

FRUIT SHIP STRUCK SAIDS

Passengers and Crew Have Narrow Escape From Watery Grave

RESCUED BY U.S. REVENUE CUTTER

United Fruit Company's S. S. Turralba Probably Total Loss on Jersey Sands—Prepared for Death.

New York, Dec. 25.—The fifty-seven passengers of the United Fruit Company's steamship Turralba, ashore since yesterday morning on Brigantine Shoals, nine miles north of Atlantic City, N. J., arrived here tonight on board the United States revenue cutter Seneca.

The cutter has stood by the stranded vessel all last night, and at nine o'clock this morning the passengers, mail were safely transferred, and the Seneca started on its Christmas journey to this port. The sea was smooth and the weather fair when the transfer was made and the passengers experienced little discomfort. A Christmas dinner was provided by the officers of the Seneca.

Christmas Wreck. "It was not as bad as you thought it was," volunteered an elderly man as he stepped, first among rescued passengers, from a gang plank at an East River pier tonight. "We had plenty to eat and drink on board the Turralba."

Scarcely a hundred relatives and friends of the passengers were waiting at the pier for wireless messages during the day. The rescued passengers were safe, and that the Seneca was on her way with the rescued party to the company's pier.

According to reports brought here Turralba lies with propeller damaged, stern post cracked and rudder missing. With good weather it is expected that her cargo of bananas may have to be tossed overboard.

The Seneca arrived at quarantine shortly after dark and was hoisted there by United States customs officers. Passengers reported that several hours earlier the Santa Maria, sister ship of the wrecked Turralba, outward bound, was seen by the Seneca. The steamer's passengers lined the rails and cheered the rescued men and women on the revenue cutter.

Prepared for Death. According to stories told by passengers upon reaching here tonight, many of them prepared for death by drowning after the Turralba, steaming through a snowstorm on her way from Jamaica, West Indies, to New York, grounded on the Jersey sands in the early hours yesterday. "We were reconciled to our fate," narrated one of the rescued men, "and I was taking my last bath."

"I think we struck the sand bar at 3.55 in the morning, I assume others came out on deck to see what was the cause of the peculiar sensation—the ship apparently quivering as if she was going to break. The water was thick, it was raining, and the engines were shut down and all that could be heard was the noise of the men striking against the hull of the ship as the hurrying feet of the passengers and crew. Later the engines were reversed and efforts were made to back off the bar, but the ship did not respond. When the tide fell the breakers beat against the starboard quarter and the steamer shook from stem to stern. Breakers beat over the ship with increased fury.

S. O. S.—C. O. D. "Captain Lindsay ordered wireless messages for help sounded," continued Inspector Hughes, "and soon a reply came that the Seneca was on her way. The captain kept the passengers informed by having a bulletin posted in the main companionway. Early in the afternoon a life saving motorboat trying to reach the vessel was swept by a giant wave against her side. Those on board the Turralba pulled the lifeboat on board to save her from being dashed to pieces by counter waves. The women passengers were sent below when fear was felt that those in the rescue craft might be lost.

According to passengers the lifeboats were lowered at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon and those on board were prepared to enter them, but the steamer was unable to stand. A while later the Seneca was in sight and a small boat with seven men came alongside. After a conference, it was decided not to attempt to transfer until the water became smoother. The hopes for amelioration of weather conditions began soon afterward. The ship sank rapidly and it was the de-

MONTENEGRO WOULD FIGHT WITH AUSTRIA

Ambassador in Fiery Speech Declares Montenegro Will Never Yield Lowehen.

TURKS HAVE COUNTER PEACE PROPOSALS.

Austria's Failure to Demobilize Caused Disquietude at the Peace Conference—Greeks Provide Sanitation.

London, Dec. 25.—The expedition with which the Turkish government has decided upon counter peace proposals leads to the assumption that they will be equally wide from what are likely to be the eventual terms of the peace treaty, as were the demands of the allies, and that there still is a prolonged process of bargaining to be gone through before the conference is closed.

Austria's failure to demobilize, however, is a greater source of disquietude to all concerned than the task of arranging the peace. This is more especially the case with the Montenegrin delegates who today were considerably excited over the rumor that now that Austria has obtained what she wants from Serbia, she wishes either to prevent Montenegro from taking Serbia by incorporating it in Albania, or to make the Montenegrin occupation of Scutari the price of Austrian occupation of Mount Lovchen. This mountain which rises to a height of about 5,500 feet almost perpendicular, dominates the Gulf of Cattaro, the greatest Austrian naval stronghold in the Adriatic. But now Montenegro with the batteries on Mount Lovchen, commands the Gulf.

Would Fight Austria. M. Mlyuskovich has declared to all the ambassadors that Montenegro would rather be exterminated than yield Lovchen or renounce Scutari. He said: "It is naturally absurd to speak of declaring war against Austria, but if Vienna had any such pretensions she would have to wipe out every soul in Montenegro, I myself would be there sword in hand, and I would sell my life dearly."

Moreover, it is not believed that Russia would ever permit the ambition of the small kingdom which for centuries has represented the Slav stronghold on the Adriatic shores and in this connection additional attention is drawn to the fact that the Greeks are taking means to prevent her continued war preparations from becoming known.

Several of the peace delegates left London for Christmas. Those who remained spent the day quietly at their hotels or with friends.

Sofia, Dec. 25.—King Ferdinand today addressed an order to the army exhorting it to a strict compliance with the sanitary and other measures for framed to keep the army at its highest state of efficiency.

Saloniki, Dec. 25.—The Greeks have now adopted effective measures to ensure proper sanitation of the city. All cases of infectious and contagious diseases are reported to the authorities, and hospitals for the care of these patients have been opened. The water supply and municipal scavenging systems are being reorganized and an extensive medical service has been arranged.

Constantinople, Dec. 25.—The port today telegraphed to Rehad Pasha at London counter peace proposals as decided upon by the council of ministers. The exact nature of the proposals has not been revealed, but the official view of the situation is still hopeful.

The Turkish press is unanimous in declaring that the allies conditions are not acceptable, and that the Turkish delegates were not sent to London to commit suicide. The Porte has repeated to the powers the demand made a month ago for a consular inquiry respecting the atrocities alleged to have been committed by the allies in the occupied territories.

claim of the officers to keep the passengers on board during the night and make the transfer in the morning. The night was passed in comparative comfort, and early today the transfer began with five boats, two from the Seneca, one from the Turralba and two from a nearby life-saving station. The disembarkment was made without mishap on a comparatively smooth sea, women and children going first, the male passengers second, the government sacks next and hand baggage and the members of the crew last. The trip up the coast in the Seneca was made without noticeable incident and the Turralba's passengers were landed in time to eat, if they desired, a belated Christmas dinner in New York.

PROVINCIAL REVENUE LARGEST IN HISTORY

Financial Report for Fiscal Year Shows Revenue \$70,000 Ahead of Last Year—A Fine Showing.

Surplus of Over \$8,000 on Year's Operations—Expenditures Only \$5,000 More than Last Year—Additions to Permanent Debt Smallest for Many Years, and Nearly all for Permanent Bridges.

Fredericton, N. B., Dec. 25.—The annual statement of the finances of the Province of New Brunswick published in the Royal Gazette under the signature of the Auditor General is a most satisfactory showing, and will be pleasant reading at this festive season. For the fiscal year ending October 31 the total ordinary revenue of the province was \$1,417,722.17, the largest in its history and an increase over 1911 of \$70,945.72.

The expenditures for the year on ordinary account totalled \$1,409,049.23, an increase of only \$5,025.53 over 1911. The surplus on the operations of the year 1912 is \$8,672.71, as against a deficit in the previous year of \$56,469.80. As already explained, this deficit of 1911 was wholly due to the extraordinary expenditures for public works made that year. In 1912 the total of public works expenditures was \$415,761.40; for 1911 it was \$373,286.46, a reduction of \$42,474.94. This reduction was made possible by the large expenditures on wharves and bridges during the preceding three years to make these safe for traffic.

No bonds have been issued for traffic during the preceding three years but the capital expenditures are floating in the form of treasury notes, the total of which outstanding at the close of the fiscal year amounted to \$386,096.35, which includes the redemption of bonds bearing 5 and 4 per cent interest, amounting to \$90,000.

The capital expenditures for 1912, amounted to \$197,123.23 of which \$178,623.23 was for permanent bridges. In 1911 the capital expenditures were \$317,591.56. The total cost of the survey of the Valley Railway, which was temporarily placed in the capital expenditure account and amounting to \$29,832.53 has been paid into the provincial treasury by the St. John and Quebec Railway Company and is no longer a charge against the province.

