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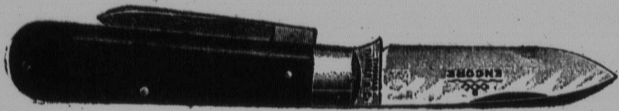


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MISS TWINING.

Known To a Number of St. John People, Was Married To-day to the Octogenarian Marquis of Donegal.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—A cable to the Herald from London says: Just five weeks ago the Marquis of Donegal, who all his life had been a beau of the old school, was presented to the beautiful Canadian Miss Violet Twining, who created quite a sensation when she was presented at the king's first court by Lady Strathcona, wife of the lord high commissioner for Canada. The marquis, who is eighty years old, will tomorrow lead the young lady to the altar in St. George's church, Hanover square. The civil ceremony was performed this afternoon before the registrar of the same parish, so that legally the bride of tomorrow is already the Marchioness of Donegal. Not more than half a dozen people knew of the quiet ceremony at the registrar's today, or of the wedding tomorrow. An intimate friend of the marquis said tonight that his brother Henry Fitzwarren, who in the absence of a direct heir has regarded himself for years as successor to the title, had opposed the wedding in every way possible. The marquis was introduced to Miss Twining at a tea at the Isthmian Club, by Col. A. J. Gordon-Kane, formerly of Brooklyn, an old friend. Admiration soon developed into a deeper feeling, and the marquis wooed swiftly and successfully. The marquis today looked remarkably young for his years and seemed quite the happy bridegroom. Col. Kane, who was one of the witnesses at the registrar's, arranged the marriage service.

A TROLLEY ACCIDENT.

Three Perhaps Fatally Hurt And 57 Others Injured. NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Three women were perhaps fatally injured and fifty-seven other passengers were bruised and badly shaken up in a trolley accident in Weehawken, at midnight. The accident occurred at a point where the trolley company's tracks cross those of the Erie railroad. When the trolley car reached the tracks the motorman stopped his car to allow a freight train to pass. The train consisted of nine cars, and was moving along rapidly. The last three cars of the train broke loose some distance east of the crossing and were not noticed by the train crew. After the six cars had passed by the motorman of the trolley car thought it was the last of the train and started to cross the tracks. When he got his car in the middle of the crossing the three freight cars which had broken loose from the train came rolling along, and before he could get over the crossing it was struck with terrific force by the freight cars. The trolley car was completely turned over and the passengers were thrown through the windows, up against the doors and on top of one another. They were struck in the face with broken timbers, glass and everything else movable. Ambulances and physicians were summoned, and a crowd which had collected about the scene started to exultate those who were caught in the wreck. The three most seriously hurt were taken out unconscious and the physicians directed their efforts toward reviving them. What caused the train to become uncoupled is not known. The trolley car was completely wrecked. Traffic was blocked both on the railroad and trolley lines for nearly two hours.

DR. LORENZ.

Gives in Boston Illustrations of His Wonderful Skill. BOSTON, Dec. 22.—An intensely interested and suggestive audience of 200 of the leading surgeons of Boston saw Dr. Adolph Lorenz in three demonstrations of his wonderful skill in replacing dislocated hips in children. At the children's hospital this afternoon. The subjects were all girls, one being seven, another four, and another three years of age. The audience included besides two female representatives from the St. Margaret's Episcopal Hospital. The operation took place about two hours after the doctor's arrival from New York. His every action was closely watched, and at the close of the first demonstration, after the child's leg had been violently manipulated until the muscles had been torn so that it slipped into the hip socket, the audience burst forth into applause. Dr. Lorenz will give another demonstration at the children's hospital tomorrow morning, which will be followed by a reception at the New Algonquin Club. He will probably return to New York on Wednesday.

AT CLOSE RANGE.

MACON, G. A., Dec. 22.—Charles Hogg and Gen. Grantham, members of prominent families, quarreled while driving on a road near Cochran. Each drew a pistol and fired. Hogg is dead and Grantham is barely alive.

CARACAS, Dec. 22.—The blockade is proving prejudicial to American trade. Fifteen importing houses in Caracas have stopped placing orders in the United States. It is estimated that the food supply in Caracas will not last much more than a fortnight.

