

OBSCURE CONFERENCE OF CANADIAN CONFEDERATION

P. E. Island Plans Commemorating 50th Anniversary of the Union. WOULD MAKE THE EVENT GALA ONE. Bring Sir Charles Tupper from England in Warship, and Erect Monument, Among Scheme for Celebration.

Charlottetown, P. E. I., Dec. 30.—On September 1st, 1864 delegates from Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Prince Edward Island, met in executive council chamber of provincial legislative building to discuss the idea which subsequently crystallized into Canadian confederation.

Tonight in the same chamber a large number of representative citizens met to discuss plans for celebrating next summer the memorable fiftieth anniversary of the confederation. The proposed conference will take up, in a measure, for Canada's neglect of us in the past.

RESUME WORK ON RACER. Bristol, R. I., Dec. 30.—Construction work on the sloop yacht being built for the Vanderbilt syndicate for the America's Cup trials next year, was resumed today after a delay of two weeks because of a change in the moulding of the keel.

BLIZZARDS AND FLOODS DO GREAT DAMAGE IN FRANCE

Railways Cut in Many Places—Tributaries of the Rhine Rise to Dangerous Height—Town of Le Creusot Hit by Cyclone. Paris, Dec. 30.—France and a great part of Europe are experiencing the bitterest year-end in a decade.

TWO MEN ACCUSED WITH BIG TIME TO APPEAR

Only One of Those Accused Present to Stand Trial. STOLEN ARTICLES ARE IDENTIFIED. Officer as Witness Tells of Receiving Packages from Accused—Necklace and Other Valuable Property Stolen.

Moncton, N. B., Dec. 30.—The case of the three I. H. trainmen from Perkins, Leonard Hanson, Warren Beaumont, charged with the theft of hundreds of dollars worth of articles entrusted to their care as baggage, was resumed before His Honor Judge C. A. Steeves in the city court this morning.

POLITICAL WAR FACES GERMANY. Incident at Zaborn. May be Beginning of Bitter Fight—Resignation of the Chancellor not Improbable.

Berlin, Dec. 30.—Indications that Imperial Chancellor Von Bethmann-Hollweg's retirement may eventually be brought about as a result of the political crisis arising out of the trouble between the civil and military authorities at Zaborn, Alsace, were given at the conventions of the Centre and Liberal parties held yesterday evening.

DR. J. L. CHARBOT, M.P. HAS BLOOD POISONING. Scratched Finger While Performing an Operation—Hopes Entertained for His Recovery.

Ottawa, Dec. 30.—Dr. J. L. Charbot, M. P. for Ottawa, is in a local hospital suffering from blood poisoning contracted a month ago when he scratched a finger while performing an operation.

SHRINERS PILGRIMAGE LEAVES FOR MANILA. Seattle, Wash., Dec. 30.—On a pilgrimage of 14,000 miles, one hundred Nobles of the Myrtle Shrine sailed today for Manila when the degree was conferred on 200 waiting candidates under special dispensation granted to Nile Temple of Seattle.

PARLIAMENT OF N.F.L.D MEETS JANUARY 14

Premier Morris Has Twenty-One Members of Peoples' Party—Opposition Numbers Ten of Fishermen's Union. St. John's, Nfld., Dec. 30.—Governor Davidson issued a proclamation to-night summoning the legislature elected last October to meet Wednesday, January 14.

TELEGRAPHERS AND RAILWAY REACH TERMS. Strike of Wire-Tickers Averted by Agreement Arrived at Yesterday—Concessions Made by Both Sides.

St. Louis, Dec. 30.—A strike of telegraphers on the St. Louis and Frisco Railroad was averted late this afternoon when the receivers of the road reached an agreement with the grievance committee of the Order of Railway Telegraphers.

PROSPERITY REIGNS ON THE ISLAND. Fox Industry Outstanding Feature of Year—Agriculture Holds its Own—Outlook for 1914 Bright.

Charlottetown, Dec. 30.—The outstanding feature of the year on the island has been the phenomenal development of the fox industry.

MONTREAL IS REJOICING ONCE MORE. Water Enters Conduit for First Time Since Christmas Day—Cheers as Fluid is Pumped to High Levels.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—At eleven thirty, five o'clock tonight the first drop of water entering the conduit since the break on Christmas day was captured on its way towards the machine Rappin and was hurled into the city's streets, whistling dozens of officials and hundreds of minor houses and workmen between the mended break and the pumping station at Point St. Charles.

PROBABLE FAILURE IN MEXICO CAUSES GREAT HARDSHIP

The Large Industries Idle, Destitution is Widespread. NEWS FROM CENTRE OF WARFARE SCARCE. Federals Practically Defeated at Ojinaga—Rebel Leader Plans to Drive Enemy Across Border into U. S. Territory.

Washington, Dec. 30.—Limited means of communication between the isolated border town of Presidio, Texas, and the north, is given by officials here as the reason that no news reached the state or war departments today regarding the battle reported in progress across the border in the Mexican town of Ojinaga.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 30.—An apparatus by which blood may be removed, cleansed of impurities and returned to the system, and a contrivance by which it can be determined whether one is suffering from hunger or merely has an appetite were among the inventions demonstrated today by members of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology in annual session here.

PEARL SET RING STARTS INVESTIGATION. Inquiry to Find if \$15,000 Piece of Jewelry is to be Exempt from Duty.

New York, Dec. 30.—A pearl set ring, valued by customs officials at from \$12,000 to \$15,000, and owned by his wife, caused W. E. Corri, former head of the United States Steel Corporation, to have an interview today with General Nelson H. Henry, surveyor of this port.

JURY IN HANS SCHMIDT CASE COULDN'T AGREE. New York, Dec. 30.—After deliberating thirty-six hours the jury trying the case of Hans Schmidt, the former assistant priest of St. Joseph's church, accused of the murder of Anna Ammiller, reported about 10 o'clock tonight that it could not reach an agreement and was discharged.

PARIS STIRRED BY SHOCKING TRAGEDY—FATHER EIGHTY-FOUR YEARS OLD, SHOTS DOWN SON—SAYS BULLET WAS MEANT TO END HIS OWN LIFE. The old man was greatly shaken, and trembled as he told in a somewhat rambling way his story to the police commissioner.

INDIGNATION IS HIGH IN MONTREAL

Public Meeting Held Yesterday When Prominent Citizens Spoke Mind About the Water Trouble.

Montreal, Dec. 30.—There was no beating about the bush in the statements made at the special meeting of public bodies, today, at the Board of Trade, concerning the situation arising out of the break in the city's water supply. The hall was well filled with prominent business and professional men, who elected Huntley Drummond, president of the Board of Trade, to the chair. With him on the platform were C. B. Gordon, president of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association; Principal Peterson, of McGill University, and Horradis Laporte, ex-president of the Chamber of Commerce.

SUNDAY SCHOOL HAS PROSPEROUS YEAR

Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday School in Flourishing Condition—Election of Officers.

The annual business meeting of Leinster Street Baptist Church Sunday school was held last evening when the different reports were received and officers elected for the coming year.

The meeting was held in the Sunday school room. The reports received during the evening were most encouraging and showed that at present the Sunday school has a membership of 275. It was shown that during the year a total amount of \$352 had been raised, and the work of those in charge was shown to be most satisfactory.

The election of officers resulted as follows: Superintendent, John Collins; assistant superintendent, B. R. Hagerman; secretary, R. C. Gillies; assistant secretary, Fred S. Hillman; librarian, Roy Dickson; assistant librarian, Frank V. Ross; treasurer, John Bennett; superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. James E. T. Scott; assistant superintendent of cradle roll, Mrs. James E. T. Scott; superintendent of primary department, Mrs. J. J. Gillies; pianist, Mrs. Hartley Wannamaker; assistant, Miss Minnie Quirk; press reporter, Kenneth Gillies.

The following were appointed on the musical committee for the year: Miss Dunfield, Miss W. Davies, Miss Bliss Dunfield, Arthur Everett, Frank W. Ross, John Ward and Gertrude Wilson.

Very hearty expressions of thanks

HARDY AUTOMOBILISTS ATTEMPT TRIP TO HALIFAX

Under Auspices of The Standard, O. E. White, Accompanied by James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, will Leave at Midnight, Tonight, in Maritime Singer Six.

Something that has never been attempted before in the Maritime Provinces is a trip from St. John to Halifax in an automobile in mid-winter. This trip will be attempted commencing at twelve o'clock tonight, and the car to be used will be a "Maritime Singer Six." O. E. White will be the pilot of the car and will be in charge of the trip, and his companions will be James H. Pullen, Jr., and Harry Ervin, of The Standard staff.

Mr. White, who is in charge of the car, expects to make a record breaking trip. He is an expert automobilist, and having travelled the highway between St. John and Halifax expects to get through all right.

To travel night and day in an automobile, especially in the mid-winter, is a trip that has never before been thought of, and if something like a very big storm is not encountered, Mr. White expects to land his party safely there in a most remarkably short time, notwithstanding the way in the snow covered highway.