Following is a statement of the expenditures and receipts of the province for 1912 as compared with those of 1911:

Table with columns for 1911 and 1912, listing various departments like Administration of Justice, Agriculture, Auditor General, etc.

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DYNAMITE CASE SOON WITH JURY

Action Against Labor Officials to Be Finished in a Few Hours.

EACH CASE TO BE JUDGED SEPARATELY.

Penalties to be Inflicted Are Cumulative and Prisoners May Receive Possible Maximum of Almost Forty Years.

Indianapolis, Ind., Dec. 24.—The cases of the 40 labor union officials accused of promoting the McNamara dynamite plots in the iron workers' strike against employers of non-union labor, will go to the jury within 26 hours or possibly sooner.

At the close of all arguments tomorrow Judge Albert J. Anderson will instruct the jury. It is understood that the court's outline of the law as to what testimony shall be applied to certain defendants will require about an hour.

The jurors then will retire to deliberate as to the men who, headed by Frank M. Ryan, president of the International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers, were brought here three months ago from cities scattered from Boston to Los Angeles, to figure as defendants in what is said to be the most important trial of its kind ever held in a federal court.

The jury, to be asked to return a separate verdict for each defendant, is composed entirely of farmers or merchants from rural districts of Indiana.

The fact that the jury must vote on each defendant after considering the testimony, the court holds applicable to him, is the basis for a belief that verdicts will not be returned in less than a day. There are twenty-six counts against each defendant, twenty-five of which provide a maximum penalty of eighteen months' imprisonment and one which provides a maximum imprisonment of two years. The government contends that the penalties for the offences charged are cumulative in the discretion of the court—or a total possible penalty of thirty-nine and one half years.

A NEW ONE ON MORGAN

New York Money King Sends \$10,000 Christmas Gift to Washerwoman with Thirteen Small Children.

New York, Dec. 25.—A story which men of the financial district were telling at their Christmas dinners today, had it that J. Morgan, a dentist and a washerwoman as its principals.

Mr. Morgan was in a dentist's chair, it was related, suffering considerable pain for the relief of which the dentist was telling the financier how the case of his wife's washerwoman was one of the worst instances of destitution he ever knew.

"Her husband died and left her thirteen children, only five of them being large enough to work," he said, and while keeping on with his dental work he continued the hard luck narrative in detail. Mr. Morgan left after the operation without comment, but the next day the dentist received a letter which is quoted as follows: "Dear Doctor,—You hurt me like the devil yesterday, but your vivacious story about the widow and her thirteen children helped some. Enclosed find my check for \$10,000 which please turn over to the washerwoman, and tell her for me that she was a fool to ever have thirteen children."

Disastrous Blaze Destroys Half of Business Block—Other Damage

Building Owned by George W. Fowler, M. P., Practically Gutted—Tenants Lost all Stock and Fixtures.

FIRE ORIGINATED FROM THE FURNACE

Special to The Standard. Sussex, Dec. 25.—A disastrous fire occurred here today and deprived a number of people of the Christmas holiday. One half of a large business block was badly gutted and considerable damage done to the other half.

The occupants of the building lost heavily as practically none of the stock carried was saved. The building was owned by Geo. W. Fowler, M. P., and was situated on Main street, adjacent to the Bank of Nova Scotia. It was occupied by the following: The Bank of New Brunswick, Geo. M. Sifton, jeweller; Geo. Hallett, photographer; A. B. Teakles, dentist, and Walter Fairweather, tenant. The two former occupied the ground floor and the others the second.

The fire is supposed to have originated from the furnace and when discovered at 10.45 a. m. had gained considerable headway. The jewellery store occupied by Mr. Sifton was practically ablaze and little or nothing was saved. The occupants of the second floor, lost about \$3,000, insurance, \$3,000. The following is an estimate of the loss sustained by each with the amount of insurance carried: Geo. W. Fowler, loss about \$10,000, insurance, \$3,000; Geo. Hallett, loss about \$2,000, insurance, \$2,000; A. B. Teakles, loss about \$2,000, insurance, \$1,500; Walter Fairweather, loss about \$2,000, insurance, \$1,250; Geo. Hallett, loss about \$300, insurance, \$400.

REVOLUTION NOW LIKELY IN PORTUGAL

Riots and Fighting Attend the Arrival of Dr. Almeida in Lisbon—Troops Rescue Conservative Leader.

Lisbon (Via the Frontier), Dec. 25.—The political situation arising in the deadlock of the conservative and democrats is rapidly developing. The conservative element predominates in the cabinet, while nearly half the members of the Portuguese parliament are democrats. Both parties are endeavoring to organize a coup d'etat.

The conservative chief, Dr. Almeida, was hastily summoned back from Switzerland and his arrival here was made the occasion of a monster demonstration on the part of the conservatives. The democrats replied with an equally imposing counter demonstration. The government, alarmed at the possibility of trouble, turned out all the available police and troops.

As soon as the steamer aboard which Almeida was a passenger, was docked there was a tremendous uproar of cheers and groans, and the democrats made a determined rush with the object of capturing the leader of the rivalry party.

A regular riot ensued. Dr. Almeida was extricated from his perilous position by cavalry which charged through the mob, and he was sent to his home in an automobile under military escort. The baffled democrats paraded the streets for hours. The troops are kept constantly under arms, as important happenings are likely at any moment.

The president of the republic has asked the premier to pardon the archbishop of Braga and the bishops of Portagalga and Lamego, who were condemned last February to three years' imprisonment for their diocesan and to grant amnesty to political prisoners, or at least to relax the severity of their imprisonment, but the premier has replied that the moment is not favorable for the granting of pardons. Improvements in the prisons, he added, have already been decided upon and will be shortly carried into effect.

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As the total expenditure of 1912 is only \$5,502 more there is very little variation in the amounts for the different services. Education cost \$2,023.54 more than in 1911 and public works \$42,474.94 less.

OBITUARY

William E. Ellis. Many friends will regret to learn of the death Tuesday morning of William E. Ellis, son of Thomas Ellis of this city.

A SURE THING

Mrs. Young-Learner, (calling on Mrs. Old-Hand)—"My dear, I want to know what you do to your cake and biscuits that makes them always so good."

BIRTHS

SIM—In Woodstock, N. B., on the 21st Dec., 1912, to the wife of A. B. Sim a son.

DIED

ELLIS—On the 24th inst., at the residence of his parents, 72 Sydney St., William Edward Ellis, (New York papers please copy.)

ARMY GAVE GOOD CHEER ON XMAS EVE

Baskets of Provisions and Delicacies Sent to 125 Families. E'S DEMAND THAN IN PREVIOUS YEARS

The Salvation Army was a herald of glad tidings many homes where poverty abides, and to unfortunate and vagrants deserted of even a home, and it also carried a little of the Christmas cheer to the prisoners in jail.

CHRISTMAS IN OTTAWA

How the Governor General and Family Spent the Grand Holiday—Money Gifts for Employees.

REAL ESTATE

The following transfers of freehold properties have been recorded: J. C. Baker to Grant Johnston, property on Brussels street.

THE WEATHER

Maritime—southerly and westerly winds; fine and milder.

WAR CORRESPONDENTS' DAY PASSING QUICKLY

(Toronto Mail and Empire.) Few war correspondents have won fame in the present war. Not many of them attracted general attention in the war between Russia and Japan.

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FEAR FOR SAFETY OF ALDINE'S CREW

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MORE BUSINESS FOR "SOO" CANAL

Annual Report Shows Big Increase in Almost Every Branch of Traffic Passing Through Locks.

K. O. BROWN WINS

New York, Dec. 25.—"Knockout" Brown, of New York, defeated Young Adwell, of Newark, in Brooklyn this afternoon, the referee stopping the contest in the seventh round.

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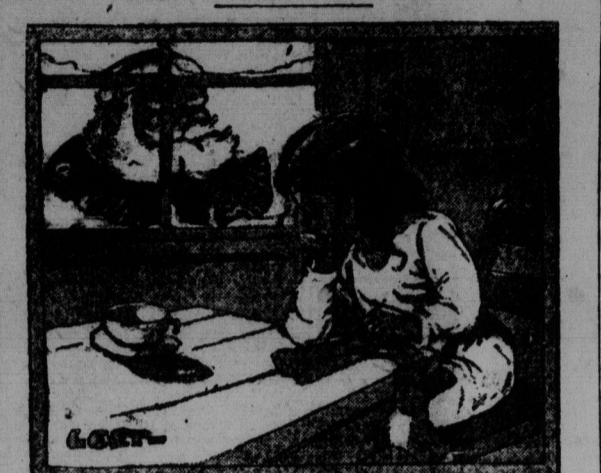
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ONE OF THE CHILDREN HE MISSED.
 (NOTE TO CHILDREN—The Standard sent a reporter to Kris Kringle Land to get the very latest Christmas news by wireless for YOU. Grow-ups have no business reading this UNLESS they read it ALoud to you!)

