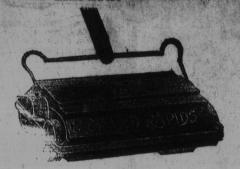
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MAINE NEWS.

A Cold Spell-Two Fatalities-Ocean Tug Wrecked.

Tug Wrecked.

AUGUSTA, Dec. 13.—The temperature here at 1.30 a. m. was 20 below, having dropped 40 degrees since Friday noon. BANGOR, Dec. 12.—The weather here tonight is severe, the temperature having dropped to fifteen below zero at midnight, with every-prospect of reaching 20 or 25 below at daylight.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 12.—George W. Prescott, one of the founders, and the first president of the Union Iron works, was found dead in his apartments at the Palace hotel today, aged 65 years. It is believed that death resulted from heart failure. The deceased was a native of Maine.

BANGOR, Dec. 12.—Martin McGoff, employed in the logging camp of John Ross at Sandy stream, was struck by a failing tree last Tuesday and suffered fracture of the collar bone and internal injuries. He was carried by tote team 36 miles to Millinocket and reached here on Thursday. Today he was taken to the Eastern Maine general hospital, where he died tonight.

BANGOR, Dec. 12.—Charles Duffy, supposed to have come here from Boston, was found dead in bed at a camp in the town of Garland, where he was hired out to chop cordwood, this morning. The man is saild to have been drinking heavily, and no other cause its assigned for his death. The body has been brought to Bangor and an inquest will be held.

ROCKLAND, Dec. 12.—The new ocean tug Astral, owned by the Standard Oil Co., and used in towing oil barges up and down the coast, was totally wrecked on Mt. Desert Rock light.

COMING TO CANADA.

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English Syndicate Wants to Colonize New Ontario -- Settlers for Alberta

MONTREAL, Que., Dec. 12.—The Star's London cable says: "The Canadian government's arrangements here for next season's emigration are making rapid strides. It is authoritatively announced today that an English syndicate of capitalists is being formed to secure from the province of Ontario a similar concession to that granted by the provincial government to the United States syndicate, whereby two million acres of land was sold at one dollar per acre, with the view of taking into new Ontario 50,000 United States settlers within three years.

It is stated that the British syndicate commands a large sum of money. The Canadian government has approved of a scheme promoted by Rev. Mr. Barr for the colonization of British agriculturists in Alberta. The scheme it is expected will lead to a special party of two thousand going to Alberta from England. Passages have already been arranged from Liverpool for more than one thousand early in the spring.

INSURANCE DEAL

LOUISVILLE, Ky., Dec. 13.—It was stated on good authority last night that a deal has been consumated whereby the Sun Life Insurance Company of America, with beadquarters the Sun Life Insurance Company of America, with headquarters in this city, has re-insured its entire business in the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. of New York. The deal was practically closed at a meeting of the board of directors of the Sun Life company held here yesterday and a special meeting of the stockholders has been called for today to ratify the transfer.

MARCONI DELAYED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 12.—The unexpected departure of the Carlo Alberto from Cape Breton will idoubtless delay-Mr. Marconi somewhat, and will probably cause him to remain longer at Table Head than was at first expected.

GREAT C. P. R. SCHEME

TORONTO, Dec. 13.—The Canadian Pacific are to build a large fleet of steamers for lake trade and to this end will support the Bertrams of Toronto, in establishing a million dollar plant.

Some very pretty flannel, hen-rietta and silk walsts have just been opened for the Christmas trade at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s. Prices are most reasonable.

C. P. R. AND ST. JOHN.

D. McNicoll, second vice-president and general manager of the C. P. R., was in the city yesterday. In an interview he said: "The C. P. R. intend in the spring to make a number of improvements at Fairville which with the handling of freight making any further improvements at West St. John, excepting those under construction until such time as the people of St. John take hold themselves and do something further in the way of increasing their harbor facilities. "Increased harbor accommodation is urgently required as the trade is growing enormously. I have plans for these improvements, which, if St. John would carry them into effect, would not only stimulate the winterport business, but would also be certain to largely increase the trade brought to this city."

WAIT THL YOU SEE US NEXT YEAR.

(Hon. Raymond Prefontaine.)
"I intend visiting St. John and the rest
the province next summer and becoming
uniliar with the requirements and condions of the affairs of the department."

TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Judgment was given this morning dismissing the election petition against T. S. Carscal-len, M. P., for Lennox.

BOWMANVILLE, Ont., Dec. 12.— John MacKay, proprietor of the Cale-lonia Mills, died here today, aged 65.

MR. FOSTER TO RETURN. Sir Charles Tupper On Prospect of His Re-entrance.

(Ottawa Citizen, Dec. 10.)

Re-entrance.

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Sir Charles Tupper, the veteran statesman and retired leader of the conservative party, is paying a brief visit to Ottawa, the guest of Mr. and Mr2. J. A. Gemmill, Cliffside. Sir Charles is on his way back to Winnipeg from Montreal, where he had been spending a few days on business, accompanied by Lady Tupper and their son, Stewart Tupper, barrister, of Winnipeg. Although out of politics and devoting his time and talent to bisiness affairs, the ex-prime minister takes a lively interest in matters of state and even in current politics. His observation that in Montreal he had met R. L. Borden, his successor in the party leadership, suggested the inquiry what Sir Charles thought of the rumor that his former colleague and finance minister, Hon. G. E. Foster, is likely to get the conservative nomination in North Ontario.