It is Mr. White's expectation that there will be only two stops on the journey, and that is at Moncton and Amherst. These will be for short rests. The trio does not expect that from the trip along the snow covered highway in the Maritime Singer Six will be any more difficult than the middle of the winter. They expect to meet a number of difficulties, but do his best to land the car at Halifax in a time that will astonish every citizen in the provinces.

The mid-winter trip is under the auspices of The Standard, and the representative of this paper is not only taking the trip with his two companions as a special correspondent, but will represent the New Brunswick Automobile Association, of which he is the secretary.

Mr. White will carry from the City Hall, where the "Standard" is long trip, a letter from His Worship James H. Frink, Mayor of St. John, a letter containing the season's greetings to Mayor Blight of Halifax and one of the same time a letter will be taken from T. P. Regan, the president of the New Brunswick Automobile Association, to the president of the Nova Scotia Automobile Association. President Regan's letter is as follows:

St. John, Dec. 30, 1913.
Halifax Automobile Association,
Halifax, N. S.

Gentlemen.—The bearer of this greeting from the New Brunswick Automobile Association to your worthy body is Mr. O. E. White, who left the city from the City Hall, St. John, N. B., at twelve o'clock, midnight, New Year's Eve, in the only car trip of its kind in a "Maritime Singer Six" automobile.

As he was taking the letter of greeting from Mayor Frink and the people of St. John to Mayor Blight and the people of Halifax, our association took this opportunity to make him the bearer of our very best wishes and greetings to yourselves.

Yours in good roads,
The New Brunswick Automobile Association,
T. P. Regan, President.

Trips have been made during the summer months by tourists, and from the sister city to the Winter Port it has been found most delightful. If the roads are found to be heavy with snow, the trip that starts at the commencement of the New Year should not be one of the most enjoyable, but if successful, should prove that the automobile can be handled in the winter for transportation along the highway. It is the only car trip of its kind that has ever been attempted in the Maritime Provinces, and unless something unexpected transpires in the way of storms, Mr. White and his party expects to make a record-breaking trip.

THE NATIONAL RAILWAYS

National Railways and Affiliated Lines, Unable to Meet Bond Interest, Will Issue Three Year Notes.

New York, Dec. 30.—Disturbed conditions in Mexico have forced the National Railways of Mexico and its affiliated properties to default in the payment of interest due January 1, on bonds amounting to \$111,000,000. E. N. Brown, president of the system, who made this announcement today, said that in lieu of the regular cash payments the companies would issue three year six per cent. notes.

The bond on which default is declared consists of \$48,000,000 of National Railways 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, \$26,000,000 of National Railways 4 1/2 per cent. prior issue, and \$37,000,000 of Mexican Central Railway five per cent. prior issue. Semi-annual interest on these issues aggregate approximately \$2,500,000.

Until a few days ago it was thought that the coupons would be paid in cash. The following statement was issued by President Brown after a week of conferences here by bankers and directors of the roads:

Owing to the dislocation of the service on the companies lines, caused by the financial tension in Mexico, which in turn has resulted in interruptions to traffic, loss of earnings, and increased expenses, the company regrets its inability to pay in cash the interest due January 1 on the prior issue 4 1/2 per cent. bonds of both the National Railways of Mexico and the National Railroad Company of Mexico, and also on the priority bonds of the Mexican Central Railway Company.

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It is the high quality of Royal Baking Powder that has established its great and world-wide reputation:

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There are many imitation baking powders, made from cheap ingredients. They may cost little per pound, but their use may be at the cost of health.

GOVERNMENTS IN EUROPE RECEIVING SAME INFORMATION

Washington, Dec. 30.—The statement presented by the American embassy in London to the British foreign officers in regard to the tariff act also has been communicated to most of the European governments. It is said in the State Department that the statement is nothing more than an explanation of that section of the administrative portion of the new tariff act which relieves exporters and exhibitors their books to American treasury experts, on condition that the laws of the country make due provision for the administration of oaths to establish the value of goods offered for export to America. The primary purpose of the section was to prevent undervaluations and consequently it required the provision of some adequate punishment for false swearing to invoices. In default of which a surcharge must be imposed upon the goods. The purpose of the presentation of this explanation is to enable countries whose laws are deficient in this respect to make the necessary corrections.

For past services were tendered Arthur Everett and Frank W. Ross, both of whom have served seven years in the respective offices of superintendent and secretary.

TWO TRAINMEN CHARGED WITH THEFT FAILED TO APPEAR

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The bail was the same in each of the three cases, \$2,000, \$1,000 of this being on personal recognizance and the remaining \$1,000 being divided between two sureties for \$500 each. The trial was faced trial was bonded by A. Bigler and Conductor James McManus, the bagmaster by Conductor C. H. Trueman and the brakeman by W. L. Beaumont and O. B. Lockhart.

The court ordered that the proper officers attend to the matter of the return of the bail from the various bondsmen. Geo. W. Fowler, K.C., of Sussex, appeared for the accused. The brakeman was ready to stand trial and was taken up and officer Dunphy was the first witness called. He told of being sent on the 24th. He said that the accused met him in the first class car and asked him to give him a bag containing two packages which he (Dunphy) took and placed in his pockets. He identified some boxes produced in court as the accused. Mr. Dunphy said that accused had told him that he did not take the articles, but that they had been given him by either the bagmaster or brakeman he could not recall which.

The next witness called was Mrs. Clara Hilyard of Dalhousie, who told of checking her luggage at St. John on the 13th and discovering the loss of valuables when she arrived at Dalhousie. The luggage had been taken to the St. John depot in the same back in which she herself had come and had been locked and strapped when she received it at Dalhousie. She identified among other exhibits in court, a silver soap box, necktie, gloves and other articles. It was 11.30 a. m. when she left St. John she said, and at 4 p. m. when the train reached Dalhousie.

Mr. Fowler did not cross-examine this witness. The second witness was Mrs. Jordan of Chatham. She had been on the same train as Mrs. Hilyard on the 13th. She told of finding articles missing from her luggage and identified several of the articles in court, as being her property. The defence did not ask this witness any questions.

Mrs. G. H. Lounsbury, of St. John, was the next witness. She told of accompanying Mrs. Hilyard and Mrs. Jordan on the 13th, and said that her luggage had been brought down to St. John station by automobile, as has that of Miss Clara Ross of Chatham, another victim of the robbery. Mrs. Lounsbury identified a silk dress and other articles as belonging to herself.

As in the other cases Mr. Fowler waived cross-examination. Miss Clara Ross of Chatham was called and identified various articles exhibited in court. There was no cross-examination.

Mrs. Lewison of Bathurst was the last witness called. She told of coming via Moncton over the I. C. R., on Saturday, December 6th and of losing several articles from her luggage on route. She identified several pairs of ladies stockings and other articles. Court adjourned, the accused being let out on \$2,000 bail with the same bondsmen to appear again on Monday morning next.

Gerald S. Belyes, formerly of the C.P.R., now in the employ of the Canadian Northern Railway, at Winnipeg, is visiting in the city at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sanford E. Belyes, Portland street.

CROP FAILURE IN MEXICO CAUSES GREAT HARSHNESS

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State department reports today are that the financial tension in the Mexican capital has been relieved by the enforcement of the bank holiday. Conditions at Acapulco continue serious. Bandits are very much in evidence throughout the state, and the military authorities are said to be exacting forced loans. Americans and other foreigners are affected by these demands.

For the first time since the despatch of foreign vessels to the west coast of Mexico, so far as official recall, the craft of three different nations are in the Mexican port. This international fleet, now at Mazatlan, is composed of the Japanese cruiser Isadama, the British cruiser Shearwater, and the American cruiser Pittsburg and the supply ship Glacier. Officials here have received no advices as to the reason for the concentration of so formidable a squadron at this western port.

Reports continue to pour in from many sources describing the destitute and suffering which seems to be widespread throughout Mexico in consequence of the suspension of industrial activities and the total failure of crops throughout wide areas. It has not yet been determined to what extent the Red Cross can continue the relief work recently begun in Sinaloa.

Tuques, Mexico, Dec. 30.—Despatches received today at constitutional headquarters here stated the federalists at Ojinaga practically had been defeated. It was said to be the purpose of the rebel commander to drive the whole federal army to the American side, where it would be disarmed. General Deravides, commander at Juarez said:

The federalists never intended to put up a fight. They were defeated a month ago, when they deserted their posts at Chihuahua. We expect soon to get news that they all have crossed the international line.

YARMOUTH AND BOSTON SERVICE INCREASED

Yarmouth, N. S., Dec. 30.—The Board of Trade committee that went to Boston to interview Calvin Austin in reference to an increased winter steamship service between Yarmouth and Boston, sent a telegram today stating that Mr. Austin has promised four trips per week commencing on the first of March and possibly earlier. This is three months earlier than has been the practice in the past.

BRITISH SHIP ATTACKED BY PIRATES, SINKS THE ENEMY!

Imperial Today and New Year's!

REEL NO. 1. Charles Reade's Great English Novel. The Plot to Marry. The Lunatic Asylum. Escape from Asylum. The Banker Confesses.

THE SIDONIAS. Doter Viellen—Tenor Balladist. Seven Piece Orchestra.

