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FRENCH SCHOOL BOOKS.

(Special to the Star).

MONCTON, Dec. 28.—The joint committee of representatives from the boards of education in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick and the governments of the two provinces are meeting here today to consider the question of French text books for the public schools.

REV. J. L. COFFIN DEAD.

(Special to the Star). HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Rev. J. L. Coffin, of the African M. E. church, Yarmouth, died suddenly this morning. He had been ill a week.

MAY BE KNIGHTED.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—It is rumored that Chas. M. Hays, general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, and D. McNicoll, general manager of the Canadian Pacific, will be knighted Jan. 1st.

COL SHAFNER DEAD.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—Col. William Shafner, who has been thirty years in the militia and for five years has been commander of the 6th regiment, died in Truro this morning, aged 68 years. He leaves a wife and daughter.

BERESFORD PROMOTED.

LONDON, Dec. 27.—Vice-Admiral Lord Charles Beresford has been appointed to succeed Admiral Donville in command of the Mediterranean squadron on May 1st.

St. John, N. B., Dec. 27, 1904.

Boys' 2-Piece Suits

ALMOST GIVEN AWAY.

All lines in which the sizes are broken in Boys' 2-Piece Suits have been placed in THREE SEPARATE LOTS at 98c. \$1.69 and \$1.98.

These Suits formerly sold from \$1.85 to \$4.50; they're less than half-price now.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 and 201 Union St.

MISSING WILL FOUND IN TRUNK.

Interesting Developments in Patterson Estate Case.

Seventy-Five Claimants May Be Disappointed by the Discovery of an Old Document.

In the case of Patterson vs. Patterson, a suit for the partition of property situated in St. Martins, at present going on before the equity court, evidence was introduced yesterday of a will, the authenticity of a certain old will. This will, if established, will put a new complexion on matters and constitute all owners of the property in dispute persons who were believed previously to have only a very small share.

Some time ago the O'Neill Lumber Company bought the larger portion of the property for \$8,000, but an injunction was obtained against them by the persons who rest their title on the old will to restrain them from cutting lumber on the land. The price of \$6,000 was placed in the possession of the court and now a suit is going on, the object of which is to ascertain who are the lawful owners.

SIX INCHES OF SNOW.

Last Night's Storm Upset Traffic In and Around St. John—Street Department's Incapacity.

The storm which swept Eastern Canada and the Eastern States left its marks in St. John yesterday and is now subsiding somewhere in the Atlantic. Judging from reports the storm was heavier in other places than here and left in its wake suspended traffic and demoralized telegraph service.

A big storm never fails to show the incapacity of the street department. The sidewalk ploughs, while they were out early, were too few to accomplish much, with the result that the sidewalks of many of the main streets were not cleared until late in the morning.

WEDDING IN HALIFAX.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 28.—At six o'clock this afternoon the wedding will take place of Kathleen, daughter of Hon. S. H. Holmes and Prof. Murray McNeill, of McGill University, Montreal. The happy couple will leave shortly after the ceremony for Montreal, where they will reside.

TOO LATE FOR CLASSIFICATION.

LOST—Between Victoria and King streets, a child's purse, containing \$2.30. Finder will please leave it at the Star office.

WANTED—A kitchen girl.

Apply at once at GRAND UNION HOTEL.

WANTED—A Bell Boy at DUFFERIN HOTEL.

A situation by a first class practical baker in all lines. No objection to travel. Apply to J. M. care Star Office.

FAMINE THREATENS PORT ARTHUR'S BRAVE DEFENDERS

Food Nearly Gone—Turkeys \$75 Each—High Prices For Dog and Horse Meat—General Stoessel Wounded.

TOKIO, Dec. 28, 10.30 a. m.—Trustworthy advices from Port Arthur confirm the report that General Kondranchenko has been killed and that General Stoessel has been injured by falling from his horse. General Stoessel is also reported wounded.

PLAGUE AMONG COSSACKS.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 28.—It is officially announced that a disease whose characteristics are similar to bubonic plague, has appeared among the Kirghiz Cossacks in two settlements of the Ural territory.

GOOD CHRISTMAS TRADE.

Dry Goods, Eatables and Useful Things Had the Run—Toys and Jewelry Were Neglected.

The calm that follows the Christmas rush has enabled storekeepers to form an estimate of their sales. In the midst of the confusion which attended last week's shopping, many of the busy storekeepers elicited nothing but the indefinite "I think so," or "likely."

MRS. FRED. GILLEN, A FORMER ST.

JOHN GIRL, DEAD IN MONCTON.

(Special to the Star). MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 28.—Mrs. Fred Gillen died in the hospital this morning shortly after eight o'clock, after a comparatively brief illness.

STOCKS ADVANCING.

NEW YORK, Dec. 28.—Wall street. Prices advanced a small fraction all around a moderate volume of opening dealings in the stock market today.

C. P. R. OFFICIALS DENY CHARGES.

Conditions on Lake Manitoba Not as Described.

Officers Examined Steerage Every Day and Not a Complaint Was Made by Passengers.

Captain Murray and officers of the C. P. R. steamer Lake Manitoba are very much incensed at the articles that have appeared in some of the local papers to the effect that shocking conditions prevailed on the steamer on the voyage from Liverpool to this port.

JAPANESE TREATY.

TOKIO, Dec. 28, 9 a. m.—The Japanese government has agreed to ratify the arbitration treaty with the United States. This is the result of Minister Okuma's representations to Baron Komura, minister of foreign affairs.

AGED WOMAN BURNED TO DEATH WHILE ALONE IN HER HOUSE.

(Special to the Star). KINGSTON, Dec. 28.—Sarah Walker, eighty-six years old, who lived with relatives at Desert Lake, was burned to death last night while alone in the house, her clothing catching fire from the stove. Her charred remains were found on the return of the family, near the door, toward which she had recently crawled in an attempt to escape.

MEETING TONIGHT.

A meeting in the opposition interests will be held in Tabernacle Hall, Haymarket square, tonight. The speakers will be Messrs. Hazen, Maxwell and Flemming.

THE 2 BARKERS, LTD

100 PRINCESS STREET. Mechanical Toys, 25c. kind for 14c. Mechanical Toys, 50c. kind for 25c. 75c. goods for 45c. 80c. goods for 50c. \$1.00 goods for \$1.40. \$2.00 goods for \$2.00. A lot of DOLLS to be sold from 5c. to 15c. worth from 2c. to 25c. A lot of \$2.00 Dolls from 75c. to \$1.25, a bargain.

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THE WEATHER.

Forecast—Southwest gales with rain or sleet. Thursday, high westerly winds and colder again.

Hats, Caps And Furs

FOR XMAS PRESENTS.

Dressy Hats, from \$1.00 to \$5.00. Cloth Caps, from 35c. to \$1.50. Fur Caps, from \$1.50 to \$25.00.

Men's Fur Collars, from \$2.50 to \$25. Ladies' and Gents' Fur and Fur Lined Coats, from \$16.50 to \$85.00.

Ladies' and Children's Neck Furs. Muffs and Mitts, in all the Stylish Furs.

ANDERSON, Manufacturer, 17 Charlotte St.

DUVAL'S

Pocket Knives, 4c. up. Acme Skates, 40c. up. Hockey Skates, 50c. Hockey Sticks, 15c. up. Skate Straps, 10c. up. Snow Shovels, 21c. up. Framers, 35c. up.

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We solicit your business in Diamonds, other Precious Stones and Pearls, mounted or unmounted.

Our stock of Rings, Brooches, Links, Studs, etc., is large and varied, our prices right, and we ask you to make a special effort to come early and make your selection.

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To be sold Thursday and Saturday nights. W. S. POTTS, Auctioneer.

Notions at Little Prices.

Here are a few items that speak for hundreds. All are of thoroughly worthy quality, though prices are as low as you need pay for inferior goods. We can recommend every item.

LADIES' FANCY COLLARS, 25c, 30c, 40c, 50c, 75c. each.

COLLAR TOPS, 10c, 15c, 20c, 25c. each.

SILK BELTS, 25c, 30c, 50c. each.

PURSES, 10c, 25c, 30c, 45c, 50c, 65c. each.

WRIST BAGS, 60c, 70c, 75c, \$1.10, \$1.50 each.

HEM-STITCHED LINEN HANKERCHIEFS, 14c, 18c, 22c, 25c, 28c, 30c. each.

FANCY HANKERCHIEFS, 8c to 50c. each.

HANDKERCHIEF CENTRES, 14c, 15c, 18c. each.

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ANOTHER GOOD HOUSE. York Theatre had splendid patronage last night, and the class of show that is presented this week merits it.

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 28, 1904.

The average daily circulation of the Star for November was 6,288; for the past three months, 6,212 for the past six months, 6,188.

LICENSE LAW ENFORCEMENT.

Whatever difference of opinion there may be on other questions relating to the liquor traffic, most good citizens will agree that the license laws regulating the sale of liquor ought to be enforced. But of late we have been told by one licensed dealer, who is recommended by the inspector as a rigid observer of the law, that one of the provisions of the statute is utterly disregarded. The same man states that large sums of money subscribed by the trade for the plebiscite campaign went to the election funds of the provincial government party, and that other sums raised to test the validity of a clause in the law had been diverted to another purpose assumed to be political.

