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RECENT DEATHS.

Miss Almira Hart of Fredericton Junction died at the residence of John Taylor at Harvey Station on Sunday morning.

By the death of William Brown, which occurred on Sunday afternoon, Calais, Me., loses a worthy and much esteemed resident, who has been identified with the business interests of the city for more than 50 years. William Brown was born on Deer Island, N. B., in 1813, where in company with his father and brothers, he was engaged in the fishery business, making several trips to the banks of Newfoundland with his father on a vessel built and owned by the latter and which was manned by the father and eight sons. In 1861 Mr. Brown came to Calais and engaged in the grocery business, which was continued until about 12 years ago, when in company with his son, W. Wallace Brown, he opened a variety store which is still continued by his son. In 1862 Mr. Brown erected the buildings on Main and Union streets, on the location known as Brown's Corner, and in addition thereto he was possessed of numerous other buildings and lots in the immediate vicinity. He was the last of a family of 13, all of whom attained a good age. Fifty-seven years ago Mr. Brown married Miss Nellie Lord, of Deer Island, who with their only son, W. Wallace Brown, survives him. After a lingering illness, Charles Cochran of Milltown, N. B., died on Sunday morning. Deceased was a victim of consumption, which ended his life at the early age of 17 years and 6 months.

P. S. ARCHIBALD IN BANGOR.

(Bangor Commercial, Tuesday.)
P. S. Archibald of Moncton, N. B., one of the foremost civil engineers in Canada and for many years, until the change in government, at the head of the Intercolonial railway, was in Bangor Monday morning on his return from Boston and New York. Mr. Archibald has been serving on several international arbitration commissions during the past few months to adjust controverted questions and has but recently returned from England, where he was the Canadian member of the board which sat on the Newfoundland railroad matter. Mr. Archibald was joined here by Mrs. Archibald, who has been visiting Mr. and Mrs. James M. Swett on Third street.

BUSINESS DIFFICULTIES.

D. L. Kominsky, who formerly conducted a clothing business on Mill street, has assigned to A. I. Trueman. His liabilities are placed at \$6,900 and his assets \$2,600 stock and about the same amount of book debts.

Creditors of T. J. Cronin met yesterday afternoon in Barnhill & Sanford's office and decided to accept a compromise of 30 cents on the dollar with an extension of time in which the amount will be paid.

PROBATE COURT.

Letters of administration of the estate of Ludlow B. Lyon were granted to George Lyon, a brother of the deceased. The estate consists of \$700 personalty. Charles F. Sanford, proctor.

St. John, December 24, 1902.

Store Open Tonight till 11 O'clock.

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SUCH AS OVERCOATS, ULSTERS, REEFERS, SUITS, PANTS, HATS, Caps, Shirts, Collars, Cuffs, Mufflers, Umbrellas, Fancy Suspenders, Fancy Socks, Handkerchiefs, Ties in any price or style. Handkerchiefs in Silk, "Japanese," "Excella." Linen or Cambric, with or without initials, or any thing for Men or Boys.

Remember Special Prices on Overcoats, Ulsters and Reefers.

Men's Overcoats, \$5.00, 7.00, 7.50, 8.00, 10.00, 12.00 and 13.75.

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

TERRIBLE CRIMES.

Pistols and Dynamite Used With Fatal Results.

EOLINE, Ala., Dec. 24.—A. B. Bass, foreman of the coal chutes of the Mobile and Ohio railroad, was killed, and J. F. Flores, agent of the road here, was wounded here last night while sitting at the supper table of a hotel, the assassins firing through the window. There is no clue to the perpetrators.

MANNINGTON, W. Va., Dec. 24.—The residence of Robt. Floyd two miles north of here was blown up with dynamite by robbers last night. Mrs. Floyd was killed instantly and Mr. Floyd and the servant girl were seriously injured. The house was completely demolished. One thousand dollars, which it is said Floyd had in the house, is missing.

BLOOMINGTON, Ill., Dec. 24.—The jury in the case of Daisy Carlton, charged with the murder of Mrs. Jos. Leslie, has rendered a verdict of not guilty. Her plea was self-defence. Mrs. Leslie, who was said to be jealous of Miss Carlton, attempted to horsewhip the latter on the street. Miss Carlton, who had been warned, carried a revolver and shot her assailant when attacked.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Thomas J. Sharkey, the private detective who was convicted of manslaughter in the second degree for having killed Nicholas A. Fish, the banker, on Sept. 7, was today sentenced to state prison for ten years.

MISS TWINING'S MARRIAGE.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—The Telegram's London cable says: In St. George's, Hanover Square, today, were united in marriage the octogenarian Marguis of Donegal, and Miss Violet Twining, the beautiful Canadian lady who a short time ago was presented at court by Lady Strathcona. The marriage was an exceedingly quiet affair, only one other Canadian lady being present. Lady Strathcona. There were some other guests in attendance, all being friends of the bridegroom. Lord Strathcona gave the bride away. The bride's dress was of blue cloth and velvet, Gainsborough hat and feathers. The couple have gone to Bristol to spend their honeymoon.

PERSONALS.

Word has been received from J. A. Likely, who is now in Apalachicola, Florida, to the effect that his son Gordon, who was last week reported as seriously ill, is now rapidly recovering.

Chas. H. Hatt, of Maryville, son-in-law of Alex. Gibson, fell down the elevator shaft in the cotton mill there this evening, dislocating his shoulder and sustaining other minor injuries.

John H. Lockhart and W. H. Edgett, of Moncton, are at the Dufferin.

W. B. R. and children of Halifax are spending their Christmas holidays with his father, King street east.

G. M. Jarvis, of the I. C. R. at Truro, accompanied by Mrs. Jarvis, is in the city.

R. Gass and H. G. Trites of Hampton are in town today.

Ald. T. H. Bullock and family will spend Christmas with relatives in Fredericton.

C. H. McIntyre, an old Kings county boy and now a prominent barrister of Boston, Mass., was in the city yesterday on his way to his home to spend the Christmas holidays.

W. J. Mahoney will leave today for Melrose, Westmorland county, where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

C. L. Armstrong, who recently resigned from the staff of The Telegraph to enter Mt. Allison University, is spending Christmas with friends in the city.

Prof. W. T. Raymond, of the University of New Brunswick, is spending the Christmas vacation at his former home in Hampton.

M. D. Sweeney will leave this morning for Melrose, Westmorland county, to spend Christmas.

Charles Burpee left yesterday morning to spend Christmas in Bangor.