THE SIBONIAS. Doter Viellen—Tenor Balladist. Seven Piece Orchestra.

HOCKEY SEASON AT HALIFAX IS OPENED

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 30.—Two thousand persons turned out tonight to see the opening game of the Maritime Provinces Hockey Association game between the Crescents and the Seals, the former winning by a three to two score. It was a good game and the teams were very evenly matched. Both teams made frequent changes at the opening line-up trying out their players.

Beliveau, formerly of Moncton, Moncton and Corbett put up a good brand of hockey for the winners. To the surprise of the fans Jack Twaddle turned up at his old position (cover) for the Seals, and he with O'Leary and Lowther, played well for an opening game.

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DIED.

SWEENEY—At his residence, Lakewood, on 29th inst, Jeremiah Sweeney, leaving his wife, four daughters and two sons to mourn. Funeral from his late residence Lakewood, on Wednesday afternoon at 2.30 o'clock. Coaches leave head of King street at 1.15 o'clock. Friends invited to attend.

LOST—Between Brook and Pater-

son's and Arnold's Department Store, a pocket book containing a small sum of money. Finder will please return to Standard Office.

THE SIBONIAS

In their "Fun Factory" Act. Doter Viellen—Tenor Balladist. Seven Piece Orchestra.

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OBITUARY.

John McDermott

The death occurred in the city yesterday of an old and prominent resident, in the person of John McDermott, who passed away at his home, 8 Middle street, after a very brief illness. The deceased was not suffering from a serious sickness until yesterday, when he returned to his home about five o'clock. His condition, on examination, was found to be serious and he passed away about nine o'clock last evening. Death is attributed to heart disease.

The deceased, who was quite widely known in the city, was in the employ of the I. C. R., with whom he had served for some years. He leaves to mourn a wife, one daughter and three sons. The sons are Rev. Joseph McDermott at Sussex, Harry employed with the C. P. R. and John F. of the I. C. R. staff. A daughter Sadie lives at home. Mrs. Ella Sweeney of this city and Mrs. Margaret Slatery of Norton are sisters. Much sympathy will be felt in the loss of Mr. McDermott.

THE OLD YEAR OUT

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Your Last Chance
To Partake of
1913's COMEDY HIT
You Are Bound to Laugh

THE NEW YEAR IN

A 1914 MELANGE
OF
SONG, WIT AND HUMOR
SILVER & DUVAL
The Kube and the Girl
SOMETHING NEW AND BETTER
Comedy Sketch entitled "THE LAWYER"
"THE GAMBLER'S PAL"—Broncho
"A Peaceful Victory"—Tanbush
"Beauty in the Seashell"—Scenario Drama

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ALL THIS WEEK
THE TRAVELLING SALESMAN
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PRICES: Nights and New Year's Matinee, 10c., 25c., 35c., 50c. Boxes, 75c. Matinee, 15c. and 25c.

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A Rocky Mountain Drama, in five acts, interspersed with good clean comedy, presented under the auspices of the DEGREE TEAM OF THE MOOSE, assisted by the
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In the latest musical hits, including "HOMOPHONE," a selection introducing five of the latest songs by members of the band.
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THE LATEST SHIPPING NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MARINE NOTES OF THE WORLD

SIGNAL SERVICE BULLETIN

Issued by Authority of the Department of Marine and Fisheries.

2.00 p. m.

Cape Race, 720—Cloudy, light south-east. No ice in sight. Livingstone outboard yesterday at 2.30 p. m.

Brier Island, 61—Cloudy, moderate north-west.

Point Lepreau, 22—Fair, light north-west.

Partridge Island—Fair, moderate west.

Sydney, N. S., Dec. 30.—Sd British steamer Haveria for South Africa at 8 a. m.

10 a. m.

Cape Race, 720—Dec. 29, six-forty p. m. Scandinavian, 480 miles east, in ward.

Brier Island, 61—Fair, fresh south-west.

Point Lepreau, 22—Snowing, light west.

Partridge Island—Snowing, light west.

THE BATTLE LINE

The Battle Line Pandoeas, Capt. Wright, sailed from Antwerp yesterday for Buenos Ayres.

RECENT CHARTERS

Schooner, 349 tons, lumber, Gulf to St. John, N. B. \$5; schrs St. Olaf, 227 tons, Gulf to Grenada, lumber, pt; Coral Leaf, 347 tons, Prensodina to Cardenas, lumber pt.

RED CROSS LINE

Red Cross Line steamer Clothilde Cuneo, sailed for New York at 10.30 yesterday morning and will berth at the Anchor Line wharf on Thursday morning.

FROM WEST INDIES

The steamer Briardene, Capt. Faulkner, arrived yesterday from Demerara and the West Indies. This steamer is the last steamer under the pickford & Black service from this port, another line having the charter.

SCHOONER CHESLIE

The schooner Cheslie, reported waterlogged in the Gulf of Mexico, was sold some time ago to parties in Mobile, and there is nothing known about her by her former managers in St. John.

STEAMER TABMAN FLOATED

Thursday Island, Australia, Dec. 30.—The steamer Tabman, which has been ashore for several days in the Gulf of Papua, was floated today, with the assistance of the Japanese steamer Inaho Maru. She is said to have fifteen feet of water in her hold, but with her own pumps is keeping it from rising.

MINIATURE ALMANAC

December—Phases of the Moon.

First quarter, 5th 10h. 59 m.

Full moon, 13th 11h. 0m.

Last quarter, 21st 12h. 16m.

New moon, 27th 10h. 59m.

VESSELS IN PORT

Steamers

Briardene, 1722, Wm. Thomson & Co. Chignecto, 2999, Wm. Thomson & Co. Brampton, Wm. Thomson & Co. Montreal, 5402, C. P. R. Victoria, Wm. Thomson & Co. Victoria, 4213, C. P. R. Inshore Head, 1353, Wm. Thomson & Co. Corinthian, Wm. Thomson & Co. Virginian, Wm. Thomson & Co. Jeseric, J. T. Knight & Co. Manchester Corporation, Wm. Thomson & Co.

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TURKEY REPORTED TO HAVE PURCHASED THE GREAT RIO DE JANEIRO FROM BRAZIL



It is reported in London with considerable apparent authority that the new Brazilian dreadnought Rio de Janeiro has been purchased by Turkey.

The price agreed upon is stated to be £2,500,000 (\$2,500,000), a little more than half this sum immediately payable in cash.

This money, it is believed, was obtained by Turkey out of the loan she recently raised in Paris.

THE VIEWS OF A FARMER

They Touch Prices, Railways, Agitators and Friends of the People.

(Letter in Winnipeg Saturday Post.)

Sir,—I have finished my ploughing and have sold as much of my grain crop as I intend to sell, at the prices going, and having a little time to spare am writing you these few lines. I have been in this country a good many years, and taking one year with another cannot complain; but at the same time as farmers it seems to me, are not getting our fair share of the profits, which have been made in this country. There is something wrong between the prices paid by us and the prices paid by city people for the same articles and the newspapers having, or pretending to have, the welfare of the farmers, who are the backbone of the country, at heart, should try to find out what the trouble is. During the twenty-one years I have lived here the newspapers have been full of here only three things, raising Cain with any government that happens to be in power; defending the actions of the government that happens to be in power, and raising the devil with the railroads. Now, I guess the railroads deserve all perhaps that has been said about them, and maybe a lot more, but at the same time what some of our farmers can't get through our heads, is why the papers are always slandering the railroads, and never take a crack at some other interests, because to a man of ordinary intelligence there must be other sinners in the country besides the railroads, and it looks to me that some of the other said sinners have been arguing the slandering of the railroads to keep attention away from themselves.

The railroad foreman in charge of the track near my farm tells me that and now he gets \$2 a day, and the engineer on the way freight gets nearly \$5.50 a day now, and he used to get then \$3.75 a day, and he used to get now \$2.00 a day, and he used to get then \$1.50 a day, and he used to get now \$1.00 a day. This foreman says that all the men in the railroad have been raised about the same because they had strong organization behind them.

When I first started shipping grain to Port Arthur the rate figured up to about 14 cents a bushel for wheat, while today it is a shade less than eight cents a bushel, and there is about the same difference in other grains. On the farm machinery, hardware and dry goods, that I bring in I pay the railroad now twenty-five to forty cents less per hundred pounds than I did twenty-one years ago. I have some grievances against the railroads, because some years ago when they killed some of my neighbor's stock, and their engines burnt about our grain, it took them a long time to get paid, the railroad trying to put them off with polite letters; but I can't get out of my head that in slandering the railroads all the time, the idea is to take away the farmer's attention from other people who are making more from them than they should. If the railroads can almost double the wages, reduce the rates and make a profit, it seems to me that those in other businesses ought to be

PLEADS GUILTY OF SMUGGLING

Dressmaker Brought Imported Gowns and Finery Valued at \$4000—Sentence is Suspended.