"I should not be surprised if it were correct," was Sir Charles' reply. "Mr. Foster is a strong man and would be an acquisition to parliament. I should think he would have no difficulty in carrying North Ontario, which at the last election gave Mr. McLeod, the late conservative member, a majority of 500. There is a revolution in Ontario against the liberal government. It was felt at the general election when the liberal majority of twelve was turned into a minority of twelve was turned into a minority of 20; it is still in full swing. Besides, it must be remembered that the Ross government will have very little influence to exert in the contest. With a popular majority of 7,000 against him, Mr. Ross is paralyzed; he is on his beam-ends, so to speak. The tide of popular sentiment is against the liberal and provincial issues. I do not see, therefore, why if Mr. Foster accepts the nomination he should not be returned for North Ontario by a handsome majority."

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MONTREAL, Dec. 10.—As a result of the conference held at the Windsor Hotel between Sir Charles Tupper, R. L. Borden, leader of the liberal conservative party; Hon, Geo, E. Foster, ex-minister of finance, and prominent conservatives, the announcement was made today that Hon, Geo, E. Foster would contest the approaching by election in North Ontario, where the seat had been rendered vacant by the death of Angus McLeod.

The general opinion among the leaders of the conservative party was that the opposition would be greatly strengthened by having the assistance of a man with Mr. Foster's debating powers.

Before leaving for the east today Mr. Borden stated that owing to the deligateness of the situation he did not feel justified in discussing the announcement, but would say that such a decision had been arrived at. The general feeling among the conservative leaders is that Hon, Geo, E. Foster will be returned by a substantial majority.

When seen at the office of the Union Trust Company this morning Mr. Foster made the following statement: "You may say that I have attended no conference and made no promises, but am simply attending to my own

no conference and made no promises but an simply attending to my own business. It is for the people of the constituency to make their own choice, so as best to conserve their own in-terests and promote the success of the

The adjourned case against Edward O'Brien for doing business in the city without a license was taken up by the magistrate this morning. Auctioneer Lantalum appeared and said that he was the sole agent for that concern which sent the pictures now being sold on King street. It was stated that Mr. O'Brien had made sales of goods and was assisting in the auctions. He was ordered to take out the necessary license at once.

SALE AND TEA

The Christmas sale of cake, candy, plum pudding, &c., under the auspices of S. Monica's guild of the Missian Church, is being held in the Church of Eng.and Institute rooms this afternoon and evening. The tables are in charge of the following ladies:

Plum puddings:—Mrs. Charles Mc-Lauchin, Mrs. Charles Campbell, and Mrs. E. A. Lynge.

Lauchlin, Mrs. Charles Campoen, and
Mrs. F. A. Jones.
Mrs. F. A. Jones.
Mystery table:—Mrs. Kenney, Mrs.
Hoyt, Miss Cline.
Candy:—Mrs. H. B. Schofield, Miss
Helen Jack.
Five O'clock Tea:—Mrs. Edward
Sturdee and a number of young ladies.

TO EXPLOIT NEWFOUNDLAND. H. J. Crowe of Halifax passe

H. J. Crowe of Halifax passed through the city yesterday en route to New York, where he goes to meet American capitalists in connection with securing control of the greater part of the lumber areas of Newfoundland. Mr. Crowe has options on many lumber properties in Newfoundland, and if all the lands now under option are purchased the company's operations will be large.

PHWNY'S FRENCH KID GLOVES, the kind that wear well, sold at popular prices at Dyke man's.

NOT ALD. BULLOCK.

The Star is informed that the defendant in the oil storage case is not Ald. T. 3H. Bullock, but Joseph Bullock, representative of the Imperial Oil Co. Ald. Bullock does not appear in the case at all.

JOINT HIGH COMMISSION.

An Ottawa despatch to the Toronto Globe says the Imperial government wants another meeting of the joint high commission, and it is believed Roosevelt is favorable.

VENEZUELA.

British and German Ships Blockade La Guayra

La Guayra

LA GUAYARA, Venez., Dec. 12.—
The British cruiser Charybdis, flying Commodore Monigomery's flag, the German cruiser Vineta, and the German training ship Stosch, arrived here this morning and have taken positions commanding the town and fortresses. Several merchantmen and the Dutch steamer Prinz William IV, and a royal mail steamer arrived off the port today, but were prevented from entering the harbor by the British cruiser Indefatigible, whose captain said he would not be responsible for what might happen if the vessels were allowed to enter. The steamers applied for lighters to enable them to discharge their cargoes, but the request was refused by the custom house authorities, who declare the vessels may enter the port as usual, there being no reason for their remaining outside. All amunition is being removed from the fortress and barracks here and taken to Caracas and it is apparently the intention to abandon the fown.

FORT OF SPAIN, Island of Trindad, Dec. 12.—The captured Venezuelan gunboats are now manned by British saliors and are doing British work. There is now one cruiser at this port. The other men-of-war continue to blockade the Venezuelan coast. The navigation of the Orinoco river has been reopened.

SLUMP IN CONSOLIDATED.

Was Precipitated by the Closing of will be surprised. the Rail Mill.

PHILADELPHIA. Dec. 12.—There were three important developments today in connection with the collapse of the shares of the Consolidated Lake Superior Company. At a meeting of the directors of the company President F. S. Lewis resigned. His successor was not chosen. The directors issued a statement announcing that the last quarterly dividend of 13-4 per cent., payable Dec. 15, had been deferred and it was learned that the board had succeeded in arranging for a loan of \$1,000,000.

In the market today Consolidated Lake Superior preferred stock dropped to 33 3-4, a decline of 34.25 a share, since the decline began. Common sold at 6, a fall of \$13.55 a share during the same period. The cause of the company's financial difficulty is the existing money stringency.

The closing of the company's steel rail mill at Sault Ste. Marie, which appears to have procepitated the spectacular decline of the stock, is said by officials to be due to the non-completion of blast furnaces, steel plants and other improvements. PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.-There

NEW CONSUMPTION CURE.

