the inflated eulogy of King James. In those days it was the proper thing when inditing an epistle to a monarch to "obey all over him. But there is absolutely no excuse for the retention of the "Epistle Dedicatory" nowadays.

Many a man, who only exerts a little patience, has thought his fortune resembled martyrdom.

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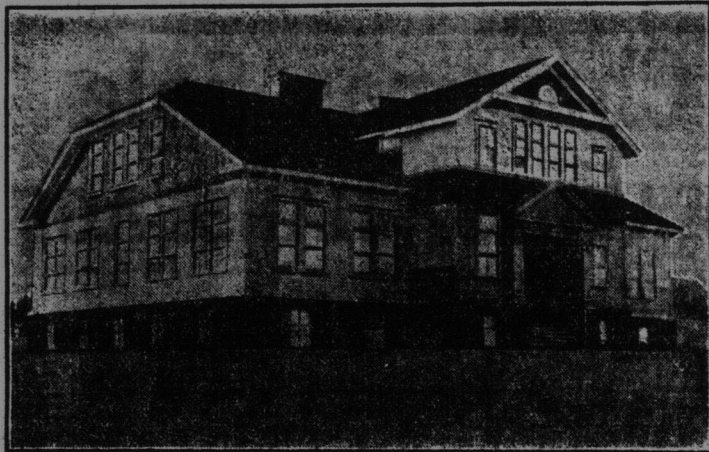
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PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND HAS MADE GOOD PROGRESS ALONG EDUCATIONAL LINES

Brief History of Manual Training and Nature Study as Taught in the Island Province--Opening of the Macdonald Consolidated School at Hillsborough, Marked An Important Epoch.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I. Dec. 18.—On a beautiful afternoon in August last, when the summer sun shined from an unclouded sky revealed in all its glory our rich agricultural heritage, the first Macdonald Consolidated School in this province was formally opened, the dedication ceremonies of a new temple of learning successfully performed, and an important educational movement auspiciously inaugurated.



The Macdonald Consolidated School at Hillsborough.

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Wales College, members of the provincial legislature and other representative men. Next day the Governor General arrived in Charlottetown. In his address in reply to that tendered him by the provincial government he made special reference to the opening of the school and had words of praise for Dr. Robertson's organizing genius in the great educational campaign.

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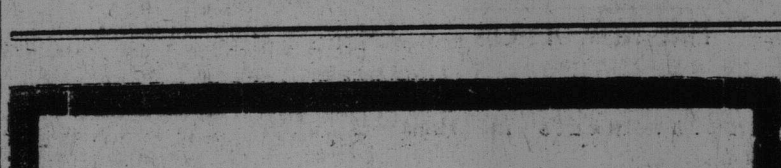
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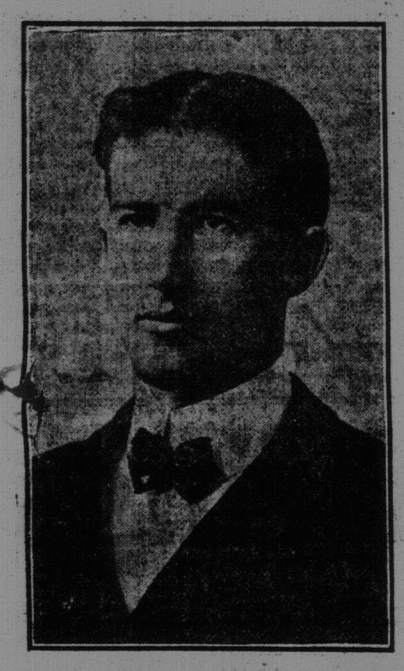
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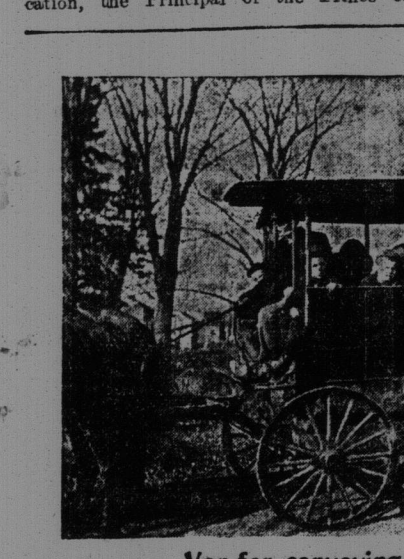
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Dated at St. John, this ninth day of December, A. D. 1905.
JOHN A. SINCLAIR
Assignee