F. W. Green, physical director of the Y. M. C. A., will leave today for Moncton, where he will spend Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. D. J. McLaughlin of St. John, and the Misses McLaughlin, will spend Christmas in Fredericton, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Dabitt.

CHRISTMAS FOR THE EMMIGRANTS.

King's Daughters Send Christmas "Cheer" to the Island this Afternoon.

The big Neptune carries to Paradise island this afternoon a freight that will gladden the hearts of two hundred little immigrant children and make Christmas Day a little more cheerful for the five hundred others quarantined down there.

The Neptune's cargo is the result of the zeal and energy of the members of The King's Daughters, who, by means of a widespread canvass, were able today to fill with fruit, candies and other dainties, 672 bags—one for each immigrant on the island, 102½ inches, enough apples, oranges, cakes, candies, grapes, figs, dates, nuts, raisins, etc., were received at the Guild rooms at noon today to fill every one.

Miss Hanson, the secretary of the Guild, wishes to express, through the Star, the thankfulness of the King's Daughters to those who by their generous contributions make it possible. It was expected this morning that the Neptune would leave for the island at three o'clock this afternoon.

WEDDED YESTERDAY.

Robert Anderson, son of John Anderson, ex-M. P. P. of the Barony, was married at Spruce Lake, St. John county, last evening, to Miss Maggie Fair, daughter of Mrs. George Fair of that place. John and Barry Anderson of the Barony, brothers of the prospective bridegroom, came to St. John yesterday to be present at the ceremony.

VENEZUELA.

The Revolutionists Will March on Caracas.

A Cable From London Served up to Suit American Readers.

WILLEMSTADT, Island of Curacao, Dec. 23.—(by boat from La Guayra.) The revolutionists, strengthened by the impossibility of the government's suppressing the smuggling of arms and ammunition into the country, and by the fact that it has no longer any fleet at its disposal, have made answer to President Castro's proposition that they turn their arms against the foreigners who have attacked Venezuela by referring him to General Matos, the only chief capable of dealing with the matter. The rebels have regained courage. The government, which made with them an armistice of ten days, which ends tomorrow, has 3,600 men at Barquisimeto and 2,500 near Caracas, but all others who had enlisted themselves to fight against the foreigners have retired.

The revolutionists have planned a march on Caracas by three roads. The leaders, Bamos Antonio, Guexarax Urbaneta and Penadosa, with 2,500 men will march via Guatirez. Antonio Fernandez and Crespo Turres, with 2,500 more, have left Camanagua, and Gen. Rolando with 2,500 troops will go from Alta Gracia. Ammunition is expected to arrive every day near Tucacas.

The situation for President Castro is considered to be again perilous. Attacked by foreigners and his own countrymen, he can with difficulty resist the shocks, as the government's resources have vanished. The president's departure for La Victoria is for the purpose of trying to check the near advance to the capital of the revolutionists. General Matos will leave Curacao shortly.

BERLIN, Dec. 24.—Commodore Scheder reports that the German blockade of Porto Cabello began Dec. 23 and that the blockade of Maracaibo by the Germans commenced today.

FOR YANKEE READERS.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—The decision of President Roosevelt respecting Venezuelan arbitration has been awaited with keen interest in England, says a despatch from London to the Tribune. The cogency of the objections urged by the leading American journals is not denied, but there has been a sincere preference for Mr. Roosevelt as the arbitrator. The old Tory Morning Post proposed the president's name in advance of even the quick-witted German emperor, and the suggestion has been received with a chorus of acclamation by the English press. There are no ulterior motives. This English preference is based upon respect for the president's character and recognition of his unique fitness for the duty of arbitrator in a case where a guarantee for payment of an award is urgently needed, but may be dispensed with if he consents to act. The English press is regaining its sobriety of judgment respecting Germany. Mr. Kipling's outbreak is generally condemned, and the German emperor is beginning to have something like justice for his evident desire to maintain the friendliest possible relations with the United States.

The British solicitude for the maintenance and preservation of the Monroe doctrine seems overwrought when two powerful European governments have virtually recognized it and deliberately nominated the president as arbitrator.

PORTLAND ROLLING MILLS.

Yesterday morning there went into operation at the Rolling Mills a new time keeping system which is said to be the first of its kind in the city. The apparatus by which the men's time is kept is a large clock, recently imported from Montreal. Surrounding the dial of the clock is a row of one hundred keys, each one numbered, and for every number is a corresponding one on the books for the different employees.

Upon going to work in the morning, leaving and returning at noon, and when going away in the evening, every man punches his own time by pushing in the key on the clock which bears his number. The interior mechanism registers the time, and in this way the number of hours-labor performed by every employee is ascertained. It is of course, possible for the company to be cheated by one man punching the dial for another man, but it is not wise for anyone to be caught at this job.

W. WATSON ALLEN ILL.

About half-past eight o'clock last evening W. Watson Allen was suddenly taken ill at his residence. He became comatose and unconscious and remained in this condition until an early hour this morning.

Drs. Emery and Thomas Walker were summoned, and this afternoon Mr. Allen is reported as being slightly improved, although still in a somewhat serious condition and unable to see friends.

CURLING TOMORROW.

The ice in the Thistle rink is in fine condition for tomorrow's match between the presidents and vice-presidents, in which all members are on the list to play. A return match will be played on New Year's Day.

At St. Andrew's rink the ice is also good, and scratch games will be played morning, afternoon and evening.

TAKEN BACK TO HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, Dec. 23.—W. H. Gentles, wanted here for forgery, was brought to the city today from Windsor and lodged in the county jail. He will come up for examination Friday.

CHRISTMAS DAY.

Church Services—Abbey Choir—Opera House and Rinks the Attractions.

The collection in Queen Square Methodist church tomorrow morning will be for the supernumerary fund. Frosty, lung-filling air, bright sunshine and good roads make this day before Christmas a pleasant one. Of course a little snow and the jingle of sleigh-bells would be very welcome, but this is not so bad. Last night the streets and busy stores were crowded with Christmas shoppers, thousands of whom are again in evidence this afternoon. And tonight, of course, there will be another crush of those who always put off things to the last minute.

The weather man is non-committal about tomorrow. He threatens a little snow, but promises westerly winds, so you may count on a fairly pleasant day. The attractions for the day are much as usual.

First of course, there is the unveiling of the Christmas tree and the eagerness of the Christmas music; the Westminster Abbey choir concert in York Theatre, the McCutcheon and Ellis Stock Co. in the Opera House, and bands at both the Queens and the Victoria rinks.