Marvellous Result of Treatment of Fred Hammann By Vienna Specialist.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—Fred Hammann, a patient with hasty consumption, selected by the New York Journal at the Vanderbilt Clinic from 100 other cases, and sent at the Journal's expense to Prof. Hoff, the eminent specialist at Vienna, to prove to the world that the disease is curable, has returned home, completely cured. Dr. Hoff's famous prescription, together with a bottle of the medicine and a twenty-four page handbook, containing the Journal's account of the cure as it progressed, is being sent out free to consumptives and all sufferers from bronchitis, asthma and catarrh, by the Journal Research Society, 502 Amer-ican Tract Building, New York City.

FOOLS ON BICYCLES.

Eight Thousand People Witness Their Self-Torture.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—On the last of the six day bicycle race eight teams are left of the sixteen that started. At six o'clock the garden contained about 8,000 spectators, most of whom had brought their meals with them in order to stay for the finish. Stanson rides around the track, his face distorted with the pain he is suffering from a broken collar bone; Calvin's appearance is enough to excite sympathy from the most hardened spectator and all of them have to be lifted from their wheels and carried to their rooms.

BOYS' BRIGADES,

The Boys' Brigades of the city met last night and organized a battalion, with the following officers: Lt. Colonel, Jas. Buchanan; Major, Wm. Morrison; Adjutant, Major Dooe; Quartermaster, Rev. R. Mathers: Chaplain, Dr. T. F. Fotheringham; Brigade Secretary, Capt. Farren.

It is requested that the officers of any company now in existence or about to be formed, who were not at last night's meeting and would like to be connected with the battalion, send their address to the secretary, Capt. Farren, 40 Peter street, who will give them information concerning the idea of the battalion.

THE MISSING ORIANA.

Up to noon today there was no sign of the Furness line steamer Oriana which sailed from Liverpool for this port Nov. 25. The Oriana was to load here and at Halifax for South Africa. There is considerable anxiety among shipping men here regarding her safety.

ANOTHER DOUK COMING

Men's

Winter Goods:

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

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MISCELLANEOUS.

Advertisements under this Head: Two words for one cent each time, or Three cent a word for ten times. Payable in advance. Get \$2.00 worth of the latest sheet music ir loc. Address ST. JOHN MUSIC CLUB. . John, N. B.

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ter Nickie Cases for safe cheap. Call and
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ST. JOHN STAR.

ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 13, 1902.

SEASONABLE THOUGHTS.

Coal is high and the weather is cold, but the people of New Brunswick may neverthelest regard the approach of Christmas with a degree of satisfaction and thankfulness. The province has eccived no important accessions to its population, nor has there been a boom has experienced, but the year has ployed, with lumber high in price, with crops good and markets profitable, and now good sleighing has come to give an impulse to holiday trade. If there is a weak point in the financial situation it is perhaps a tendency to overspeculation, which, however, nearly so marked here as in the up-

The outlook for the winter is good, espite the fact that fuel is so expensive. As the Star stated yesterday, there is a great deal of work in connection with the winter port trade, and in addition the various factories are busy and several of the sawmills will con tinue in operation.

"I wish there were only one Christmas in ten years," sighed a citizen yesterday. But he was not in earnest. The problem of Christmas presents loomed large before him, and like the maiden of the Moated Grange, he was a-weary. But he had once been a lit-

maiden of the Moated Grange, he was a-weary. But he had once been a little boy, wide-eyed and eager, longing for the coming of Christmas, with its gifts and good cheer, and when the day comes round again and the faces of other little children glow with happiness the wish of yesterday will be discounted at least wine years.

There are certain carlstmas or New Year's gifts which the clitzens as a whole would appreciate, but which are likely to be delayed. There is a new assessment law, for example, for which the stocking has been hung up a long time. Then there is the manual training school, which has come down the chimney of many smaller civic houses than ours. There is also the abattoir, which appears at present to be a chilled meat proposition. Following the example of children, who invariably in their letters to Santa Claus ask for much more than they get, the citizens might mention an improved ferry service or bridge to Carleton, a dry dock, some new wharves on the west side, a dredge, and, perhaps, an occasional victory for the city in a lawsuit or arbitration case. But perhaps there is no gift the individual citizen would so much appreciate as a license to tell the new telephone what he thinks of it.

RASH SPECULATION.

decline in stocks, with margins wiped out and heavy losses sustained in Toronto and Montreal. It is the old story Men not accustomed to speculation get the notion in their heads that they can make money faster by a lucky purchase of stock than in ordinary commercial operations. Clerks or men in it, are bitten by the speculative mania and begin to put up margins on "a sure thing." Professional men make a purchase now and then, become gradually interested, and go in deeper. Sometime gains are made, but oftener, in the case of inexperienced speculators, the end is oss. The chance to "get rich quick" is a great temptation, but the bait is so often only an artful allurement that lowing observations made by the Maritime Merchant, in an article on The Ravages of Speculative Fever, appear o be decidedly opportune in view of the

to be decidedly opportune in view of the recent heavy losses reported:—
"We hope that all merchants who are using funds for speculative purposes that should be invested in their regular business will see the wisdom of removing them from uncertain speculative channels at the very first opportunity. We hope that clerks who have fifty dollars or more saved up and may be tempted to 'go in,' may think seriously before taking such a step. We hope that everybody who is not in the way of following the market very closely will not jeopardize their little savings that would be better employed in

THE VINDICTIVE TELEGRAPH.