"A magnum of Double Diamond, DAVID, to drink the health of Mr. Linkinwater."—Charles Dickens' "Nicholas Nickleby," Chapter xxxvii. ESTABLISHED 1715. DIXON'S DOUBLE DIAMOND PORT. MATURED OLD TAWNY WINE. For Sale by all Leading Wine Merchants. GEORGE PERCIVAL & CO., Montreal, Sole Canadian Agents.

CALENDAR

Of Temple of Honor and Temperance of N. B.
Victoria, No. 3—Meets every Tuesday at 8 p. m., Temperance Hall (Market Street).

THE WEATHER

Moderate winds, fair and mild today.
Synopsis—A disturbance is forming on the Atlantic coast. The weather in Maine and New Brunswick will be unsettled.

CHURCH NOTICES

Will be charged for at the rate of 25c. for each insertion.

LOCAL NEWS

The Times will not be issued on Monday, Christmas Day.
The Norwegian steamer Veritas, Capt. Kalms will sail this afternoon for Jamaica via Halifax.

A grand concert will be given by the "Glee Club" on December 26th, at St. Phillips Church.
The South African steamship Oriana cleared today for Cape Town etc., with a large general cargo.

A band concert will be given at the Capleton Open Air Park Christmas afternoon and evening.
The North Shore steamer Eileen, Capt. Conroy, cleared the custom house today for Philadelphia with a cargo of pulp, etc.

Studio open all day Xmas and New Year's. The large photo given with every dozen from \$3.00 up. Ed's, 13 Charlotte street.
The C. P. R. steamer Mount Temple soon on her way to London and Antwerp from this port has on board a cargo worth \$75,000.

Rev. Prof. D. J. Fraser, of Montreal, Presbyterian College, will preach in St. Stephen's church tomorrow at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.
Registrar John B. Jones reports 17 births for the week ending Dec. 21st, 15 females and eight males. There were also nine marriages.

Rev. J. F. Floyd, who has visited Bethlehem, will preach in the Coburg street Christian church Sunday at 7 p. m. "The Star of Bethlehem." All seats free.
Readers of Gilmour's advertisement will find suggestions for useful gifts for men, articles that are ready for instant use and at greatly reduced prices.

With every dozen photos from \$3.00 up we give away a large 8 1/2 x 11 photo of yourself. Have your photo taken at Ed's, 13 Charlotte street. Phone 788.
H. D. McLeod, secretary-treasurer of the St. John Branch of the Victorian Order of Nurses, begs to acknowledge the following subscriptions: Mary M. Woodman, \$10; Anonymous, \$50.

D. K. McLaren, manufacturer of "gentle oak bedding" has issued a "wall calendar" which is of very pretty design and color. The picture shows the celebrated "Cowboy Girl" type in a characteristic pose.
Adj. Thompson will lead the Salvation Army services tomorrow afternoon and evening in No. 2 corps barracks. On Christmas night a united meeting will be held at Indian town when the staff and rescue officers will participate.

The accident at Sand Point which resulted in some damage being done to No. 3 shed by a runaway car, is to be investigated for the purpose of fixing the responsibility. J. R. Gilliland, the C.P.R. agent at the west side, will hold the inquiry.
Gold or gold-filled spectacles make a nice and useful Christmas present. Remember that each pair of glasses purchased during the holiday season carries with it the privilege of afterwards having the eyes tested by D. Boyaner, the optician, and the correct lenses given absolutely free of charge. Call at 651 Main street.