Hard road ter travel. Fum springs time ter fall; LIT bit er pleasure, Den you got ter give up all! Mister Good Resolution—'I know him long ago; But ever time I meets him he gits losted in de snow; I tell him, 'Howdy-do, suh' en he tell me with a sigh, 'I'm 'bout 'ere; 'De very same ter you, jub—but you wants ter say 'Good-by!'

GOING WEST AGAIN.

Geo. C. Godfrey Says It's a Great Place to Live In. George C. Godfrey left last evening for Calgary, N. W. T., after spending a few weeks with relatives in the city. Mr. Godfrey for the last year and a half has been in the employ of the Dominion of the Territories in the capacity of assistant superintendent of bridge construction in the North West Territories. He says that the government has shown great interest in the advancement of the Territories and has not been backward in spending large sums in highway improvement and railroad extension.

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LEE.—At Salem, N. H., in the 87th year of her age, Sarah Lee, widow of the late Robert Lee of St. John. Body will be brought to St. John for burial and notice of funeral hereafter.

"The people should remember that they can only have a good, honest and faithful administration of affairs by standing for themselves. . . . They can never have good government unless they strive for it, and to continue in office an administration which in the past few years has displayed such colossal extravagance and debt-creating capacity as the present government is surely unwelcome."—St. John Globe, Feb. 27, 1903.

Mr. Eben Perkins is entitled to the thanks of the community for his action in forcing the local government to instruct the liquor license commissioners to enforce the law with reference to the number of licenses to be issued, which has been systematically violated every year since its enactment.

It would be interesting to a great many people if the Globe would explain what change has taken place in the local government that makes it more worthy of endorsement this year than it was last.

"The whole future of the province is being tied up by the recklessness of the administration."—St. John Globe.

MISTER GOOD RESOLUTION.

Mister Good Resolution is a-comin' up de slope; But it's time enough ter meet him—en 'I s'peel' he'll gimme rope; Oh, dat Resolution's comin' en a-singin' of his song, So till de Jimmyjohn once mo', en make it sweet an strong!

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LOCAL NEWS.

Another case of diphtheria was reported yesterday, this time on Rock street, off City road. Christmas carols will be sung in St. Paul's church after the evening service on Sunday next. Anthems will be sung after both services.

Misses Fowler and Robertson gave a very enjoyable assembly in the York Theatre last evening. About seventy-five couples were present.

The St. Andrew's lady curiers will open the season at St. Andrew's Kirk Thursday morning, which is known as club morning. The membership of the club is now seventy-five, which is the limit.

In German street Baptist parsonage last evening Rev. G. O. Gates officiated at the marriage of Thomas Pickett and Miss Emmeline Phinney. Both bride and groom belong to Bridgetown, N. S.

The annual meeting of the High School Alumnae will be held Thursday evening at eight o'clock in the Church of England Institute, German street. All honorary as well as regular members are invited to be present. A reception will be held at the close of the business meeting.

The Merchants Bank of Commerce expects to be able to move to their new building at the corner of King and German streets, some time in May, or later than June next. The workmen are getting on well with the building. The vestibule has been completed and the plumbing and electric wiring done. The carpenters began work on the interior yesterday.

At a meeting of the Intermediate Hockey League last night it was declared that as the Ramblers had sold the highest number of tickets they should have first choice of practice hours.

6,000 MILE RACE.

Wife Injured New York Millionaire Trying to Annihilate Time.

CHICAGO, Dec. 28.—With frantic haste and at a cost of perhaps thousands of dollars, F. J. Mackey, the millionaire of New York, is trying to annihilate time and distance between San Bernardino, Cal., and London, England, across continent and ocean, in an attempt to reach the bedside of his wife, who was reported to be in a dying condition, though later reports are more reassuring.

A special train over the Southern Pacific and Rock Island roads is one of the agencies by which Mr. Mackey hopes to get to London in time to see his wife. On his arrival in New York Territory, he says that the government has shown great interest in the advancement of the Territories and has not been backward in spending large sums in highway improvement and railroad extension.

The report of the accident to Mrs. Mackey was handed to Mr. Mackey at San Bernardino early today. He immediately arranged his plans for a record run across the continent. Officials of the Southern Pacific placed a special train at his disposal, with instructions to all train dispatchers to keep the road clear for a record breaking trip to El Paso, Texas, where directly after he will take the Rock Island managers are on the lookout for the special and will facilitate the eastward over the line to Chicago.

Whether Mr. Mackey will take the twentieth century limited to New York on his arrival in Chicago or continue his journey by special train is not known. Much will depend on the character of the news from London.

CHILD BURNED TO DEATH.

HALIFAX, Dec. 27.—At Five Mile Plain, Hants Co., Mrs. Bowen left an adopted child in her house while she went to Windsor to do a day's work. Kindlings had been left in the oven. These caught fire, burst open the oven doors and set fire to the house. The child could not escape and perished.

OFFICIAL HOSTILITY.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 27.—It is reported that Grand Duke Sergius will not return to the governor generalship of Moscow until the end of the year. This decision, coupled with the reported resignation of the prefecture of police of Moscow by M. Trepoef, is believed to be due to personal hostility towards both officials, owing to the respective measures they adopted against the recent demonstrations.

GENERAL PORTER TO RETIRE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The Herald will say tomorrow: "It has been definitely decided that General Horace Porter, of New York, shall retire as ambassador to France, and he will have his resignation in the hands of President Roosevelt before inauguration. This announcement comes in the hands of the Republican state leaders. General Porter's successor to Paris will be George Von Lenzner Meyer, the present ambassador of Italy."

A LONG COLD RIDE.

MONCTON, Dec. 27.—Upon the arrival of the express from St. John last evening a young man was taken off the tender of the engine in a perishing condition. The man had apparently been drinking and had got into the back part of the tender unknown to those in the engine and laid down. He had come some distance, and when found was in a critical condition. When he arrived here he was given medical attendance and ultimately came around all right, and the doctor thinks he will not suffer any serious effects as the result of the cold ride.

MR. RUSSELL WILL NOT SELL.

MONTREAL, Dec. 28.—David Russell is evidently determined to become the owner of La Presse. In April the final payment falls due and he states that it will be met promptly. An effort has been on foot to induce Mr. Russell to abandon the transaction, but it seems that he is determined to pay over the purchase price and become owner.

BISHOPS PROTEST.

MONTREAL, Dec. 27.—La Presse tonight publishes a three column letter addressed by the archbishops and bishops of Canada to Cardinal Richard, of Paris, protesting against the action of the French government in regard to the Catholic church and expressing sympathy.

Useful Gifts For All.

The gifts that are useful, the kind that give everybody enjoyment, are the most appreciated. Everything we have answers this description. We can mention but a few

- Kid Gloves in fancy boxes, \$1 to \$1.50. Silk Jabots in fancy boxes, 50c. to \$2. Rain Umbrellas, 75c. to \$4.25. Waist Silks, 25c. to \$1.35. Dress Goods, 25c. to \$2. Mantle Drapes, \$1.75 to \$2.50. Pillow Shams, 25c. to \$1 each. Runners, 25c. to \$1 each. Tray Cloths, 25c. to 50c. Cushion Tops, 25c. to 75c. Warm Wool Hose, 15c. to 50c.



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The Attractions of Our Stores Are Their Low Prices. D. A. KENNEDY, (Successor to WALTER SCOTT.) 32-36 King Square, St. John, N. B. A Big Clearing Sale After The Holiday Rush. Commencing on Tuesday Morning, December 27th. COME AND SHARE IN THIS SALE.

GALBRAITH INQUEST.

Commenced Last Evening by Coroner Berrymann. Coroner Berrymann commenced last night in the City Hall, Carleton, the inquest into the death of Frederick Galbraith, who was killed last Friday by having his head crushed between two cars. The inquest was somewhat delayed by the tardiness of some of the jurymen and Coroner Berrymann took the occasion to administer a deserved reprimand.

We Are Waiting for you to decide what you shall give for Christmas. Other people are getting full value for their money and a great deal of satisfaction by getting SLIPPERS and OVERSHOES here. We have a full line of them as well as stylish Shoes, Skating Boots and dressy Footwear of every description.

SANBORN'S SHOE STORE, 339 Main St.

At Less Than Mill Price. We are selling Tooke Bros' Flannellette Wrappers in a nice variety of patterns, made with full skirt and twelve inch flounce, for 50c. each. The mill price was \$1.17. Also a good line of Navy and White Polka Spot House Waists for 45c. each. Our Six Tail Fur Collar at \$1.50 is well worth \$2.25.

COR. OF WATERLOO AND BRUSSELS STS. COME ALONG

with the rest of the people and get special bargains in confectionery and fruit. Choice Mixed Candy, 50c. per lb., 10c. for 25c.; Chocolate Drops, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; Gum Drops, 15c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 25c.; Xmas Mixture, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; Hard Made Barley Toys, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; French Cream Mixture, 15c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 25c.; Chocolate Caramel, 20c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 35c.; Choice Dates, 8c. per lb., 2 lbs. for 15c. Good Oranges 25c. a doz.; Best New Figs, 14c. per lb.; Bananas, 30c. per doz.; Best American Oil, 25c. per gal., 5 gals. for \$1.00.

H. R. COLEMAN'S STORE, Corner WALL and PARADISE ROW. Phone 571

FARE BOOK SOLD TO LONDON DEALER. "Amour Pastoralis de Daphnis et Chloe," Bound by Monnier, Fettes \$9.100.