The Telegraph this morning, refer Norman Woodbridge and G. Powers and that of cruelty

the Telegraph, which had two repre-sentatives present in the role of prose-cutors, is either stating what is false or is guilty of a gross breach of faith. The conduct of the Telegraph in this affair has been unworthy of a

ible for so much of the public morals, the public welfare and the public education as the exalted Telegraph, should Surely there must have been one of "Heaven lies about us in our infancy," so delicately quoted by the erudite and all seeing "Chatterer" today, was not "according to Tennyson." Lieber M." hasn't forgotten his Wordsworth.

WORSE THAN ST. JOHN.

Portland, Me, Cannot Get Coal at Any Price

(Portland Press, Thursday.)
A conservative estimate of the situation is that not more than one family in half a dozen has a supply of hard coal. There is not a pound of it that can be bought in the city and the dealers have been driven nearly frantic this week in explaining to their customers these conditions. Streams of people have been calling at the offices of the dealers this week and offering high prices for coal while the telephones to these offices have been ringing all of the time. But nothing can be done as the dealers are not able at any price to supply the demand.

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Today the barge Robesonia is expected to arrive at this port with 1500 tons of coal for the the A. R. Wright Co. The Randall & McAllister Co. also expect a cargo of 1500 tons today. These lots of coal, however, will be disposed of in quick order and will not come anywhere near being able to satisfy the demands of the Portland people. This lot that will come for the Randall & McAllister cempany was contracted for as long ago as last April. One of the Portland dealers in speaking of the situation yesterday afternoon said that the trouble was that almost all of the coal at the mines is being sent across the lakes and is going to the west. All of the dealers stated that it was simply impossible to get any anthracite and that this critical condition of affairs was likely to continue for the greater part of the winter. "It think that it will be at least March before we get coal in large enough quantities," said the manager of one of the largest concerns.

There is a limited supply of soft coal in the market and this will tide over the situation in a measure. This kind of coal is selling for \$8 a ton, at least \$2 higher than it has ever been before. Some of the grades of this soft coal are not fit for domestic use.

Hard wood is selling in the city for \$10 a cord. There is probably enough of this last for a time but for the last two years it has been scarce compared with former years. The price this winter is the same as it was years ago but two years ago it was selling for \$8 a cord.

Because of the inability to get any more coal the Forest Fibre Co. of Yarmouth yesterday was obliged to shut down. One of the leading state officials telephoned to one of the large Portland dealers yesterday asking it coal in some way, could not us secured for him. This official was willing to course affect quite a number of people of that town and besides this the entire machinery of the plant is l

Saturday purchases should include a backage of Red Rose tea. It's good

GOLD KING AND BEAR GULCH JOINED LIVINGSTON, Dec. 4.— The directors of the Gold King Mining Company held a meeting today in the law office of A. P. Mtrk, and took steps towards cossolida-ity, the Gold King and the Bear Guich pro-perties, in pursuance of the recent, agree-ment. A. J. Campbell of Butte was elected presider of the company, and a meeting of the stoccholders was called for Jan. 28.





Carpet Sweepers, etc W. H. Thorne & Co.
The Invictus M. L. Savage
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SATURDAY SERMONETTE. "He wins who laughs."

The doctors tell us that a hearty laugh is as good as a medicine; that it and the digestive organs in their functions; has a be eficial effect upon the lungs, and in divers and sundry other ways is a healthy exercise, besides having the merit of being a cheap one. And the doctors ought to know sometimes than it.

Ing the merit of being a cheap one. And the doctors ought to know something about it.

But not only are the physical results of laughter worthy of mention, for mentally as well it sometimes acts as a tonic to the worn-out nerves and tired mind. Sometimes a laugh will do more than anything else to drive the sobwebs from the brain and set things right. How many times when it is a toss up whether to laugh or cry, and a slight thing turns the scales in the favor of the laughter, do we find that though the laugh may be a bit shaky at first it clears the atmosphere won-derfully. And in like manner will it drive away a touch of ill humor. If we give the laughter a chance, it will, even though it may not be altogether spontaneous, after a moment be joined in by the other party to the disagreement—or whatever it may be—and by it we will usually find that all traces. ment—or whatever it may be—and by i we will usually find that all traces o

mont—or whatever it may be—and by it we will usually find that all traces of the annoyance are swept away.

It is always better to laugh at a foke, even though it is as stale as a last year's calendar, for that is what jokes are for, and their mission is not accomplished if they are not appreciated. But more than that is it wise—even though harder—to laugh when the joke is almed at oneself.

The person who looks on the best side of life, and can always see something to tickle the risibles, even in misfortune, usually gets along a little better than the individual who never laughs except when forced into it, and then under protest, so to speak. It helps life along amazingly to be brave and bright, even when facing difficulties; helps not only one's self but others who see us daily; and he who is blessed with the disposition to give a joke and take it, to pass the laugh along, thereby giving occasion for a dose of laughter-medicine, is a real benefactor to the human race.

A DIGBY SCHEME To Get a Short Line Via That Port From Sydney to Boston.

Sydney to Boston.

OTTAWA, Dec. 12.— Application will be made at the next assistion for an act to incorporate a company to be called the Digity & Sydney Railway Commencing from a point near the town of Digby, thence to a point at or rear Windsor Junetton, passing through the counties of Digby, Annapolis, Queens, Lunenburg and Hailfax, thence in an easterly direction to Sydney, C. B., with power to construct, own and pull the here in an easterly direction to Sydney, C. B., with power to construct, own and pull the here in the property of the counties of the property of the country of t

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

F. W. Sumner of Moncton, went to Mait-iand, N. S., on Thursday where his new schooner, the Marjorie J., is about ready to be launched. It is expected the launch will take place about Monday. FEMININE FINANCIER

Grocer—"Well little girl what can 1 do or you this morning?"
Little Girl—"Mother sent me to get change or a dollar and said to tell you she would live you the dollar tomorrow."—Chicago

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 12.—Post Office Inspector Fletcher has received word that two mail carriers who left Lyn Nov. 28 for Log Cabin with two dog teams, were drowned at Taku Arm.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
Arrived.
—S S Westport, 48, Powsch Harry Morris, 98, barge No 4, 439, McLe

BIRTHS.