C. P. R. PENSIONS.

Outline of Scheme to Go Into Effect January 1st. The C. P. R. has recently issued a circular in which is outlined the plan of the pension system to come into effect at the beginning of the year. Under this system all employees of the company who have complied with certain conditions are enabled, without any cost to themselves, to retire upon a fair pension. There are on this division of the C. P. R. about ten employees who have already received notice of their retirement under the new system, the only one among them in this section being Engineer Spring. Among the details given in the company's circular letter are the following paragraphs: The office of the pension department shall be at Montreal. The benefits of the pension system shall apply only to those persons who have been required to give their entire time to the company, or to the company and some other railway company or railway companies jointly. In cases of joint employment, and when the whole salary is not paid by this company, the pension to be paid by this company shall be estimated upon the proportion of salary or wages received from this company. All officers and employees who have attained the age of sixty-five years shall be retired, and such of said officers and employees who have been ten years or longer in the company's service shall be pensioned. The committee, however, shall have power to vary the foregoing rule and retain in the service any employee who has reached the age of sixty-five if in their opinion it is in the interest of the company to do so; provided, however, that no employee who has reached the age of sixty-five years without having served ten years continuously in the company's service, and who shall be retained in the service after he attains the age of sixty-five years, shall be eligible for pension allowance. Six months' previous notice shall be given to employees who are to be compulsorily retired. Retirement shall be made effective from the first days of January or July in each year. The pension allowance authorized shall be granted upon the following basis: For each year of service an allowance of one per cent. of the average monthly pay received for the ten years preceding retirement. For instance, an employee has been in the service for forty years and received on an average for the last ten years fifty dollars per month, the pension allowance would be forty per cent. of fifty dollars, or twenty dollars per month. The acceptance of a pension allowance does not debar a retired employee from engaging in other business, but such retired employee cannot so engage in other business nor re-enter the service of the company except with the consent of the committee, without forfeiting his pension allowance. One peculiar case has already appeared. A coal heaver in Fairville, who has been in the employ of the C. P. R. for many years, was ordered to work at Bay St. L. This he refused to do, and gave up his job rather than move. He had only two months longer to serve before attaining the age limit fixed by the company and being in a position to claim the pension. Now he has left the service of the road and will not be eligible.

A CROWN PRINCESS

Runs Away From Her Home and Her Husband. DRESDEN, Saxony, Dec. 22.—The Crown Princess of Saxony fled from her home during the night of Dec. 11-12. DRESDEN, Saxony, Dec. 23.—King George and Crown Prince Frederick know where the Crown Princess Louise has sought refuge but they have decided to accept the estrangement of the princess and her husband as irrevocable. They have made the cabinet privy to the circumstances of the princess' flight as they see them and a decree of divorce is talked of as a necessary sequence to the prince's resolution to leave court for ever.

PERSONAL.

Albert Boggs of Wolfville, N. S., captain of the Acadia College football team is visiting with Kenneth Haley in the city. Miss Maggie Smith of 45 Hazen street is confined to her bed through illness. Word has been received that Stanley Elkin's illness is not as serious as was at first reported. Mrs. E. C. Elkin left last night for St. Louis to take care of him. Harry Shaw, son of William Shaw, M. P. P., is home from Sydney for Christmas. M. B. Jones of Moncton, is in the city.

BRIEFS BY WIRE.

Interesting News From Various Parts of The World. Another outbreak of cholera is raging in Manila and the southern provinces. Oddfellows' Block, Bradford, Pa., was burned today. One man was fatally and another seriously injured. An issue of \$250,000 gold dollars is being minted as souvenirs of the St. Louis exposition. From all quarters reports of crop failures reach Hong Kong. In the Philippines rice is damaged and prices up 50 per cent. A Morgan syndicate has got control of all the coal properties west of Green River, in Kentucky, with one exception. The syndicate's capital is \$8,000,000. A \$500,000 company will rebuild the Clifton House on the Canadian side of Niagara Falls. It will be 200x150 feet, with 200 rooms.

THE DEATH ROLL.

The Archbishop of Canterbury Passed Away This Morning.

Sketch of This Brilliant Churchman and Author. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Most Rev. Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury and primate of all England, who has been ill for some time past is dead. LONDON, Dec. 23.—The Archbishop of Canterbury passed away quietly peacefully at eight o'clock in the presence of his wife and two sons. His death was anticipated for some days and only the archbishop's remarkable vitality enabled him to counteract his extreme weakness. The final collapse occurred about six o'clock and he was unconscious towards the end. The primate died of old age. The pathetic scene in Westminster Abbey at the coronation of King Edward was one of the earlier indications of his falling strength. Then came the collapse in the house of lords at the conclusion of a vigorous speech in support of the Education Bill. He had not left his bed since. He will be buried at Canterbury. The Bishop of Winchester is considered likely to be his successor.