PARIS, Dec. 28.—A most remarkable book just sold at the Hotel Drouot, Paris, for the comparatively low price of \$9,100, is a small octavo, "Amour Pastoralis de Daphnis et Chloe," par Longus, 1718. It is the Regent's edition, with twenty-eight plates by P.

"Poverty is a bully if you are afraid of her, or truckle to her;" but a wise use of the word ads. will often enable you to cut her acquaintance altogether.

Watches. DAV'S BROS. Jewelry. A 25 year 14 K. Ladies' Gold Filled WATCH, with beautiful Long Chain, complete, \$20.00. One-half down, balance 90 days. Canada Life Bldg (Up one flight), PRINCE WILLIAM STREET. Open Evenings. Special Prices On All Kinds.

What you need is a good liver pill. The color of your skin shows it. Your sick-headaches declare it. And your disposition proves it. Who makes a good liver pill? The J. C. Ayer Co., of Lowell, Mass. They have been making liver pills for over sixty years. Ayer's Pills. J.C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.



Clothes to fit the Man.

Our clothes, 20th Century Brand, may be termed custom made to fit. They are considerably better than most of the custom-tailored clothes one sees on men these days, and it seldom we find a man we cannot fit. For him we can get special garments exactly to his measure in a few days time. Suppose you try one of our Suits or Overcoats. It will mean money in your pocket and satisfaction in your mind.

Suits and Overcoats, \$10 to \$22.

A. GILMOUR, Fine Tailoring and Clothing, 68 King Street.

Do your Christmas baking with SLIPP & FLEWELL INGREDIENTS rendered PURE LEAF LARD. DO IT NOW. SK your grocer to secure you a SLIPP & FLEWELL INGREDIENTS cured HAM for Christmas. YOU know whose SAUSAGE to order. SLIPP & FLEWELL, 240 MAIN ST., ST. JOHN, N. B.

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DUPED AS WIFE. CHICK VICTIMS. Bankers and Business of Stroudsburg, Pa., Cause Action of Woman as Forger. STROUDSBURG, Dec. 22.—Monroe county bankers business men have had an experience similar to the victims of Mrs. Chad, as a result of which Mrs. Linda, a summer resort keeper and his woman, has just been convicted of forgery brought by the National Bank. The Brown forgery has attracted widespread attention in Eastern Pennsylvania and has been called Mrs. Brown the "Mrs. Chadwick of Monroe county." At the September term, a similar charge was brought against Mrs. Brown by the Stroud National Bank, which held through forged notes, with Mrs. Brown, in order, amounting to nearly \$1,000. The verdict of the trial was guilty, and Mrs. Brown was immediately arrested. During the recent trial, she showed that Mrs. Brown signed the name of Mrs. Brown to the notes, in all amounting to nearly \$1,000. The four Monroe county banks, however, of them and several business and private bankers are some of the notes. Mrs. Brown's name was that Mrs. Brown, who later-in-law to Mrs. Brown, was...

RUINS OF A BURIED CITY IDENTIFIED BY HER TEETH.

British scientific circles are greatly interested in the exploration of R. W. Hall, F. R. G. S., who returned to London recently from Rhodesia, where his discoveries in the Great Zimbabwe, South Mashonaland, are believed to shed fresh light on the deep mystery enfolding the ruins of a buried city dating from Solomon's time.

For two years Mr. Hall led an isolated life at his headquarters, remote from the outposts of civilization. Zimbabwe is believed to represent the monuments of a colony of the ancient empire of Saba (Sheba), which was a powerful state in Solomon's time, and long before. It was, in its day, the gold purveyor for the known world, and possessed nearly the whole of the East coast of Africa. This occupation was maintained until B. C. 35. Mr. Hall's explorations were conducted on behalf of Sir William Mitchell, the administrator of Rhodesia.

These ruins were known to the early Portuguese in 1530, the Arab gold, ivory and slave traders who were following them. Since about that period the ruins were completely lost sight of until 1868, when Alexander Burnes, the famous Adam Reinders, rediscovered them, and later information came to be circulated in England; but the descriptions given were meagre and scanty, probably owing to the fact that this ancient city had in the course of long centuries become partially buried. In 1891, Mr. Bent, a well known archaeologist, visited Zimbabwe, and published his work on "The Ruined Cities of Mashonaland." Unfortunately he made the ruins only in their buried condition; but so far as his descriptions extended, the conjectures he then made as to the origin of the ruins were considered as highly probable. Mr. Hall, after his work at Zimbabwe covering two years, has caused a better description to be prepared, and while concurring with Mr. Bent's main conclusion in several respects, carries the discussion as to the origin of the building considerably further.

The ruins are composed of three groups of temples and forts—namely, the Elliptical Temple, the Valley of Ruins and the Acropolis. The area covered is almost two miles in one direction and one mile and a half in another direction; but the recent examination shows that probably the latter extended much further. The Elliptical Temple is a massive structure of excellent masonry, built of granite blocks. The oldest portion has walls 15 feet wide at the base and 8 feet high at the summit. The walls are not without serious dilapidations, being still from 25 feet to 31 feet in height. The slope of the faces, or batter back, lends the building an exceedingly Eastern appearance. The entrances are narrow and are defended by buttresses. The interior of the temple is divided into inclosures or courts. At the east end of the interior stands a massive column tower some 31 feet in height, and this is the only column throughout. The structure affords evidence of the nature and fertility of the soil, and is particularly noteworthy in the temple and fortifications. The latter are similar to those found in the temples and fortifications of the Eastern Phoenicians.

The larger portion of the interior of the temple is a series of small rooms, some of which are separated from the main hall by low walls. The walls are built of granite blocks, and are decorated with intricate carvings. The floor is made of polished granite, and is decorated with geometric patterns. The ceiling is made of wood, and is supported by a series of columns. The overall appearance is one of great beauty and grandeur.

The little store, like the company of soldiers, may get along with little aid, if they are placed in "long range" positions. A "bigger store," like a regiment, must have some display space—some field guns, for offense and defense. Without this he is partially unarmed; some breach-loading, rapid-fire "three-pounders." A Brigade, isolated from its base, must carry at least a small Artillery Corps, equipped with field guns large enough to "pound" a fortified enemy, or to cover either an offensive movement or a retreat. An Army Division, in hostile country, can move only as fast as its "big guns" can be transported—over the "big guns" are the "matted feet" of a Major-General. Without these, he is partially unarmed; losing any of them to the enemy is counted to be a humiliating reverse, apt to nullify a whole plan of campaign.

Mr. Hall discovered that this length of wall once carried small towers and beautifully carved soapstone bowls. This portion of the wall, so decorated toward the east, is believed to be connected with the geometrical orientation of the temple in order to fix seasons and periods of the year. The system of the orientation of ancient temples was commonly adopted in Asia, Arabia, Babylonia, Phoenicia and Egypt. It is by the orientation of the temple that the approximate dates of their construction can be ascertained. This is obtained by astronomical calculation, the earth in the course of centuries changing its relative position to the sun. The age of the building of the Zimbabwe Temple is believed to be 1200 B. C.

CHARGE DISMISSED. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 21.—The charge of embezzlement preferred by "Battling" Nelson against Theodore Murphy, his manager, and Eddie Sandry, his sparring partner, was dismissed today by the police. Nelson told the stand and declared the arrests were made while he was laboring under a misapprehension. He said he did not desire to prosecute anybody. The money in the private clerk's hands was then produced, Nelson receiving \$5,000, and Murphy \$2,000, this division being according to the manager's accounts. The case was then dismissed and the trio left the court room.

MURDERED WOMAN FOUND ON COLORADO MOUNTAIN RECOGNIZED BY HER SISTER.

SANTA BARBARA, Cal., Dec. 21.—Mrs. Charles Nelson, of this city, firmly believes that the dead woman found on Cutler Mountain, near Colorado Springs, Colo., was her sister, Mrs. B. Bouton. The main point upon which the conclusion is based is the peculiar nature of the dental work shown in the teeth of the dead woman. Other circumstances support this conclusion. She says Mrs. Bouton left Santa Barbara last August for Denver. It is said she travelled in company with a salesman.

DENVER, Col., Dec. 21.—The News today says: "Bessie Bouton, believed to be the young woman who was found on Cutler Mountain with a bullet in her brain and her face burned beyond recognition, was a guest at the Albany hotel from May 2 to July 23, according to the hotel register. She was accompanied by a man and the couple registered under the name of Mr. and Mrs. Bouton. She is believed to have been a familiar figure at sporting resorts and when she left Denver some time in August, told her intention of going to Syracuse, N. Y. The woman who knew the Boutons best was a maid at the Albany, Mrs. Mary Madison. Mrs. Bouton told Mrs. Madison that her parents lived in Syracuse, N. Y., and that her maiden name was Kemter. Clerk Doty, of the Albany in speaking of the Boutons, said: 'Bouton says that they were from New Orleans and they registered from there.'"

The description of the murdered woman fits well with Mrs. Bouton, there being no real points of dissimilarity that can now be detected. During their stay in the Albany, Mrs. Bouton told me that her mother was sick and that she must go back to Syracuse. The man objected and they travelled but finally they complied by sending a package to Syracuse."