ALMER-At Moncton Dec. 11th, to the wife of George N. Palmer, of the I. C. R. ac-countant's office, a son.

MARRIAGES.

DEATHS.

21 Genics—sizes 5 ft., 6 ft., 6 1-2 ft. Bed of patent laminated wood, with stoel signlers; the only bed that will remain perfectly level under all condi-lons. Green broadcloth cover, steel and rubber cushlons.

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SUNDAY SERVICES.



OVER 50 YEARS IN USE.

SAIRD & PETERS, St. John,

The Artillery Band held an At Home last evening at McLaughlin's hall, which was largely attended by representative citizens and friends of the band. The room was prettily decorated and it proved a most enjoyable occasion. Major Crawford, the chairman of the band committee of the 3rd New Brunswick Canadian Artillery, was in the chair and filled the position with perfect satisfaction. The band gave a number of selections, all of which were admirably played. It was really the first time they attempted concert muste in public since the band were supplied with their new instruments, and their performance was a revolation to all present. During the evening speeches were made by Mayor White, Aldermen Maxweil and Mec-Goldrick, Dr. March, Hon. H. A. Mec Heown and Lt. Col. Jr. R. Armstrong. A quartette composed of Chas. Knight, Fred Atkinson, Edward Burrell and H. S. Crawford gave several selections. Light refreshments were served and smoking indulged in by all who cared for the weed.

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

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Expect to Hold a Big Fancy Sale in

On Thursday evening regular divis officers. The lady associates of the or der have been meeting twice a week and preparing fancy articles, etc., for the sale, which will be held about January 19th. A number of the prizes are now on exhibition at John White's store, Charlotte street, also others at Amland Bros., and can be seen at any time. The leading prizes are a handsome parlor suite, second prize, bedroom suite, and lotteries for each of the four tables: Rose, Canadian, Thistie and Irish.

During the past month three sewing machines have been hard at work getting out fancy work.

The total value of prizes will easily reach the sum of \$1,000, Two prominent prizes are those for the fucky ticket holder, a gold watch, Waltham movement, and the Foreign prize. This is a unique feature. The lucky ticket holders win a year's subscription to each of the daily papers. No tickets for this competition will be sold in the city or county. der have been meeting twice a week

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BUNDAY BERVICES.

81. John's Church—Rector, Rev. J. de Sorres, Services tomorrow at 8 Gloty Communion, at 1 and 7. Sunday school at 1 o'check. Christian Science services Sunday Christian Science services Sunday Christian Science services Sunday action, rector [Rev. Q. R. E. March and Sunday action]. The mean of property week action, rector [Rev. Q. R. E. March and Sunday action]. The mean of property week actions, rector [Rev. Q. R. E. March and Sunday action]. The mean of property week actions, rector [Rev. Q. R. E. March and Sunday action]. More in the morning action of the morning act

USING POOR COAL.

Very much of the alow time being made on the I. C. R. of late is said to be attributed to the poor quality of coal in use or the road. Trainment say that it is almost impossible to keep up steam with the friet they have to use. The coal is said to be one of very interior quality, most of it being the diegs of the American coal imported two or three years sayo, and which was greatly demaged as the result of being piled up sutterned to the coal interior to considered interior to considered interior to run of mine being see fine that at a difficult, to maintain any sort of a fire with the

MT. CARYLE COAL.

MORNING'S NEWS

LOCAL.

There's Christmas cheer in a cup of Red Rose tea.

Principal Woodbridge of the Fredericton Deaf and Dumb Institute has resigned. Mr. Woodbridge intends to make his home in Fredericton, living on his Forest Hill farm.

Acting upon the decision of the board of works yesterday, the director will begin at once the erection of the shed which is to extend from No. 3 to No. 4 shed at Sand Point. The cost of the erection will be in the vicinity of \$3,000, and the Elder-Dempster line, who will use it, agree to pay the city \$50 for the same this season.

Fred Macnelli, son of Rev. L. G. Macnelli, pastor of St. Andrew's church of this city, who has been for several years a much valued employe of Scammell Bros. shipping office here, left last evening on a trip to England for a few weeks, combining business with pleasure.

Among the last appointments made at McGill University was one which will interest the friends of Dr. A. H. Gorden, who won the gold medal on his graduation in 1900. Dr. Gorden has been appointed lemonstrator of physiology in the place of Dr. Scone, who has left Montreal.

Anniversary missionary services will be held tomorrow in Moncton Methodist churches. Rev. C. W. Hamilton of Carmarthen street will preach in the Central in the morning and the Wesley Memorial in the evening. He will leave today by the C. P. R. for Moncton.

A large number of primary and Junior teachers met yesterday after-

junior teachers met yesterday after-neon in the Germain street Baptist parlor and discussed the lesson for next Sabbath and enjoyed Mrs. Robin-son's talk on Santa Claus and Christ-nas. The union adjourned to meet after the holidays on Friday, Janu-iry 2nd.

At the ping pong tournament in the

At the ping pong tournament in the rooms of W. H. Thorne & Co., Chipnan Hill, yesterday afternoon R. F. Wright defeated R. Frith 6-0,6-0, and W. D. Foster defeated R. Stockton played twery fast game. This evening there will be two games, H. T. Landry playing A. M. Frith at 7.30 and A. S. Hatdeld playing Arthur Dick at 8.15.