Special from Santa, by Wireless.
 Kris Kringleland, Dec. 25.—Old Santa Claus is back home again, all tired out, and the toy factories are shut down for a vacation and the Browns are asleep all over the place.
 Did I leave you what you wanted? I must be absent-minded. Reports are coming in already that I left too many presents in some places and not enough in others.
 Dear old Mrs. Santa Claus broke down and cried when I told her about the end of my trip. I ran out of toys and there were hundreds of homes where I couldn't leave anything except cold and hunger and aching hearts.
 I peeked in one window and saw a little girl crying. Her papa was dead and her mamma, who works in the factory, was sick. And all that little girl wanted was one doll with blue eyes.
 So there was no Christmas for that little girl, unless one of my specially-appointed agents found her. Mrs. Santa Claus says she hopes some one who reads this will go out even yet and look for the little girl. She'll be so easy to find. The Associated Charities have her address. There are hundreds of her—thousands. Why, I saw them everywhere I turned—the newboys on the streets, the old tramps and the wayward girls. The job's getting too big for old Santa Claus. Why don't you help him out next year?

SHIPPING NEWS

DAILY ALMANAC.
 Thursday, Dec. 26.
 Sun rises 8:08 a. m.
 Sun sets 4:43 p. m.
 High water 0:28 a. m.
 Low water 7:20 p. m.
 Atlantic Standard Time.

VESSELS BOUND TO ST. JOHN.
 Steamers.
 Corsican, Liverpool, Dec. 20.
 Oruro, Demerara, Dec. 2.
 Sheenadah, London, Dec. 7.
 Man, Importer, Manchester, Dec. 8.
 Kwaraa, Glasgow, Dec. 9.
 Kastalia, Glasgow, Dec. 14.
 Lake Champlain, Antwerp, Dec. 19.

VESSELS IN PORT.
 Steamers.
 Man, Commerce, 3444, Wm Thomson and Co.
 Empress of Ireland, 8,023, C. P. R. Co.
 Athena, 5,523, Donaldson-Line.
 Montcalm, 3,508, C. P. R. Co.
 Hesperian, 6,124, Allan Line.
 Schooners.
 Cors May, 117, N. C. Scott.
 Hunter, 187, Sound, D. J. Purdy.
 Fricella, 102, A. W. Adams.

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of the ill-fated schooner Henry R. Thorton, who were bound to port Saturday afternoon by Captain Publicover of the schooner W. N. Zwicker. The seven members of the crew of the waterlogged Thorton had been for hours huddled to the speaker boom on top of the cabin and were almost frozen to death when Captain Publicover sighted the Thorton drifting helplessly about the Atlantic with icy seas sweeping over her decks. The Zwicker had to lay to for six hours under reefed sails in order to try and pick the crew off at 3 p. m. the wind moderated and fearing that the weather would not become any calmer, Captain Publicover made an effort to get the crew off before dark. The Zwicker or being light was very hard to manoeuvre. A dory was launched and the captain and a man went in the dory and made three trips until they brought the seven men to the Zwicker.

MARINE NOTES
 C. P. R. LINE.
 The stmr. Montfort left port Wednesday for London and Antwerp with a full freight. Stmr. Montcalm arrived Tuesday after a rough passage from Liverpool. She has a large freight for the west.

RECORD PASSAGE.
 Thirty-six hours is the length of time it took the steamer Thorton to sail from Vineyard Haven, to Halifax and she arrived in Halifax Sunday afternoon loaded down with hard coal for S. Cunard and Company. This three master has accomplished what is perhaps a record for this run. After discharging, the Ponhook will embark dry fish for Robin Jones and Whitman, delivery being either Rio de Janeiro or Santos, Brazil. The Mary Hendry now in port, will also take a fish cargo south on a similar charter to the same firm.

WRECKED AT EATONVILLE.
 The schr V. Anthony broke adrift at Eatonville in the early part of Saturday night and drove ashore on the beach, where she lies in a bad position and is full of water. Her deckload has been discharged and she will be towed here or to Port Greenville for repairs and will discharge balance of cargo. She was bound to Boston with 155,000 feet of lumber shipped by her owner, J. Newton Fugley. Ternu schr Margaret G. recently reported damaged by collision with American schr Jennie S. Hall, has completed her repairs here and sailed today with a cargo of potatoes for Havana.

NOTICE.
 The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the St. John Opera House Company will be held at 140 Union street, on the evening of Thursday, January 2nd, 1913, at 8:30 o'clock.
 ALFRED E. MCGINLEY, Secretary.
 A. O. SKINNER, President.

CITY OF SAINT JOHN
 Water and Sewerage Department.
SEALED TENDERS will be received up to 11 o'clock in the forenoon of Friday, the 3rd day of January, 1913, for the purchase and removal of the Pulp Mill at Mispec in the City and County of Saint John, known as the "Mispec Pulp Mill," together with Digesters, Machinery, etc., as shown on the list therein standing belonging to the City of Saint John.
 Schedule of property with full particulars may be obtained at the office of the undersigned, or at the office of the City Engineer, City Hall.
 (a) The property will be sold in two separate parcels, viz:
 1. Digesters and Machinery as shown on the list.
 2. Buildings.
 Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a Chartered Bank payable to the City of Saint John, equal to ten per cent. of the amount of the tender, to be forfeited if the person whose tender is accepted fails to deposit the amount of his tender and enter into Agreement for the removal of the property.
 (b) Forms of tender with property detailed envelopes, will be furnished in the office of the undersigned, room No. 8, City Hall, and no tender will be considered unless so furnished.
 The highest or any tender not necessarily accepted.
RUPERT W. WIGMORE, Commissioner.
 Saint John, N. B., 13th December, 1912.

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REPORTS AND DISASTERS.
 Halifax, Dec. 24.—A Liverpool dispatch says:—The Cunard line steamer Coronia, inward bound from New York, collided last night in Crosby Channel, with the steamer Gorilla. The Coronia had two plates on her port bow pierced, while the Gorilla was damaged at the stern.
 La Have, Dec. 22.—One of the most thrilling tales of distress and hardship ever heard among mariners in this port was that told by the crew

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TENDERS
 TENDERS addressed to the undersigned at Ottawa, and endorsed on the envelope "Tender for Halifax Lightship," will be received up to noon of the
THIRTY-FIRST DAY OF JANUARY, 1913,
 for the construction of a first-class single screw steel steam lightship of the following leading dimensions, namely:
 Length between perpendiculars 114 ft.
 Breadth moulded 29 ft.
 Depth moulded 14 ft. 8 inches.
 to be delivered at the Agency of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Halifax, N. S.
 Plans, tender forms and specifications of this lightship can be seen at the office of the Purchasing Agent of the Marine and Fisheries Department, Ottawa, at the offices of the Collectors of Customs Toronto, Collingwood and Port Arthur, Ont., and at the agencies of the Department of Marine and Fisheries at Montreal, Quebec, St. John, N. B., and Halifax, N. S.
 Plans, tender forms and specifications can be procured on application to the Purchasing and Specification Agent at Ottawa. All tenders must be made on the form prepared by the Department. The tender form is embodied in the specification.
 Each tender must be accompanied by an accepted cheque on a chartered Canadian Bank in favour of the Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries, equal to ten per cent. (10 p. c.) of the whole amount of the tender, which cheque will be forfeited if the successful tenderer declines to enter into a contract with the Department or fails to complete the lightship, in accordance with the contract prepared by the Department.
 Cheques accompanying unsuccessful tenders will be returned.
 The Department does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.
 Newspapers copying this advertisement without authority from this Department will not be paid.
 ALEX. JOHNSTON,
 Deputy Minister of Marine and Fisheries,
 -32169, Ottawa, 20th December, 1912.

NOTICE TO MARINERS
 Agent, Marine & Fisheries Dept. Yarmouth South West Pass. Gas and whistling buoy has been reported adrift. Will be replaced as soon as possible.
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SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATION.
 Any person who has the head or a family of any male over 16 years of age homesteaded a quarter section of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made only on certain conditions by father, mother, or brother or sister, or intending homesteader.
 Duties—Six months residence upon and cultivation of the land in each year. A homesteader may live within three miles of his homestead as long as at least 50 acres soley owned and occupied by him or his father, mother, brother, sister or son.
 In certain districts the homesteader is good standing may pre-empt a quarter-section adjoining his homestead. Price \$10.00 per acre.
 Duties—Must reside upon the homestead or pre-emption site for a period of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to secure homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.
 A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may enter for a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$10.00 per acre. This—must reside six months on each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect house worth \$100.
 W. W. CORY,
 Deputy of the Minister of the Interior,
 N.B.—(Unauthorized publication of this synopsis is prohibited.)