All the Episcopal churches are decorated as usual with swaths of Christmas green and arrays of potted plants. In Trinity, Stone, St. Paul's and the Mission church the services will be held as follows:

Celebration of the Holy Communion at 7 a. m.

Choral celebration at 8.

Morning service with Holy Communion at 11.30.

In St. Mary's, St. Luke's, St. James' and St. Jude's churches services will be held at 8 and 10.30. All Methodist churches will have services at 11 a. m., when sermons will be preached by the pastors and special music given. The Baptist churches will not be open, and the only Presbyterian service will be held in St. Stephen's church, where Rev. Dr. Macrae will preach at 11 a. m.

There will be special services at the Charlotte street Salvation Army barracks; united meeting at 11 a. m., conducted by Lieut.-Col. Sharp and Major Howell; at 8 p. m., a salvation drama, from Manger to Throne. This will be English and Mrs. Knight's final meeting before proceeding to Sydney, C. B.

All sailors are cordially invited to a meeting in the Seamen's Mission on Christmas night at 8 o'clock, led by the Rev. E. L. Coffin and others.

At St. Philip's church united Christmas services at 11 a. m. Prayer and testimonial services at Indiantown mission at 7.45 p. m. Rev. E. L. Coffin and Christian workers will be in charge of the meeting. The meeting at Carleton will be at Ephraim Hogan's instead of Mrs. Williams's house.

THIRTEEN KILLED.

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Horsemen interested in harness racing were shocked to learn that the unidentified man accidentally killed by a horse while crossing Broadway at Spring street on Monday evening, starting judge and writer, who was known to followers of trotting all over the country. Mrs. Walker recognized the description of the dead man published in the newspapers and went at once to the morgue where her tears were confirmed.

ONLY ONE TON OF COAL.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Dec. 24.—The Philadelphia & Reading Railway Company, in order to increase the supply of anthracite coal in New York and Philadelphia, has issued orders that no family in this section be permitted to purchase more than one ton of coal at a time. All employees of the company have been limited to one ton a month.

The collieries which were flooded by the rains of last week are still idle and in consequence the anthracite production has been considerably decreased.

LOSSES IN COTTON.

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The depression in the British cotton spinning industry is evidenced by the fact that eighty-five joint stock companies in Lancashire with an aggregate capital of \$25,175,000 and having \$6,667,000 spindles, record a net loss of \$7,130 for this year.

HOSPITAL BURNED.

ALBUQUERQUE, N. M., Dec. 24.—The Atchison, Topeka and Santa Fe hospital has been destroyed by fire and one patient is dead from exposure and fright. Dr. J. B. Cutter, the physician in charge, and his assistants worked heroically in getting out the 200 patients. The property loss is \$150,000. The fire is thought to have originated from a defective flue.

THE POPE'S HEALTH.

ROME, Dec. 24.—There is absolutely no foundation for the rumor that the Pope is ill. The Pontiff is in good health and excellent spirits. He did not retire until ten o'clock last night. He rose at 7 o'clock and celebrated mass this morning and proposes to celebrate mass at midnight.

Wallace, the 12 years old son of Jose Greene of Fredericton, while playing in the street with some companions, Monday, fell upon his left arm, fracturing it between the elbow and wrist.

Men's

Winter

Goods:

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

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

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

New Goods. Right Prices.

J. & A. ANDERSON.
19 Charlotte Street.

HOCKEY BOOTS

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

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

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65 BRUSSELS ST.

SHORTHAND,

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GIVEN BY
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Disappears Like Magic
Under the Influence of
Park's Perfect
Emulsion.

Price 50c. a bottle. Large bottle \$1.00

BANK CLEARINGS.

Week ending 23rd Dec., 1902.

Clearings \$711,412
Balances 135,279
Corresponding week last year:
Clearings \$62,954
Balances 150,155

CORNING, N. Y., Dec. 21.—Lawrenceville, Pa., was visited by a disastrous fire today. It originated in Spring's millinery store from an overturned lamp and all the buildings on one side of Main street were destroyed, including Wing & Bostwick's large department store. The Rutting block and opera house, the Darling block and five other stores were burned. Loss over \$50,000.

STEAMERS, ETC.

EASTERN STEAMSHIP CO'Y.

(International Division.)
WINTER REDUCED RATES.



In effect November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.
Commencing December 1, 1902, at 8 a. m. THURSDAYS for Lubec, Eastport, Portland and Boston.
Returning from Boston, via Portland, Eastport and Lubec Mondays at 8.15 a. m.
Through tickets on sale at principal railway stations and baggage checked to destination.
WILLIAM C. LEE, Agent, St. John, N. B.
A. H. HANSCOM, G. P. & T. A.
CALVIN AUSTIN, V. P. & Gen'l Manager, Foster's Wharf, Boston, Mass.

HELP WANTED, MALE.

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

WANTED—An errand boy at Daily Sun Office.

WANTED—Active and reliable Canvasers in the city of St. John and agents local and travelling throughout the counties of St. John, Kings and Queens to sell the New Williams Sewing Machines. Terms most liberal. Apply to or address THE WILLIAMS MFG. CO., 25 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—A first class job printer at Office of SUN PRINTING CO.
GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special accident, sickness, identification policies and general insurance business. Liberal terms to reliable men. Write box 226, Montreal.

HELP WANTED, FEMALE.

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

WANTED— stenographer and Typewriter. Can give steady employment to reliable man or woman, with good references. Write and state salary to B. Daily Sun Office.

WANTED—On liberal salary, 5 intelligent ladies. Apply at 25 Dock street, St. John, N. B.

WANTED—An experienced dining room girl at once. Apply at the LANSDOWNE HOUSE, south side King Square, No. 40.

WANTED—At the Hotel American at once, a cook and chambermaid.

MISCELLANEOUS.

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

BOARDERS WANTED—First class board and rooms may be obtained at reasonable rates at 75 King street, just over Macaulay Bros' store.

DON'T FORGET—To call at 137 Charlotte street to-morrow and look at the bargains we are offering in Choice Perfumery, &c.

SHOW-CASES—A bargain for some one. New Nicks Cases for sale cheap. Call and see them at W. THOMAS GARD'S, Jeweller and Optician, 45 King street.

FOR SALE.

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

HOUSE FOR SALE—House 165 Adelaide road, 2 flats, 5 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge.

WANTED—A sober, industrious man, married, wants situation at general work. Accustomed to horses. Apply W. F. Star of 45.

WANTED—By a middle aged man, employment as bookkeeper or for general office work; long experience; best of references. Address "Scribe," care of Sun Printing Co.