Boston, Mass., Dec. 30.—Miss Kate A. Brennan, a New York dressmaker, pleaded guilty today to two indictments charging her with smuggling and with conspiracy to smuggle goods through this port. She was indicted after the arrival of the steamer Carpathia from Liverpool last March, when a trunk left on the pier was found to bear a bogus customs sticker. It contained \$4,000 worth of imported gowns and other finery. L. L. Shevlin, former deputy collector of the port, and his wife, were accused of conspiring with Miss Brennan. Sentence was suspended in her case pending the trial of the Shevlins.

FRANCE SUFFERS FROM SEVERE COLD SPELL

Several Deaths from Cold Wave which Took People by Surprise—Storms Rage along Mediterranean.

Paris, Dec. 30.—Intense cold, like of which has been unknown during the past decade in France, Spain and Portugal has caused numerous deaths, as the populations of the three countries were unprepared for such a rigorous winter. The temperature registered in the south of France has reached from four to six degrees below zero, while storms raged today along the Mediterranean from the Atlantic and channel coast and heavy rains fell in Paris and the northern part of France.

NEW YORK'S DEPUTY POLICE COMMISSIONER DECIDES TO REMAIN

Withdraws Resignation and will Stay with Force until Successor to Waldo has been Selected.

New York, Dec. 30.—The possibility that this city might be without a civilian police chief from midnight December 31 to noon January 1, due to the resignation of Police Commissioner Waldo and his deputy commissioner, yesterday, was eliminated today, when First Deputy Commissioner McKay withdrew his resignation, following an interview with Mayor Kline.

McKay will hold over until a successor to Mr. Waldo has been appointed by Mayor-Elect Mitchell, who takes office January 1.

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SIX CONCERNS THROWN INTO BANKRUPTCY

Big Enterprises Controlled by Siegel Corporations—The Christmas Business not up to Expectations

New York, Dec. 30.—Six enterprises controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation, in this city and in Boston, were thrown into bankruptcy today in a friendly proceedings instituted in the federal courts. The concerns did an annual gross business estimated at forty million dollars, but it is understood that their Christmas business did not come up to expectations and they found themselves hard pressed by curtailment of banking credit. The failure had been discounted in the financial district and had no effect on the stock market.

The companies for which receivers were named are: Siegel Cooper and The Fourteenth Street store, New York.

The Simpson-Crawford Company, New York.

Henry Siegel and Company, bankers, New York.

Henry Siegel and Company, wholesalers, New York.

Merchants' Express Company, New York.

Henry Siegel Company, Boston, a department store.

The Greenhut-Siegel-Cooper Company, of this city, is not allied with the chain of stores in trouble and was in no way involved. Siegel Cooper and Company of Chicago, although its stock is controlled by the Siegel Stores Corporation is likewise not affected. On the other hand its business is declared to be in a highly prosperous condition.

PARIS RECEIVES THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS

Rome, Dec. 30.—Pope Pius X. is in excellent health, despite reports which have been circulated that he is indisposed. Today the Pontiff received the diplomatic corps accredited to the Vatican headed by the dean, Prince von Schonburg-Hartenstein, the Ambassador of Austria-Hungary, and presented greetings from the New Year.

The Pope appeared especially bright and spoke to each diplomatic representative. He even joked on his unfamiliarity with the French language.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31, 1913.

THAT GRIT "RALLY"

According to the Times, the Liberals are to hold a consolation party in this city early next month, when they will be entertained by Hon. W. L. Mackenzie King, Hon. William Pugsley and Mr. Frank B. Carvell. The Times does not take its readers into its confidence to the extent of intimating what these eminent statesmen will talk about and, possibly, they do not know themselves. There is much they could truthfully say if they would, but it is not likely that the faithful, who gather to listen and console, will receive enlightenment on several questions of interest, and upon which the orators of the evening are well qualified to talk.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, apparently, is somewhat perturbed regarding the cost of living, and this should furnish a cue to Mr. Mackenzie King. Mr. King was Minister of Labor in the Laurier government and, in that capacity, had opportunity to secure much information regarding the cost of living as it affects the Canadian workmen. If he desires to do so, Mr. Mackenzie King can tell the working men of St. John why he refused to act upon the report dealing with living costs which was prepared by the statistician of his department as far back as 1908 and handed to Mr. King as head of the department. The minister ignored the document and it was not until after the Borden government came into power that any practical effort was made to utilize the information gathered at that time.

Mr. Carvell, of Carleton county, will be another speaker, and as the question of railways is now attracting considerable attention in this province, Mr. Carvell might do, what the Times says Mr. Hazen did not do—throw some light on the Valley Railway, particularly his attitude toward it. He might relate just what justification he had for following the lead of Mr. Pugsley in placing all the obstructions possible in the way of the construction of the road. When it is remembered that Mr. Carvell and Premier Fleming once had a sociable little debate on Valley Railway matters, it will at once be apparent to Liberals that the member for Carleton, (by eleven majority), should have a fund of really interesting information, if he cares to draw upon it.

Mr. Carvell will probably express his great admiration for the port of St. John, and while he is on this subject, he might tell the auditors why he did not side with Hon. A. G. Blair in the protest against the routing of the Transcontinental Railway away from St. John and toward Halifax. It is presumed that he will come armed with this information, but, if he should not do so prepare himself, a course of reading of the back files of the Telegraph or Times should be of interest to him.

And then, there is Mr. Pugsley, who will be expected to spread the oil of his presence upon the gathering. Mr. Pugsley was once Minister of Public Works and from his experience in that department should be able to supply much information on wharf buildings. An expert opinion from him on the value of sawdust as a factor in wharf construction should add materially to the available knowledge on this interesting subject. There are many other things upon which Mr. Pugsley could dilate at almost any length, but it is questionable if he will.

Altogether it is doubtful if the Liberals could have selected three orators who could address them upon more interesting topics. It is expected to be a great occasion.

THE POTATO EMBARGO.

The president of the New Brunswick Potato Shippers' Association, which organization, probably to a greater extent than any other in the province, has been affected by the United States potato embargo, was in St. John yesterday, and in an interview, published in another column of this newspaper, took strong exception to statements made in the Telegraph regarding the conditions in New Brunswick. Yesterday morning the Telegraph quoted Mr. F. B. Carvell as authority for the statement that because of the embargo one million barrels of potatoes were going to waste in Carleton and York Counties, and that the Government should step in and relieve the situation.

As Mr. Carvell represents a potato growing county, we prefer to believe he has been misquoted by the Telegraph, and that the glaring headlines placed on his statement were actuated by a desire to make political capital, rather than to truly represent the facts. If he was correctly quoted, and the Telegraph's headlines and article justified, then, in the light of the statement of the president of the Potato Shippers' Association that the information furnished to the Telegraph was not correct and calculated to have an injurious effect upon the potato business, it would appear that Mr. Carvell's potato-growing constituents have single cause for much serious

heart-to-heart conversation with that gentleman when he returns to Carleton County.

The Potato Shippers' Association, naturally, keeps closely in touch with the situation in the potato market. If there is any such waste as the Telegraph or Mr. Carvell says, it is a logical assumption that they know it. If, as the Telegraph states, there are four million bushels of potatoes in Carleton and Victoria Counties for which it is difficult to find a market, the potato shippers should be apprised of that fact; yet, the president of their association says the information is not correct, and that the shippers, by resolution, at a regular meeting of their organization, expressed great indignation at the publication of a false report.

Even if the Telegraph and Mr. Carvell were misinformed regarding the condition of the potato market in Carleton County, it does not appear that the Times attempted to verify the statements which, apparently, afforded a chance for political capital and, accordingly, were eagerly seized upon as material for an editorial boost for the rejected reciprocity pact. The only construction which can be placed upon the attitude of both the Telegraph and Times is that those papers will go to any ends to play the game of partisan politics, even if in so doing it is necessary for them to injure a very important industry.

Today is nomination day in York and indications point to the selection of Hon. H. F. McLeod without opposition. Liberals have had a taste of York county's quality on previous occasions and are hardly likely to again tempt fate against a popular supporter of an honest business government.

The decision of the Dominion government to hasten the facilities at West St. John may not receive the approval of Liberal partisans, but all other citizens with the interests of St. John at heart will agree that the action is the correct one.

Hundreds of children in the city Sunday schools were made happy last night in their annual Christmas treats. Statistics of last Sunday's attendance at classes would probably show a record almost comparable with the picnic season.

The discovery by a United States physician that the injection of certain dyes will convert white mice into green and red ones will be hailed with delight by bibulous gentlemen as a sure sign that they really did see 'em.

Through the action of Hon. J. D. Hazen, a North End industry will receive a much needed stimulus. That is one advantage of having a real representative at Ottawa.

It is almost time to get out the resolutions of January 1st, 1913, and dust them off in preparation for use again tomorrow.

New York crooks recently stole a tug boat, several barges and freight cars. They could hardly be referred to as light fingered gentry.

The year which closes today has been a good one for New Brunswick, but unless all signs fall, 1914 will make an even better record.