THE BANK OF NEW BRUNSWICK AND THE BANK OF NOVA SCOTIA
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN of the intention of the undersigned Banks to apply after the expiration of four weeks from the date of the first issue of this notice in the Canada Gazette, to the Government-in-Council and the Treasury Board through the Minister of Finance and Receiver General for the approval of an agreement between The Bank of New Brunswick and The Bank of Nova Scotia whereby The Bank of Nova Scotia agrees to sell and The Bank of Nova Scotia agrees to purchase all the real and personal properties, assets, rights, credits and effects of The Bank of New Brunswick of whatever kind and wherever situated, and whereby in consideration for such sale and purchase The Bank of Nova Scotia agrees to allot and issue to The Bank of New Brunswick or to its nominees, ten thousand fully paid shares of the capital stock of The Bank of Nova Scotia, of the par value of one hundred dollars each, and amounting in all to the par value of one million dollars, and to pay to said The Bank of New Brunswick the sum of one hundred thousand dollars, and whereby The Bank of Nova Scotia undertakes to assume, pay, discharge, perform and carry out all the debts, liabilities, contracts and obligations of The Bank of New Brunswick (including notes issued and intended for circulation outstanding, and in full of the amount of the subscribed capital stock of the said Bank of Nova Scotia) a copy of the said agreement can be seen at the office of The Bank of New Brunswick, Saint John, N. B., and at the office of The Bank of Nova Scotia, Halifax, N. S.
 The said agreement has been approved by a resolution of the shareholders of The Bank of New Brunswick carried by the votes of shareholders present in person, or represented by proxy, representing more than two-thirds of the amount of the subscribed capital stock of the said Bank of Nova Scotia at a special general meeting of the shareholders of the said Bank duly called and held for the purpose of the said agreement has been approved by a resolution of the shareholders of The Bank of Nova Scotia at a special general meeting of the shareholders of the said Bank duly called and held for the purpose.
 Notice is also given of the intention of The Bank of Nova Scotia to apply at the same time to the Government-in-Council and the Treasury Board for the approval of the increase of the capital stock of the said Bank of Nova Scotia which is necessary to provide for the payment of the shares of The Bank of Nova Scotia to The Bank of New Brunswick as provided in said agreement.
 Dated the eleventh day of December, A. D. 1912.
 By Order of the Board The Bank of New Brunswick,
 C. H. EASSON,
 General Manager.
 By Order of the Board The Bank of Nova Scotia,
 H. A. RICHARDSON,
 General Manager.

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PROVINCIAL FINANCES.

The statement which the Auditor General publishes in the Royal Gazette, relative to the finances of the Province, is one that is likely to give satisfaction in every section. The year 1912 has proved a record year, and the people have every reason to be satisfied with the change they made when they placed the present Government in power in 1908.

For 1907, the last full year of the old Government, the total revenue was \$969,093.73. For 1912 the revenue under the new Administration was \$1,417,722.17, an increase of \$447,628.94.

It has often been asserted that the increased revenue was due solely to the additions made to the Dominion subsidies. The untruthfulness of this assertion is readily seen by comparison of the subsidies paid in 1907 and 1912, the latter being the largest sum ever received from Ottawa.

In 1907 the total subsidy was \$566,369.96. In 1912 the subsidy was \$646,233.76, an increase of \$89,923 over that of 1907. As the total increase in the revenue of 1912 over that of 1907 was \$447,628.94, the present Government is entitled to the credit of adding \$357,705.94 to the revenue by an improved administration of the business of the Province.

With a constantly expanding revenue the Government was able to very largely increase the expenditures for the various public services and the results are apparent on the highway bridges and wharves which had been allowed to fall out of repair. In some quarters the Government has been blamed for extravagance because the money collected was expended. In a business such as is conducted by the Provincial Government there is always room for expenditures. Indeed the demands made on the treasury are so numerous that even with an increase of forty per cent. in the revenue the Government is still unable to accede to many requests which, no doubt, would be of benefit if the funds were available.

A review of the revenue and expenditure for the last four years will show that the Government has merely kept within the margin of safety in handling the finances from year to year, and in doing this has done all that the majority of people will think necessary. Following are the totals of receipts and expenditure on ordinary account for the past four years:

	Revenue.	Expenditure.
1909	\$1,259,826.89	\$1,255,381.92
1910	1,324,440.95	1,317,876.42
1911	1,347,077.05	1,403,546.85
1912	1,417,722.17	1,409,049.38

The revenue for the year 1912 was \$70,645.12 greater than in 1911, and the expenditures \$5,507.51 in excess of those of the previous year. The surplus on the year's operations was \$3,872.71, which is all and even more than could be expected with the extensive programme mapped out during the legislative session.

The capital expenditure, that is the addition to the permanent debt of the Province, is smaller this year than for very many years past. Out of a total of \$191,123.23 the large sum of \$152,381.91 was spent for permanent bridges authorized by legislation and constructed during the year. There was also expended on permanent bridges, which were not authorized, but were necessary for the public safety, the sum of \$26,341.32. For this expenditure the Government will obtain legislation at the coming session.

The remaining amounts added to capital were \$2,500 for wharves and grain elevator at St. John; \$4,000 for buildings at the Jordan Memorial Sanatorium for Tuberculosis Patients, and \$12,000 for the purchase of Bishop-cote, which is to be fitted up for a departmental building—the present building being too small for the accommodation of all the departments of the Government.

In connection with the capital expenditure account there are two noteworthy features. First, the amount expended for the survey of the St. John River Valley Railway, \$29,832.53, which has been outstanding as a special loan, has been paid off by the St. John and Quebec Railway Company. This is the first time in the history of New Brunswick that a company constructing a railway in this Province has paid the cost of the preliminary survey made by the Government.

In this the present Government has established a precedent.

The other is equally important and establishes another precedent. The Government sold to the Grand Falls Company several lots of land required by the company in carrying out their project. The purchase price was \$60,000. This money and \$18,653.48 received from the National Transcontinental for the right of way through Crown lands have been set aside as a sinking fund and invested.

What purpose the fund will be ultimately used for has not yet been determined, but this act is in strong contrast with the action of the former Government who, on receiving over a quarter of a million dollars from the Dominion Government in settlement of the Eastern Extension claims, placed the whole amount in current account and used it to pay off some of their suspense accounts. The Province was so hopelessly involved at that time that it took the whole of the amount received from these claims and a bond issue of \$200,000 to square the accounts. Mr. Fleming receives a much smaller sum and is able to lay it aside to be used as a reserve at some future time.

The fact that the ordinary revenue of the Province is more than seventy thousand dollars greater than last year will be a surprise to most people. It was expected that there would be a large falling off in the territorial revenue, as it was known that the lumber cut would be much reduced. Still the decrease in territorial revenue is only \$6,000. Succession duties, which are an uncertain source of revenue, yielded more than half of the increase, but the general expansion of the Province is responsible for the remaining half.

New Brunswick is certainly making progress, and the Government is employing every effort to help things along. Without going back to the figures of the old Government it is only necessary to compare the expenditures of 1909 for four important services to discover that fact:

Service.	1909.	1912.	Increase.
Agriculture	\$ 31,194.10	9-41,795.69	\$10,551.53
Education	201,523.45	273,479.32	31,556.87
Public Works	116,047.41	373,286.46	257,239.05
Immigration	8,815.89	11,284.77	2,468.88

This is a good showing, although there have been reductions in the expenditures for both agriculture and public works, as compared with 1911. Last year was a record year in the Public Works Department, and while a

number of bridges were not in as good condition as they should have been the Government was able to lessen the expenditures in this department \$40,000.00 this year. The Dominion grant added to the provincial expenditure gave sufficient funds for the work the Agricultural Department had in hand for the year.

The record of the Provincial Government is a good one. The Province is increasing in prosperity and the financial statement shows that it is well and prudently governed.

MAKING GOOD.

The principal measures for the development of the Province, submitted by the Government of New Brunswick at its last session, were the bills providing for the construction of the St. John Valley Railway, the Gibson and Minto Railway and for the settlement of abandoned farms. In all three distinct advances have been made. No time has been lost by Mr. Fleming and his colleagues in carrying out the Government programme as authorized by the Legislature, and the indications now are that both railways will be finished within the time allowed by the Legislature and more than 100, perhaps 200, abandoned farms will again be under cultivation within twelve months. This is a record of which any Government may well be proud and is an indication that the Government is fully alive to the requirements of the Province and is operating along lines which will bring even greater results in the future.