DOESN'T KNOW HIS WIFE BY SIGHT. And Horace A. Blackmur, Jr., Even Asks to Be Told the Names of His Two Children.

(New York Herald.) Horace A. Blackmur, Jr., reminded that he and his family, was in an indignant frame of mind yesterday. He paused to reflect—it was necessary to ask for sufficient information to be given to a complaint in a suit brought by Mrs. Blackmur in the Kings county supreme court, separation, support for herself and for the education of their two children. There are two daughters, Viola, nine years old, and Catherine, one year of age. Wall street knows Mr. Blackmur. He is a prominent member of the New York Stock Exchange, and has a large amount of money and deals in investment securities. He and his wife have had several divorces and a year ago she brought action against him for non-support through the Brooklyn Commissioner of Charities, and the court ordered that he should pay \$5 a week for the support of the family. Mrs. Blackmur says that the amount would be insufficient for her expenses and alleging that he has now ceased to pay it, she has brought an action for legal separation.

ALL NEWS TO HIM. "Well, this is all news to me," said Mr. Blackmur, "it seems to me that a young fellow did come in here yesterday, talking very loudly, and showing some kind of a paper. I put him out. 'Well, I believe I have a wife, but I have scarcely seen her for nine years. I would not know the woman by sight if she should come into the room this minute. Sure she should, for separation, has she? Doesn't she think that her estate is already suitably separated? What more does she want? And you say I'm accused of not supporting her. That is a grave mistake. For nine years I have done nothing else. I have given her some \$15 to \$25 a week right along and she has been making trouble for me.'"

NO PROGRESS FOR FRENCH GIRLS. Women in Congress condemn idea of becoming Scientific and Independent. PARIS, Dec. 21.—According to the results of a debate held in Paris in the presence of an exclusively feminine audience, consisting of 241 women and favor of the modern, independent, scientific girl. French feminists are still up in arms against the Civil Code. Acting on behalf of other women, Dr. Madeleine Pelleay has written to the minister of justice, asking to be nominated on a commission for revising the code. Her application is supported by a number of deputies, who think woman's presence would be useful. The minister as yet has not declined to reply.

SUSPENDED FOR PRESENT. Negotiations Between Merchants and Royal Banks Held Up.

MONTREAL, Dec. 21.—In most influential quarters it is stated today that negotiations tending toward the rumored approaching merger between the Merchants' and Royal banks are suspended just for the present. It is stated that Fyche is to assume the presidency of the Montreal Safe Deposit Co., the colored of which he and his friends secured about two years ago, and of which Mr. Fyche is a director and a moving spirit. The idea is to build up a large trust company, backed by powerful interests, which would be allied with the Merchants', Royal and New York interests.

THOUSAND REVOLUTIONARIES Celebrated Seventy-ninth Anniversary of Decembrist Revolt.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 21.—This being the seventy-ninth anniversary of the Decembrist revolt, about one thousand revolutionaries met at a banquet in St. Petersburg tonight. A strong force of police was stationed outside the hall for use in case of an emergency. The banquet continued till a late hour with revolutionary songs and speeches between the courses.

BURNED ALIVE. Firemen found Body of Colored Woman in Her House.

BOSTON, Dec. 21.—Firemen who entered the house 1 Fruit street court, in the West End section of the city, tonight found the body of Jennie Fountain, a colored woman, 35 years old. The explosion of an oil lamp had set fire to her clothing and burned her alive. The property damaged was slight.

DIAMOND NECKLACE AFFAIR UP TO DATE. Christian Woman Discovers Her Son Had Made Present of Her Jewels to Nini Messidor.

PARIS, Dec. 21.—Paris has been aroused by another romance of a diamond necklace, and one entitled up to date, Mrs. Germain Favine, known also as Nini Messidor and celebrated locally for her beauty, recently took a diamond collar worth several thousand francs, which she had just received as a Christmas present, to a jeweler to be made into a necklace. Mrs. Goulin, a wealthy resident of the Rue de Surenne, happening to take some of her smaller gems to the same jeweler for repairs, saw by accident the necklace. "It's mine!" she cried. She is a constant attendant at the opera, and soon after Nini Messidor was in tears. "Where did you get this necklace?" demanded Nini Messidor. "My affianced, gave it to me," came the answer through sobs. "My son! Impossible!" cried Mme. Goulin. But Nini Messidor insisted, and further she declared she would not surrender her beautiful present. So the police will decide the case later.

SCOTCH HERE FOR 'HOLY GHOST' AND US? Fifteen With \$6 Held Up on Ellis Island Until Corporation's Responsibility is Learned.

NEW YORK, Dec. 20.—Their religious ardor for the moment cooled by their first reception in this country, fifteen Scotch persons of various ages await at Ellis Island the outcome of an investigation as to the responsibility of "The Corporation of the Kingdom," at Shiloh, Me., for which they are bound. There is only \$6 in money in the personal belongings of the party, which came in from Glasgow yesterday. Thomas Brown, his wife Helen and their five children; John Miller, wife and two children; James Anderson, wife and one child and Alexander Sinclair, an unmarried man, made up the party, and Charles E. Holland, treasurer of the Shiloh religious colony, was at the island to meet them. Despite his assurance that the "corporation" had properly to the value of the goods, and a bond that the newcomers would not become public charges, Commissioner William Williams decided that a little light on Shiloh was necessary.

THE LACK OF ADVERTISING BUSINESS IS often responsible for lack of judgment success.—Advertising World.

PAstry BISCUIT Beaver Flour Makes light white bread, dainty appetizing biscuits, retaining all the healthful properties of the best wheat. Makes the finest luxuries, Pastry and Cakes—so tempting that one bite invites another—yet so wholesome. Go to your grocers and get it. BREAD CAKE W. V. BARBOUR, ST. JOHN, N. B. New Brunswick Selling Agent.

FOR SATURDAY

Big reduction in all lines of fancy Furniture.

Desks, Music Cabinets, Bookcases, Parlor Cabinets, Combination Desks and Bookcases, Fancy Chairs and Rockers.

Everything reduced in price for Saturday GEO. E. SMITH, 18 King St.

SITUATIONS VACANT.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. WANTED—Stenographer—Lady, capable in French and English. Address, with references, stating speed and salary required to X, care of this office. WANTED—An experienced man to canvass the city for a quick selling article. Large commission. Address C. E., care of Star office. WANTED—A traveller for the maritime provinces to carry a side line. No samples. One acquainted with the furniture trade preferred. Address C. E., care of Star office. WANTED—A housemaid. Apply to Mrs. James S. Harding, 24 Germain street. WANTED—A cook and housemaid by BROCK & PATTERSON, Ltd., 30 King street. WANTED—A girl for general housework. Apply to Mrs. Fairweather, 61 Sewell street. WANTED—Two good half sawyers and cook for mill and woods crew. Apply, stating wages required, to J. B. Hetherington, Cody's, N. B.

SITUATIONS WANTED.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. WANTED—Washing to be done at home, or go out by the day. Apply at Mrs. B. Dimock, 56 Spring street, St. John. WANTED—A pair of strong bob heads, such as used by boys for coasting. Apply at STAR OFFICE. FOR SALE—A pressure gauge, with fittings, for taking pressure on steam boilers or water pipes; also two steel squares. Apply at Star office. FOR SALE—One second-hand Gladstone sleigh, nearly new. Price \$50. Shaw make, a snap. Also new ash pump. J. R. Andrews, Elm street, North End. FOR SALE—At a bargain, 1 single seated sleigh in first class condition. Nearly new. Apply J. P. Mc. A. Y., 223 Victoria street, N. E.

ROOMS TO LET.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. ROOMS TO LET—Large room in the McLean Building, 200 Union street, near Opera House, suitable for factory, meeting room, etc. Apply to H. A. Allison, 16 North Wharf. TO LET—Two large front rooms and one small room, with board. Apply at 26 Wellington row. TO LET. TO LET—Flat to let, unfurnished, in Exmouth street. New house, never occupied, eight rooms, bath room, hot and cold water, electric light. Apply SLOOUM & FERRIS, City Market. TO LET—A flat, 5 rooms, modern conveniences. Bars on premises which can always be sub-let. Apply on premises, No. 14 Castle street. TO LET—Flat to let, unfurnished, until next May, very cheap, at 48 Exmouth street. Self contained, hot and cold water. Apply SLOOUM & FERRIS, City Market. TO LET—A two story building, for work shop or warehouse, near 175 Princess street. Apply to H. L. & J. T. McGowan, Princess street.

BOARDING.

Advertisements under this head, 20 words or less, 20 cents. One week, 25 cents. BOARDING—Comfortable rooms with board. Use of bath. Mrs. SHANKS, 148 King street, near Carmarthen.

LOST.

LOST—On Sunday night between the foot of Leinster street and Centenary church, or in Centenary church, a gold brooch set with diamond and pearls. Finder will please return to Star office. LOST—Strayed or stolen, a Fox Terrier Pup, 8 months old. Finder will receive a liberal reward by leaving him at 25 Andrews street. Any person found harboring same after this notice will be prosecuted. LOST—On Saturday last, a bunch of keys. Finder will confer a favor by returning to 55 Main street. MILLINERY. COQUE FEATHERS, INCS, RIBBONS, all widths, 10c. Wings and Birds in great variety. MISS PLYNE, 69 Broad street.