Mrs. Dr. Sheffleld held a tea from 4.30 to 6.30 yesterday afternoon at her home on Princess street in honor of her nicee, Miss Ross. Mrs. Sheffleld was beautifully robed in black silk. The young ladies who assisted at the function were the Misses Winifred Fairweather, Ethel Baird, Ethel Addy, Mary Inches, R. MacAvity, Ida Warwick, Miss Fugsley, Miss Robertson. The following have been elected office bearers of division No. 1, A. O. H., for the ensuing term: W. L. Williams, president; Fried L. Barrett, recording secretary; John R. McCloskey, treasurer; Thos, J. McCloan, seergeant-at arms; James Mackin, sentine!; T. J. Ferrie, outside sentine!; John Gallagher, vice-president; Fried L. Barrett, recording secretary; Thos, J. McCloan, sergeant-at arms; James Mackin, sentine!; T. J. Ferrie, outside sentine!; John Gallagher, vice-president; Fried L. Barrett, recording secretary; Thos, J. McCloan, sergeant-at arms; James Mackin, sentine!; T. J. Ferrie, outside sentine!; Thon Gallagher, vice-president, Frew Ludies Orange Benevolent Association held its monthing meeting at the Temperance hall, west end, on Thursday evening. The officers elected were: Worthy mistress, Mrs. Robert Perry; deputy mistress, Mrs. Chas. Perkins; chaplain, Mrs. Isaac McLeod.

The Trades and Labor Council held its regular session last night in Labor Hall. The report of the committee in consection with the tax commission was received. The winter loc carry it inconsection with the tax commission committee reported favorably, and were given full power to carry it inconsection with the tax commission makers, fair; printers,

was educated at Edinburgh, where he won high fame in his classes. It may be parenthetically remarked that he was one of the first physicians in North America who made a name in the treatment of diphtheria.

Dr. Harding leaves one daughter, Miss Phoebe Harding, residing in the city, Stanning H., of Welsford, and Rev. Geo. H., Church of England pastor at Reviere du Loup. His wife died many years age.

The funeral will take place on Monday from his late residence. Dr. Harding's death will be mourned by a wideoutside circle, who were endeared to him in by gone years by his kindly faithfulness as a personal friend and comforter as well as a medical man.

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of the trade, offers a reward of \$100 for information that will lead to the conviction of any person, firm or corporation using deleterious materials in the reward has been added \$10 by

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Any information from the Maritime Provinces on the above subject will be carefully looked after if mailed to the

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AUCTION SALE

For safe by public auction at Chubb's Corner in the City of Saint John, on MONDAY, the FIFEPANNYH DAY OF DECEMBER: at twelve o'clock noon, the leasehold lot of land No. 73, on the north side of victoria street, with two story framed dwelling thereon. The lot is 20x100 feet and the annual rental of building \$100. Ground rost \$26.00 a year.

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TORONTO, Dec. 12.—Clergue was to-day awarded the contract for rails for the first sixty railes of the Temiscam-ing railway and for four miles of sid-ing at \$32 per ten. The Temiscaming railway is being built by the Ontario

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STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

Forecasts—Winds increasing to gales from seasuward. Snow tonight and Sunday. Synopsis—A developing disturbance is moving rapidly inward toward the middle Atlantic coast and stormy weather is now probable at the seaports between the Bay for Fundy and the United States ports. Northeast gales and snow storms. Nova Scotia to the Banks fair, with northerly winds today, easterly gales on Sunday. The lowest temperature recorded today was 8 below zero. At nine o'clock this morning it was 6 below. The highest temperature during the past twenty-four hours has been above. At nine o'clock last algat it was exactly zero.

LOCAL NEWS.

Rev. T. J. Deinstadt will speak in the North End Temperance Hall tomorrow afternoon at 4 o'clock.

The Portland rolling mills will close for two weeks for repairs about Christ-mas.

15c. and 25c. pictures for only 10c. to-night at Morrell & Sutherland's. See ad. page 4.

The high banks of snow have now been removed from the streets in the north end.

Among the cargo of the Alcides was two hundred and forty tons of puddle bar for the rolling mills.

Rev. T. J. Deinstadt will speak in Temperance hall, north end, tomorrow afternoon at four o'clock. Carleton Baptist Church—Service at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Preaching in the morning by Rev. G. N. Stevenson and in the evening by the pastor, Rev. B. N. Nobles.

Mr. Atkinson will lecture on Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at 69 Paralise row. Subject, The First Part of Israel's Journey Through the Sina Wilderness.

The management of the Opera House has the thanks of the Star for a num-ber of complimentary tickets for last evening's performance of the Mc-Cutcheon-Ellis Stock Co.

The Christmas rush in the postoffice has commenced, but as yet is of course confined to the outgoing mails. The number of packages handled daily is rapidly increasing, and it is no uncommon thing for the large receptacles through the city to be filled with mail matter.

George Chamberlain, the Mill street undertaker, has recently had his establishment enlarged and refitted in a manner which makes it now equal to any similar place in the provinces. The store adjoining Mr. Chamberlain's office was secured and the two thrown into one. Cases for specimen caskets have been placed along the walls, and the whole interior of the building remodelled.

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Michael Connolly has demanded payment of his bill for dredging, amounting to \$16,300, with interest from November 10. He is represented by Geo. V. McInerney, K. C. The matter was before the board of works yesterday, and referred to Alderman Mildige, Christie, Baxter and the recorder, with a view to settlement. There was some sharp criticism of Director Cushing's failure to notify the board that the Connolly dredge was not doing satisfactory work.