The total length of the Valley Railway by Perry's Point, as provided for in the contract made between the Government of New Brunswick and the St. John and Quebec Railway Company is 207 miles. The acts, Dominion and Provincial, under which this railway is being constructed, require that the sections between Fredericton and Gagetown to Centreville, approximately 120 miles, shall be completed and ready for operation November 30, 1913. When these sections are completed the intercolonial line is to take them over for operation. This is a very important provision, as it gives the people of York, Carleton, Sunbury and Queens counties railroad communication where there has been none heretofore, and opens up one of the very finest agricultural sections, and one also possessing great manufacturing possibilities. The whole line, including the bridges across the St. John and the Kennebecasis, is to be completed and ready for operation on November 30, 1915. The intercolonial will then operate the line from St. John to Grand Falls.

During the season contracts have been let for the construction of the whole line of railway from Gagetown to Centreville. The season has been the worst ever known in this Province for railway construction, but notwithstanding the opposition of interested politicians work has been carried along on every section and about \$1,000,000 paid out for actual construction. The mild weather which prevailed until mid-December permitted the contractors to continue grading, but from now until April work will be confined to rock cutting, which will be carried on all winter wherever there is rock to cut.

It was confidently expected when work was commenced on the Gibson-Minto Railway that the road would have been completed before the frost set in, but here again the weather prevented the fulfillment of the hopes of the promoters and contractors. But the season's labors have not been without result. Practically the whole length of the railway, 31 miles, has been graded and the steel laid on all but ten miles. The grading will be completed and the ten mile gap closed early in May. The Canadian Pacific Company, which takes over the Central Railway on January 1st, will then operate the whole line from Norton to Gibson, thus opening up the valuable coal fields of Queens to the whole Province.

Regarding the settlement of abandoned farms, the Board appointed by the Government has already met with greater success than was expected. They have disposed of all the suitable farms offered them and have enquired from two parties in Great Britain for 50 more. This, with the local demands, will keep them busy for a time, as every farm offered is not accepted. The Board is careful to acquire only such properties as can be operated with profit by the new purchasers. They do not wish to place men on lands that are either unsuitable to agriculture or so run down that it would take years to bring them under successful cultivation. Not much care was exercised in former years in placing settlers and the result was that thousands of acres were cleared that should have been left in forest. As matters look at present the Board will be able to report as the result of their first twelve months labor that they have placed between 150 and 200 families on the abandoned farms of the Province. The Government planned on a large scale and has no reason to be ashamed of the result of their efforts to more fully develop the resources of New Brunswick and place this Province in a leading position among the Provinces of Canada.

Current Comment

Strong Liberal Support.
(Edmonton Journal.)

A meeting was called of the Liberals of North Oxford for the purpose of passing a resolution condemning the Government's naval proposals. It did not go off according to programme. The subject was no sooner introduced than D. R. Ross, a former president of the association and a leading Liberal worker for many years, rose and declared that in his view the Borden policy was the best yet. He represents a very large body of opinion within the party.

A Partner in Imperial Business.
(Toronto News.)

Instead of abandoning Canadian autonomy, Mr. Borden is securing us a voice in the control of imperial and foreign affairs, and this is a departure the significance of which is not yet fully realized. It means towards the day when all the countries constituting the Empire shall be equal partners in a world-wide partnership of Anglo-Saxon States. When that dream is an accomplished fact, the five nations owning one king and flag will speak with one voice, and the aggressor that hears will pause.

A Hint to Farmers.
(Calgary News-Telegram.)

It is not to the credit of the farmers and dairymen of Alberta that Canada is importing butter from Australia and New Zealand. At this moment 5,000 boxes of New Zealand butter are en route to this country, representing 2,507 long tons, and in value about \$60 per ton. This is all money that could be kept in instead of being sent out of Canada. If our farmers and dairymen were more industrious, and looked more after the main chance.

Uncle Sam's Farcical Post.
(New York Evening Sun.)

But when the postman develops into a whole system of delivery of our daily necessities, what a symbol of benevolence will he appear! He is bound to become not merely a man, but a whole delivery wagon multiplied many times over. His coming will be as urgent a thing as the baker's or the milkman's; his detention almost as great a calamity.

Too Late.
(Toronto Telegram.)

Long before a Canadian navy can be built, years before Canada could even man a single Dreadnought with her native-born sailors, the fleets of Britain may have to go forth to fight the battles which decide whether military autonomy or civil liberty is to dominate the sea.

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- Fancy Satin Pumps.
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- Tan Button or Laced Boots.
- Dull Galf Button or Laced Boots.
- High Cut Button or Laced Boots.
- Cloth Top Button Boots.
- Skating Boots.
- Gaiters and Leggings.
- Overshoes.
- Rubber Boots.
- Waterproof Boots.
- Everything in Shoes for the Baby.



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Watch-buying Day.

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Gay Paree Morphine Crazy and General Investigation Will be Held to Combat Growing Evil.

Paris, Dec. 23.—A general investigation into the illicit sale of morphine in Paris will be made as a result of the death here yesterday from the use of the drug of Rene Biebet, a young man who recently was appointed professor of French in the royal college at Budapest. The authorities are convinced that an aggressive campaign must be waged in order to combat the growing craving for morphine in Paris. The vice is said to be at its worst among the young women frequenters of the night cafes and dance halls in the Montmartre district and in collegiate circles in the Latin quarter. The police are in possession of accurate statistics relating to the spread of the morphine habit. The newspapers claim that the cases for the drug have reached terrible proportions in the higher classes.

HOPEWELL HILL NEWS.

Hopewell Hill, Dec. 22.—The Methodists in Hopewell Hill held a Sunday school entertainment on Wednesday evening which was well attended. A well loaded Christmas tree was provided for the children, who fully enjoyed the treat, which was distributed by Santa Claus himself, much to the amusement of all present.

Miss Nellie Rogers, student at Mt. Allison University, is spending the vacation at her home here.

Miss Mary Newcomb, teacher in the Sackville high school, came to her home on Saturday to spend the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George W. Newcomb.

Mrs. G. H. Adair, of Sussex, is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William McGorman.

Fred Daley, teacher of the advanced department of the Hopewell Cape school, is spending the holidays at his home in Elgin.

Miss Julia F. Brewster, of the primary department, is spending the holidays at her home here.

Miss Edna Steves, who has been teaching at Lower Petticoat, came to her home here on Saturday to spend the vacation.

W. O. Wright, of Hopewell Cape, went to Halifax on Saturday, where he will spend a couple of weeks with his daughter, Mrs. A. V. Fowles.

W. J. McAlmon, who has been North for about two months with A. E. Smye, contractor, came to his home here on Saturday.

Miss Corita Fowles, of Hopewell Cape, who is taking a musical course at Acadia Seminary, is spending the vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Fowles.

The Baptists of this village held their Sunday school entertainment on Saturday evening, a short programme was carried out by the children of the school who, at the close were provided with a liberal treat. All present spent a pleasant evening.

William Barthelemy, who has been employed North with A. E. Smye, contractor, returned home on Saturday.

QUEBEC WILL BUILD BIG GRAIN ELEVATOR.
Quebec, Dec. 23.—The Quebec Harbor Commission intend shortly to give out tenders for the erection of the two million bushel grain elevator on the Louis embankment. The engineers have gone over the estimates and furnished their report, but the harbor commission has called in an expert elevator engineer, Mr. Cookman, of Philadelphia, who has come to Quebec and carefully studied the tenders received.

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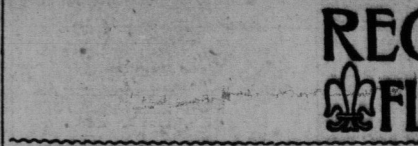
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TRIBUTE TO LATE DR. L. A. CURREY, K. C.

Law Society Passed Resolutions of Regret and Condolence - Funeral Held Tuesday Afternoon.

At a meeting of the St. John Law Society held Tuesday morning, Judge Atkinson presiding, the following resolution was moved by Daniel Mullin, K. C., and seconded by W. A. Erwin, K. C. and was adopted:

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CHRISTMAS DAY IN THE CITY HOTELS

Strangers in St. John were well Taken Care of Yesterday - Attractive Menu Cards a Feature.

Those who had to forego the pleasure of spending Christmas Day in their homes and remained in the city at the different hotels, were well looked after by the management of the hotels, and everything possible was done on the part of the hotel people to make the day as pleasant as possible.