The rush of business at the city market yesterday enabled someone to obtain a quarter of beef very cheap. Eight quarters of beef were delivered to O'Neill Bros. yesterday morning, and as there was not room in the stall for them, they were placed on one of the stands in the market. Yesterday afternoon one of the firm went up to look at the beef and discovered that one of the hind quarters had disappeared.
The thirty-eighth year of successful work was completed at the Christmas holidays. Classes will resume work on Tuesday, January 2nd.
A new steam heating plant has been installed, and every provision made for the comfort and success of the large number who have already made arrangements for entering in January.

Christmas day Deacon James Dunfield and wife of Portage, Kings county, both of whom are over ninety years of age, will, if Providence does not separate them in the meantime, partake of their 67th Christmas together. A unique feature of the married life of this couple is that for the past sixty-six years the deacon and his wife have never been separated at Christmas. Since being married they have lived in the same house and both are now active to an unusual degree. Mr. Dunfield is a deacon of the United Baptist church, and for many years has been superintendent of the Sunday school of the same church.

GUESTS OF THE JAILER

Two More Candidates for Sheriff's Bounty -- A Bold Oriental.
As a result of the police court proceedings this morning it may be that two more unfortunate will watch from the jail window the rising and the setting of the Christmas sun.

William Griffin, arrested for drunkenness, was fined \$4.
Thomas M. K. O'Connell, for being drunk and using obscene language, went to jail in default of a payment of \$4.

George Chestnut got drunk yesterday, and last night stopped in front of Ham street, near the Laramie street, and put his right fist through a pane of glass. As soon as he had finished his job he ran away but the astounded proprietor was soon in hot pursuit, all the while calling "Stopee! Stopee!" He soon overhauled his man, and leaping in the air got a Nelson hold that nearly cracked the neck of the Chestnut, and took all the starch out of him. While holding his prisoner, who he led to central, the boy from China shouted loudly, "Policee!"

Sergeant Campbell was on duty in the guard room, and hearing the Chinaman's cries he ran out and led Chestnut into prison. This morning Ham was in court and Chestnut pleaded guilty to both charges and was fined \$8, and ordered to pay \$1.50 also to Ham, who stated that the glass window cost that amount. Chestnut paid the Chinaman's bill, but had not enough to pay his fines.

Henry Close and Mrs. Graves, of Union Alley, were in court this morning as a result of the former accusing Mrs. Graves of keeping his watch and refusing to give it to him. Some days ago the complainant reported the matter to the court and this morning the defendant in the case stated that Close gave her the watch on condition that she pay him \$1.00 for it today. She said that she intended paying it. "Here" Close on the other hand alleged that there was no sale and wanted his watch. The court refused to act in the matter, saying that the complainant would have to take other steps in his endeavor to procure his time-piece. What steps were required for each action Judge Ritchie refused to reveal to Close.

FINE NEW OFFICES

Vassie & Co. Ltd. Make Important Improvements in their Premises.
Vassie & Co. are now comfortably settled in their new offices. They have been engaged for some time to erect a new building for their office room, and lately they set to work to fit up new and larger offices in the King street front of their building, which is situated on the corner of the King and Seaside streets. The offices are finished with natural white wood, with high ceilings and glass partitions. They are very bright and cheerful. The work on the desks were all provided by the A. Christie Wood Works and the contractor A. D. Brown. A hot water heating plant has been installed on the walls of the main entrance. The views of St. John harbor and portraits of the late John and William Vassie are on the walls.

The firm are now troubled only by the lack of room for merchandise. Increased sales and recent enlargements of their warehouse space have made it necessary for them to have been considering the question of adding another story to their building.

THE LAST CHANCE

To buy a pipe or box of Havana cigars at bargain prices. Your money will go twice as far here. Goods at your own price. Louis Green, King street.

R. B. BENNETT IN THE CITY

R. B. Bennett of Calgary was in the city yesterday, on his way to Albert county, where he will spend Christmas at the home of his parents.

Mr. Bennett is the leader of the Conservative opposition, which was defeated in the Alberta campaign.
Mr. Bennett is not depressed over the defeat of his party. He says the result was inevitable. He is much interested in irrigation, and the firm of Longhead & Bennett, engineers for the C. P. R., have hundreds of acres of irrigable land, which in a few years will be producing great crops.