He was born at Santa Maura, Ionian Islands, November 30, 1821, and was the son of Major Octavius Temple, late governor of Sierra Leone. He was educated at Blundell's School, Tiverton, Devon, and in Balliol College, Oxford, afterwards becoming a fellow of Balliol College, on Blundell Foundation, 1843. He was principal of Kneller Hall, 1848; H. M. Inspector of Training Colleges, 1856; head master of Rugby School, 1858; Bishop of Exeter, 1863; Bishop of London, 1885, and Archbishop of Canterbury in 1896. Publications: Sermons at Rugby School; Bampton Lectures; tracts and pamphlets. In 1860, Dr. Temple, who was a chaplain to the queen, gained some notoriety as the author of the first of the "Seven Essays and Reviews," which caused much controversy soon after their appearance. At the general election of 1868, he took an active part in Warwickshire in support of Mr. Gladstone's measure for the disestablishment of the Irish church, and the primate nominated him to the bishopric of Exeter, an appointment which caused considerable commotion in clerical circles. It will be remembered that at the recent coronation ceremony the archbishop showed evidence of extreme weakness and could scarcely perform his part in the ceremony, having at the end, to be supported from the back.

TWENTY FIVE DEAD.

As Result of The Railway Collision in California. SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 22.—The death list of the railroad collision at Byron, Cal., Saturday night, was swelled to 25 tonight by the ending of the life of Miss Stella Howard of San Francisco at the Southern Pacific hospital here. Walter Vernon, aged 17, died at Fresno today. His father died last night. At the railroad hospital it was announced that several other victims of the wreck were in a critical condition and might succumb to their injuries. The railroad officials still declined to discuss the cause of the collision, saying the reports received by them are conflicting. Engineer McGuire of the Stockton Flyer is still confined at a hospital. He is in a highly nervous condition, and to the few persons who have seen him he reiterates his declaration that it was impossible for him to stop his train when he was signalled.

MR. BLAIR IN TOWN.

Minister of Railways Gladdens I. C. R. Employees by Special Pay Day. Hon. A. G. Blair arrived in the city in his private car today. This morning, accompanied by L. R. Rose, he inspected the new cattle accommodations on Ballast wharf. During his visit the minister of railways gladdened the hearts of the I. C. R. employees by ordering that a special issue of wages be made today. The regular pay day is not until the seventh of next month, and this receipt of half their month's pay will enable the men to spread themselves more on Christmas day than they otherwise could have. Mr. Blair leaves tonight for Fredericton, where he will spend Christmas.

D. W. CLARK DANGEROUSLY ILL.

D. W. Clark, the venerable Carleton contractor, is dangerously ill, and his death is hourly expected. He is 85 years old. Mr. Clark has been well known for many years as a wharf builder and contractor of great skill, and of the highest integrity. He has in his time done a great deal of valuable work along the water front, and his work always gave satisfaction. A man of benevolent instincts and of genuine piety, he has been one of the best citizens of the west side. He is one of the pillars of the Free Baptist church, to which he has contributed very liberally, and he has been the president of the Carleton Auxiliary Bible Society since its organization. His children are Mrs. (Rev.) Geo. A. Hartley, Mrs. I. O. Beatey, D. C. Clark, the well known contractor; Charles R., the electrician at the Carleton electric light station; Frank R., in the west, and one daughter, Mrs. Minnie McIntosh, in the west.

Men's Winter Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2. Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c, up to one at 1.75. Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3. New Goods. Right Prices. J. & A. ANDERSON. 19 Charlotte Street.

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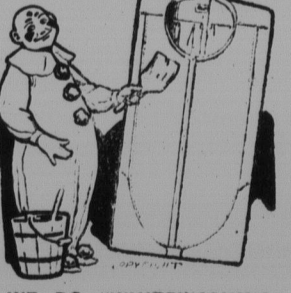
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FUNERAL NOTICE!

The members of Hughes, L. O. L., No. 97, are requested to meet at the Temperance Hall, Fairville, TOMORROW (WEDNESDAY), at 1.30 sharp, to attend the funeral of their late Brother, FRED. F. DUFF, Members of the different lodges in the city and county are also requested to attend. Full dress regalia.



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RETURN CORONAL THANKS. "The ladies of the Church of England Institute, who have been packing boxes for the little ones in the country, desire to give cordial thanks to each contributor."

On behalf of the committee, MARY R. WALKER. Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Crockett's Tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

At the A. Cushing & Co. mills on Saturday the new ground wood pulp machine was put into operation. It is now grinding up the small waste from the mills and manufacturing it into pulp that it is intended to use in the making of cardboard.

THE ST. JOHN STAR is published by THE SUN PRINTING COMPANY (LTD.), at St. John, New Brunswick, every afternoon (except Sunday) at \$3 a year.