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A RESTRAINING ORDER Was Granted Against a Plumbers' Trust.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 21.—Judge Carter in the superior court today granted a restraining order against the further operation of what is called a plumbers' trust composed of the plumbers supply houses of the city. Joseph Miller complained that the supply houses would sell goods only to members and he was refused the privilege of purchasing.

LOOKING FOR A CLUE.

COLORADO SPRINGS, Col., Dec. 21.—The theory that the woman murdered on Cutler Mountain was Mrs. Bessie Kemton Bouton, formerly of Syracuse, N. Y., is regarded by the local police as the strongest yet advanced. The police today have been interviewing the local drug store proprietor and hair dressers, and have found abundant evidence that Mrs. Bouton was in this city for several days about Oct. 1 and that during her stay here she was in the capacity of a representative of the proprietary remedy concern in New York.

Not a circumstance has yet been brought to light, however, that gives a clue to where Mrs. Bouton went from this city.



ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1904.

# Over the Border

By... ROBERT BARR.  
Author of "Jennie Baxter, Journalist," Etc.

(Continued.)  
Suddenly Francis found herself in new danger through one of those unexplainable heaves of the many throats beat at whose mercy she stood.  
"To the gates!" went up a shout.  
"We will make the king hear!" And a great human wave, overwhelming the soldiers, struck against the shuddering portal. The mere pressure of the multitude was deadly and irresistible. There were shrieks and appeals for forbearance, but the unheeding mass behind pressed on, unbreeding, chieftain and abbot. A crash of rending timbers and the gates flew inward. Then the mob, as if frightened at what it had done, paused, giving the soldiers time to collect themselves and help the wounded. There was as yet no malice in the crush; it was more like a conglomeration of irresponsible children bent on mischief of any kind, but temporarily scared at the breaking of something.

This fact seemed to be recognized by a man in authority who came through the gate and with some difficulty secured a precarious footing on one of the stone pillars which stood in a row between the pathway and the road, thus giving him a position which towered over the heads of the assemblage. He held up a hand for a hearing, and the crowd cheered him, not in the least knowing who he was or why he was there. Comparative silence followed, the cheer, and the spokesman spoke. "My good people," he said, "there is little use in the breaking of gates that the king may hear you, for the king has heard and is taking the request of his faithful subjects into his august consideration."  
"Where is the king?" demanded an auditor.  
"His majesty is in the banquet hall, where, as you know, he is in touch with his people. 'Tis a praiseworthy subject he has to meditate on, and I beg of you not to disturb his devotion by further noise."  
"Is the queen at her devotions too?" In that hall she began masked revels on a Sunday, and six good men were



"NO, NO!" GASPED CHARLES.

gone to death for protesting against the desecration, each life more valuable than the wicked earls. Let the king say that he will sign, and we will disperse."  
These and other cries more or less to the purpose baffled the orator, and the air quivered with denunciations of the Straford. The man on the stone post had cast his eyes behind him several times, as if to see what progress was being made with the readjustment of the gate, and from this his hearers quickly divined that he was but deluding them to gain time, which was more than likely his purpose, so the shout went up to move through the breach and surround the hall. Meanwhile reinforcements had been summoned from within, and a band to hand fight engaged with the encroachers.  
Frances, panting and nigh worn out in the struggle, nevertheless saw her opportunity. There were few women there; the soldiers sought to protect. She attempted appeal to the officer, but to none and thrust her rudely but effectively through the opening, saying: "You will find excess at one of the other gates. Take care of yourself. I cannot help you."  
Breathing a sigh of thankfulness, she covered and ran along the end of the banquet hall, turned at the corner, then down the side, entering an archway that led her into a passage. She

## AT FREDERICTON.

Other Christmas Presentations—Will Wed This Evening.

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 22.—Among the Christmas presentations was one given to the Rev. J. J. Teasdale by the Methodists of Fredericton. The presentation, which was a purse of \$50, was made by Mrs. John Kilburn, and was a slight token of the manner in which the reverend gentleman is appreciated by his congregation in this city.  
A purse of \$100 was also presented to the Rev. J. MacDonald, the popular pastor of the Baptist Church. The gift was that of the Spurgeon Bible class and was accompanied by an address. Mr. MacDonald made a feeling and appropriate reply.  
A class of young men who have been prepared for the cathedral choir during the last two or three months, and who entered upon their duties yesterday, waited on Dean Partridge Monday and presented him with a very handsome oak chair as an appreciation of the instruction received from him. The presentation was made by Louis Perley in an informal manner, to which the Dean made a cordial reply.  
On Friday evening the members of the Free Baptist Church waited on their pastor, the Rev. J. W. Long, J. W. Long, Jr., and J. W. Long, Sr., with a fine offer cap. The presentation was made by Don Vandine. Mr. Riddout, who was completely taken by surprise, returned hearty thanks.  
David W. Hamilton, principal of the consolidated school at Kingston, will lead to the altar at St. Mary's tomorrow evening, Miss Dayton, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Bruce Dayton of that place.  
The death occurred at Victoria Hospital on Saturday of Charles Estey, after a week's illness from heart trouble. The deceased, who was eighty-three years of age, was a bachelor and an highly esteemed citizen. He was an uncle of the well known lumberman, R. A. Estey, in whose employ he was for several years. He was a veteran of the Civil War, and received a pension for a long time on that account. The remains were taken to Douglas this morning, where interment took place.  
After a close and exciting contest yesterday, the presidents of the clubs of the vice presidents by a score of 139 to 85.  
The collection at the Cathedral Sunday in aid of the poor amounted to \$75.  
John D. Scully was among the visitors to the Christmas dinner here left here in 1879 and since that time has been in the Canadian Northwest, visiting his former home from several occasions during that time. Mr. Scully will remain until Saturday, when he will leave for St. John to visit his relatives returning to the West via Boston.  
The third offence Scott Act caused against John McCoy continuing in the police court this morning. The evidence of two witnesses was taken, but neither of them could identify the liquor from Mr. McCoy between the At the request of the prosecution a postponement was made until Saturday to allow the evidence from the country to give evidence.  
The inmates of the almshouse on Jopet a splendid Christmas dinner Sunday at the expense of His Worship Mayor Palmer. The bill of fare included roast turkey, also of Hebrew extraction. But he left rather suddenly for New York last evening, leaving a little matter of \$5 for board unpaid. The police were requested to wire to New York and have him arrested and sent back. The mayor explained, would be a very expensive, if not impossible, proceeding, and all they could do was to give the gentlemen some advice as to the future. After a good deal of talk the two Hebrews sorrowfully left on a quest for telegraph offices. They wished to find out how much of that five would be left if they got their man.

## MASONIC NEWS.

Officers installed in Albion and Carleton Lodges Last Evening.

Last evening the officers appointed in Albion and Carleton Masonic lodges were installed.  
Albion Lodge met in the Masonic Hall, though not its usual night of meeting the lodge held its installation proceedings according to custom on St. John's Day. Grand Master E. J. Everett and officers of the Grand Lodge had charge of the proceedings, and the following officers were installed:  
Dr. Stewart Skinner, W. M.  
W. L. Ellis, P. M.  
Dr. T. D. Walker, S. W.  
Ed. J. Fleetwood, J. W.  
Dr. Thos. Walker, Chaplain.  
Amos Godwin, Treasurer.  
Frank Godwin, Secretary.  
Ernest McAtee, S. D.  
John G. Sheven, J. D.  
Francis Burpee, S. S.  
J. Herbert Crockett, J. S.  
Ferry R. Hunter, D. of G.  
Matthew Wilson, Inner Guard.  
Robert Clerk, Tyler.  
W. B. Wallace, Organist.  
At a meeting of the Carleton Masonic lodge in the Carleton Masonic Hall last evening the following officers were installed:  
Wm. J. Watson, Worshipful Master.  
Rev. G. Teed Scovil, Sr. Warden.  
J. W. Long, Jr. Warden.  
Percy Wetmore, Sr. Deacon.  
E. W. R. Ingraham, Jr. Deacon.  
W. J. Cornfield, Treasurer.  
D. C. Clark, Chaplain.  
Ulrich Drake, Secretary.  
James Carleton, Sr. Steward.  
Dr. P. L. Kenney, Jr. Steward.  
Wm. C. S. Paynter, D. of C.  
Wm. C. Wilson, Inner Guard.  
Samuel Jarvis, Tyler.  
Robert Smith, I. P. M.  
Past Grand Master John W. Ellis was installing officer. At the close of the most refreshments were served to the members.

## TROUBLE FOR EMMERSON.

Members of His Party Laying Their Complaints Before Him—The Charlottetown Station.

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 22.—Hon. H. R. Emerson came in from Dorchester today and was interviewed by a delegation from Charlottetown, in connection with the Charlottetown railway station. Citizens there want the station located nearer the centre, but the graters have chosen the site near the old station and it is said the land has already been agreed upon. The Charlottetown delegation consisted of the two defeated liberal candidates, Warburton and Proves, George E. H. H. George, E. P. Pull and N. Rattenbury. It is said they plainly told the minister that if the chosen site was persisted in they would not be responsible for the future of the party.  
A deputation from Bathurst was also here to interview the minister. It was composed of B. D. Branscombe, Peter Trombly, A. Hachey and James Morrison, and the minister stated that he had had with the patronage in Gloucester. It is said that Mr. Turgeon is too much under the heart of an active politician and government office holder in Bathurst to suit many of the liberals, and many think the government should question the wisdom of keeping him in place and Mr. Turgeon give to understand that he must consult the wishes of his constituents outside the ring.