LOST.

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

LOST—Last evening, a small Silver Watch, with Flier de Lis fastening. A suitable reward will be paid for its return to D. MAGEE'S SONS, 61 King street.
The little girl feels very badly.

LIVERY STABLES.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE

134 Union Street. Telephone 11.
HORSES BOARDED and Wagon and Warm Stables, best of attention.
DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES for hire at any hour.

DAVID CONNELL,

BOARDING, HACK and LIVERY STABLES, 45 and 47 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Horses boarded on reasonable terms.
Horses and Carriages on Hire. Fine Picnic at short notice.
A large sleigh seating fifteen or twenty people for sleighing parties to be with careful driver.

MOTELS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.

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ST. JOHN, N. B.

SANTA-MIDY

Standard remedy for Gleet, Gonorrhea and Runnings in 48 HOURS. Cures Kidney and Bladder Troubles.

GREAT NOVA SCOTIA ORCHARD.

Hillcrest orchards, Kentville, produced between 700 and 800 baskets of peaches the past season. This begins to look like business in the peach industry of Nova Scotia. It is no doubt the largest peach crop ever raised in Canada east of the peach belt of Ontario. Mr. Eaton also shipped, besides a large crop of European plums, upwards of 2,000 baskets of Japanese plums, and five thousand fruit trees, mostly plums and apples, were added to the planting at Hillcrest orchards last spring, making 20,000 trees in all in permanent orchards.

NO LAND GRANT FOR GRAND TRUNK.

TORONTO, Dec. 23.—Hon. Clifford Sifton, interviewed here tonight, said that whatever assistance may be given to the Grand Trunk Pacific transcontinental line, it will not take the form of land grant.

Drink Red Rose tea on Christmas Day. It's good tea.

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY (LTD.), at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sunday) at \$1 a year.

ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 24, 1902.

CHRISTMAS.

Christmas Day in the Christian world is celebrated as the anniversary of the most momentous event in the chequered history of the human race. Even among those who do not accept the divinity of Christ, He is admitted to have been a being the most noble that the centuries have produced. With the celebration of the anniversary of His birth have been associated certain customs of early and later times, with the result that Christmas Day is regarded as a day, not only of peace and good will, but of hearty rejoicing and the manifestation of a wider sympathy than marks any other period in the whole year.

Aside altogether from the religious aspect of the festival, it is well for humanity that there is a season when the pressure of striving and competition is relaxed, if only for a day, and men consent to realize that however much of the nature of warfare there may be in ordinary life, on this day the arms are to be laid down and the striving cease.

Christmas is essentially the children's day, but in the spirit that makes for their happiness lurks a blessing for the older folk, and we are all partakers in the benefits of the joyous season. It is impossible to enter into the spirit that makes a happy home for the children on Christmas Day, without feeling in some degree the benediction which falls upon those who have done well.

It is of course impossible that all should be happy tomorrow. Fate is inexorable, and makes no distinction of days. There will be those among us who mourn and will not be comforted, because the dread messenger has come to their homes on the very eve of the great day. Others there will be to whom a vacant chair will speak with sadder eloquence than any words can express. For others the inability to do all they would desire for their loved ones will cast a shadow across the sky. On some homes the shadow of sickness will lie, and shut out the light.

But the same spirit which prompts men to lay aside their toil for a day will prompt them to think of those who are lonely or ill or in need, and even they who may have personal cause for an almost overwhelming sorrow will yet be able to realize that they are not wholly alone nor forgotten.

Blessed be Christmas for the sympathy which it begets, and the happiness it brings. Smile as we may at the humorous side, or mock as we may at the sham, there underlies the observance of this festival a feeling that ennobles the race.

The Star extends to all its readers its best wishes for a Merry Christmas.

THE LOBSTER.

The Star staff would regard it as a source of personal grief if Col. Tucker, M. P., should have other than a Merry Christmas. His labors in behalf of the lobster entitle him to a greater joy than is the portion of other men, and may nothing him annoy throughout the festive season. May no office seekers disturb his repose. It is on the record that while the fishermen of Charlotte county may begin to take lobsters on Dec. 15th, and take them down to nine inches, the fishermen of St. John county may not begin to set their traps till Jan. 15th, and may then only capture crustaceans that are ten and a half inches or more in length. And though the fishermen of Charlotte county may catch nine inch lobsters, they cannot sell them in the St. John market, but must ship them to the states. It is only necessary to ponder over these facts for a few minutes to realize how great a debt of gratitude man and the lobster alike owe to the astute mind and tireless energy of Col. Tucker. May his salad agree with him and his benevolence have its due reward.

Note.—After the above was written, a despatch from Ottawa brought the news that the department had decided to make the date of the opening of the lobster fishery in both Charlotte and St. John counties Jan. 1st. Surely this cannot be true. The fishermen of Charlotte have been taking lobsters since Dec. 15th. How then can they begin on Jan. 1st? And what is the use of Col. Tucker making his magnificent adaptation of the international principle of "spheres of influence" to the Canadian lobster industry if a reckless minister, who knows nothing about it, is going to nullify the whole arrangement? If this sort of thing is permitted the very next thing we may expect is that St. John county fishermen will be permitted to catch nine inch lobsters, just as is done in Charlotte county. And it may even be that presently it will be made legal to sell in St. John the nine inch lobsters which are legally caught in Charlotte county. In short, the board of trade and the fishermen will come to Col. Tucker's aid.

there is grave danger that the fishermen of St. John and Charlotte counties will be treated just alike. The Star extends to Col. Tucker the assurance of its profound sympathy in this great crisis in his career as the champion of the lobster.

In order that there may be no mistake about the matter the Star desires explicitly and unequivocally thus publicly to announce that it wishes the editors of the Telegraph, past, present, and to come, though they be numberless as the sands of the seashore, a Merry Christmas, and a large slice of the finest turkey obtainable in the market, trimmings included.

The people of Canada have good cause for rejoicing. The year now closing has shown an increase in trade, a great development of the west, and good crops throughout the country, while there have been no great catastrophes and nothing to shake the confidence of the people in the magnificent future which awaits their native land.

Ten years ago today there was no winter port business and the harbor presented an empty appearance compared with the present. St. John has been moving up the line in the last decade.

St. John merchants say that Christmas trade has been exceptionally good this year. Labor is well employed and the people are in the mood to make purchases. Trade is healthy and the year has been a fairly prosperous one.

WHAT THEY WANT.