ST. JOHN STAR. ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 23, 1902.

OIL AND THE GRITS. One of the strange features in connection with the fuel famine is the attitude of the liberal party and government on the oil question. We all remember the fierce denunciations that marked all the utterances of the liberals on this subject in the years they spent in opposition.

It may be added that the stockholders in the Standard Oil Company received their last quarterly dividend for 1902 on Monday. The installment was 10 per cent, amounting to \$10,000,000, and stockholders may expect an increase next year.

GROUND FOR ENVY. The following paragraph from the Brooklyn Eagle will be read with a pang of envy in St. John, where the people must still do the things so truly described by the journal named:

"That 3,500 street signs have been placed is encouraging. For months and years we have waited to learn where we were at, as we walked about strange districts of our town, and we waited seemingly in vain. It was necessary to call on the corner grocer, or even to venture into the dreadful saloon, in order to inquire. Sometimes, at night, we have had to ring up respectable but reticent citizens, that we might ask them to determine our whereabouts. Miles of our thoroughfares have gone unmarked, and miles of them remain to be marked. In Brooklyn something more has been done than in Manhattan. We have plain metal signs on the house corners. There is nothing showy about them, and nothing beautiful; but they can be read, and that is the main point."

The following paragraph is from the Daily Sun of December 22nd, 1892—or ten years ago yesterday: "Before the Connolly dredge leaves St. John, said a leading merchant yesterday, the city should employ it to put the harbor in first-class condition. The approaches to the ferry slips, the bar out near the island and whatever other places need it should be dredged."

Ten years have passed, and a Connolly dredge is again with us, but the bar near the island is still in evidence and the city is not quite certain that it wants any more work done by a Connolly dredge.

Referring to the proposed treaty with Newfoundland the New York Fishing Gazette says: "A hearing on the Bond-Hay treaty was given by the senate foreign relations committee on Wednesday, and the result was considered a triumph for the opponents of the treaty. Delegates of dealers and fishermen from Maine and Massachusetts were present and opposed the treaty so strongly that the feeling now is that it cannot be passed without serious amendments. It is said that it will not be allowed to drop, however, but will be reported to the senate one way or the other. Those who are opposed to it, on the other hand claim that the treaty is absolutely dead."

Now that Marconi has succeeded in his astounding feat of sending a wireless message across the Atlantic, the next step will be to develop wireless telephony to the point where the St. John young man who does not like home-made garments can step into a room and carry on a conversation with his London tailor. And why not? Such a development would not be more surprising than that from the old-fashioned cable to the wireless message.

The Massachusetts lobster law is unsatisfactory. This may mean that a delegation will be sent down to kidnap Colonel Tucker, our great and only authority on this particular subject.

The disappearance of the snow is a disappointment, but the Christmas spirit is in the air, and trade is brisk in spite of the weather.

This will be a very busy week along the waterfront. The winter port trade is in earnest.

SAFETY BOARD. A special meeting of the safety board was held at the City Hall yesterday afternoon.

The Rev. George K. MacDonnell, a Nova Scotian. (New York Herald, 20th.) The Rev. George K. MacDonnell, who until two weeks ago was pastor of the East Avenue Baptist Church, in Long Island City, has abandoned the pulpit for the bar.

He has purchased a saloon in the Bronx, has fitted up elaborately and is doing a large retail liquor business. In reply to a request for a brief sketch of his life he said: "I was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia, studied in Acadia College, Nova Scotia, and then went to Chicago. I was graduated in theology with credit from Morgan Park Seminary in 1889, preached in Kalamazoo, Mich., for six years thereafter and then became the pastor of the Immanuel Baptist church in Syracuse, N. Y., from which I came, eighteen months ago, to Long Island City, bringing the best of credentials with me."

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As for the money I have put into this business, I did not earn it by preaching. My father left me some property and my wife's family owns valuable real estate in Syracuse. She is a sister of the man who was my friend and room-mate in college."

CHRISTMAS EVE. With every expectation and faces all aghast, The little children everywhere will go to bed tonight. While high up by the chimney, within the firelight glow, The big and little stockings hang in uneven row.

It is fondly hoped that the good Santa Claus will not forget the stockings at the Little Girls' Home on Brussels street; that "The waiting little stockings that hang so thin and flat, Before tomorrow morning will grow big and round and fat," Making Merry Christmas for all. St. John N. B., Xmas, 1902.