Diary of Events

HISTORIC DAYS IN CANADA

Jacques Cartier, the great French navigator and explorer of Canada, was born at St. Malo 419 years ago today, Dec. 31, 1484. Under the auspices of Francis I. he was intrusted with the command of an expedition to explore the western hemisphere. He was in his fortieth year when he sailed from St. Malo with two ships of sixty tons each and a crew of 120 men. Reaching the east coast of Newfoundland, he proceeded north and took possession of the Labrador coast. He then turned south, and came eventually to the bay of Gaspé, where he had friendly relations with the savages. He inspired such confidence that one of the chiefs permitted two of his sons to go with him to France, on condition that he would bring them back the following year. Later he doubled the east coast of Anticosti and sailed up a branch of the St. Lawrence, without being aware of the existence of that river. On returning to France he was commissioned "captain of the king's ships" and was supplied with three ships for another voyage. This time he sailed up the St. Lawrence, giving that name to the river, visited an Indian village on the site of Montreal. When he went back to France he took with him Donnacona and nine other chiefs whom he had treated as prisoners of war. It was this expedition which transformed the friendship of the natives into bitter enmity. Cartier's third journey to Canada was productive of only misery and disaster. He returned to France to spend the remainder of his life in quietude and peace.

THE HUMAN PROCESSION

EMILE LOUBET 75 TODAY.

If you would reach an active, happy and hearty old age, walk from five to fifteen miles every day. This is the advice of M. Emile Loubet, former president of the French Republic, who will celebrate his seventy-fifth birthday today. Incidentally, the same advice is given and practiced by the only other living ex-president of France, "Papa" Armand Fallières, who was seventy last month. Loubet and M. Fallières often do their walking together, and a jolly and happy pair of pedestrians they make. In addition to his long career as president Loubet says that old people should interest themselves in some movement for the benefit of others, preferably welfare work for young people. And M. Loubet and M. Fallières, as well, practice this doctrine. M. Loubet has constituted himself the protector of the health of all the children and young people of France, while plump "Papa" Fallières, radical in politics, agnostic in religion and materialist in philosophy, but as tenderhearted as any man ever lived, has constituted himself a public cupid, and provides "dota" for young women who might otherwise be deprived of husbands. "Papa" Fallières married when quite young, and he has often asserted that his wife made him president. He is a staunch advocate of early marriages, and as the self-centred official matchmaker of France he has brought about hundreds of weddings.

In his great work for the protection of the health of the youngsters, M. Loubet launched a society which has waged unceasing warfare on dirt, flies, ignorance, bad air, impure milk, and the adulteration of the food supply. He has also organized a national subscription of two cents a person, Good Food and Plenty of It, and the open air play grounds for the thousands of Parisian children. "Father" Loubet has started a whole new science, called periculture, or child culture, and has organized a series of lectures for the workmen's organizations of France in the movement. As a result while "race suicide" is prevalent in France, the mortality rate among babies has been vastly reduced. France has fewer babies than any other country, in accordance with population, but it brings up more of them to manhood. In 1907 the infant mortality was 150,000; in 1912 it was only 74,000, or less than half. "It isn't a question of how many babies are born, but how many are saved. In decreasing infant mortality, France leads the world." And M. Loubet might have added except that he is a modest man, that he was largely responsible for this condition. Credit is also due to Dr. Alphonse Hergott, founder of the Baby's Saviour Society, who spent a large private fortune in advancing his life-work—spent every cent of it, and was sorry he didn't have more.

M. Loubet is a slim, slender, somewhat under-sized man. He carries a walking stick in his morning pedestrian trip across Paris—carries it usually protruding from the breast pocket. He also wears a smile, somewhat Voltairean and ironic, yet kindly; his face is a trifle drawn, but most free from wrinkles. He wears a top hat, and his buttonhole the ribbon of the Legion of Honor.

FIRST THINGS

HARVESTERS.

The first modern American reaper was patented in the United States eighty years ago today, Dec. 31, 1833, and was the invention of Obed Hussey, Hussey machine was his first machine a year before, in 1832. About the same time a somewhat similar machine was invented by Abraham Randall, but the Hussey machine was the most practical, and was widely imitated.

The ancients had crude reaping machines, and the first of such contrivances recorded in history was used 1,800 years ago, taking the shape of knives set into the end of a cart and pushed across by oxen. The first modern reaper was invented in 1826 by the Rev. Patrick Bell, of Scotland. Hussey, in his reaper, used the Bell reaper, but Cyrus H. McCormick's first machine, patented in 1834, was an improvement on the Bell type, rather than an original invention. Hussey's machine appeared on the market among the grain growers, and in 1839 he established a factory in Baltimore for their manufacture on a large scale. The McCormick development and development of the industry, until now a large portion of the harvesting machinery used throughout the world is manufactured in America.

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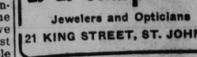
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Not a Family Tree.

The Botanical Old Gentleman (in public gardens)—Can you tell me, does this belong to the Arbutus family? The Custodian—No, sir, it belongs to the corporation.—London Sketch.

Easy to Find. "And did you ever seek the man?" we asked the Office. "Once or twice," replied the Office. "But I found him waiting outside my door."—Cincinnati Inquirer.

Near. "He is one of those near-vegetarian."

"What is a near-vegetarian?" "He never eats meat except when he is invited out."—Houston Post.

All Sorts. It is now thought that the man who "struck Billy Patterson" was some hard-up friend.

Newspaper heading: "Ship Stagers Into Port." Whereas a man is more apt to stagger when the port is in him.

A young woman recently disappeared from home and has not since been found, although her nose turned up.

From a story by Josephine Daskam Bacon: "We're to all of us agree with him," which is splitting the infinitive with a thick hatchet.

Culture in the West—The Ohio State Journal remarks that if Mr. Rabindranath Tagore had never written anything but that delightful story, "Rab and His Friends," he would have deserved the Nobel prize.

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RESULTS OF PRESIDENT'S RECEPTIONS WITH THE CHIEF ARTIST

The Kuo Ming Tang Party in China, and Its History.

RESULT OF FUSION OF SMALLER BODIES

Enlargement of the Tungminghui the Object of which was the Overthrow of the Manchus.

(Christian Science Monitor.)

Peking, China.—To understand what the Kuo Ming Tang stands for in Chinese politics it is necessary to know how the party was formed and what are its component parts. The Kuo Ming Tang is the result of political party developments and the outcome of the amalgamation of several small parties.

As is perhaps remembered, the public mind of China was prepared for the overthrow of the Manchus by the Tungminghui. This party during the Manchu regime naturally was a secret society, the severest penalties being meted out to those who were discovered to be members. It was organized by Sun Yat Sen and Huang Hsin, the leader of the last rebellion, about 12 years ago its object being the overthrow of the Manchus.

Dr. Sun Yat Sen traveled the world propagating the objects of this society, and found his strongest supporters among the students studying in America and Europe. Returning to the East he settled in Japan and organized branches of the society following this up by the inauguration of branches at Hongkong and as far down as Penang.

The ardor of the students in western countries and Japan was greater than Sun Yat Sen anticipated. These men returned to their homes in due course and acted as missionaries to the various parts of China for the propagation of the new doctrines of a free China. Branches were established in the leading cities, but their movements were kept secret.

Members Captured. In spite of their secrecy many members were captured. Still the members were undismayed. The society continued its activities and in 1912 which ended in the abdication of the Manchu dynasty and the inauguration of the republic.

With the formation of the republic the raison d'être of the Tungminghui practically ended or should have ended. Many parties were formed by the various parts of China for the overthrow of the Manchus. The headquarters of most of these parties were in Shanghai.

Shortly after the handing over of the presidency by Dr. Sun to Yuan Shih-Kai, leading members of the Tungminghui and other members who were not profiting as much from their efforts in establishing the republic as they had anticipated, and they initiated a movement to elect the President, the object of which was to secure that when the time came for the constitutional election of President, Yuan Shih-Kai would be rejected by the people.

In course of time some of the extreme members of the party wanted no violent in their agitation against the President. The popular support which was accorded them during the revolution was alienated and more or less went to Yuan Shih-Kai. Members who had joined the Tungminghui at the period of the revolution and who were then in accord with its objects began to leave the party. The President, the object of which was to secure that when the time came for the constitutional election of President, Yuan Shih-Kai would be rejected by the people.

The leaders maintained that as there were too many political parties in China, these parties should dissolve and form one party which should embrace them all. Negotiations were opened in Shanghai to bring about the fusion of the conservative element in the other parties regarding the violent Tungminghui as undesirable and dangerous refused to participate in the scheme.

The Tungminghui, however, were not to be denied, and they opened negotiations with the heads of the parties in Peking. Failure in Shanghai was converted into success in the capital, and the various parties were ultimately amalgamated into a new organization which took the name of Kuo Ming Tang.

It will be borne in mind that the new party included many conservative people who were not in sympathy with the programme of the Tungminghui. However, the Tungminghui extremists were in the minority, though they were still able to carry out their agitation against Yuan Shih-Kai.

The majority of the members of the Kuo Ming Tang did not share the belief which seemed to be general outside the party that Yuan Shih-Kai was the only man in the country to deal with the situation of the moment. His career was known to them with too much power in the government of the country. In that respect their views were identical with those of the old Tungminghui, but with regard to his removal it must be said that they did not approve.