WILL YOU SAVE ME A "BAND?"

From 1863 to 1902. These are the age dates of Victoria Rink, St. John's most popular winter resort. With the circus circular it can be said the historic rink will this year be "bigger, brighter, better than ever," From season to season Manager R. J. Armstrong has added improvements to the spacious interior, and this year has been no exception. The dressing rooms and pariors are cosier than before, and in the rink itself numerous little improvements have been added for the comfort of patrons. The ice now is excellent, and Thursday evening, the 19th, the big doors will be thrown open. Prof. McIntyre, leader of the Vic.'s 'Own Band, promises, some popular music treats. So far several hundred season tickets have been sold for the rink, to be given as Christmas gifts.

An Unhappy Sallor—Jailed For Stealing an Overcoat.

ing an Overcoat.

Frank Caine sprang to attention and saluted when his name was called this morning and admitted that he had been loaded for bears last night. He looked it. His face was like something over which a spring tooth harrow had passed. He may have received his injuries while ploughing the sea, for Caine was on the Corinthian, Last night on Britain street the man had used very naughty words, and today he was fined sixteen dollars or four months, the penalty being allowed to stand provided he left the city.

A young man named Joseph Sullivan was arrested for stealing an ollskin coat from Isaac William's store on Dock street. A merchant had seen Sullivan take the coat and followed him into a store where he tried to sell it. Sullivan said that the coat was given to him by Charles O'Hearn, whom he had not previously seen for some months, and did hot hope to see again for a while. His hope will be fulfilled. He was given three months. Thomas Davis, for being drunk on Milli street, was fined four dollars or ten days.

MR. BLAIR'S L. C. R. Has Confiscated the Coal of the St John Union People.

the union coal yard has been exiting six cars of coal for two weeks in it is not here yet. Word has been received that the I. C. R. consided two cars for its way use, and ody knows where the other four

It is regarded as extraordingly that the I. C. R. should find it necessary to selze this particular lot of coal, and Mr Biair will have several questions to answer.

NEW TELEPHONE SYSTEM.

Service This Week-Work Progressing Well-All Done in Six

People who have been growling at the coldness of the weather, during the past week little thought that, among their many troubles, the mixed up telephone service of which they have been complaining, was indirectly due to the same zero temperature that froze their water pipes.

But such was the case. The telephone people are in the throes of changing their entire service from the old system to the new non-ringing, flash-light system, installed in the big siew. building on Chipman's Hill. This means an amount of labor and painful attention to thousands of little details utterly beyond the comprehension of the average subscriber. The work has been going on for the past eight months, and the change has been made gradually. It would have all been accomplished without hardly the knowledge of telephone users but for the cold snap which by keeping people indoors and causing them to use their phones where they would otherwise have run errands, has brought an unusual amount of work upon the telephone people just when they wanted things a little easy until they had become accustomed to the working of the new order of things. So during the past week, while the witch-boards and while the workmen have been discovering and remedying the little destringing of miles of miles the service has at times, under the heavy pressure, been somewhat confused. Now, however, things are working smoothly and unless something unexpected happens there will be no more hitches.

It will, however, be about six weeks more before the whole city system is centred in the new building. It is divided about equally between the two buildings now. Each takes care of a part of the service, and the two are connected by trunk lines, so a subscriber on one system can talk to a man on the other. One at a time subscriber's telephones are being connected with first, but it is only the matter of a few weeks when every keeper of a telephone in the city will only have to take his receiver off the hook and say "Hello" to be sure of a prompt reply.

MONDAY'S GRAND CONCERT.

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There can be no doubt in the minds of any, but that a really great singer will be heard in the Opera House next Monday and Tuesday nights, in the person of Ellison Van Hoose. We have the assurance of W. R. Chapman that Mr. Van Hoose is the foremost tenor of America. This is supported by the statement of A. C. Ritchle of this city, who is thoroughly competent to have an opinion which can be relied upon. Added to this is the fact that F. G. Spencer, under whose management the concert is held, has always kept his promise to the public. So those who patronize Monday evening's concert can depend on getting a great musical treat. Seats are now on sale at the box office. Van Hoose and the soprano, Miss Wetmore, will arrive on the train from the west Monday noon.

F. A. Dykeman & Co. are show ing three lines of men's initial silk handkerchiefs which are exceedingly good value. They are large sizes and the initials are beautifully worked. Prices 25c., 50c and 75c. each.

THE DEATH LIST.

	Fifteen deaths were reported to t	
8	board of health this week. They we	T
1	described as follows:	
8	Pneumonia	9
a	Consumption	
e	Bronchitis	
3	Hernia	
0	Apoplexy	
	Atheroma	
В	Empyema	
r	Convulsions	
e	Premature birth	
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×	Inflammation of kidneys	
8	Epithelimia of tongue	
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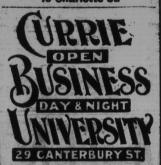
ORNAMENTS.

JUST OPENED 3 CASES. A Big Assortment, 1 Cent up.

TREE CANDLES, 3 for ic. to 5c. each.
XMAS CARDS, 2 for ic., up.
CALENDARS, 4c., 7c., 10c., 12c., to 50c. DOLLS, 2 for 1c, to \$2.00 each.
CLOCKWORK TOYS, 20c. to \$1.60 each.
MUSICAL TOYS, 10c. to \$3.50 each.
CHEAP TOYS in great variety.
PICTURE BOOKS, 1c. to 50c. each.

FANCY CUPS AND SAUCERS, 5c. to sach. Hundreds of petterns. MOSIERY, CLOVES and MITTS.

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THAS BEEN COLD.