The Trades' and Labor Council will press the provincial legislature at the coming session to pass the bill the government puzzled with and finally side-tracked last year.

The laborers put their case in this way:

This Is What We Want.

Workers' compensation act for boys and girls, for men and women, employed in factories, mills, steamers, stores, shops, or in any trade.

Employers not liable if accident disables worker for not over two weeks, not liable if injury results from wilful misconduct, carelessness, or negligence of person injured.

Employers are liable to person injured for accidents while working in their employ, whether through the fault or carelessness, directly or indirectly, of employer, foreman, or other worker, or contractor, or sub-contractor.

Workers have right to proceed under this act or by civil suit, but not by both.

Compensation to injured workers: Death—Family to receive a sum equal to earnings for the three previous years, but not to exceed \$2,000.

Any weekly amounts paid by employer since accident to be deducted from the above total.

Injury not causing death—Weekly payment after second week, not to exceed 50 per cent. of the average weekly earnings.

Such weekly payment not to exceed \$3 per week, and total liability of employer not to exceed \$1,200 to each person injured.

COMPANION FORESTERS.

Companions of Court Wygoody, No. 473, met in Forester's Hall on Tuesday evening for election of officers and initiation. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Mrs. A. C. Melvin, C. R.; Violet Hastings, V. C. R.; Isadora Willist, recording secretary; R. J. Powers, financial secretary; M. A. Hastings, treasurer; Mary Anderson, chaplain; Mary E. Oram, S. W.; Julia Cox, J. W.; Jennie Wright, S. B.; Elizabeth McFarlane, J. B.; Dr. Clara Oling, P. C. R.; M. A. McQuarrie, deputy; Dr. Melvin, examining physician; Alba Granville, organist; Violet Hastings and Jennie Wright, financial audit committee; M. A. Hastings and Martha Henderson, trustees.

ST. JOHN'S CHURCH.

The following special music will be given on Christmas day at St. John's Church, under the direction of D. Arnold Fox:

Introductory Voluntary: The Oracle: Corelli.
Hymn: "O come all ye faithful!" Proper Psalms (No. 19, 45, 85). Service: Stegall in F. Carol: "Joy fills our inmost heart today."
Gloria from XIII Mass.—Mozart. Voluntary during Offertory.

THE BAY LINE.

Str. Cunaxa, having bunkered at Louisbourg, sailed yesterday morning for Boston.

Str. Albuera, Capt. Grant, arrived at Providence on Monday night from Glasgow, and will discharge a cargo of coal.

Str. Platea, from Boston via Ymuiden, reached Amsterdam yesterday.

SHEEP RANCH FOR KINGS.

A sheep ranch is the latest project for Kings county. J. D. O'Connell of Sussex, has secured 500 acres at White's Mountain and has purchased 200 young ewes, which, for this winter, he will keep on his farm at Sussex. He purports to start ranching in earnest next fall, and believes prospects for success are good.

To cure a headache in ten minutes, use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

DEATHS.

POWERS.—In this city, on December 22nd, Calvin Powers, in the 80th year of his age, leaving a widow, six sons and five daughters to mourn their loss.

McKEE.—At Missee, N. B., on the 23rd inst., Albert S. McKee, aged 5 months and 9 days.

EVANS.—In Bangor, Dec. 21, Nora E., wife of Stephen Evans.
Funeral from her late home, 61 Park street, Tuesday at 10.30 a. m.

I. C. R. FATALITY.

Coroner's Verdict in the Dorchester Accident.

DORCHESTER, N. B., Dec. 23.—According to all the evidence given at the coroner's inquest, held today to enquire into the death of Brakeman Walter Clarke, which occurred in connection with the railway disaster here this morning, the contributing causes of the wreck remain as yet a mystery, beyond the fact brought out by each witness that the switch was in a defective condition.

"The evidence of Trackmaster Brownell was clear and pointed. As a practical man, he said that the bolt coming out of the hinge rod next to the rail caused the accident. The jury, after due deliberation, rendered the following verdict: "We, the jurors upon the inquest on the body of Walter Clarke, deceased, from the evidence adduced before us, do find that the said Walter Clarke came to his death about three hundred yards east of Dorchester station this 23rd day of December, A. D. 1902, from drowning, while attending to his duties as brakeman on train No. 16, the result of a railway accident to said train No. 16 caused by some defect in the gear of the switch at that point, causing the engine to leave the rails and turn on her side in the ditch, submerging said deceased and holding him under water until dead."

The crew of the wrecking train are still working strenuously to clear the main line. The disabled locomotive has not yet been removed from the scene of the fatal disaster.

VICTORIA RINK OPENED.

Big Crowd at This Popular Resort Last Evening—Christmas Programme.

The Victoria Rink was opened to the public last evening for the first time this season.

The opening of the Victoria has been the skating feature for years past in this city and all have looked anxiously forward to this big affair. The date was announced for last week, but on account of mild weather had to be postponed. Last evening the doors of the big arena were thrown open to the public and hundreds enjoyed the opportunity of enjoying a pleasant skate.

The ice was excellent and the music furnished by the Vic's Own Band the best. It was a choice programme, in fact, one that could not be excelled. Year after year the proprietor of the rink has made improvements and this season matters previously overlooked have been attended to.

The sale of season tickets is so far the largest in the history of the rink and promises to far outstrip anything ever known.

On Christmas day there will be a band afternoon and evening.

MANAGUASHE CLUB.

Farewelled First Chief F. A. Jones Last Night on Eve of Departure for Mexico.

A jolly luncheon was given by the Managuashe club last evening in honor of F. A. Jones, first chief, on the eve of his departure for the mines of Mexico. The members present were Oscar Silberstein, chief; A. R. Clarke, vice chief; James Hunter, warden; J. F. Biddington, secretary; ex-chiefs F. A. Jones and John F. Adams; brothers C. F. Tilley, R. S. Bonnell, J. H. Pullen, S. E. Morrell, Spence Thompson, W. Jones, T. Pugsley, and "pale faces" C. F. Tilley, Jr., Dr. T. Fred Johnston, D. A. McLeod, Aid. McGoldrick and Thos. Gilliland. The bill of fare was an elaborate one and the toast list brought out a sparkling array of speeches by the orators of the club and the invited guests. The function was one that will long be remembered by the participants.

ORANGE INSTALLATION.

