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THE WEATHER
Fresh, northwesterly winds, fair and clear; Wednesday, northwesterly winds decidedly colder, light local snowfalls.

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POST CLAIMS UNIONIST VICTORY; EIGHTEEN OVER THE LIBERALS

ASKING FOR CONNAUGHT AS GOVERNOR

Canadian Club of Calgary Sends Petition to British Government—Hotel Men and the License Law

Calgary, Alta., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The Canadian Club of Calgary is sending to the British government a petition asking that the Duke of Connaught, the king's brother, be appointed the next governor-general of Canada.

Toronto, Dec. 27.—(Special)—If hotel keepers do not supply midnight travellers and the source of supply from restaurants has been taken away by the council, it is for the municipal authorities to see that the hotel keepers do their duty and preserve their licenses from being impounded.

The foregoing is Chancellor Boyd's judgment in dismissing James Karry's motion for an order quashing a Chatham by-law that compels Chatham restaurants to close during certain hours on Sunday afternoon and Sunday night.

Montreal, Dec. 28.—The C. P. R. telephone system for the despatch of trains between Winnipeg and Brandon is pronounced by the officials to be an unequalled success.

In case of accidents, anyone can get into the nearest depot and telephone the dispatcher's office in Winnipeg. In this way urgent communications can be sent in when there is no telegraph operator around, as sometimes happens at small wayside stations.

MAY HAVE CONQUERED FIRE OF FIFTY YEARS

Philadelphia, Dec. 28.—There is a prospect that the fire which has been burning for fifty years in a mine at Summit Hill, Pa., at last will be extinguished. The mine contains one of the most valuable deposits of coal in the anthracite region, and millions of dollars have been expended in efforts to put out the fire.

ANGLO-JAPANESE EXHIBITION WILL BE VERY BIG AFFAIR

Tokyo, Dec. 28.—The work of preparation for the Anglo-Japanese exhibition is now approaching the final point and Mr. Beppu, the chief commissioner, left for London a few days ago to complete arrangements there. The list of exhibits from this country is very large indeed and in every department it is now fully understood that the exposition will be the best ever sent out from Japan to any country.

FIVE DEATHS IN I.C.R. EMPLOYEES' ASSOCIATION

Moncton, Dec. 28.—(Special)—There were five deaths in the ranks of the I. C. R. Employees' Relief & Insurance Association during the month ended on December 23, according to the report of Secretary W. C. Paver. These were: Thomas Reid, Truro; George C. Ayles, and George R. Wood, Moncton; Michael O'Brien, Newcastle; \$20 each; and John R. Murphy, River DuLoop, \$200. Wm. Burns, of New Glasgow, received a total disability claim of \$200.

MRS. J. G. WALTERS DEAD IN AMHERST

Amherst, N. S., Dec. 28.—(Special)—After a lengthy illness, borne with great patience, the death of Bella G., beloved wife of Capt. John G. Walters, occurred last night. Besides her husband she leaves two children, Harold and Reta E., and her mother, Mrs. Alex. Cameron, formerly of Dorchester, N. B., who has resided with her for some time. She also leaves two brothers, Captain Samuel Cameron, of St. John, and Captain Daniel Cameron, of Rockland, Me.

HOTEL, BANK AND SEVEN STORES IN FREEPORT BURN

Freeport, Maine, Dec. 28.—Clark's Hotel, formerly the Harassett House, the Freeport branch of the Lewiston Safe Deposit & Trust Co., and seven stores in the block on the northeasterly side of Main street, between Bow and Mechanic streets, were burned today. The loss was estimated at \$90,000.

Urges Unionists to Bring Tariff Reform to the Front Vigorously on Every Occasion

Liberal Efforts to Avoid Three-Cornered Contests Have Not Been Successful and There Will Be Cocked-Hat Fights in Seventy-Six Constituencies—Holiday up and Campaign Wages Again.

London, Dec. 28.—(Special)—In a modest article the Morning Post expresses the view that London and the nine counties are safe. It estimates that the following will be the result of the elections:

Unionists, 278. Nationalists, 83. Labor, 49.

The morning Post editorial thinks that raising of constitutional issues has been a failure, and urges the Unionists to bring tariff reform to the front vigorously on every occasion. Then victory, it says will be secured.

The Liberal candidate has withdrawn his candidature in East Manchester and the Socialist has dropped out from South Bristol, thus leaving straight party fights in those political constituencies.