M. R. A.'S DELIVERIES TONIGHT

Just a final word about the goods you are going to buy at M. R. A.'s tonight. All gift articles purchased this afternoon and after supper, will be delivered tonight in time for the tree-trimming. In the Furniture Building all purchases made for city and North End delivery will go out tonight, but the Carleton delivery stops after 9 o'clock. Be early and get bargains in the Art Room.

EQUITY COURT

In the equity court yesterday, in the case of Tingley vs. Tingley, M. G. Teed moved to confirm the referee's report of the sale of property, and asked for an order for the appointment of the widow's dower out of the proceeds of the sale. Order granted.

In the case of Peters vs. Shaw, M. G. Teed moved to amend the pleadings by striking out the name of a deceased defendant, and for leave to continue the suit between the parties now remaining. Order granted.

QUEEN'S RINK TICKETS

The office of Queen's Rink will be open this evening from eight till eleven to give all an opportunity to secure the highly suitable and popular Christmas gift. Tickets are still plentiful for the opening Monday afternoon.

HOTEL ARRIVALS

New Victoria—G. A. Dudley, Bridgeport; E. E. Miller, Lunenburg; Thos. P. Donald, Shelburne, N. S.; Mrs. S. White, Brooklyn; Archie Braymore, Annapolis.

STRATHCONA COMING HOME

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 23.—The steamer Campania, which sails from here for New York, will take among her passengers Lord Strathcona and Miss Mount Royal the Canadian high commissioner.

Arthur McHugh, the recently appointed messenger at the Customs House today presented with a well-filled purse by the customs officials.

Rev. Albert B. Coburn, pastor, will conduct both services tomorrow at Brookes St. United Baptist church. Morning subject: "After Christmas;" evening subject: "The Wisdom of the Wise Men."

BOYS THROW SNOWBALLS

And Forget That This is the Season of Good Will.
A resident of the North End complains that a number of small boys, in the vicinity of the Long Walk, are causing a small amount of annoyance by throwing snowballs at passers-by. This, he says, undoubtedly furnishes amusement for the kind as but, on the other hand, is very likely to prove dangerous at any time, and get the youngsters into trouble. He pointed out also that on various occasions he had seen people struck with snowballs and knew the names of the lads who threw them.

The party referred to ladies who had experienced difficulty in evading them, and he thought it was high for somebody to take the matter in hand.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE

A. J. Nesbit, who has been one of Vassie & Co's travellers in Nova Scotia, has resigned to take a position with the Royal Securities Co. of Montreal. He will be succeeded on the road by A. J. Golding of Vassie & Co's staff.

Miss May Masten, of Amherst N. S. is spending her Christmas vacation with Mrs. Cussey and family at the home of her sister Mrs. E. McBeath, Harrison St.

Miss W. C. Miller of Sackville is visiting friends in this city.

Miss Jessie Atkinson of this city is visiting her uncle, Seth M. Cameron, in Sackville.

Mrs. Albert Murray of Sackville, who has been visiting friends here, has returned home.

A. J. Tait of Sackville is in the city.

Miss Linn Wright, of Jernidville Kent county, student at the U. N. B. Fredericton, passed through the city yesterday en route to her home to spend the holidays.

Miss Mildred and Maggie Johnson left yesterday afternoon to spend the holidays with their parents in New Brunswick.

W. E. Staver is at the Royal.

Miss Margaret J. Kennedy came in yesterday from Sussex and will spend Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. A. Malcolm, Duke street.

Miss Beattie Short will spend Christmas with friends in St. Andrews.

G. R. Sangster, of Moncton, was in the city yesterday and returned home last evening.

George P. Fenwick, B. A., of Kings county, was in the city yesterday.

Donald Malcolm and Barry Peters, who have been attending McGill, returned home yesterday.

Lieut. Mark G. Gillen, of the Ordnance Corps, Halifax, passed through the city yesterday on his way to his home at Woodstock, where he will spend Christmas.

Miss Ida Smith, professional nurse, is home from Sussex to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

E. M. Reid, left last night on a fortnight's vacation trip.

Miss Margaret Short will spend Christmas with friends in St. Andrews.