The following officers of Havelock L. O. L., No. 27, were installed last evening by W. B. Wallace, district master, assisted by Rev. S. H. Fulton, grand chaplain, and Wm. Haskett, W. M. of No. 7: Stewart Skinner, M. D.; W. M.; Robert Carson, Exp. M.; Hon. C. N. Skinner, Chap. R. H. Rubins, Rec. Sec.; John Kerr, sr., F. S.; James Elliott, Treas.; John Currie, D. of C.; A. Winchester, Lec.; Geo. Baxter, F. of C.; Hon. H. A. McKeown, J. King Kelly, A. W. Macrae and Hon. Wm. Pugsley, committee.

Speeches were made by the district master, grand chaplain and the officers of the lodge.

One of the pleasing features of the meeting was a vote of a substantial sum of money as a Christmas gift to a member of the lodge, who has been confined to his house for many years by illness, and a committee of some of the leading members of the lodge cheerfully undertook to visit the brother and make the presentation.

Eldon, L. O. L., No. 2, held its regular meeting in Orange Hall last evening, only routine business was transacted.

Trinity Precceptory, No. 507, L. O. L., will meet in Orange Hall to-morrow evening for the election of officers.

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY

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

PORTLAND METHODIST Y. M. A.

At the regular weekly meeting of the Y. M. A. of Portland, the Methodist Church last night a debate took place on a subject of considerable public interest, namely, "Which would be better, a bridge over the harbor, or an improved ferry service?" The speakers on the affirmative side contended that if a bridge were built across the harbor, delays in the traffic would no longer be caused by fog. Those who spoke in favor of an improved ferry service argued as their main point that it would cost much less to improve the ferry than it would to bridge the harbor. The debate was decided in favor of the bridge. R. T. Hayes and Frederick Smiley were the leaders. Rev. Mr. Howard presided.

SENATOR PRIMROSE DEAD.

Senator Primrose, of Pictou, died suddenly at midnight, on Monday night. He was of Scotch descent and born at Pictou in 1830, and has been a very active citizen of that town. He was called to the senate in 1892 as a conservative.

GIFTS FOR THE MANY.

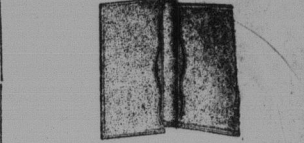
Are to be found here in profusion, turn wh way you will. It makes little difference whether you are looking for something inexpensive or wish to testify to your affection with an expensive gift. You will have no difficulty in making a selection from our vast assortment of Holiday Goods—goods that range from the conservative to the extreme—all in new and correct styles.

A VERY LIBERAL OFFER.

Bissell's "Cyclo" Bearing Carpet Sweeper Makes a Pleasing Xmas Gift.



No article of equivalent price can please Mother, Wife, Sister or Friend as much as a Bissell's "Cyclo" Bearing Bissell's. If you buy one of these Carpet Sweepers from us not later than Jan. 10, 1903, and will



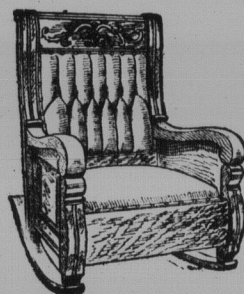
write to the Bissell Carpet Sweeper Company, Grand Rapids, Michigan, giving our name and the date of purchase, they will send you free a fine quality Morocco Leather Card Case with no printing on it.

Until Christmas our stores will be open evenings.

Manchester Robertson & Allison

Xmas Presents in Furniture.

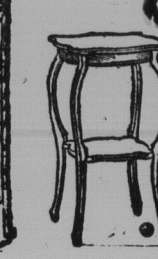
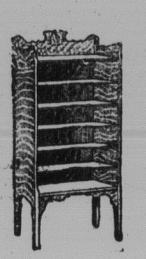
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Many Patterns of Fancy Chairs And Rockers,

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This Polished Oak REVOLVING OFFICE CHAIR, Cabbler Seat, \$5.50.

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Mahogany Polished PARLOR TABLES, PARLOR CABINETS, in endless variety.

Come and look over the stock before purchasing

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91 CHARLOTTE STREET.

YOUR MONEY BACK

IF, AFTER A TRIAL, YOU FIND THAT

LAXA-CARA TABLETS

are not as claimed, a cure for constipation, you can get your money back. That shows better than anything else that we have in this medicine.

It will promptly correct and permanently cure any case of constipation with all its attendant evils. This is guaranteed to the very letter.

If Laxa-Cara Tablets fail, your money awaits your call. Purely a vegetable compound, put up in tablet form, small and easy to take, and pleasant in operation.

35 cents a box at all druggists, or by mail on receipt of price.

FRANK WHEATON
FOLLY VILLAGE, N. S.
SOLE AGENT FOR CANADA

Advertise in The Star.

Holiday Goods

A LARGE STOCK OF
FINE BROOCHEES,
RINGS, SLEEVE LINKS,
SCARF PINS, STUDS,
LOCKETS, CHAINS,
PENDENTS, ETC.
New goods for the Holiday Season.
Call and see them at
FERGUSON & PAGE,
At 41 King Street.

You Can Buy
THEM CHEAPER AT
ARNOLD'S.

The Biggest and Best assortment
of Dolls, Toys and Xmas Novelties in
St. John will be found at

Arnold's Department Store,
15 Charlotte St.

SPECIAL SALE OF
TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED
MILLINERY.

In order to make a speedy clear-
ance, we have reduced our entire stock
of

**Untrimmed Hats to 25c., 35c.,
and 50c.**

Also Trimmed Hats reduced to \$1.00,
1.50, 2.00 and upwards.

The above are the latest and most
fashionable style. This is a rare chance
secure a bargain.

HAS. K. CAMERON & CO.
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IF YOU WANT THE BEST, GET

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J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

Telephone 250

Every cash customer will receive a
Handsome Calendar.

We have the largest stock of DRY HARD
WOOD in the city, and will quote special
rates to those who want quantities.
HARD COAL and all kinds of SOFT COAL
in stock.

GIBBON & CO'S., SMYTH STREET
(Near N. Wharf), 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

BIG SHIPMENTS.

1,400 Cattle and Over a Thousand Sheep
Will Leave St. John This Week.

This week will see in St. John one
of the biggest lots of cattle ever
brought here for shipment. A train
with 420 cattle and 1,350 sheep left
Montreal this morning for the S. S. Con-
cordia, and another big train with
about 1,000 cattle for the S. S. Mont-
calm will leave this evening. The first
lot will arrive tomorrow night, and the
others Friday morning. With 1,400
cattle and over 1,350 sheep to accom-
modate at once it is probable that the
facilities at Sand Point and Ballast
wharf will both have to be used.

CHRISTMAS AT ALMSHOUSE.