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WEDDINGS

Mawhinney-Small. Mace's Bay, Dec. 15.—A very pretty wedding of much interest was witnessed in Mace's Bay when Miss (Carrie) Helen Small was married to Leonard H. Mawhinney of Mace's Bay at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Small, parents of the bride, in the presence of forty-five invited guests.

PROVINCIAL PERSONALS.

(New Glasgow News.) The marriage of Emmeline Amelia Black, daughter of the late Lieut. Col. H. F. Black, to William Henry Harrison, manager of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Antigonish, and son of the late W. H. Harrison of St. John, N. B., took place at "Arleigh," Queen St., Truro, on Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at 2.30. The officiating clergyman was Rev. J. P. Anthony.

NEWS IN SHORT METRE

Police Court. Nine prisoners were arraigned in the police court before Magistrate Clifford Atkinson on Tuesday morning. Seven were charged with drunkenness and fines of \$8 or twenty days in jail were struck against each. Norman McDonald charged with drunkenness, using profane language and resisting the police was remanded. Ole Olsen charged with leaving the schooner Mary C. Dunn without leave, pleaded guilty and was allowed to go on condition that he return to the vessel.

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DAY'S SALES ON MONTREAL MARKET

Table with columns: Cement Pfd., Bell Phone., Dominion Cannery., Montreal Power., Shawinigan., Ottawa Power., Nipissing., Quebec Railway., Penman's., Tuckett's Pfd., Rich. and Ontario., Quebec Bonds., Packers., Spanish River Pfd., Toronto Railway., Bank of Commerce., Textile., Lake of the Woods Pfd., Twin City., Quebec Bonds., Canada Cotton., Toronto Bank., Bank of Nova Scotia., Merchants Bank., Molson's Bank., Union Bank., Royal Bank., Dominion Bank., Bank of Montreal.

CHICAGO GRAIN AND PRODUCE MARKETS.

Table with columns: Wheat, Corn, Oats, Pork.

NEW YORK COTTON RANGE.

Table with columns: Dec., Jan., Mar., May, July, Aug., Sept.

CLOSING STOCK LETTER.

New York, Dec. 24.—Attendance on the floor of the stock exchange was reduced to a minimum this morning by the holiday and the heavy snow-storm and the day's session developed no outside business from any quarter. The result was a narrow and listless market although the undertone was good throughout and the leading stocks showed an ability to resist the mild bearish pressure which was applied by professional traders during the day. The course of prices had little or no significance and there is nothing new to be said by way of comment. The market seems to be pretty well evened up pending fresh developments. Meantime the prospect is for a narrow and uneventful speculation with no important price changes over the holiday season.

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MONTREAL UNLISTED SALES

Table with columns: Wyagamack, Ames Holden Pfd., Mex. Nor., Wagon Power., Wyagamack, W. C. Power.

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Table with columns: Can. Cement Pfd., Can. Pac., Crow's Nest, Detroit United., Dom. Textile., Lat. Wood., Laurentide., Minn., St. P. and S., N. S. Steel., Ottawa Power., Penman's Com., Quebec Railway., Rich. and Ont., Shawinigan., Tor. Railway., Twin City.

ALBERT NEWS

Albert, Dec. 25.—Arthur Downing, of Annapolis, N. S., came on Saturday to spend the holidays with his parents, Conductor and Mrs. A. Downing.
Geo. A. Prescott, M.P.P., returned on Friday from a business trip to St. John.
Miss Mildred Murray and Miss Stebbings, who are attending the ladies' college at Mt. Allison, came on Friday to spend the holidays at their respective homes.

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The annual match between the president and the vice-president of the Thistle Curling Club was commenced yesterday. The ice was in the best of condition. Three rinks aside curled in the morning and one rink aside in the afternoon. There was no curling last night and the match will be resumed and perhaps finished on New Year's Day. The following is the result of the matches played yesterday:

Morning.

President R. E. Crawford	Vice-President Dr. W. Warwick
R. S. Ritchie	F. H. Fiewelling
R. S. Orchard	J. S. Gregory
F. F. Burpee	W. J. Myrie
Skip.....3	Skip.....10
Dr. W. E. Rowley	T. A. Armour
C. B. MacPherson	W. H. Mowatt
W. J. Brown	E. S. R. Murray
Geo. S. Bishop	J. C. Chesley
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H. Youngclaus	T. C. Ledingham
Frank White	H. E. Vanwart
J. A. Libby	H. N. McAlpine
J. S. MacAvity	J. W. Cameron
F. A. McAndrews	A. J. Machum
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W. J. RILEY PRESENTED WITH GOLD

W. J. Riley the classy centre fielder of the Marathon baseball club was given a most agreeable Christmas surprise yesterday, when an enthusiastic fan representing a number of other great admirers of Riley called on and presented him with a neat purse of gold. "But" was taken by surprise and wishes through the sporting columns of The Standard to thank his friends for their kind remembrance.

THE XMAS SWIMMING CONTEST

Paris, Dec. 25.—The Christmas swimming race across the Seine for "Xmas cup" was contested today in the presence of thousands of holiday makers. The weather was exceptionally mild, and twelve competitors including one woman, Mme. Rene E. Mortier, lined up for the start at Alexander III Bridge.

The event was won easily by Gerard Meiser, who covered the 150 metres (about 172 yards), in one minute, 54 seconds. Mme. Mortier, who was suffering from a recent sprain, made a plucky struggle. She finished last, but the crowd rewarded her courage by rousing cheers.

WELL KNOWN ONTARIO EDUCATOR IS DEAD

Toronto, Dec. 25.—Dr. George Hodgins died shortly before noon today at his home in this city. He was in his ninety-second year, and had been known as one of the most distinguished public servants of the Province of Ontario.

His name as an educator extended not only throughout the Dominion but to foreign countries, and during his long career he was the recipient of many high honors in the world of pedagogy.

Born in Dublin, Ireland, on August 12, 1821, Dr. Hodgins came in his early youth to Ontario, where he received his education in Upper Canada Academy and in Victoria College, Coburg, taking his degree at the latter institution. He entered the clerical service of the province as chief clerk on the education department in 1844 and in 1889 was made librarian and historiographer to the department. In 1894 he published the first volume of his "Docuementary History of Education in Ontario," a work which eventually comprised twenty-eight volumes.

TORONTO TEAM DEFEATED

Boston, Dec. 25.—The Boston Athletic Association Hockey seven defeated the Toronto University team 6 to 2 at the Boston arena tonight.

GIRL EMPLOYEES Deal with a Difficult Problem

Various methods have been introduced by different firms for increasing the efficiency of their staff of stenographers. In each case the efficiency had been augmented from 20 to 30 per cent, but while the results were rather uniform the methods themselves were widely different.

One man began with the statement that the way he got most of his women employees was to treat them like machines. But the apparent harshness of this remark was lost in his further explanation.

"Machinery," he added, "has all the attention, thought and good treatment that it requires. Skilled foremen watch and guard it, never allowing it to run beyond its capacity, with eyes open for overstrain. Ordinary business instinct teaches us this. We know that otherwise no machine can give good service. The same applies to the human machinery that is a part of our equipment, and particularly to the feminine portion of it. The capable business girl does not care for personal recognition. She does not ask for favors, in factory, shop or office. She feels that she is a part of the plant and takes a keen pride in doing her work well, not except herself knows how much pride she takes. I always try, therefore, to make each woman I employ feel that she has an important place in my plant, and to let her know that I am proud of her with a great deal of consideration for that reason.

"Women in business are not men. They have their special characteristics. Those that are valuable are prompt, faithful, obliging, handy, tireless, fair and just and intensely loyal. They ask mainly for fairness, appreciation and to be left alone and not followed up in their work. If she is competent and knows her job no woman wants to be bothered. You must not disturb a machine that is running perfectly.

A different way of solving the problem is that of a western commission man employing several hundred women stenographers. He has established a "minimum standard" and if any girl without good reason, does less than this call for she is automatically discharged. Each girl is paid according to the amount she does, all the type-writing machines being fitted with an attachment that shows what has been done during the hour. When the girl goes to take dictation a slip is filled out and placed on record, showing the work she had been away from her desk during the hour.

Another man has introduced a "centralized department." All the stenographers are brought into one room, under the charge of a head woman. When a stenographer is needed by any department this head woman is notified by telephone. Each girl is called in and calls out the name of the next girl on a list before her. That girl is at that moment busy. No girl is ever allowed to be idle. When the next girl immediately rises, delay would cost her job. She gathers up her notes and pencils, and by the time she has reached the department the chief slip is ready for her. It gives her name, the name of the man who is to dictate and his room number, and a time when she is to start dictating. The girl goes where she has been sent, takes the dictation, reports back, translates her notes, hands over the finished work, which is at once sent to the man by a messenger. The instant a girl is through with one piece of work she is started upon another. The gain in quantity, and every elimination of waste. Under a competent woman each girl is steadily employed every moment of her working day.