ST. ANDREW'S CURLING CLUB. Presented Its Active Secretary With Valuable Silver Service. At a largely attended meeting of this club, held last evening at the rink, the following members were elected: A. P. Barnhill, A. P. Hazen, W. E. Foster, A. J. Ralston, J. W. McKean, Alfred Clarke, John Tod, B. M. Caldwell, Harold Climo, E. A. Smith, A. O. Skinner, S. C. Goggin, A. W. Sulis, H. B. Robinson and E. E. Stavert.

A committee consisting of R. K. Jones, J. White, W. A. Stewart and C. H. Ferguson was appointed to act with the Thistle and Carleton clubs to arrange for the entertainment of the Scottish curlers on their visit to this city early in January.

C. H. Ferguson was presented with a splendid silver tea service by the members in recognition of his services as secretary of the club for a long series of years. The president made the presentation address, and the secretary was genuinely overcome with surprise and emotion at this token of appreciation on the part of the club.

After the business was concluded all adjourned to Lang's restaurant, on the invitation of President Jones, and a pleasant evening was spent over oysters and cigars and other things.

GREAT PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS AT YORK THEATRE. The Coronation Glee and Concert Party, under Edward Branscombe's direction, will pay a return visit to the maritime provinces, and will be heard here Christmas afternoon and evening. Since their arrival in Canada they have been on tour in many of the principal cities of the United States with great success.

The wonderful delicacy of their part songs and glees has been most enthusiastically praised by the American critics. Owing to expiry of leave from Westminster Abbey of two singers, their places have been taken by two others who came out in November, James Leyland, a very fine tenor, and Herbert Hilton, baritone. Madame Marie Hooton, concert contralto; Albert Archdeacon, the splendid baritone; the remarkable male alto, Percy Coward, and Edward Branscombe and the boy sopranos will be heard in solo numbers, which is a special addition to the secular programmes is a humorous musical sketch by Dudley Causton, a most talented English entertainer. Tickets are on sale at Allan's drug store, Charlotte street.

TO ADVERTISERS. Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 o'clock on the day of insertion in that day's issue.

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CONCERT. A well attended concert was held in Main street Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Young People's Union. The following programme was rendered: Chorus, Little Stars; The Two Offerings; by Mildred Akeley and Ethel Hayes; recitation, Albert Paterson; chorus, Little Rain Drops; dialogue, Little Missionaries; recitation, Oscar Akeley; solo, Annie McRea; recitation, B. Ferris; recitation, Helen Estabrooks; address on Indian Curios, Mrs. Manning; chant; recitation, C. Higgins; dialogue, K. Patterson and L. Gallip; chorus, and National Anthem. Little Gordon Farris sang Jack Frost and Santa Claus, much to the delight of the audience.

At the close there was an exhibition of dolls. Much credit is due to Mrs. White, the wife of the pastor, to whose efforts the success of the concert was mainly due.

WHAT THEY WANT. The Provincial Premier Demand Increased Subsidies. (Montreal Wire.) There is no way of learning the business that was transacted by the Inter-Provincial Conference, but much can be surmised from the present basis of dominion subsidies to provinces, and representation in parliament in accordance with the census. The present basis in regard to dominion subsidies, to which exceptions have been taken for a number of years past, are as follows: First a specific grant for civil government and legislation was made to each province at Confederation, based on the census of 1861. Ontario was given \$30,000; Quebec, \$70,000; Nova Scotia, \$40,000, and New Brunswick \$50,000. These were for our province which originally united. At that time the indemnity received by provincial members was three hundred dollars a year and other expenses of government were in part met by the Dominion. The Fathers of Confederation thought the sums named would be sufficient to meet all expenses of government in the provinces, but in 1871, at the very first meeting of its legislature, consumed nearly the whole of its grant.

The second basis for the grant was eighty cents a head for the population of the province as it existed in 1881. This made no allowance for an increase in population, which has grown in Ontario from 1,356,091 in 1861 to 2,181,000 in 1901, an increase of eight hundred thousand. And notwithstanding this growth of population, Ontario is still drawing the dominion grant on the basis of population in the year 1861, and the same in Quebec, and to a degree the same in Nova Scotia and New Brunswick.

The Fathers of Confederation seem to have lost sight of the fact that the population of the provinces would grow with time, they made a mistake, and the object of the present inter-provincial conference is to correct that mistake.

In comparison of the expenditures of 1870 and 1902 it is well to give the following instances: In 1861, the grants to education were \$747,000; in 1901, they were \$780,000 for the province of Ontario, and in 1861, \$116,000 was granted to hospitals and charities, in 1901, \$1,625,000. Although the dominion grants to provinces have not been changed in forty years, the dominion revenue has increased from thirteen million dollars to fifty-two million dollars in 1901, and it is contended that inasmuch as

the dominion takes four times as much out of the provinces it should give more back. This view was taken in 1887, when the inter-provincial conference was held, that was convened by the late Hon. Mr. Mercer. It was then affirmed that dominion grants to provinces should be on a basis of population, and that the Confederation Act should be changed to meet the situation.