## FOUND DEAD.

Body of Woodstock Man Was Discovered in His Room.

WOODSTOCK, Dec. 22.—The body of James Kelly was found dead in his room this morning at the Brunswick house. The cause of death is as yet unknown. An inquest will be held this evening. The man was about 70 years of age, and had connections in this and York counties. It is thought his death resulted from heart failure.  
Rev. Jas. A. Bastian, curate of Woodstock for the past year, leaves tomorrow evening for the Pacific. His indifferent health requiring him going to a more moderate climate. This afternoon at a special meeting of the vestry, Mr. Garden, on behalf of the parishioners, read an address to Mr. Bastian and asked his acceptance of an accompaniment of gold. Mr. Bastian was much surprised and deeply touched. He made a most impressive reply to the address, expressing his regret that his health demanded his making the change, his appreciation of the year he has spent working for Archdeacon Neales, and the affection he felt for his fellow churchmen in Woodstock.  
On Christmas day, A. J. Way, proprietor of the Turner house, was presented with a handsome hat rack for the house, the presentation on behalf of the guests being made by J. D. Carey.

## IMPORTANT FAILURE.

St. Croix Shoe Manufacturing Company of Calais Assign.

ST. STEPHEN, Dec. 22.—Much surprise was expressed today when announcement was made of the assignment of the St. Croix Shoe Mfg. Co. in Calais, of which W. C. Rennie is manager. The assignment is made to the United States Leather Co. of Boston. Geo. A. Curran and Geo. H. Eaton of Calais, and the liabilities are placed at \$18,000. Over three hundred hands are thrown out of employment. The Maritime Edge Tool Co., Chas. E. Hueston, manager, presented its married employees with turkeys, and the equivalent in cash to its unmarried men, at Christmas.

## SUSSEX LODGE

Held a Banquet in Masonic Hall—In Prosperous Condition.

SUSSEX, Dec. 22.—The members of Zion Lodge, No. 21, F. and A. M., their wives and daughters, with a number of invited guests, assembled at Masonic Hall on St. John's night, 27th, where after the installation ceremonies were duly concluded, those present sat down to a sumptuous banquet, specially prepared in the retirement room at the hall. To the strains of sweet music discoursed by Harrison's orchestra, from St. John, the variety of good things on the tables were partaken of with zest. After the appetites had been appeased the toast list was duly observed.  
Past Master M. Huestis was presented with a past master's jewel and called upon by P. M. Geo. Coggon to present the same to the lodge. A few well chosen words. This mark of esteem from his brethren was duly appreciated and responded to by P. M. Huestis in a few happy words. The jewel is one of the handsomest past master's jewels ever bestowed on a P. M. of any lodge in New Brunswick and reflects much credit on the donors and the manufacturers, Ellis & Co. of Toronto, Ont.  
The following were duly elected by the Senior Past Master, George Coggon as the officers for the year 1905: Harvey Mitchell, W. M.; Murray Huestis, I. P. M.; Herbert E. Good, S. W.; L. Rutherford Murray, J. W.; Rev. Scovil Neales, Chap.; Henry Teakles, Treas.; Robert Morrison, Sec.; James Lamb, S. D.; Frank Tribe, J. D.; J. Everett Keith, S. S.; Arthur B. Teakles, J. S.; H. P. Robinson, D. of C.; Mel. P. Titus, I. G.; Thos. Coggon, Tyler.  
Robert Connelly of Salmon River, has leased the residence of Dr. G. F. Johnson for the winter and will take up his residence there on Monday next. Dr. Johnson goes to Florida for the winter and his daughter, Mrs. E. G. D. Pidgeon, purposes going to Ontario, where she will probably remain for a time.  
It is said that the condition of Major T. E. Arnold is very serious, which will be heard with regret by his many friends.

## BENJ. HEARTZ DEAD.

One of Charlottetown's Wealthiest Citizens Has Passed Away.

CHARLOTTETOWN, P. E. I., Dec. 22.—The death took place shortly after midnight of Benj. Hertz, one of the most wealthy and prominent citizens of Charlottetown. The deceased had been in failing health for some weeks and early in October went to California, but without benefit. He returned a week ago and graduated, George E. H. H. George, president for many years of the Merchants Bank of P. E. I. One brother, Rev. Dr. Hertz, Halifax, and one sister, Mrs. P. H. Taylor of this city, besides one son, Frank Hertz, and a widow survive.  
Mr. Hertz was the second member of what is probably the wealthiest family on the island. His father, Richard Hertz, now quite an old man, is still in perfect health and is personally carrying on his large business. These three, Richard, Benj. and Mrs. Hertz, are probably worth considerably over a million dollars. Benjamin Hertz was the owner of a large farm some five miles from Charlottetown, which he conducted along with his financial interests. Dr. Taylor, brother-in-law of the deceased, accompanied him on his trip to the west.

## FIRE IN LOUISBURG HOTEL.

HALIFAX, N. S., Dec. 22.—Fire was discovered in a bedroom off King's hotel, Louisburg today, but was extinguished by the prompt action of two sons of the proprietor, who carried water from the basement.

## HALIFAX CIVIC ESTIMATES.

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—The Halifax City Council tonight passed the civic estimates for 1905. They total \$429,482, which is an increase over last year's expenditure of \$13,016.

## DRANK CARBOLIC ACID.

HALIFAX, Dec. 22.—Miss Myrre Hennessy of Newport, Hants Co., is dead as a result of drinking carbolac acid by mistake.

## WILL SKATE IN ST. JOHN.

One of the speediest young ice skaters of Eastport, Thomas Wright, has accepted a challenge for a match race at St. John, N. B., in a short time, against William Merritt, the New Brunswick champion, who has been here in past years and established a reputation as a wonder on the "long runners," while in recent years Merritt has made a national reputation for speed. It is probable that Fred O. Fells, the former amateur champion of eastern Maine on ice and rollers, will skate each of the above men—Bangor News.

## COUGHING IS SERIOUS

even for those in robust health. Take Shiloh's Consumption Cure, the Lung Tonic, it is guaranteed to cure any cough. Your money back, if it doesn't.

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## AMUSEMENTS.

### OPERA HOUSE.

#### The Dailey Co'y.

TONIGHT:  
OUR NEW MINISTER  
Latter Half of Week,  
'Tees of D'Urbervilles  
POPULAR PRIORS.

The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Saint John Opera House Company will be held at the Opera House on Thursday, January 5th, 1905, at 8.30 p. m.  
A. O. SKINNER, President.  
J. FRED PAYNE, Secretary.

### York Theatre.

#### BEST BILL OF THE SEASON THIS WEEK.

#### Headed by CARSON BROTHERS.

Wonderful Gymnasts.  
JONES AND WALTON, Rural Comedy.  
KELLY AND ADAMS, Irish Comedy.  
HYDE AND LEOLA, Tramp Comedy.  
EMERSON AND MOODY, Eccentric Comedy.  
HILTON, Hebrew Comedy.  
CHARLIE FARRELL, Ethiopean Comedy.  
In fact the best comedy show yet presented.

#### MATINEE DAILY.

Night—15, 25, 35, 50 cents.  
Matinee—15, 25 cents—any seat.  
Seats on sale at box office. Phone 1,332.

### VICTORIA RINK

#### Grand Opening

FOR 1904—SEASON—1905

#### Thursday, Dec. 22

The Rink's Own Fine Band in attendance.  
Season Tickets now on sale at following prices:—

- Gentlemen, - - \$3.50
- Ladies, - - - 2.50
- Children, - - - 1.50

Single Admission, 15c., 25c.

ROBT. J. ARMSTRONG, Manager.

### QUEEN'S Skating Rink.

SEASON 1904 and 1905.

#### Grand Opening ON Christmas Day.

Bands will be in attendance Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday afternoons throughout the winter.  
Gentlemen's Tickets, - - - \$3.00  
Ladies' Tickets, - - - - - \$2.00  
Children's Tickets, - - - - - \$1.50  
F. G. SPENCER, Manager.

#### House telephone 1,555.

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We do the kind of printing that makes an impression wherever it is seen. We put intelligence into our work, and use judgment in display, choice of inks and paper. It's what some call harmonious printing. You'll like the extra touch of excellence we give to your work. We charge a little more than what you'd pay for poor printing. Costs nothing to estimate.

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## Candidates.

ROBERT MAXWELL For City of St. John.

MILES E. AGAR For County of St. John.

## LOCAL OPPOSITION

Ward Meetings Eve Evening.

At BREEZE'S CORNER—Kings, Dukes, Sydney, Welling Prince and Dufferin.

At VICTORIA RINK—Victoria W.

At TEMPLE OF HONOR HAL Lane, Lansdowne and Stanley.

At CITY HALL, WEST SIDE—O and Brooks.

At ORANGE HALL, LANCASTER Lancaster Parish.