Weather Responsible for Bad But in Spite of Intense Frost, the vice This Week-Work Pro- Snow Has Kept the Ground and LARGE

the Sewers From Freezing Solid.

In spite of the remarkably cold weather of the past week or so—below were nearly all the time—the frost has not had nearly the permanent effect that muz milder weather would have had under other conditions. The ground was barely frozen when the first 'now came and has not been uncovered since. Three successive storms have folded around the brown cold limbs of the shivering earth a soft, white blanket over a foot thick, through which even the biting of a 14 degrees below zero wind is little felt. So the workmen who have to dig down after frozen water pipes this winter are not having so much trouble as usual. True, the surface of the ground is of a hardness that turns the point of a pick and makes it necessary to build a fire over the spot marked out for digging before tools can be called into play. But the frost has gone little below the surface. In the most exposed places the ground is only frozen to a depth of about eighteen inches, and where the snow has been well piled, soft earth is found at a depth of six inches.

Along the river the conditions are similar, and as a result the country folk are so shut in that the number visiting St. John this Christmas season is very small. The roads are very heavy and in some places are so drifted as to be impassible and the river, which in such cases usually becomes the thoroughfare, is still unsafe in spite of the severe cold. When the first snow fell the lee had barely formed on the main river, and the heavy covering which has been over it ever since has prevented it from obtaining the thickness and consistency necessary for safe driving. River people say that it needs a good rain to wet the snow which covers the ice and then a good hard frost before the river will be entirely safe.

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Toys as low as 10 cents a dogen. Calltonight and see them. McLean's Dept.
Stores, 565 Main and 14 Dock streets.
Remember Mrs. H. D. Everett's sale
at the W. H. Johnson Co.'s store, 7
Market square. Sale continues till
Xmas. Reasonable prices.
In Morrell & Sutherland's ad, on
page 4 mention is made of a great variety of goods suitable for Xmas gifts
for men, women and children, and in
another part af the local column notice will be found of a special feature
in connection with the opening of their
Xmas show room tonight.
Their store has been tastefully decorated and a visit and glance over their
stock will amply repay anyone and
will furnish ideas in regard to suitable
purchases for the holiday season.

RECENT DEATHS.

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Robert W. Tompkins, a well-known farmer and postmaster at River Bank, Carleton county, died at his home on Tuesday last after a lingering illness. He leaves a wife and three daughters. Mrs. G. E. Grant died at her home, Gordonville, N. B., on Tuesday. Deceased was about 38 years of age and leaves a husband.

PROSPECTIVE CIVIL SERVANTS.

Ottawa, Dec. 12.—Among the candidates who successfully passed the preliminary civil service examination this year are:

At St. John—Henry P. Allingham, Geo. A. Coates, T. F. Coughlan, John W. Dobbin, James A. Donovan, Jos, F. Duffy, G. J. Gallant, J. H. Gearson, Arthur L. Hoyt, F. X. Leblanc, John K. MacDonald, William J. Morrisey, J. L. Mullaly, William J. Murphy, Henry J. Russell, George Stafford, C. W. Thomson, Wilder Williams.

FRANK HIGGINS.

Sheriff Ritchie received yesterday a telegram from Joseph Pope, of the department of justice, announcing that the order-in-council commuting Frank Higglins' sentence for life had been signed by the governor general and that further details would follow by letter.

CLAIMS \$12,000 DAMAGES.

James R. Currie has entered a suit against Annie S. Berryman et al for trespass, claiming \$12,000 damages. This action is in connection with the seizure of the chattels, etc., of the Currie Business College, and the Curr ric Business College, and the removal and sale of them.

There is a great sale of dress goods going on at F. A. Dykeman & Co.'s store. This offers an oppor tunity for persons who are going to make presents of waist, skirt and suit lengths, to make such purchases at an economical out-

THE NEW SHED.

The board of works yesterday decided to erect the nev addition to the warehouse at No. 3 berth, Sand Point, as asked for by the Elder-Dempster Company, who agree to pay \$250 each year for its use.

SENT TO THE ALMS HOUSE.

On Thursday night Peter Shilling, the well-known North End character, was found lying half frozen in a snowbank at Pokiok. He was taken to one of the lime kilns and yesterday was brought to the North End police station. This morning the man, who is said to have an means of support, was sent to the alms house by the magistrate.

MISSIONARIES ARRIVED.

The Maritime Baptist Foreign Mission board has been notified of the safe arrived in Vizianagram, Madras presidency, India, of three of their missionaries, who left home in September last. They are Rev. J. A. and Mrs. Glendenning, of Moncton, and Rev. S. C. Freeman, of Queens Co., N. S.

At this date last year there were sixty-one active cases of smallpox in the city. Seventy-seven had been stricken with the disease since October and sixteen had died.

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Mrs. C. Edwin Stearns of Boston is visiting Mrs. G. W. Parker, 27 Goodrich street.

Mrs. R. F. Randolph of Fredericton was in the city yesterday and returned home last evening.

A. J. S. Copp, M. P., of Digby, was in the city yesterday en route home from Ottawa. He left for Digby this morning.

morning.

H. J. Crowe of Halifax was at the

Dufferin yesterday.
D. McNicoll, general manager of C.

route for Boston and Virginia Springs.
John Palmer and Mrs. Palmer of
Fredericton are in the city today.
D. Buckley of Sydney is at the Dufferin hotel.

THE STATE OF MAINE.

The steamer State of Maine, dee here last night, has not yet left Boston. She was there at noon today, detained by a heavy northeast snowstorn. It is doubtful if she arrives here before Monday morning.

P. R., was in town yesterday and returned to Montreal last night.

Hon. Raymond Prefontaine, minister of marine and fisheries, passed through the city yesterday from Halifax en railways.

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