In the Kuo Ming Tang were many old officials, many of them of extremely conservative views, and had even taken their natural course in China it would have been found that when the abolition of Parliament was proposed they would have been a very strong division of opinion, and so far as votes were concerned the party would have been divided against itself.

In April and May there was talk in Shanghai of a rebellion, but the

SANTA CLAUS PAD VISIT TO THE SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Genial Old Man with Flowing Whiskers Gladdened Hearts of Young and Old in Many City Churches Yesterday — Gifts for all, Kiddies Enjoy Good Time.

In most of the churches yesterday afternoon and last evening the annual Christmas tree was given to the children. The Santa Claus party was much enjoyed by the children and others. Santa Claus notwithstanding his recent labors was able to appear, and out of abundance of his store to provide gifts of various kinds for the children. In addition to producing Santa Claus in full regalia, those in charge of the entertainments provided excellent musical and vocal programmes which were much enjoyed.

St. Stephen's Presbyterian. The Sunday school rooms of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church presented an animated scene yesterday afternoon and last evening, when the annual Christmas tree was given to the children. The Santa Claus party was much enjoyed by the children and others. Santa Claus notwithstanding his recent labors was able to appear, and out of abundance of his store to provide gifts of various kinds for the children. In addition to producing Santa Claus in full regalia, those in charge of the entertainments provided excellent musical and vocal programmes which were much enjoyed.

St. Luke's Church. The schoolroom of St. Luke's church, last evening, the children were assembled for a very interesting musical and literary programme was carried out. During the evening the boys and girls were given a visit of Santa Claus in person. When seated in his sleigh he drove up to a raised platform in the room and after a few moments chat with them he distributed presents among the children.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian. It is not often that Santa Claus allows himself to be observed emerging from the chimney, but the benevolent old man, with the whiskers, made his appearance in the schoolroom of St. Andrew's church yesterday evening. Santa Claus looked natural enough, but the children's eyes were raised in an automobile. However, old Santa made himself welcome and distributed gifts galore, including oranges that did not come from the tropics.

St. Peter's Church. In the basement of St. Peter's church last evening the annual gathering of the choir and altar society members provided a most enjoyable affair. The function which took the form of a banquet was given by the rector and the literary programme was held in the evening.

St. Matthew's Church. In St. Matthew's Presbyterian Church last evening the Sunday school was the scene of a happy gathering, when the children of the church were treated to a visit from Santa Claus and were made the recipients of candy and other gifts. There was a large number of young folks present and the joyous faces of the little ones gave expression of their great pleasure.

St. James' Church. The children of St. James' church Sunday school were given a treat last evening in the school room of the church when a number of French tots were amused during the afternoon and early evening with games and music, and the timely arrival of Santa Claus himself, loaded down with presents gave to the children many joyous moments. The huge Christmas tree was stripped of its decorations and long whiskered Santa looked after the distribution in good style.

St. John's Church. The children of St. John's church Sunday school were given a treat last evening in the school room of the church when a number of French tots were amused during the afternoon and early evening with games and music, and the timely arrival of Santa Claus himself, loaded down with presents gave to the children many joyous moments. The huge Christmas tree was stripped of its decorations and long whiskered Santa looked after the distribution in good style.

QUEBEC EXTENSION WILL OPEN UP RICH COUNTRY

Land Values Gone Up and New Towns Thought Of.

SHORT ROUTE FROM ST. JOHN TO QUEBEC

Electric Road to Run Through Valuable Timber Land—Construction Work to be Started Next Spring

Special to The Standard. Presque, Dec. 30.—A far-reaching effect on the future growth of Northern Maine seems destined to be exerted by the construction of the new Quebec extension electric road from Washburn westward to the Canadian boundary. Not only will the line form a link in the new and shorter rail route between St. John and Quebec but it will also open up a country rich in virgin timber and water powers. The land is fertile and, after the lumber has been cut off, it will be admirably suited to potato raising.

Land values have already gone up along the right of way, water powers have been inspected and the sites of future towns have been roughly settled upon. The work of construction, which is to be commenced early next spring will be pushed forward as rapidly as possible.

The route of the new road runs through the town of Wade, after leaving Washburn, and thence along the foot of the Moose Mountains to Portage, Clayton, Machias Lakes, Pratt pond and second Musquodoc Lake, where it will cross the Allagash at the foot of Long Lake on a bridge 25 feet high.

From the Allagash to the St. John the line runs northwest to the northern end of Seven Islands and then follows up the St. John to a point in Township 15, Range 15, where it crosses on a narrow trestle 85 feet west of Washburn. It follows the west bank of the St. John river for two miles, and crossing Nine Mile brook, it bears southward to a point on the west shore of Mosquito Lake in Township 12, Range 17.

It will then cross the Canadian boundary into Talon town in Washington county, Province of Quebec. From there it will run almost south through Vanet into Bellechance county and will connect with the Quebec and St. Sabien.

That part of the road which is in Maine will require about 1,600 acres of land for a right of way and will cost \$2,000,000 to build. The two big bridges across the St. John and Allagash will cost \$40,000 and \$80,000, respectively. The grades are all very low, the worst being 1.75 per cent, and that only for a short distance. The one per cent grades are numerous and for much of the distance the roads are level.

All the construction is such as would be laid down for a steam railroad and it will be used for the carrying of steam locomotives as well. It is expected that the Quebec Central will deliver trains to the Quebec Extension at the Maine boundary. At Presque Isle, the Canadian Pacific will pick up the trains and continue with them eastward to St. John.

The Aroostook Valley Railway, now controlled by the Quebec Central Railway, has power rights at Aroostook Falls. All along the line there are excellent water powers and the big falls on the Allagash will be a short distance above where the new road crosses that river.

The report of the Maine forest commission, E. Ring of Bangor, for 1902, states that a 20 foot dam at the foot of Long Lake, where the new line crosses, would give 2,110 horsepower to revery minute of the day. If the waters of Chamberlain Lake could be sent that way all the time, the horsepower would be increased to 3,120. The new road will be the longest electric line ever constructed in Maine and the biggest piece of any sort of railroad building here since the laying down of the Bangor and Aroostook.

Fortunate. Did your husband have any luck on his hunting trip? Splendid! Didn't you hear? No, what was it? He got back alive.—Houston Post.

Wins Either Way. "They say that a man who has cold feet is pretty sure to have an active brain." "Yes, either that or a well-filled purse."—Chicago Record-Herald.

KEEP YOUR SCALP CLEAN

THE GERMAN EMPEROR SENDS PHOTOGRAPH

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IT'S 'GRAFT' HERE, 'SQUELZE' IN CHINA

Graft and Rascality in Municipal Affairs Thrive in Orient, Professor of American University says

Minneapolis, Minn., Dec. 30.—Graft and rascality in municipal government thrive in China, as well as in the United States, and it should not be hard for Americans to understand Chinese politics, according to Charles R. Henderson, of the University of Chicago, who addressed the closing session of the American Sociological Society today, simultaneously with that of the American Economic Association. Mr. Henderson's topic was "The Relations between the United States and China."

There is "squeeze" in Peking, he said, and "graft" in New York. In China they do many things to "save" their face, while our looters of municipal funds grow indignant when accused and fill the air with the dust of counter-accusations.

Mr. Henderson returned recently from an extensive study of social conditions in China. He is optimistic of the Chinese as a people, and says they will be greatly improved by their intercourse with those of America.

Mr. Henderson discussed the immigration question, saying that many Chinese are looking longingly toward California, and that thousands of them would come if they were assured of a two-acre farm on the Pacific coast has not helped us in our relations with the Chinese, whatever justification there may have been in the supposed necessity for self-defense, he said.

Roger W. Babson, of Wellesley Hills, Mass., discussing labor problems, late today, before the Economic Association, defended the Industrial Workers of the World, and the cause for which they are aiming.

The American Federation of Labor, he said, is systematically avoiding an answer to the question: "Who shall rule the industries, capital or labor?" He prefers to see delay, in the form of a threat or blackmail, to help it to day in making a better bargain with capital. The Industrial Workers of the World, however, are working for a definite settlement of the question, and in my opinion are performing a service thereby.

Industrial problems will never be clarified until the fundamental principle for which the Industrial Workers of the World are fighting is definitely settled.

St. Paul, Dec. 30.—The Chicago Great Western Railway was today granted a temporary injunction, restraining the State of Minnesota from enforcing the Cassman distance tariff law, which becomes effective January 1. The injunction, which was granted by Federal Judges Smith, Morris and Willard, will be effective until April 1, and will permit the Great Western to conclude a test period begun last September in an effort to prove that the rates as fixed by the United States Supreme Court are confiscatory.

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DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table of Montreal market sales including Cement, Canada Cotton, C. P. R. Rights, and various other commodities.

CURRENT PRICES OF NEW YORK EXCHANGE

Table of current prices for New York Exchange, listing various stocks and their prices.



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Table of closing prices for Boston stocks, listing various companies and their share prices.