## CANADIAN PACIFIC

Atlantic Steamship Service

From Liverpool to St. John, N. B. Dec. 15. Lake Manitoba... To Jan. 10. Lake Erie... To Jan. 24. Lake Champlain... To Feb. 7. Lake Champlain... To Feb. 21. From Liverpool... To London, 11th. To and from other points at equally low rates.  
ST. JOHN TO LONDON S. S. Mount Temple, Jan. 10. rd Class Only.  
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W. H. C. MACFARLANE or write F. R. PERRY, Act D. P. A. St. John, N. B.

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## SUSSEX .K & CREAM CO.

150ND STREET.

The Grand Determination Sale at the Montreal Clothing Store, 207 Union St., is still on. You can't afford to miss it. Everything as advertised.



ST. JOHN STAR, WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28, 1904

DR. PUGSLEY MAKES A FEW MORE ICE PROMISES.

But He Does Not Believe in Any New Temperance Law—Ald. Maxwell on the Telephone Question.

In spite of the heavy snow storm, a fairly large crowd of electors assembled last night in the Carlton City Hall to hear the opposition candidate, Ald. Maxwell, and other speakers.

The issues of this campaign are momentous, he said, though the government party do not seem to think so. The time has come for the electors to strike a blow at the present government and its bad record.

The Factory Act is very imperfect. At present the law allows the defendant to make a suit to carry the law through so many courts that an average workman would be impoverished in an attempt to get justice.

J. B. M. Baxter spoke briefly as the hour was late. He praised Mr. Maxwell's record in the council, and he wished the local government would build its bridges as cheaply and honestly as Ald. Maxwell built his conduits.

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Mr. Skinner enumerated a few of the reasons why he had consented to become a candidate. He thought and his friends thought that St. John could be elected by the liberal party.

There was a good attendance at the opposition rally in the rooms at Breeze's Corner last night. Fred M. Sproul of Hampton was present, and was called upon by Mr. Maxwell, John B. Wilson, for some remarks.

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AN OLD MAN HELD UP.

Thomas Starkly, Aged Seventy-Three, May Not go to His Friends in the West.

To start on a journey of six or eight thousand miles in order to spend his last days with his children, and to be turned back in the middle of the journey is the fate of Thomas Starkly, now held in the detention house at Sand Point.

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Presented to the St. Andrews Curling Club Last Evening.

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Advertisement for The St. John Daily Sun, featuring a \$4.00 subscription price and Sun Printing Co. logo.

Advertisement for Canadian Pacific Christmas and New Years, listing fares and services.

Advertisement for 1905 Art Gallery, listing various art items and prices.

Advertisement for Eastern Steamship Company, listing routes and schedules.

Advertisement for Watches and Chains for sale, featuring J.W. McDuffee.



Great Bargains In Ladies' Winter Weight Walking Skirts.

We have about forty different Skirts that will be cleared out at very special prices. The sizes run from 36 to 48 length. A good many of these Skirts are less than half-price. For instance: Ten \$7.00 skirts to be sold at \$3.00 each. Fifteen odd priced skirts, no two alike, prices ranged from \$4.00 to \$6.00; they are now priced from \$2.00 to \$3.50 each. The balance of the lot is made up of two or three of a kind, prices ranging from \$2.50 to \$4.50 each.

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Overcoats made to your order: \$15.00, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$18.50, \$20.00, \$21.50, \$22.50, \$23.50, \$25.00. We have some Bonny Goods to show you.

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Rich Furs for the Holidays, AT LOWEST PRICE.

Ladies' BOAS, STOLES, MUFFS, JACKETS and GLOVES. Gents' Fur Lined COATS, COLLARS, CAPS and GAUNTLETTES. Children's FURS. Every Fur desirable for comfort, style and finish.

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A TALE OF A TUB. The two pretty American girls had met two delightful Englishmen on the way across and had given a cordial invitation, cordially seconded by their mother, to Sir Charles and his friend to visit them at their country home. One day a message came saying the two men would arrive that afternoon. The family was thrown into a fever of excitement, and many plans of entertainment for their guests were suggested and abandoned. It was finally decided that as Englishmen are notoriously fond of a "tub," and their guests were coming directly from the train, they should first be invited to take a bath. After that the hostess would rely on the inspiration of the moment. The young men arrived promptly, and after some demurring were hurried off to the bath room. In about an hour they emerged and went immediately to their hostess, saying, "We are sorry to leave so soon, but we only came to make a call, and our train leaves in fifteen minutes."

DALEY GETS SIX MONTHS. Man Who Escaped From the Jail Gets Extra Time. In the police court this morning one man was fined four dollars for drunkenness. Lizzie Wetmore was sent to the Home of the Good Shepherd for two months. Lizzie got drunk yesterday and made things lively about Sheffield street. Josephine Daley was fined eight dollars or two months for being drunk and was sentenced to four months in jail for taking French leave from the jail gang on November 10th last. Daley had previous to his arrest in November, given the police considerable trouble and after being sent to work with the park gang soon made his escape. It was generally understood that he had left the city, but if he did so he returned to enjoy the holiday festivities. There was a dance last night in Bijou Hall, and all the youth and society of Sheffield street were in attendance. Posters had been sent out announcing the event and promising a good time to all. The result was that many strange, if not forgotten, faces were seen on Sheffield street last night and among them Daley. Between eleven and twelve o'clock last night the police were called into William Morrison's house on Sheffield street to eject two persons who were creating a disturbance. Great was their surprise when they recognized the man as Joseph Daley. The woman was Lizzie Wetmore. Both were put on the street and promptly arrested. This morning they pleaded guilty.

F. R. PATTERSON & CO. THE DAYLIGHT STORE. Men's Underwear. Good Scotch Lamb's Wool Underwear. Special sale price. 69c. each, Regular \$1.00 Quality. Broken sizes the cause of this sale. Cor. Duke and Charlotte Streets. Store Open Evenings.

FOOD FOR HOUSE PALMS. A word as to the kind of fertilizer to use. I depend entirely on bonemeal. Some use liquid fertilizer prepared from barnyard manure. This is good, but it almost invariably breeds worms in the soil. The bonemeal will not do this, therefore I prefer it. In preparing soil for potting palms I mix the bone with ordinary garden loam in the proportion of a teaspoonful of the former to a bushel of the latter. This is the compost in which I would expect the plants to do well at all times, but when growth was being made I would add a spoonful of bone to each seven or eight-inch pot, working it well into the soil about the roots of the plant. I would repeat the application once in three months if growth continued. As a general thing, under good treatment, the palm will grow pretty nearly the year round. -Eben E. Rexford, in January Lippincott's Magazine.

LOCAL NEWS.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.

All changes of Ads Must be in Star Office, Not Later than 10 O'clock in the Morning, no insertion Same Evening.

Miss Myrtle Holder, graduate nurse, left on Monday for Woodstock to attend a case.

Good heavy soft wood, \$1.20. Broad Cove coal, \$5.50 per load. Watter's, Walker's Wharf. Phone 612.

The steamer Oruro left Bermuda on Saturday for Halifax and it is expected will be here early next week.

The Lake Champlain sailed from Liverpool for St. John at three p. m. yesterday.

The Battle line Leucra, Captain Grant, sailed from Savannah today at 8 a. m. for Antwerp and Bremen, via Norfolk.

A meeting of the electrical workers will be held tonight at eight o'clock in the Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street. A full attendance is requested.

At a regular meeting of the Steamers' Union last night, which was largely attended, six new members were initiated and one rejected.

The Star has received from R. W. W. Frink, branch manager of the Western Assurance Company, a handsome calendar for next year.

Robert Beechin was reported by the police for working in the city without a license, he not being a ratepayer.

Last night the police were called into Mrs. Ann McVey's house on certain street, to quell a disturbance her sons John and Joseph were creating.

The Star returns thanks to A. C. Currie, the New Brunswick agent of the Dominion Atlantic Railway, for some pocket calendars of handy construction and very neat design.

Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Galbraith wish to express through this paper their gratitude for the kindness and sympathy of many friends during their recent sad bereavement.

The fire department apparatus today was changed from wheels to runners, that is, all except the steamers. The "big Hayes" truck and auxiliary ladder truck have been stored in the new quarters on King street east. Formerly the auxiliary truck was sent to the exhibition building and the Hayes' truck stored in No. 1 ladder station.

Thomas Saunders, charged with criminal assault on Sarah Lobb, a fourteen year old girl, has been remanded again to jail. Yesterday the girl told of what occurred and was released on her father's recognizance for \$300. It is expected that the case will come up again this afternoon.

The new grand juror and organizer of the Sons of Temperance, Michael Kelly, of St. Martins, leaves this afternoon for Montreal. He will be in charge of the auxiliary truck which will visit a large number of points in Kings Co. He has been in consultation with the grand scribe since yesterday afternoon arranging the details of his trip.

With reference to the settlement of the Peters-Nugent case, the Star is informed that the negotiations for the re-purchase of the house, owned by Messrs. Peters, declared was balky, were conducted by Mr. Nugent in person. He needed the horse for his work and bought it back from Mr. Peters, at a price both considered fair.

Robt. Douglas, caretaker of Beaver Lake, is seriously ill. Dr. Levin started this morning for Beaver Lake, but after getting out the road a short distance, was forced to turn back on account of the heavy condition of the roads. The doctor at once secured a heavier team and again started to see the sick man.

MARRIED TODAY. At St. David's church at eleven o'clock this morning, the parson, Rev. D. Lang, united in marriage Miss Edna MacMurray, daughter of the late Alexander MacMurray, to Robert Callaghan, of this city. The ceremony took place in the presence of relatives and immediate friends. The bride was unattended. Mr. and Mrs. Callaghan left on the C. P. R. express for northern points.