Dr. Thomas Walker returned yesterday from Montreal.

THE CATHEDRAL'S JUBILEE

The New Freeman announces today that Monday, Christmas Day, the Cathedral will celebrate its golden jubilee. This holiday in Halifax is very much taken up with a history of the growth of the diocese of St. John during the past half century, which history undoubtedly occasioned much research, and reflects great credit upon the author.

The Cathedral newspaper contains also a list of the late Archbishop Connolly, the late Bishop Doland, the late Bishop Sweeney and the present Bishop, who is an interesting history of the New Freeman is an able article entitled "Christmas Eve Where Christ Was Born," which was written by His Lordship Bishop Casey, who visited the Holy Land during 1904-1905.

CHRISTMAS AT THE OPERA HOUSE

James R. Waite, after whom the Waite Comedy Company is called, will make his only appearance during the coming week at the Opera House at the Christmas Day Matinee. The play, "Home, Sweet Home," is a comedy drama, and Mr. Waite will be seen in a character impersonation of the Danman Thompson role. The plot of the piece is an interesting one, dialogue bright and comedy situations plentiful. The full strength of the supporting company will be found congenial to the play.

On Christmas night, a strong melodramatic production, "The Girl of the Year," will be presented with William Wagner and Miss Virginia Dornier in the leading roles. This play has many scenes and incidents similar in character to "The Bonny Briar Bush" and "The Christian," and a most happy selection for the amusement of a holiday audience. Walter Woodall will be seen in this play in a comedy character, as will also Frederick Huxtable and Miss Lyell.

Between the acts, specialties will be presented by Miss Lyell, Huxtable's Pictorial Melodrama and two specially engaged operatic singers, Joseph Smith and Annie Carter, who will appear in their latest singing sketches entitled "Fifteen Minutes of Opera." The concert orchestra carried by the company will also render a number of popular musical selections.

WINTERPORT ITEMS

Allan line steamer Corinthian will sail from No. 2 berth, West End, tomorrow morning at nine o'clock. She will take away a large cargo and many passengers for Liverpool via Halifax.

C.P.R. steamship Lake Erie, Captain Carey, will go to sea tomorrow bound for Liverpool via Montreal. Donaldson line steamer Tritonia will sail for Glasgow on Monday.

THIRTY-FIVE IN THE JAIL

These Will Partake of Christmas Food but Not Freedom.
This is the season when the spirit of happiness should prevail in every human heart, but despite the fact that good food will be available, a feeling of despondency must necessarily creep into the minds of the unfortunate prisoners, who must remain caged within the dingy walls of the jail.

Thirty-five prisoners are at present confined behind the iron bars on King Street East, and all of them will sit down to dinner. The jail menu will be the same as that of the ordinary citizen. They will eat roast beef, vegetables, etc., but who will say that liberty would not taste much sweeter than the fare of the wholesome food and at the same time be compelled to listen in a prison cell to the merry ring of the church bells on Christmas Day?

Nearly all of those confined in the jail are foreigners and of the number a comparatively small proportion are females.

DEATH OF AN EMMET

Oldest American Descendant of Celebrated Irish Patriot Has Passed Away.
NEW ROCHELLE, N. Y., Dec. 23.—William M. Jenkins Emmet, the oldest member of the Emmet family in America and a collateral descendant of Robert Emmet, the Irish patriot, died yesterday at his home in New Rochelle. Mr. Emmet was 80 years old and was born in New York city. His father was Judge Robert Emmet, the eldest son of Thomas Adolphus Emmet, who was the only brother of the Irish patriot and martyr.

Mr. Emmet retired from business in 1882, and was 70 years of age when he became an athlete and he sailed racing yachts in the summer and ice boats in the winter up to last season.

N. Y. STOCK MARKET

Chicago Market Report and New York Cotton Market. Furnished by D. C. Clitch, Broker and Reporter.

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New and Exquisite Chiffon Lace and Linen Neckwear

For Ladies and Misses.