The usual Christmas dinner at the
almshouse will be served on Christmas
Day, and the institution will be open
to the public on Friday afternoon, the
26th inst., from 2 to 5 o'clock, when
the usual Christmas tree and distribu-
tion of presents will take place.
The committee wish to thank
Messrs. Baird and Peters for two cas-
ties tobacco and one barrel of apples,
kindly donated to the inmates.

A meeting of the civic sub-committee
on the Connolly dredge matter will be
held on Friday.

F.R. PATTERSON
Cor. Charlotte and
Duke Streets.

WHITE
LAWN
APRONS

From 25c. up.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was
22; the lowest was 10. The tempera-
ture at noon was 18. The wind at noon
was north, with a velocity of eight
miles per hour.

TORONTO, Dec. 24.—Forecasts—
Northerly winds, fair and cold. Thurs-
day, winds increasing to gales from
southeast and south, followed by sleet
or rain.

Synopsis.—An important disturbance
is advancing eastward across the
great lakes. From Nova Scotia to the
Banks winds are likely to be north un-
til tomorrow. From Bay of Fundy to
United States ports, moderate north-
erly today. Thursday, south and
southeast gales.

LOCAL NEWS.

The Star will not be issued tomorrow.

Turkeys sold at Woodstock on Mon-
day at 25c. per pound.

D. W. Clark's condition is today re-
ported as unchanged. He is very low.

The little hard coal there is in town
is \$15 per ton. More is due the first of
the week.

The annual offering for the poor will
be taken in Queen Square Methodist
church next Sunday.

Acme skates—boys' and girls'. 35c.;
men's 50 and 60c. Duval's Umbrella
Shop, 17 Waterloo Street.

The Norwegian str. Nora, with 1,400
tons of plaster from Hillsboro for Phil-
adelphia, put in today for harbor.

The 20 lb. turkey and the 18 lb. goose
at S. Z. Dickson's stall in the country
market share the honors with the
Guelph prize steer.

Mayor Belyea, Couns. Geo. Balmain,
John A. Lindsay and R. B. Jones, and
ex-Coun. James Carr are all men-
tioned as possible candidates for the
mayorality of Woodstock for next year.

A special meeting of the water and
sewerage board will be held this after-
noon when the departmental bills will
be passed in preparation for Monday's
council meeting.

McIntyre Bros. of Sussex, and Wil-
liam Howe, of Wexford, have been
awarded first and third prizes in a
potato raising competition instituted by
a potato bug destroying company. The
first prize was \$100 and the third \$30.

There is excellent ice on the Carle-
ton open air rink and a great day's
skating is promised for tomorrow. A
band will be present both afternoon
and evening.

The retail stores of W. H. Thorne &
Co., Ltd., will be open till ten o'clock
on Saturday, the 26th; Monday, the
22nd, and Tuesday the 23rd, and till
eleven o'clock Wednesday, the 24th
inst.

The directors of the Y. M. C. A. re-
solved to those who have not yet se-
lected their Christmas gifts that a
ticket of membership in the associa-
tion would make an acceptable present
for that boy.

An exchange of Christmas greetings
between the Star staff and P. W. Gor-
don, of the Winnipeg Tribune, brings
the news that Mr. Gordon is in excel-
lent health and well pleased with the
western city and his work there.

C. E. Duplissa, section foreman of
the C. P. R. at Ennisville Station,
killed a cat-owl the other day with a
stick. The wings measured 4 feet 9
inches from tip to tip. Mr. Duplissa
intends having the bird set up.

D. McArthur has opened up a big
showroom up stairs for Christmas
goods, and has added to his stock
over \$1,000 worth of samples in dolls
and fancy goods, which are offered at
half the regular price. Great chance
for Christmas bargains.

The children of the Protestant Orphan
Asylum share in the general festi-
vity tomorrow. Besides the regula-
tion Christmas dinner of turkey and
plum pudding with all the fixings, a
tree laden with gifts and sundry good
things will gladden the hearts of the
little ones.

The Boston express today was two
hours late and the C. P. R. from Mon-
treal three hours. The delay is caused
by the heavy Christmas traffic in pas-
sengers, express parcels and mail. An
extra car had to be put on the Boston
express today to accommodate the ex-
tra mail.

DUFFERIN HOTEL.
Dinner will be served in the Duf-
ferin hotel tomorrow from 6 p. m. un-
til 8.30 p. m. The following is the menu:

CHRISTMAS, 1902.
Oysters on the Half Shell.
Sauterne.
Canapee of Sardines and Oliver.
Moss Meringue Souffle.
Celery, Sliced Tomatoes, Radishes, Lettuce,
Salted Almonds.
Sherry.
Filets de Salmon a la Indienne.
Larded Sweetbread in Croustade.
Velouté Sauce.
Broiled French Chop in Frills.
Sauterne.

Pâtée de foie.
Asparagus in Cream.
Marsala a la Spaniola. Brandy Punch.
Champagne.
Roast Prime Ribs Western Beef a Jus.
Roast Turkey, Chestnut Dressing.
Roast Young Suckling Pig, Apple Dressing.
Boiled Capon. Oyster Sauce.
Creamed Potatoes. Plain Potatoes. Baked
Hicory Verie. Sweet Potatoes. Spinach.
Chutney.
Roast Hare of Red Deer.
Black Currant Jelly.
Birch Partridge. Chip Potatoes.
Mallard Duck. Port Wine Sauce.
Quail on Toast. Black Duck.
English Plum Pudding.
Cognac and Hard Sauce.
Port.

Apple Pie. Boston Cream Pie.
Banana Custard Pie. Charlotte Russe.
French Cake. Glace Jelly a la Ananas.
Whipped Cream.
Christmas Fruit Cake. Pound Cake.
McLaren's Imperial Cream Cheese.
Rougette Cheese.
Pears. Malaga Grapes. Bananas. Bon Bons.
Oranges.
Almonds. Walnuts. Brazil Nuts.
Layer Raisins.
Tea.
Coffee.

There is splendid skating on the
Kennebecasis, and many are taking
advantage of it. The ice is about three
inches thick, and is glib as glass. This
morning a party of young men skated
down from Rothesay to Millidgeville,
and between these two places
many people are having lots of fun.
The ice is not yet strong enough for
teams, but the crossing on foot from
Baywater to Millidgeville is quite
safe.

STREET RAILWAY.

Manager Neilson Talks of Improve-
ments Next Year.

Manager Neilson, of the street rail-
way, in speaking to the Star today,
said that the company intended doing
a lot of work next year and would
make the car service more efficient
than it is at present.