By the expenditure of \$100 now and then a business man in one of the big cities of the Atlantic seaboard has cut down his office payroll a good many hundreds a year. His method is very simple. It consists in constantly running his office equipment every little while on a "dry run." He has a list of that will add to his girls' comfort and speed.

Not only does he keep on the watch for these things himself, but he has each girl looking out for and suggesting office improvement. It is remarkable in this establishment how work has "eased up." There is no falling out, no quarrels, and every thing is done much more pleasantly and with infinitely greater quickness.

Six girls make up the office staff in this particular concern. Five years ago the same number were needed for not nearly the detail and rush of the present moment. The proprietor figures that each girl today does half as much again as the girl of a few years ago.

None of the improvements introduced into this office is costly or revolutionary in itself. All have been little things that the average man would not think it worth while installing. The desks have been carefully placed to take advantage of the best light and each girl's individual preference of position are considered so far as possible.

If a girl will come every morning for a week at 8.30 instead of 9 she can take an afternoon off the next week—any afternoon she may choose. This gives a girl special time for shopping, matinee or for an afternoon to go home and sleep. It is immensely popular with the young women and just this one idea has added much to the actual output of each.

In this office as in many others, the errand boy has long since been abolished. Whatever outside fetching and carrying is to be done is a part of the work of the girls. The errand boy's routine or hindering any individual work these little trips are daily distributed among the staff so that just when she most needs it a girl can get a whiff of fresh air and a brisk walk or ride.

The typewriting machines are regularly inspected before they happen to need it and are kept in the pink of order. An extra typewriter is always in readiness. The girls who have charge of the accounts have special desks with specially adjusted foot rests.

In the corner of one room, well out of sight, is a small comfortable sofa, which has been worth its weight in gold to young women for the scraps of rest they could get on it; but no girl has ever abused the privilege. The resting here out of sight of the activity of the office. Every once in a while,

A PLEASING CUSTOM

In a little shack in the village of Okark in Labrador, Dr. S. K. Hutto observed an Eskimo custom that sheds a pleasing light on the character of the people.

It was a queer dinner party. The table was pushed into the corner and littered as usual with the clothes and books and relics of work hastily laid aside, dinner was spread on the floor. The center of the feast was an enormous pot heaped with lumps and slabs and ribs and joints of raw seal meat. Round the pot the family squatted, every one except the baby armed with a business-like knife. Cutting off pieces of flesh or gnawing at bones, they munched and chewed and smacked their lips with great relish.

"So busy were they all that perhaps I was the only one to notice a slow, shuffling step passing the window. The footsteps turned into the porch and I saw the Eskimo, who had come to the door silently opened. A voice said, "Are you strong, all of you?" and Apkik, a young man of the village came in, choking and coughing at the sudden warmth. Nobody seemed to take much notice, but John, who was sitting by the door, pulled a knife out of his belt. I watched him pitifully as he helped himself with lean and shaking fingers. It was not long before he was satisfied, and he was sadly listless and weary, and with a simple "Nakomek," he wiped his knife upon his trouser leg and slowly went out. Again Apkik shut the door after him.

"I was mystified by the strange little drama, and I suppose that I showed my wonder in my face, for John answered the question that was in my thoughts, just as if I had asked it. "We all know Apkik," he said, "he is a poor young man who cannot hunt or work for himself and we know that he cannot work because he is ill. I did not invite him to come, but he is quite welcome. No poor man lacks for a meal as long as there is food. It is a custom of the people."—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

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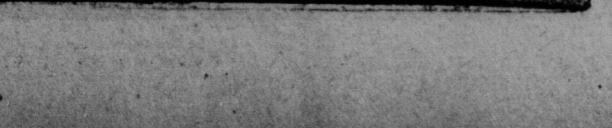
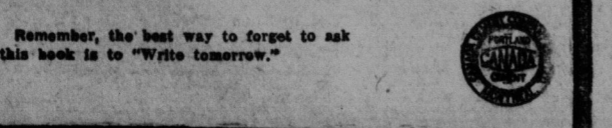
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AROUND THE CITY

Midnight Mass.
In the Home of the Good Shepherd and the chapel of the Sisters of Charity, midnight mass was celebrated on Christmas Eve.

Ladies Coats Found.
Two ladies coats were found Tuesday in Main street. The owner can have the same by applying at the North End police station.

Charged With Wife Beating.
Randolph Drillon who was charged with assault by his wife, was yesterday morning placed under arrest by Officer Hamm.

Hand Satchel Found.
Patrolman Witten found a lady's hand satchel on the King Square yesterday and the owner can receive the same on application at the central police station.

Found Parcel of Boots.
Early yesterday morning Patrolman Witten found a parcel of boots in an alley off Charlotte street. He placed them in the office of the St. John Creamery where the owner can receive the same on application.

Jack Robinson Here.
Among the arrivals in the city yesterday to spend Christmas in his old home town was Jack Robinson, the manager of the Sydney Hotel, Sydney, C. B. Jack was kept busy all day receiving the glad hand from his many friends. He leaves for Boston this evening for a brief trip.

Water Pipe Burst.
About two o'clock yesterday afternoon the main water pipe running down the North Wharf wharf to the Ferry burst at the head of the wharf and there was a heavy flow of water over the sidewalk and the C. P. R. tracks for a couple of hours until the water works men arrived on the scene and turned the water off.

Buried at Gondola Point.
The funeral of Charles Hobert Saunders took place at Gondola Point on Tuesday. Rev. W. W. Allaby conducted the funeral service, and interment was made at the Baptist burying ground. Members of King's Own No. 53, local Orange Lodge, acted as pall bearers. The service of the Orange order was held at the grave, being conducted by J. A. Johnson, King's County master, assisted by Rev. A. W. Daniel of Rothesay, as chaplain.

Slippery Sidewalks.
The snow storm Christmas Eve caused the sidewalks to become very slippery yesterday, and as the sand men were enjoying the holiday at their homes the walks were left in a dangerous condition, and a number of people received bad falls on the icy pavements. Yesterday afternoon when Mrs. Amanda Baxter, of Exmouth street, started to walk down Exmouth street hill, she slipped and was severely injured by the fall. She was taken to the hospital where she is recovering from her injuries. Her husband, who was with her, was also injured by the fall.

Christmas Eve Squabbles.
Shortly after Tuesday midnight Patrolman Crawford was called into Patrick Monahan's house on Peter street to quell a disturbance that Patrick was creating. About 10:30 o'clock Tuesday night a fight broke out between Collins and Walter Jones' house, No. 5 Union Alley, to quell a disturbance that Jones' son was making. About an hour later the same two officers were called into a house on Sewall street to quiet an angry husband. The man's wife called the officers in and complained that her husband had been threatening to take her life. She would not give the man in charge. He was quieted down when the officers arrived and promised to be good in the future.

Jail Prisoners Released.
Yesterday morning there was joy among a large number of the prisoners in the county jail, whose terms were nearly up, and they received the glad news that they were discharged and given their liberty. In all, twenty-four prisoners were allowed to depart from the big stone building with the request that they try to do better and keep out of the clutches of the law in future. To midnight all were reported doing well with the exception of an old rouser and he held his feet until late evening when, although all the saloons were closed, he managed to obtain enough liquor to become intoxicated and was gathered in by the police. He had been in jail since last fall and he stands a good chance of going back there for the remainder of the winter.

Sad Christmas News.
Yesterday W. C. Cross of this city received the sad news that his brother, Charles Vince Cross, had passed away in Berkeley, California, after a brief illness, due to smallpox. The deceased was a son of Rev. Henry Cross, formerly pastor of the German street Baptist church. He was born in St. Paul, Minnesota, but went to school in St. John. He was only 35 years of age and for the past five years has represented a big New York firm in California. He leaves a wife and three young children. Three brothers and one sister also survive. The brothers are W. C. Cross of Baird and Peters; Henry S. of Redlands, California; and Francis E. first lieutenant of a United States auxiliary cruiser stationed in the Philippines. The sister is Mrs. H. B. Williams of Red Bank, New Jersey.