Mr. Callaghan has for a number of years filled the position of electrician on the steamer St. Croix and is well known both in this city and in Boston.

I. C. R. BENEFITS. The December bulletin of the I. C. R. Employees Relief and Insurance Association just issued, shows benefits paid during the month on the following deaths:

John Spruce, Halifax . . . . . \$500  
John B. Pollock, Truro . . . . . 500  
Wm. Boyd, St. John . . . . . 500  
John Crue, Moncton . . . . . 250  
H. Bourges, Lewis . . . . . 250  
T. T. Tritts, St. John . . . . . 250  
Total . . . . . \$2,250

QUEENS RINK. The artillery band will play at Queens Rink tomorrow evening and Saturday afternoon. The regular band nights throughout the winter will be "Tuesday and Thursday and Saturday afternoons. This and every Wednesday evening during the season will be devoted to hockey practice to which ticket holders are admitted, and on Friday evenings the matches of the New Brunswick and St. John leagues will be run off, commencing Jan. 6th.

PILOTAGE CASE AGAIN. The case of The Cumberland Coal and Railway Company vs. The St. John Pilotage Commission was again before the circuit court this morning and was adjourned to another date. The plaintiff company bring this suit to recover some \$30,000 of pilotage fees levied against their barges for the past twelve years. The ground taken is that barges are exempt from pilotage fees.

MANY STRANDED; CAN'T GET WORK.

Pitiful Plight of Some English Immigrants.

Induced to Come to Canada by False Representations of Government and Steamship Agents.

The following letter, received by the Star this morning, tells a story of one unfortunate of the many who, owing to deception somewhere, are stranded and suffering in this city today:—

MINNETTE HOUSE, Carleton, Dec. 28, '04.

Editor of the Star:—

Sir—Without wishing to enter into any of the charges against the C. P. R. and the "Lake Manitoba," as reported in the newspapers, may I make a few remarks?

Through an unfortunate business speculation recently, I lost all my money, and am now penniless. I am a native of Birmingham. He advised me to try my luck over here. Kind friends offered to keep my wife and year-old child till I had settled, but she wished to rough it with me, and we came over on the S. S. Lake Manitoba on Monday last.

Since then I have tried for work three times at C. P. R. places and have also visited hotels to seek work as waiter, dish washer or in any capacity.

I have tried to get to a lumber camp so as to earn money to send my wife and child home. Up to date all has been in vain. I also hear we have to pay a labor tax of \$7.50 if we get work. How long are we given to pay it? We must live first.

I met seven fellow passengers today, all out of work and nearly penniless. They had started out at 5.30 a. m. to seek work.

I am sure we are all willing to turn our hands to anything. Will anyone help us?

For my part, I have had a college education, but I am strong and will do any manual work or otherwise if I can get it.

H. HOWARD.

Local charity workers—ladies of the Associated Charities and other such organizations—can tell of many cases this winter in which they have had to supply food, fuel and procure work for unfortunate outsiders who were lured here by the siren voices of transportation companies, aided in that regard by the C. P. R. agents, who explain clearly the condition of affairs and there is little doubt but that some action in the right direction will be taken to stop this wholesale importation of paupers, who are fed on false tales until they land and seek for themselves.

Concerning complaints made to the effect that agents are brought to this port on C. P. R. steamers under false pretences, Chief Clerk Davis said today that the company did not do any such thing. Works are many ticket agents in England who get a commission on tickets sold to any point on this side of the water. These people could be easily controlled by the C. P. R. Company and might make exaggerated statements to facilitate a sale.

The C. P. R. agents explain clearly the condition of affairs. They say they have been able to prove that there is work in this city, and that they are not promising that the immigrant will get work at the sort he lands at and for that reason do not advise the emigration of those who would land on this side of the water without sufficient funds to carry them inland.

AT YORK THEATRE. The inclemency of the weather had but little effect upon business at the York last night and the management wears a happy smile. The show is strong in comedy and a noticeable and enjoyable feature is the absence of crude remarks. The show from start to finish is polite and entertaining. This is as it should be. This company has everything to commend it, and does nothing to call for condemnation. Big business is sure to be the rule. Matinees are announced for each afternoon.

WITH ADVERTISERS. A drive in blankets. A notable sale is booked for M. E. A's tomorrow, when 249 pairs of shaker blankets will be sold at very low prices as seen in today's advt. The blankets were slightly damaged in the home, but are not by any means past the power of a needle and little bit of thread. In the morning early.

THIS EVENING. Our New Minister at the Opera House, will be given at York Theatre. T. H. Estabrooks' staff dinner at White's.

Announcement was made today that S. Kent Scovell, who has been conducting an extensive bakery in this city, has made an assignment to Messrs. Macrae & Sinclair. Mr. Scovell's affairs are said to be in excellent shape, but the present high prices of flour and sugar have compelled him to the action he has taken.

PERSONALS.

M. M. O. Purdy, son of W. H. Purdy, of this city, has recently become a member of the firm of Purdy & McManus, stock brokers, of New York. His many friends in this city will learn of his success with great pleasure.

Mrs. Roy V. C. Mayble will receive her friends at the groom's parents, 220 Duke street, West End, Wednesday and Thursday afternoons, Dec. 28 and 29.

Miss Margaret Hayes and Miss Ella Tritts have returned to St. John after spending their Christmas holidays in Moncton, N. B.

The friends of J. S. Knowles are welcoming him to the outdoor life again after his two weeks' illness.

Miss Ethel Crossley, of the Star staff, has gone to Chatham Head to spend New Year's, the guest of Miss Lena Doran.

Mrs. A. H. McCready, of Sackville, is visiting in the city.

L. Green returned yesterday from Boston.

Among those who came in on the steamer Lake Manitoba from England were R. C. Dunbar, of Hanover staff, Ottawa, Mrs. Dunbar and their two children. They left for Ottawa.

Wiley Manning, now practicing law in Amherst, is spending the holidays with his parents, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Manning.

James Dalton, who is studying medicine at McGill, is spending his holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Dalton, Main street.

Miss Ethel Myers, of Sussex, is visiting her cousin, Miss Jennie Robertson, 215 Waterloo street.

H. H. Hansard, Ottawa, is in the city.

Miss Gertrude Melick came from McGill for the holidays.

F. Gerald Robinson is home from McGill for the holidays.

Miss Bessie Nobles, of Fredericton, is visiting in the city.

Stanley R. Poole spent Christmas with his parents at Westfield.

Miss Margaret Hunter spent Christmas at Westfield, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Poole.

The friends of Philip Palmer were sorry to learn that he is no better, there having been no change for the last two or three days.

Miss Ada Wright, who was a teacher in the Leinster street school, will hear village eighty miles west of Edmonton, where she has accepted a school.

Miss Edith A. Comben will leave today for a school near Winnipeg.

The engagement of Miss Louie P. Crosby, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Crosby, to Dr. Charles W. Kelley, of Boston is announced.

The little daughter of Dr. Murray MacLaren had her right arm badly burned while carrying a candle to help her see her Christmas gifts. The light came in contact with her gown. Her arm was severely burned.

Announcement of the marriage of Miss E. R. Chandler, daughter of Dr. A. H. Chandler, of Chocoma, N. B., to David White-Thomson, in London, is made. The bride spent two months in St. John last summer, the guest of Mrs. Hard Peters, and the bridegroom also paid a visit to St. John.

The friends of Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Thurston, of Pagan Place, will hear with regret of the death of his youngest daughter, which took place yesterday.

DEATHS. SHORT—At Boston, Dec. 24th, Ella L. divorced wife of W. C. Short, of this city, of typhoid pneumonia. Burial at Mt. Auburn cemetery.

HASLETT—In this city, on the 27th inst., Annie Gertrude Pearl, beloved wife of Andrew H. Haslett, in her 27th year, leaving a husband and three children to mourn their sad bereavement.

Funeral on Friday, Dec. 30, from her late residence, 69 Simonds street, at 2.30 o'clock. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

ELLISON—At McAdam on Dec. 27th, Ethel Viola, aged one year 11 months, youngest daughter of William and Agnes Ellison.

Funeral from the residence of her grandmother, Mrs. D. Ellison, 229 Waterloo street, Thursday, at 2.30 o'clock.

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ON THURSDAY MORNING AT 8.30 WE WILL OFFER 240 Pairs of Shaker Blankets At 70c. and 85c. Pair. They Were Slightly Damaged in the Process of Manufacture. FROM LOOM TO USER AT BARGAIN PRICES. These Blankets are fresh from the bales. Some are slightly torn on the edges; others have a small tear or break in the centre, but none are past redemption. A needle and thread will mend the worst of them in a few minutes. Because of their damaged state we will sell the blankets at the above figure. In Grey and in White—Pink, White and Blue Borders, Sizes, 2 1-2 Yards x 1 3-4 Yards and 2 1-6 Yards x 1 5-8 Yards. Blankets are heaped in the Art Room, Second Floor. Sale Starts Thursday! No Reserve! NOTE—A few soiled, but undamaged Blankets at special prices. MANGHESTER ROBERTSON ALLISON, Ltd. KING STREET. GERMAIN STREET. MARKET SQUARE.