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As for the money I have put into this business, I did not earn it by preaching. My father left me some property and my wife's family owns valuable real estate in Syracuse. She is a sister of the man who was my friend and room-mate in college."

CHRISTMAS EVE. With every expectation and faces all aghast, The little children everywhere will go to bed tonight. While high up by the chimney, within the firelight glow, The big and little stockings hang in uneven row.

It is fondly hoped that the good Santa Claus will not forget the stockings at the Little Girls' Home on Brussels street; that "The waiting little stockings that hang so thin and flat, Before tomorrow morning will grow big and round and fat," Making Merry Christmas for all. St. John N. B., Xmas, 1902.

ST. ANDREW'S CURLING CLUB. Presented Its Active Secretary With Valuable Silver Service. At a largely attended meeting of this club, held last evening at the rink, the following members were elected: A. P. Barnhill, A. P. Hazen, W. E. Foster, A. J. Ralston, J. W. McKean, Alfred Clarke, John Tod, B. M. Caldwell, Harold Climo, E. A. Smith, A. O. Skinner, S. C. Goggin, A. W. Sulis, H. B. Robinson and E. E. Stavert.

A committee consisting of R. K. Jones, J. White, W. A. Stewart and C. H. Ferguson was appointed to act with the Thistle and Carleton clubs to arrange for the entertainment of the Scottish curlers on their visit to this city early in January.

C. H. Ferguson was presented with a splendid silver tea service by the members in recognition of his services as secretary of the club for a long series of years. The president made the presentation address, and the secretary was genuinely overcome with surprise and emotion at this token of appreciation on the part of the club.

After the business was concluded all adjourned to Lang's restaurant, on the invitation of President Jones, and a pleasant evening was spent over oysters and cigars and other things.

GREAT PROGRAMME FOR CHRISTMAS AT YORK THEATRE. The Coronation Glee and Concert Party, under Edward Branscombe's direction, will pay a return visit to the maritime provinces, and will be heard here Christmas afternoon and evening. Since their arrival in Canada they have been on tour in many of the principal cities of the United States with great success.

The wonderful delicacy of their part songs and glees has been most enthusiastically praised by the American critics. Owing to expiry of leave from Westminster Abbey of two singers, their places have been taken by two others who came out in November, James Leyland, a very fine tenor, and Herbert Hilton, baritone. Madame Marie Hooton, concert contralto; Albert Archdeacon, the splendid baritone; the remarkable male alto, Percy Coward, and Edward Branscombe and the boy sopranos will be heard in solo numbers, which is a special addition to the secular programmes is a humorous musical sketch by Dudley Causton, a most talented English entertainer. Tickets are on sale at Allan's drug store, Charlotte street.

TO ADVERTISERS. Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in the office not later than 10 o'clock on the day of insertion in that day's issue.

MAIN STREET BAPTIST CONCERT. A well attended concert was held in Main street Baptist church last night under the auspices of the Young People's Union. The following programme was rendered: Chorus, Little Stars; The Two Offerings; by Mildred Akeley and Ethel Hayes; recitation, Albert Paterson; chorus, Little Rain Drops; dialogue, Little Missionaries; recitation, Oscar Akeley; solo, Annie McRea; recitation, B. Ferris; recitation, Helen Estabrooks; address on Indian Curios, Mrs. Manning; chant; recitation, C. Higgins; dialogue, K. Patterson and L. Gallip; chorus, and National Anthem. Little Gordon Farris sang Jack Frost and Santa Claus, much to the delight of the audience.

At the close there was an exhibition of dolls. Much credit is due to Mrs. White, the wife of the pastor, to whose efforts the success of the concert was mainly due.

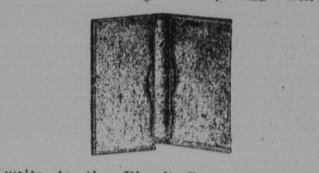
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Are to be found here in profusion, turn which way you will. It makes little difference whether you are looking for something inexpensive or wish to testify to your affection with an expensive gift, you will have no difficulty in making a selection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

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AWFUL CATASTROPHE.

Earthquake Victims Now Said To Number Nearly 5,000.