The Standard gives the positions of Unionist candidates as follows:—All constituencies in England, Scotland and Wales are now provided with Unionist candidates, with the exception of the following: Durham (Mid.), Durham (Houghton Le Springs), Leicesterhire (Bosworth), Cardiganshire, Kirkcaldy. It is to be feared that among the Unionists of Cardiganshire no candidate will be forthcoming, much to the disgust of all enthusiastic Unionists, who are strongly of opinion that the seat ought to be fought.

No Radical candidates down to last night had been adopted for the following named constituencies:

City of London (two seats), Holborn (Kensington), St. George's, East-over Square, Birmingham (West), Wigan, Bury, St. Edmunds, Durham City, Grantham, Sussex (Horsham), Staffordshire (Handsworth), Oxford (Oxford), Cambridge University, Glasgow and Aberdeen Universities, Edinburgh and St. Andrew Universities.

There are eight constituencies in which three-cornered contests are likely to ensue, but otherwise would be safe Unionist seats. The constituencies are:—Dunfermline, Marleborough (North), Canterbury, Lincoln, Bristol, Oxford University (9 seats), Horderness (York).

In Southampton a two member constituency there are three Unionist candidates and one Liberal.

Despite the exertions of the Liberal party chiefs to avert three-cornered contests by adoption of both Liberal and Labor candidates, they have been successful in not more than a dozen cases. Such division of forces is threatened in seventy-six constituencies—six in London, fifty-two in the provinces, three in Wales and fifteen in Scotland.

The Truce Ended Toronto, Dec. 28.—(Special)—Stewart Lyon cables the Globe from Manchester:—The political truce officially ended today, when, in front of a store containing a tariff reform display of goods made abroad to be sold in Britain, a protractionist started to hammer the new goods into the unbelieving trader. The police put a stop to the argument. The incident was only one evidence of the vigor of the tariff reform propaganda all over the cotton manufacturing region, where it is undoubtedly making some headway.

The Morning Post today shames the theory that tariff reform is intended to be a device to the creation of a dominant party in the United Kingdom. It says simply that the United Kingdom should make any sacrifice in order to buy the support of other members of the empire.

Frederick Mason's installation—School Inspectors Confer With Chief

Frederick, N. B., Dec. 28.—(Special)—The installation of officers of Hiram Lodge, F. & A. M., was conducted last night by District Deputy Grand Master E. St. John Blair. The officers of the lodge for the ensuing year are:—Alexander Boyd, W. M.; John Neil, S. W.; Lewis H. Bliss, J. W.; Rev. Canon Cowie, chaplain; Harry R. Adams, S. D.; Don B. Winslow, J. D.; John Palmer, S. S.; J. M. Tennant, G. W.; G. V. D. Dickson, D. O. C.; Prof. Cadwallader, organist; Jas. Pringle, J. G.; Wm. Minto, Jr., Tyler.

Hiram Lodge is now in its 51st year, having been founded in June 1859, while masonry in Frederick dates back to 1789.

The South African Association veterans at a meeting last evening elected Capt. James Pringle, president; Rev. Dean Tennant, chaplain, and P. A. Guthrie, secretary.

Argument of counsel in the case of a local bank clerk charged with causing the death of a child, belonging to P. J. Gallagher, took place in the police court this morning. F. H. Peters appeared for the prosecution and J. W. McCready for the defendant. The court reserved judgment until Tuesday.

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New York, Dec. 28.—Scores of detectives and uniformed patrolmen were sent into Chinatown today to check, if possible, the outbreak of the Tong war in which one Chinese has been killed within a few hours and another mortally wounded.

Police Captain Gilvin says that the new assassins known as the Tong, or "gan men," were sent here from Boston following the recent legal execution there, of five Hip Sing Tong members, who were convicted of killing a man on Leong Gong men and that their mission was revenge.

Low Jung, the seventy-five-year-old central whose wounded body was riddled with bullets late last night, was the treasurer of the Four Brothers Society, a western tong which has taken part in the war, making it three-sided. The Four Brothers are supposed to have brought a large sum of money to this city for the purpose of employing "gan men" to kill enemies. Low Jung was the custodian and reputed dispenser of the fund and for that reason had been especially marked for slaughter. Lei Yo Fong, the younger Chinese who was shot three times, was Low Jung's assistant and companion. He said that four men suddenly broke in the room and commenced firing. The police found Low Jung's money safe and removed it to a police station. Fearing that the news of the assassination will lead to open hostilities all Chinese are being searched for weapons and strange Celestials is being closely watched.