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NEWS SUMMARY AFFECTING MARKET

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 Montreal, Dec. 30.—The local market was firmer at the opening under the leadership of Wall street. In the afternoon, however, it weakened, although there was very little selling at the lower prices.
 C. P. R. opened a point up at 207 3/4 and during the morning touched 208. In the afternoon it broke to 205 1/2, but only 100 shares changed hands at that price. The rights were fairly active and unchanged. Private solutions received by some of the larger local houses from Wall street stated that the opinion prevails there that the short interest in C. P. R. at the present time is not unwieldy and that the worst is over in the stock as far as liquidation is concerned.
 Brazilian Traction which sold down to slightly and three-fourths yesterday afternoon, opened this morning fractionally lower, but sold up to eight-eighths and one-half. In the afternoon it weakened to six-eighths and one-fourth. London is reported a considerable seller of this stock through a feeling of uneasiness regarding the general situation in Brazil.
 There was some enquiry for cement bonds and the price hardened to ninety-seven. The preferred was steady at ninety-one and one-half, but trading was light.
 Montreal Power was stronger today, selling at 213 as compared with 212 1/4 at the close yesterday. There was no trading in this stock during the morning session and the advance in price occurred in the face of the decline in C. P. R.
 F. B. & O. opened a little better at 109 7/8, but in the afternoon weakened to 109 1/2. Macdonald opened stronger at fifteen and one-half and sold up to seventeen and three-fourths. A number of tips were in circulation during the day that this stock was due for a marked advance, satisfactory arrangements having been made to meet the payments still due on the property.
 Iron was slightly firmer at thirty-eight, but only 100 shares changed hands. Dom. Textile was unchanged at eighty-one and one-half. A number of local houses are watching C. P. R. stock very closely, as they are confident that almost any time there may be a sharp rebound in the price and they are trying to have their clients in on it. Advice from Wall street during the past few days indicate that there must have been a great deal of liquidation of railway stocks owing to the transfers that are occurring and the small demand there is for the stocks of leading companies in the near future. Just how far this liquidation would go is a point that is difficult to determine and once there is any indication that it is subsiding there is likely to be a sharp demand by traders. F. B. McCURDY & CO.

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 New York, Dec. 30.—London is closing the year much depressed in financial circles. The illness of McAdoo has postponed the reserve bank hearing in New York until January 5th. 1,000 Steel workers at Gary may be idle after this week. Railway equipment orders are expected to revive the steel trade. The large sugar plantations and factories of the Miles Planting and Manufacturing Company in Louisiana discontinue business. The annual agricultural report shows 1913 to be a record breaker in value. Wilson will push the Farm Credits bill next month. Inter-State Commerce Commission Myers says federal control may bring a solution of uniform railroad rates. Big New York banks may join new currency system in a body. American Smelting desires negotiating with government for dissolution. A Connecticut savings bank closes, due to the shrinkage in bonds. England denies a trade alliance with Germany against the United States.
 Irregular recovery may be seen today, following the natural reaction in the general list. Good buying is reported in Union Pacific. The recapitalization of Reading is said to continue. Investment absorption of G. N. Q. and N. P. is again noted. Low priced stocks, especially rails, are coming more into favor. Amalgamated and the coppers are expected to advance again soon. Steel is reported in a waiting position. Specialties may be taken for turns on becoming bullish active.
 Negotiations by several big trusts for voluntary segregations are reported to be under way. N. Y. F. B.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 Chicago, Dec. 30.—Wheat—Market shows fair strength early in sympathy with corn, lower cables from abroad being ignored, but later heaviness developed and a small reaction resulted, due to selling by longs and a little pressure from the local element. Argentine news was bullish, the crop being officially estimated at 132,000,000 bushels against 128,000,000 last year.
 Corn—Congestion became more pronounced in December due to the breaking down of the machinery in a local public elevator which will prevent some of the corn going into store in time for delivery. With a continuation of cold weather do not look for much further decline in cash corn but rather look for the deferred futures to work a little lower after December is out of the way.
 Oats—Followed Corn in leisurely way.
 Provisions—Aside from fairly liberal sales of May lard by a local packer, offerings were light. Market has a firm undertone. A. O. SLAUGHTER & CO.

(J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—The near month situation obtained all other influences in today's cotton market.
 It was estimated that 50,000 January notices were issued and from the early course of that option, it was evident that a considerable long interest had survived recent liquidation in that delivery. The news of the Seigel failure tended to put a damper on recent talk of better trade conditions.
 At the same time, however, it was noted that port receipts showed a pronounced contraction. Savannah reported only 2,000 bales against 6,000 on Monday and 16,000 on Saturday. With the January situation out of the way the private ginning forecasts which will soon begin to make their appearance, will have as important bearing upon fixing crop ideas. If these should indicate a sharp falling off in volume, there might be a revival of the talk of exhaustion reported some time ago. Many unbiased observers believe that the market is in a technical position to respond sharply to any bullish news. JUDSON & CO.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—Commercial—the buying for investment in anticipation of the January disbursement of interest and dividends is disappointingly small.
 Herald—The news generally is encouraging.
 American—The market displays underlying firmness which suggests that the next movement of importance will be toward a higher level.
 Sun—The general list maintains a strong undertone and the market as a whole gives no indication of having passed out of control.

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—A tendency is observed in commission houses to suggest the purchase of low priced issues of worth.
 The large amount of new financing expected in 1914 will check any runaway movements in the stock markets according to important interests.
 The new currency law is declared in conservative quarters low to be the most conservative piece of legislation passed by Congress for many years past.
 Evidence that the trust compromise between politicians and financiers is constructive is shown by the fact that inside reports indicate a much better understanding of motives on both sides and a harmonizing thereof. Western speculative interests are reported exhibiting more activity on the long side of the railroad list. N. Y. FINANCIAL BUREAU.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE
 (J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)

Wheat		
	High	Low
Dec	87 1/2	87 1/4
May	90 1/2	90 1/4
July	87 1/2	86 3/4
Corn		
Dec	71 1/2	69
May	69	68 1/4
July	68 1/2	67 3/4
Oats		
Dec	39	38 1/2
May	41 1/2	40 1/2
July	40 1/2	39 1/2
Pork		
Jan	20.27	20.20
May	20.67	20.60

REUNION OF BAREFOOT BOYS OF CAMBRIA COUNTY, PA., IN NEW YORK HOME OF THEIR CHUM, C. M. SCHWAB



Renowned as one of the world's most indefatigable workers when there is work to be done, and celebrated as one who plays equally hard when playing time arrives, Charles M. Schwab—"Smiling Charlie" to his boyhood friends—has just renewed acquaintance with the old cronies of his barefoot days by bringing them all to New York aboard his private car to partake of a "reunion dinner" at his palatial home.
 Whereas Mr. Schwab now reckons his wealth high in the millions, there was a time when the \$6 that was handed to him each Saturday night after a week's toil at driving stakes in the Braddock (Pa.) steel mills looked mighty big. There were men at the dinner at the Schwab home who, while by no means as wealthy as his host, yet had accumulated comfortable fortunes of their own, and each revelled in the opportunity to compare notes and indulge in reminiscences dear to the heart of every man who has not been spoiled by success. It was a "family party" in every essential, for all of the men invited were accompanied by their wives, and in Mrs. Schwab they found a hostess who was in thorough sympathy with her husband's mood when he arranged the reunion.
 There is a sentimental side to Mr. Schwab's nature which he vainly tries to hide from strangers. He, when found in a reminiscent mood, will talk indefinitely about his barefoot boyhood days when he drove the stage coach to Crescon, Pa., in the vacation months, when his school was closed for the heated term.

LIDLAW & CO'S CLOSING STOCK LETTER
 (J. C. MACKINTOSH & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—The stock market showed a little more animation and a pronounced degree of strength during the early dealings today, notwithstanding the influence of the inter-holiday period. The supply of stock was limited and a very moderate demand was enough to advance prices by stout fractions. This tendency, however, was reversed by the announcement of the failure of the Henry Seigel chain of stores, which verified rumors that have been current for a long time that some large mercantile concerns were in trouble. This event, while unfortunate, has removed another element of uncertainty from the situation. While it typifies in some measure the business situation at large it should be remembered, nevertheless, that liquidation in business is essential to a sustained recovery in the securities markets. Banking statistics have reflected a condition of over-extension for over a year past which the prolonged liquidation in securities failed to rectify. A reaction in business was inevitable and if history repeats itself, the stock market should improve rather than decline as a consequence. LAIDLAW & CO.

DOW JONES CO'S SUMMARY OF NEWS
 (F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—The opening was quiet but firm, with some irregularity and market strength in C. P. R., which opened over a point above last night's close, and instantly rose further. After a few minutes of trading, the entire list turned strong, and by eleven o'clock advances of a point or more had been recorded very generally throughout the active list. Large transactions marked this rise, and the whole list assumed almost a buoyant tone. Stocks were freely supplied on the advance, however, and the market turned dull at the upper level. The announcement of the failure of the Seigel stores in New York and Boston was at first greeted with indifference, but in the afternoon this seemed to produce an unpleasant effect, and enough selling developed to cause the market to crumble away rapidly, support being remarkably poor on the decline. All of the earlier gains were lost and more than lost in many instances, and the tone in the final dealings was weak and unsettled. C. P. R. not only lost all of its early gain, but sold down almost to a point below last night's close. Call loans were very generally renewed at six per cent, which, in view of the season of

QUEEN MILENA OF MONTENEGRO, WHO IS SERIOUSLY ILL
 Queen Milena of Montenegro, mother of Queen Helena of Italy, is understood to be dangerously ill in the capital of the little Balkan kingdom. The Queen has been indisposed for several weeks, but recently the symptoms became suddenly very serious.