New Belts in Leather, Silk, and the now most popular Gold Belt.

Long Silk and Chiffon Scarfs.

Handsome Waist Lengths of Flannel, Zella Cloth, Challies, White Mercerized Mattings, etc., put up in Fancy Boxes,

JUST READY FOR A GIFT TO YOUR FRIENDS.

Cost only 95c, \$1.10, \$1.25 to \$2.25 Each.

LADIES' UMBRELLAS, with choice new handles, \$1.50 each, regular \$2 quality.

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Special Christmas Sale

LADIES' LEATHER HANDBAGS

We are showing a Special Line of the above Goods in Black and Brown, Regular Prices \$1.00 and \$1.25, by Special Purchase we can sell them at 75c. and \$1.00 each. Just the thing for a CHRISTMAS GIFT.

CHESTER BROWN, 32 and 36 King Square.

Some Few Goods

Which we have just opened which you may need at once.

Ladies' Silk Blouses, Something very nice, and the newest shapes and styles in black, white and pale blue.

Cream French Delaines, With Soft Stripes, plain cream with different size stripe, cream with Nile green, pale blue, Heliotrope and black stripe, at 30c. to 38c.

Fancy Lustrous for Waistings.

Ladies' Umbrellas, all kinds, from 40c. to \$4.00 each.

ROBT. STRAIN & CO., 27 and 29 Charlotte St.

Christmas Offerings

A Great Reduction in Prices of Street Coats for This Week.

12.00 LADIES' JACKETS, 34 length. The third lot is a splendid line of LADIES' STREET SKIRTS, new and handsome patterns, pleated and button trimmed in black and colors, a nice assortment to choose from, \$3.45 up to \$6.00.

Next lot, BLACK CLOTH, 34 length, beautifully embroidered, price was \$9.98, now \$4.75.

Dry Goods, all newly imported, at the very lowest prices for Christmas.

Ladies' and Gents' SILK HANDKERCHIEFS, plain and embroidered, broadcloth and hemstitched. All variety choice for Christmas gifts.

MONTGOMERY'S, 7 and 9 King Street,

DIRECT IMPORTER.

23 lbs. Standard Granulated Sugar for \$1.00

Cleaned Currants 6c. California Raisins 6c.

Store open every evening till 9 o'clock.

ROBERTSON & CO. 562-564 Main Street, ST. JOHN, N. B.

Holiday Presents at The Big North End Store, 335 Main Street.

You can make your friends happy at little cost to yourself if you choose your remembrances from our stock where good quality and low prices reign.

For Women: Fancy Handkerchiefs, Cases, 50c. to 1.00. Brush and Comb Sets, 50c. and 1.00. Glove and Handkerchief Boxes, 50c. up. Crumb Tray and Brush, 50c. Fancy Clocks, 50c.

For Men: Reppas Shirts, 50c. to 1.25. Made up Ties, 25c. to 50c. Bowls, 25c. Four-in-Hand Ties, 50c. to 75c. Flaming End Ties, 50c. Lined Silk Mufflers, 50c. to 75c. Purses, 25c. up. Claspless Bags, 50c. to 1.25. Umbrellas, 75c. to 2.50. Fancy Handkerchiefs, 50c. to 75c. each. Kid Gloves, 75c. to 1.25. Women's Gloves, 50c. to 75c. pair. Super-drys, 75c. to 1.00. Shirt Waists, 50c. to 1.25. Fancy Collars, 25c. to 75c. Dress Goods, 15c. to 1.10 a yard.

For the Children: Games of all kinds, 5c. to 10c. 15c. 20c. 25c. Flatbed Sets, comprising knife, fork, spoon mug, and napkin ring, \$1.00 set. Building Blocks, 10c. 20c. 25c. Work Boxes, 25c. and 50c. Drawing Slates, 5c. 10c. 15c. Children's Dishes, 10c. to 75c. set. Toy Trucks, 25c. Dolls, 5c. up. Story Books, 5c. 10c. 15c. 20c. 25c. Whips, 10c. and 15c. And many other things suitable for Xmas gifts.

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Successor to SHAW & McMACKIN.

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