ASHKABAD, Russian Turkestan, Dec. 23.—Even the worst of the earlier reports of the recent earthquake disaster at Andjani quite underestimate the appalling loss of life. A telegram today from the scene of the catastrophe puts the number of victims in the native quarter of the town at 4,000. Already 800 corpses have been disinterred from the ruins. The work of excavation progresses slowly.



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LOCAL. A pound of Red Rose tea would be an excellent Christmas gift. A new baptismal font has been placed in Victoria street Free Baptist church. D. Arnold Fox, the new organist for St. John's church, has arrived, and will enter on his duties at once. The Neptune Rowing Club have decided to hold their annual carnival about the middle of January. Friday evening, in their hall, Simonds street, north end, Court Ounquag, I. O. F., will hold its annual election of officers. Angus Dewar, who has resigned the principalship of the Fairville school, was presented by his pupils with a fountain pen. Miss Simpson, who also retired, was also remembered by her pupils. The following coal charters are reported: Schs. Beaver, Edgewater to St. John, \$2.25 and discharged; Manhattan, Edgewater to Yarmouth, \$2.35; Roma, Edgewater to Lunenburg, \$2.35; Domain, Edgewater to St. John, \$2.50.

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In order to make a speedy clearance, we have reduced our entire stock of Untrimmed Hats to 25c., 35c. and 50c. Also Trimmed Hats reduced to \$1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and upwards.

HAS. K. GAMERON & CO. 77 King Street.

IF YOU WANT THE BEST, GET Lawson Coal, FROM

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street. Telephone 250

Every cash customer will receive a Handsome Calendar.

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

GIBBON & CO'S., 1-2 Charlotte St.

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

WHITE LAWN APRONS From 25c. up.

STORE OPEN EVENINGS

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 41; the lowest was 30. The temperature at noon was 39. The humidity at noon was 74. The wind at noon was northwest with a velocity of 15 miles per hour.

LOCAL NEWS.

A latch key found at the foot of King street can be got at the Star office.

Acme skates—boys' and girls', 39c.; men's 50 and 60c. Duval's Umbrella Shop, 17 Waterloo street.

The three poor boxes in the cathedral were broken into some time last week and the contents stolen.

While they last, everything in the Christmas showroom just half-price. Commencing tonight at 7.30, Morrell & Sutherland.

The Keystone Fire Insurance Co. of St. John, A. Gordon Leavitt, secretary, has issued a handsome double calendar for 1903.

For the accommodation of Christmas shoppers J. N. Harvey's clothing store on Union street will be open tonight till 10 o'clock, and Wednesday night till 11.

The Boston express today was about an hour late and the C. P. R. from Montreal was three hours late.

The marriage of Miss Alice M. Laskey and Alfred S. Belbin took place last Wednesday at the residence of G. T. Black, North End.

D. McArthur has opened up a big showroom up stairs for Christmas goods, and has added to his stock over \$1,000 worth of samples in dolls and fancy goods.

Bark Baden from Lisbon which moored at the Lawton wharf yesterday had a disabled sailor on board.

A number of barrels of Canadian apples which were to have been shipped by the steamer Alcides but were refused because they had been frost bitten on the way down were sold at auction on the Market Square this morning.

ATTEMPTED SUICIDE.

Thos McGuigan Tried To Take His Own Life. Thomas McGuigan of 29 Carmarthen street attempted to commit suicide this morning by cutting his throat with a knife and now lies in a critical condition at his house.

This morning Mr. McGuigan got up and dressed and went down to the yard. Here he cut his throat, inflicting a horrible gash in the fleshy part and severing the windpipe.

Shortly after seven o'clock one of Mr. McGuigan's sons, on coming downstairs, found his father lying bleeding on the floor and at once called for assistance.

Mr. McGuigan is a well known citizen, having served for some eight or ten years on the police force.

BADLY INJURED.

Thomas Borden, of Adelaide street, was seriously injured in Purdy & Green's lime quarry, Millidgeville road, yesterday morning.

FATALLY KILLED.

Two of the police yesterday shot a horse belonging to Charles Osborne of Haymarket Square.

WINTER PORT ITEMS.

Str. Moncaim, Capt. Evans, of the Elder-Dempster line, from Bristol via Liverpool, arrived off Partridge Island last night.

Former United States Senator Wright M. Sabin of Minnesota died suddenly from heart failure early this morning in his apartments at the auditorium annex in Chicago.

BOY THIEVES.

Shocking State of Affairs Revealed In Court To-Day.

Last night a twelve year old boy by the name of Walter Colwell was arrested on the charge of stealing two pairs of gloves from F. W. Daniel's store on the corner of Union and Charlotte streets.