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American Smelters	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Anacosta	52	51 1/2	52 1/2
Brooklyn Rfd Transit	79 1/2	79 1/2	79 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	117 1/2	117 1/2	117 1/2
C. P. R.	179 1/2	179 1/2	179 1/2
New York Central	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Chesapeake Ohio	85 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2
Colorado F & Iron	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Denver & Rio Grande	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Erie	33	33	33
Erie 1st pfd	49 1/2	49 1/2	49 1/2
Consolidated Gas	107 1/2	107 1/2	107 1/2
Great Northern pfd	143 1/2	143 1/2	143 1/2
Kansas & Texas	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
National Lead	89 1/2	89 1/2	89 1/2
Northern Pacific	144 1/2	144 1/2	144 1/2
Pressed Steel Car	51	50 1/2	51
Pennsylvania	104 1/2	104 1/2	104 1/2
Reading	109 1/2	109 1/2	109 1/2
Peoples G & Co.	115 1/2	115 1/2	115 1/2
Rex I & Steel	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Rock Island	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Rock Island pfd	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
U. S. Rubber	51 1/2	51 1/2	51 1/2
Wabash	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
St. Paul	157 1/2	157 1/2	157 1/2
Southern Railway	31 1/2	31 1/2	31 1/2
Union Pacific	20 1/2	20 1/2	20 1/2
U. S. Steel	90 1/2	90 1/2	90 1/2
U. S. Steel pfd	125 1/2	125 1/2	125 1/2
Wabash	137 1/2	137 1/2	137 1/2
Wabash pfd	69 1/2	69 1/2	69 1/2

**WALL STREET NOTES**  
 New York, Dec. 28.—London settlement resumes today and concludes tomorrow. Andrew Carnegie laid up with an injured knee from a fall on the ice.

**WINNIPEG QUOTATIONS**  
 The Ogilvie Flour Mills Co. Ltd., supply the following quotations of the Winnipeg Flour Market, Dec. 27—1909:

**NEW YORK COTTON MARKET**  
 Jan. 1910—15.83  
 Feb. 1910—15.80  
 March 1910—15.77  
 April 1910—15.74  
 May 1910—15.71  
 June 1910—15.68  
 July 1910—15.65  
 August 1910—15.62  
 September 1910—15.59  
 October 1910—15.56  
 November 1910—15.53  
 December 1910—15.50

**CHICAGO MARKET**  
 Wheat—December—109 1/2  
 December—109 1/2  
 July—108 1/2  
 Corn—December—63 1/2  
 May—67

**PAYS \$360,000 FOR MONTREAL BUILDING**  
 Montreal, Dec. 28.—(Special)—The sale of the New York Life building for \$360,000, one of the largest downtown office buildings, is said, on good authority, to be in the interests of the Quebec Bank, which now occupies offices on the ground floor.

**PERSONALS**  
 Allan Adams of Mount Allison University, underwent an operation yesterday afternoon in the public hospital and was resting comfortably last evening.

**PROBATE COURT**  
 In the probate court today in the estate of John Simpson, of Ashburn, farmer, the accounts were examined and adjudgment made until Jan. 10 at 11:30 a. m. Stewart L. Fairweather is advocate for the executor, J. Roy Campbell, advocate for the executor of the widow, since deceased, A. P. Barnhill, K. C., and I. H. A. Fairweather, advocates for various legatees.

**THE MCGOLDRICK CASE**  
 In the police court yesterday afternoon John McGoldrick, charged with assaulting his wife and keeping a disorderly house, was found guilty and remanded to jail.

**FUNERALS**  
 The funeral of Miss Genevieve Elliott was held from her late home, Douglas street, where requiem high mass was sung by Father Holland. Interment was in the Catholic cemetery at Sand Cove.

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**PERMANENT STREET WORK IS TO BE DISCUSSED**  
**Board of Works to Take Up Proposed Work in Pond, Smythe and Water Streets and Part of Main—Hon. Mr. Pugsley to Meet Harbor Board**

The matter of entering upon a policy of permanent street work will be discussed at the monthly meeting of the board of public works tonight. Plans will be submitted for improvement in Pond, Smythe and Water streets and a part of Main street. It is proposed to lay granite pavement on these thoroughfares.