The new line in Carleton will be com-
menced in the early spring, whenever
the ground is in a fit condition, and
work will be rapidly pushed forward.
In addition to this Mr. Neilson hinted
at further extensions of the line, but
declined to give any definite infor-
mation, stating that while some matters
are now under consideration they have
not been finally decided upon.

Six new cars of the most modern type
have been purchased for the city ser-
vice. These cars are of a combination
pattern, and will be suitable for both
summer and winter use. They have
heavy plate glass sides for winter ser-
vice, and these being removed in sum-
mer make the cars practically open
ones. The cars, instead of being fitted
with benches, are furnished with
individual cane seats, which will pre-
vent overcrowding and add greatly to
the comfort of patrons. Mr. Neilson is
pleased with the improvements they have
not been finally decided upon.

The new signs to be used on the pre-
sent cars have arrived and will be af-
fixed to the cars as soon as possible.
These signs are of white and blue
enamel on steel, the different colors
being used for the different routes.

Along with these signs are others
which will be placed on the trolley
wires and poles on the streets to
designate the stopping places of the
cars. In the past it has been custom-
ary for the cars to stop whenever
signalled either for passengers to get
on board or leave, and this system has
been the cause of much annoyance.

In the future the cars will stop only at
the points indicated by the street signs, but
these will be located as conveniently
as possible. No changes will be made
in the custom of not stopping while on
certain steep grades, but in long blocks
such as on Prince William street be-
tween King and Princess only the sta-
ted stops will be made. On the grades
where the cars stop coming down hill,
but do not stop on the way up, the
signs will be placed on the posts at
the respective sides of the track.

Mr. Neilson says that the loss to the
company by the fire on Gibson's
wharf will be fully \$1,000, the
greater part being due to the destruc-
tion of the dynamo and the connec-
tions to the pump. The shed itself
was partially insured.

SOME PRESENTATIONS.
The big twelve inch mill at the Port-
land Rolling Mills was the scene of a
pleasurable incident this morning
when, in the presence of some hun-
dreds of employees, Manager R. C. El-
kin, Supt. Eben Perkins, and Adam Mc-
Intyre, the bookkeeper, were each made
the recipients of addresses and gifts.

The presentations were made by
Herbert S. Mayes, outside foreman of
the mills, and in the addresses read to
the different officials were many ex-
pressions of the goodwill existing be-
tween the employees.

Mr. Elkin, who is building a yacht
for next summer's pleasure, was pre-
sented with a fine pair of glasses and a
barometer. Mr. Perkins received a
handsome travelling companion, and
Mr. McIntyre a Morris chair. The
incident was a complete surprise to
the recipients, who made suitable re-
sponses.

Albert E. Cameron, foreman of the
Sun Job office, was presented by the
job room staff with a handsome um-
brella. Mr. Cameron made a fitting re-
ply to the presentation.

Another presentation took place at
the Sulphite Fibre Mill, when the
employees assembled this forenoon
to read an address to Mr. Golding,
foreman of the mill, accompanying the
address was a fine fur collar. The
presentation was made on behalf of
the men by James McInerney.

The altar boys of the Cathedral of
the Immaculate Conception will today
present Rev. P. J. McMurray, parish
priest, with a purse of gold, and those
of the Church of St. John the Baptist
will perform a similar pleasant duty
towards Rev. W. C. Gaynor.

Through the kindness of the ladies
of the W. C. T. U. twelve families in
the city, whose Christmas would other-
wise be somewhat unhappy, were to-
day made able to enjoy the day. Last
evening twelve large baskets were pre-
pared, containing turkeys, chickens,
vegetables, fruit and candy, and this
forenoon they were delivered at homes
where such things are greatly needed.

The hearts of the Street Railway
Co.'s employees were gladdened today
by the action of the management in
presenting each man with a turkey.
The scene in the company's office this
morning was a busy one, when the
large table was heaped up with the
materials for one hundred and fifty
Christmas dinners, and almost the
whole office staff from the manager up
to the janitor was putting the labels
on each present. More turkeys were
purchased than were necessary for
the employees, and those left over were
distributed among needy persons in
the city.

THOS. MCGUIGGAN'S CONDITION.
Thomas McGuiggan, who attempted
suicide yesterday, is today reported as
doing all right. He is holding his own,
but the doctors say it will be impos-
sible to tell for some days whether he
will recover. While there is good
ground for hope that he may get
better the doctors would not be sur-
prised if he should take a sudden turn
for the worse.

GOOD SKATING.
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safe.

THE INTERCOLONIAL.
Dr. March:
You're real naughty and unkind, and
we are very angry indeed.

BOARD OF HEALTH.
Board of Health:
Chase yourselves.

DR. MARCH.
The Intercolonial:
My life is empty. Can't you raise
some wheat? I'm tired warming cars.

THE I. C. R. ELEVATOR.
The Street Lights:
To me you are but strangers. I have
never seen your light, but I hope that
you'll burn brighter on New Year's
night.

CARLETON.
C. P. R.
You're you givin' us.

THE CITY.
Intercepted in Passage for Benefit of
Star Readers.

The following messages of peace and
good will for this glad Christmas
time are on their way through the
mails today. They will be delivered to
their expectant destinations tonight or
by the first delivery tomorrow morn-
ing. The Star is not at liberty to state
how it obtained copies of them in ad-
vance.

His Honor R. J. Ritchie:
A Christmas you — * * * ?
W. W. CLARKE,
Chief of Police.

W. W. Clarke,
Chief of Police:
Here is something for your stocking,
you? ? * * * ?
R. J. RITCHIE.

The Common Council:
May I, during this joyous season,
while wishing you one and all innum-
erable pickings during a term of office
extending over innumerable years, ven-
ture to remind you of that little out-
standing bill of \$16,300 odd, with in-
terest.

M. CONNOLLY.
M. Connolly:
May your days be long in the land
(11 hours long) and as numerous as
the days on which our time keeper says
your dredge didn't work. Many hap-
py returns of your dredge to winter
quarters.

THE COMMON COUNCIL.
The Present Telegraph Editors:
Merry Christmas. Make hay while
the sun shines. For the night cometh.
THE OTHER EDITORS.
Col. Tucker:
It's no Happy New Year for us.
THE LOBSTERS.
Dr. Morrison:
Tell with your buxaw.
THE TAN-YARD GANG.
All Laboring Men:
Merry Christmas. Come and see the
callous spots on our hands.
W. H. HATHEWAY.
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