Mr. Daniel who appeared to prosecute said that the present step was taken not on account of the value of the goods but merely as an effort to put a stop to the thieving that is continually going on.

Mr. Daniel said that he had tried time and again to make those people stop stealing and had let them off.

The boy, Colwell, who lives at 14 Brussels street admitted that he had stolen the gloves. Along with him was another boy named Gerald Finn, of White street, whose father has been dead for about two years.

The boys were not very ready to tell about their exploits but the truth was drawn from them by degrees.

Colwell and Finn were remanded to jail for sentence.

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BURIED TODAY.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Mary Proctor was held at half-past two o'clock this afternoon from her late residence 88 Marsh Road.

This afternoon the funeral of the late William Bustard took place from the residence of Mrs. James Napier, 50 Winter street.

YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT

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

Arnold's Department Store, 15 Charlotte St.

KILLED ON I. C. R.

Brakeman Walter Clarke Killed in Dorchester Accident.

His Widow Was Woman Who Broke News To Widow of Samuel Trider, Killed At Belmont.

Mrs. Walter Clarke of Moncton, a bride of six months, was the woman chosen a couple of weeks ago to tell to Mrs. Samuel Trider the pitiful news of her husband's death beneath the wreck of his engine at Belmont.

This morning friends of Mrs. Clarke had to bear to her a message, starting in its sorrowful similarity to that she had carried such a short time before.

The driver and fireman jumped clear of the wreck and escaped, but Clarke, as he made the attempt, is supposed to have fallen into the pond, where there was about four feet of water.

The cause of the accident is supposed to have been an open switch. The following despatch from the Star's correspondent at Moncton gives further particulars:

MONCTON, N. B., Dec. 23.—Another had wreck occurred on the I. C. R. this morning at 5.20, at Dorchester station. Wrecked train was the night freight from Moncton for Truro.

Brakeman Clark was about 35 years of age and has been braking on I. C. R. about fifteen years.

MRS. HAZEN'S ESTATE.

In the estate of the late Mrs. Margaret Hazen, a petition was presented in the probate court yesterday by David H. Anderson and George W. Anderson, brothers of the deceased.

POLICE REPORT.

Horse runaway. Between 8 and 9 p. m. a horse with light wagon attached ran away from the corner of Queen and Carmarthen streets belonging to Lewellyn Price.

THIS EVENING.

Grand Opening of Victoria Skating Rink. Debate of the Y. M. A. of the Portland Methodist church.

DEATHS.

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

15c. and 25c. LARGE MATTED PICTURES For Only 10c.

To-night at 7 o'clock as a leader for the opening of the

FANCY GOODS ROOM.

Morrell & Sutherland. 29 Charlotte St. Opp. Y. M. C. A.

IMPORTANT: XMAS SHOW ROOMS.

In order to more fully accommodate our customers we have opened the large show rooms up stairs.

ALL GOODS SHOWN AT CUT RATES. We have added to our already large stock over \$1,000 worth of samples, consisting of Dolls, Fancy Goods, Manicure Sets, Dressing Cases and numerous lines of Christmas Goods.

McARTHUR'S BOOKSTORE, 84 KING STREET.

SHOOTING SUPPLIES

Guns to Hire at Reasonable Rates. Boxing Gloves, Punching Bags, Indian Clubs, Dumb Bells, etc.

KEE & BURGESS, SPORTING GOODS. 195 UNION STREET (Near Opera House) St. John, N. B.



High as Christmas Happiness

ascend the praises of those who have seen our exquisitely patterned, delicately tinted tea sets, which make such graceful gifts for Christmas.

C. F. BROWN, 501-5 Main Street.

CARLETON CO. WEDDINGS. C. E. Van Ambury of Argyle, N. S., and Miss Alice Stanlake were married at the residence of E. D. R. Phillips, Bath, N. B., on Dec. 18th, by Rev. Mr. Young.

TOYS! GAMES! DOLLS!

Largest Assortment in the City of Mechanical Toys, all new and guaranteed to work.

REID BROS., 56 King Street! P. S.—See the Boats go, and the Whale spurt water in the large window tank.

For the Children, we will give for a short time a Patent Soap Bubbler with every purchase of 50c. or upwards.

Gold Talks.

At this season, when you have so many demands upon your pocket book, consider the following prices:

Table with 3 columns: OTHER DEALERS' PRICES, MY XMAS PRICES, and various shoe and boot items with their respective prices.

I keep one of the best assorted stocks of up-to-date Footwear in the city. I want your trade and I am prepared to make it to your advantage to patronize me.

REVERDY STEEVES, 44 BRUSSELS STREET, Opposite Baptist Church.