Saved by the Police.
The timely arrival of Patrolmen Powers and Gibbs at the Long Wharf last evening, about 6:30 o'clock, was perhaps the saving of Fred Rowan's life. Rowan is an Englishman who is employed on one of the steamships lying at Sand Point and he put in part of his time yesterday by drinking liquor, with the result that he wandered down the Long Wharf where he collapsed in a stupor and when the officers arrived he was dead to the world. He was lying very near the edge of the wharf with his two legs over the railway tracks and within a very short distance from some cars which had just been moved by the shunting engine, would have undoubtedly run over and out the man's legs off if it had not killed him. After considerable difficulty the officers roused the drunken man up and gave him a ride in the patrol wagon to the central police station and locked him up.

VOLUNTEER EFFORT PREVENTED BAD FIRE

Michael Mahoney and the Watchman of the McAvity Foundry Fought Stubborn Blaze Without Calling Department.

A fire broke out in the basement of the McAvity foundry on Water street yesterday afternoon and had it not been discovered by the watchman in time the results might have been disastrous. It was a little after six o'clock last evening when the night watchman observed smoke rising from the basement of the building. Not thinking it serious, he did not summon the fire department but telephoned George McAvity, who hurried to the foundry. Meantime the fire rose in the building was stretched along the street by the watchman with the assistance of Michael Mahoney, who had been called, and a Standard representative, made preparations for fighting the fire. In order to get down in the basement where the fire was burning, a hole was cut through the floor and Mahoney dropped through the hole with the fire hose and made a plucky fight against the flames. Several times he had to come up to take a breath of

MANY PRESENTATIONS MADE DURING HOLIDAY

Several Firms Remembered their Employees with Turkeys and Cash—Other Presentations of Interest.

The altar boys of the Cathedral assembled last night in the vestry of the church and presented to Rev. Dr. Meahan a ten dollar gold piece and a box of cigars. A nicely arranged and very appropriate address was read by Joseph Ward. The presentation was made by James Murphy. After he had thanked the boys for their thoughtfulness, Father Meahan gave them a short talk, telling the boys what measures they should take to develop their minds and impressing on them the importance of seeking their vocations at an early age. Following its annual custom at this season of the year the management of the St. John Railway Company distributed turkeys to each of its employees. Altogether 263 of the festive birds were handed to the men, and each of them was remarkable for its plumpness. The Christmas spirit is making itself felt around the city hotels, and in most cases the managers have expressed their appreciation of the work of the staff for the year by remembering them with substantial cash prizes. Most of the managers and officials of the hotels have, too, been the recipients of presents from the staff.

The employees of the Royal Hotel have presented the manager, T. B. Reynolds, with a fitted travelling case. Mrs. A. A. Blaine, the housekeeper, was presented with a camera by the maids. F. A. Wright, the head waiter, received a cut glass pitcher and glasses from the waiters. The staff presented a reading lamp to Mrs. Doherty and a piece of bronze statuary to Mrs. Raymond. Cash presents were given the staff by the management. At the Victoria the employees presented a travelling bag to A. M. Philips, the manager, and another to Mrs. Philips. Cash presents were given to the members of the staff.

The staff of the Dufferin Hotel presented a silver scallop dish to the manager, John H. Bond. Messrs. F. H. Foster and J. H. Doody were the recipients of umbrellas. Cash presents were distributed among the staff. Arthur McHugh of the Customs was presented by the staff of the Customs with a purse of gold. Mr. McHugh thanked his donors for their good will towards him. The men employed by the firm of H. S. Gregory, surveyors, were remembered with turkeys, as were the employees of J. H. Pullen. The Simons Canada Saw Company, Sheffield street, presented to each of their employees in the saw and knife department a five dollar gold piece. Mr. and Mrs. Green, proprietors of the Clifton House, were presented by the guests of the house with a large handsome mission table and steel engraving with mission frame, and by the employees with a mission chair, with leather cushion bottom and back. Mr. Green presented the employees with gifts of gold, and the employees received a number of presents from the guests.

In the Edward Hotel last night the friends of Mike "Twin" Sullivan presented him with a gold headed umbrella. The Beacon Dredging Company presented suitable gifts to all their employees. Unique last night the members of the Lyric and Unique staff presented to Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Spencer a handsome silver coffee urn accompanied by an address. On this was represented two motion picture reels mounted on mission wood, and stretched from reel to reel was a satin ribbon representing a film on which was printed the address. Mr. Spencer replied briefly and presented each member of his staff with a cheque. On Christmas eve E. R. Fenwick, general manager of the Dunlop Tire and Rubber Company here, was presented with a handsome Morris chair by the employees of the firm.

UPSET LAMP CAUSED FIRE

Considerable Damage from Blaze in Building on King Street, West End, Yesterday Afternoon.

The upsetting of an oil lamp in the house of Mrs. Mary Seely, the proprietress of a cake shop at 150 King street, West End, resulted in serious damage by fire yesterday afternoon. It was shortly after five o'clock when the accident occurred. A young man was sitting in a rocking chair in the parlor reading, with a lamp standing on a table behind him. As he rocked back the chair struck the table and threw the lamp to the floor and it immediately exploded. In an instant a great stream of water turned on the carpet, caught fire and in a very short time there was a brisk blaze which the man was unable to extinguish. An alarm was sent in from box 114 and when the firemen arrived they found a rather bad fire to handle. It was not long, however, when they got the fire under control and they extinguished the fire, but not before much damage had been done. The furniture in the room was badly damaged and a piano was destroyed. Mrs. Seely has enough insurance on her furniture to cover the loss. The building is the property of Mrs. Seely's mother, Mrs. Brown, and the damage done the building is also covered by insurance.

HE FELL DOWN AN ELEVATOR SHAFT

Cornelius O'Leary Injured while at Work in O'Regan Building on Tuesday—Not Badly Hurt.

While working in the O'Regan building on Tuesday afternoon, Cornelius O'Leary, who is employed by John O'Regan as teamster, fell down an elevator shaft from the first floor to the cellar and was badly shaken up. Mr. O'Leary was engaged in moving heavy cases when he slipped and fell to the cellar below. The nature of the fall was such that it was at first thought his condition would be serious. Medical aid was summoned and it was found the man received no injuries other than some slight bruises and a shaking up. He was removed to his home City Road and will be around in a few days.

DIED AS RESULT OF HIS INJURIES

Man who Fell Down Empress of Britain's Companionway Passed Away in Hospital Yesterday Morning.

Horis Bassford, the steward who received serious injuries from a fall on the steamer Empress of Britain, last Saturday, succumbed to his injuries at the General Public Hospital at 6:30 yesterday morning. It will be remembered that shortly after the boat docked on Saturday Mr. Bassford, while working around the steamer, fell down a companionway and received injuries about the head. He was taken to the hospital in an unconscious condition and remained in that state until his death yesterday morning. When asked last night whether or not he would hold an inquest, Dr. Berryman said he had not yet decided.

QUINLAN AND GIBBS WERE FORTUNATE

Sand Point Shooting on Christmas Eve Ends Luckily.

ALFRED GIBBS MIGHT FACE SERIOUS CHARGE
Fired Revolver Point Blank at P. Leo Quinlan—Fortunately Bullet Lodged in Quinlan's Sock, Doing no Damage.
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NEW POLICE BLOTTER

Eleven Prisoners Arrested Since Tuesday Night—A Christmas Wish and what Appeared Beneath it.

A new police blotter was placed on the desk in the guard room on Tuesday afternoon and a fairly good business during the past two days. The first visitor to have his name enrolled was a drunk who was gathered in the afternoon about 2:30 o'clock. Since that time eleven prisoners were placed under arrest and the majority are for drunkenness. On Christmas Eve seven drunks were arrested. Of this number five had deposits for eight dollars each yesterday morning and were enabled to get out. Two were unable to raise the cash and spent their Christmas behind the bars. Edward Marr was arrested for being drunk and profaning God's name on the north side of the King Square. There is a line inscribed in most brilliant red ink and in most artistic penmanship over the Christmas date which was not put on by the police official with any sarcastic intention but it strikes one that it can only be meant for the reporters and the police officers who have occasion to read the book. The line reads: "A merry Christmas to you all." Immediately under this happy Christmas greeting come the names of two drunks, a man on the charge of beating his wife and the name of another man who is charged with shooting. It may be a very happy Christmas for some people, but for those whose names are under the line it can be taken for granted that they are not enjoying the holiday season to any great extent.

PERSONAL

Notwithstanding the fact that an immense quantity of goods have left Dykeman's store in the last few days, you would hardly notice that the stock had been depleted. So if you had money presented to you for a Christmas gift, you would hardly notice where it would bring the biggest returns, make a bee-line for this store. They have a big lot of Ladies Coats, about fifty of them, that they are anxious to clear out. It is the policy of their store to have no old stock sticking around, so the prices have been cut sufficiently enough to induce you to buy one of these coats whether you want one or not.

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