QUOTATIONS FOR THE MARITIME SECURITIES

(F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 Miscellaneous

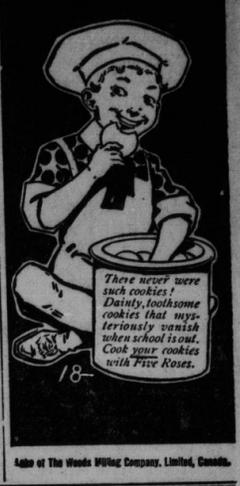
Securities	Asked	Bid
Acadia Fire	100	90
Acadian Sugar pfd	100	95
Acadian Sugar Ord	85	80
Grand-Hand. Com	25	20
C. B. Electric Com.	82 1/2	77 1/2
East. Can. Nav. & Loan	140	136
Eastern Trust	150	145
Halifax Fire	100	95
Maritime Tel. Com.	—	84
Maritime Tel. pfd.	104	100
N. B. Telephone	112	110
No. Atlantic Fisheries	28	28
N. B. Car, 1st pfd	34	33 1/2
N. B. Car, 2nd pfd	70	68
N. B. Car, 3rd pfd	40	—
N. B. Car Com.	30	—
N. B. Clay Works pfd.	34	30
N. B. Clay Works Com.	40	30
Stanfield's pfd	100	100
Stanfield's Com.	70	65
Trin. Cons. Tel. Com.	30	—
Trinidad Electric	75	—

Sons.

Brand-Head, 6's	37 1/2	—
C. B. Electric 5's	95 1/2	—
Chronicle 6's	101	100
Maritime Tel. 5's	107	103
N.B. Steel 1st Mort. 5's	91	89
N.B. Steel 2nd Stock	88	87
Stanfield's 6's	102 1/2	100
Trinidad Tel. 6's	100	97
Trinidad Elec 6's	92	88

EVANS ON STOCKS.
 (F. B. McCURDY & CO.)
 New York, Dec. 30.—I still believe that the market will back and fill around the present level of prices while distribution of stocks is going on by those who are largely instrumental in this advance. A moderate rally should take place today, but I think stocks are a sale on strong spots. H. K. EVANS.

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We also desire to thank our good friends of the trade—the wholesalers and retailers—as we realize that much depends on their co-operation in the promoting and maintaining of a brand of Whisky.

May the year 1914 bring you and yours health, wealth and prosperity, is the wish of
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THE WEATHER.

Maritime—Strong northerly and easterly winds; moderate gales on Cape Breton; much colder, with light snow falls at first, then fair.

Toronto, Dec. 30.—Colder weather is setting in over Northern Ontario and in British Columbia this evening. Snow showers have occurred in the Maritime Provinces and snow and rain in British Columbia. Elsewhere in Canada the weather has been fair.

Table with columns: Location, Min., Max. Includes entries for Victoria, Vancouver, Kamloops, Rimonton, Battleford, Prince Albert, Calgary, Medicine Hat, Moose Jaw, Regina, Winnipeg, Fort Arthur, Parry Sound, London, Toronto, Kingston, Ottawa, Montreal, Quebec, St. John, Halifax.

AROUND THE CITY

Will Consider Call. A meeting of the Presbytery of St. John will be held in St. Andrew's Presbyterian church this afternoon to consider a call from Ridgeway, Ontario, to Rev. M. J. McPherson, of Harvey.

Police Court. In the police court yesterday afternoon Simon Landry, who is charged with holding up a girl on Canterbury street, was remanded. Two witnesses were examined.

An Enjoyable Dinner. T. H. Estabrooks gave a dinner to his travellers in his office on Mill street, last evening, and the function proved an enjoyable one. Wananakera were the caterers.

Thanks Very Much. The editorial and reportorial staff of The Standard greatly appreciate the kindness of J. S. Gibbon in sending to this office a large basket of fruit including oranges and tangerines, which were grown on his plantation in Florida.

Rockwood Playgrounds. The water and sewerage department is pushing the work of putting in a sewer to drain the Rockwood Park playground. At present the men are working under the I. C. R. tracks, and progress is slow. A tunnel has to be dug under eight lines of track. A large concrete pipe is being used for the drain; each joint weighs one ton. After the excavation is made under the track the work will proceed more rapidly.

Tenders Soon. The St. John County (Tuberculosis) Hospital Commission will probably call for tenders for the construction of a building on Merritt street within two weeks. The plans are about complete. It is not intended, however, to start work this winter, as the excavation for the foundations under winter conditions would be unduly costly. By calling for tenders at the first of the year the contractor will be given an opportunity to secure material and arrange for an early start in the spring.

A HUNDRED DOLLARS TO HELP THE NEEDY

Money and Articles Contributed at Union Mission Hall Meeting to Make Season More Cheerful.

A very impressive meeting was held on Monday evening, December 22nd, at the Union Mission Hall, Paradise Row, under the auspices of the Union Mission, Ahleaz' Brotherhood and the Good Cheer Club of Murray St. Mission. A programme of song and recitations appropriate to the Christmas season was given, and an address by Rev. S. Stackhouse. Upon entering the hall each individual placed their offering for the needy at the foot of the cross, which was erected for the occasion. Gifts to the extent of \$100 were received in cash, food, clothing, toys, etc. This was distributed amongst 26 deserving families. The above societies wish to thank their many friends who helped to bring good cheer to these homes. They are planning an extensive winter campaign and all gifts will be thankfully received.

PERSONAL.

Miss Ella Sweeney, who has been studying nursing in New Zealand, has returned to her home in St. John for a visit.

Dr. Daniel Townsend, superintendent of the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium at River Glade, is at the Royal.

FRESH SUPPLY.

Consumers Coal Co. have a fresh supply of the celebrated Broad Cove coal now ready for immediate delivery. This is the ideal coal for open fire places, and can be used in stoves and ranges without fear of soot, trouble so common to all other soft coal. Consumers Coal Co.'s address is 321 Charlotte street (opposite Broad street), Phone M. 2670.

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THE STATEMENTS WERE INTRIGUE

Financial Post, of Toronto, Dealing with Situation Here Points to General Good Times and Vast Increase in Building—Opinions of Real Estate Men.

That the business depression has not struck St. John with any noticeable effect and that real estate values hold up well, is the substance of an interesting article in the Financial Post of Toronto, dealing with conditions in this city.

The financial paper says: "Building permits for the first nine months of 1913 showed an increase of 231 per cent. over the same period last year. This is the largest percentage increase of any city in Canada during the period mentioned."

"With regard to the prospects for the coming year, the outlook is particularly bright, and if money conditions show an improvement building activity will be on a much larger scale than last year."

Bank clearings remain about the same as last year, but would show a marked increase had not the Bank of New Brunswick been absorbed by the Bank of Nova Scotia.

Predict Bright Future. "With the completion of the dry-dock, harbor improvements and new industries, St. John will move ahead in such a manner as to surprise the most sanguine."

A prominent real estate operator speaking to a reporter yesterday said he thought the financial stringency might turn out to be a good thing for the people of St. John, as well as for the real estate men.

"A year ago there was a speculative fever in regard to real estate here," he said, "if that continued prices would have been forced up beyond legitimate values, and that would not have been in the best interests of the city. But the money stringency put a stop to speculative buying. Probably that was a good thing. Some people thought values should go up rapidly in all parts of the city. This was a mistake. Even in a city like New York, where real estate increases in value in some sections at a remarkable rate, there are districts where property depreciates in value."

Little Speculation. "In St. John during the year there has not been much speculative buying. But generally speaking real estate prices are as good today as they were a year ago. This is the case in all sections of the city where its growth and progress might be expected to enhance real estate values."

Another real estate man told the reporter that a syndicate was being formed to undertake the construction of buildings in St. John on a large scale. If its plans worked out it would build seventy or eighty houses in St. John in the spring. The syndicate if it does anything will proceed on a large scale, and endeavor to solve the problem of reducing the price of raw materials as well as efficiency of labor.

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There will be a watchnight service in Zion's church this evening, beginning at 11 o'clock and closing at 12 o'clock. Special music will be given and short addresses delivered by Revs. J. H. Houghton and W. R. Robinson. Offering for sustentation fund.

At Home. Lieut.-Col. McAvity and officers of the 62nd Regiment St. John Fusiliers, and Lieut.-Col. B. R. Armstrong and officers of 3rd New Brunswick Regiment Canadian Artillery will be at home to their friends in their new quarters at the Armories on New Year's Day from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m.

St. John Business College day and evening classes will re-open Monday, January 5th.