**THEIR SHACK BURNED; MOTHER AND SONS DIE**  
**Pioneers in Part of Ontario Were Getting Along Well When Disaster Came—Excitement at Meeting Over Hydro-Electric Contract**

Elk Lake, Ont., Dec. 28.—(Special)—Three lives were lost on Sunday night as the result of a fire on the trail between here and Charlton. James Cole, his wife and their two children and a boy from Tomstown and were building a roadhouse for accommodation of freighters. The cookery stove had just been completed.

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**GEORGE ELLIOT IS BADLY HURT AT CUSHING'S POND**  
 George Elliott, aged about 60, of Fairville, was badly injured at Cushing's mill pond on Monday afternoon. He was in the mill and was lying in the General Public Hospital where he may die. He and Clarence Northrup were working at a pile of logs on the hillside near the Cushing mill. The men were loosening up the logs so as to start the pile into the pond. They had just started and were in front of it. Northrup, looking around, saw two large logs coming behind him; he quickly jumped so that they passed under his feet. He called to Elliott, warning him, but the latter probably did not hear, as he was working with the logs with great force and knocked unconscious.

**THE RISE OF "LITTLE TIM" SULLIVAN**  
 From Bootblack to a Man of Power in New York

His Education That of the Street—A Pictorial Sketch of His Life and His Acquiring of Wealth and Influence

Timothy F. Sullivan, the "Little Tim" of the Bowery, who died last week, was, at the time of his death, chairman of the finance committee of the board of aldermen. Always active in politics, he had been a member of the New York legislature and acting mayor of the city, but whatever office he held for the moment his leadership in his own district was never shaken.

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1909	Sun	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri
December	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.44	4.44
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**PORT OF ST. JOHN**  
**ARRIVED TODAY**  
 Stmr Mount Temple, 6001, Moore from London and Antwerp, C. P. R. pass and mail.

**CLEARED TODAY**  
 Schr Katherine V. Mills, 210, Stry, for Annapolis, N. S. master, ballast; Coastwise—Stmr Aurora, Ingersoll, Campbell.

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DR. PUGSLEY AND MR. HAZEN

Readers of the morning papers must have observed that Hon. Dr. Pugsley and Premier Hazen, as public men, are brought into sharp contrast, much to the disadvantage of the latter.

Take the matter of the harbor bridge. Dr. Pugsley states that he and his colleagues are fully aware of the national aspect of this work, and especially its value to the government railway system; hence they are ready to accept parliament to pay one-third of its cost.

On the other hand, refuses to pledge the national government to pay a third of the cost; and the Standard, speaking for him, seeks to convey the impression that Dr. Pugsley is trying to force the city into an enterprise of uncertain cost.

On the matter of the St. John Valley Railway, the Standard, speaking again for Mr. Hazen, charges Dr. Pugsley with delaying that project, but Dr. Pugsley shows that whenever Mr. Hazen sends to Ottawa the information asked for the government will take up the subject without delay.

In an interview in the Telegraph this morning, which the Times reproduces on another page, Dr. Pugsley refers to other important matters in a manner which shows that he is alive to the interests of the port.

These is the matter of the building plant. Dr. Pugsley states that representatives of two great English concerns have interviewed him as minister of public works relative to building a dry dock at St. John, and he suggests that the citizens in their own behalf take action and make a strong effort to secure for the port not only a dry dock but a ship-building plant.

The city council and board of trade may well take up the subject, confer with the minister and formulate a plan of action. Halifax has set an example in this matter, and St. John with a superior position should not be behind in enterprise.

With regard to Courtney Bay, Dr. Pugsley states that the president of the Grand Trunk Pacific has informed him that their engineers report that this site offers the best possible facilities for terminals upon a large scale, and that the company are desirous of making one of their Atlantic termini at St. John.

In this interview the minister says much that should encourage and stimulate the citizens to active effort along several important lines of progress. With so able and earnest an advocate at Ottawa the interests of the city, so far as government matters are concerned, are safe. It only remains for the citizens to do their part, with the same abiding confidence in the future of St. John.

OLD AGE ANNUITIES

The audience which listened to Mr. N. W. Brown at the Every Day Club last evening was well repaid. Mr. Brown can make figures interesting, and his explanation of the Canadian system of old age annuities was clear and simple, so that all could understand. His picture of the dollars put away by this system working ceaselessly at four per cent compound interest to yield in later years an annual allowance for the benefit of the annuitant was a very attractive one.

indicated has been reached. The rest is easy. As a result of Mr. Brown's address, there should be many enquiries, for he showed with great clearness how easy it is to make the small change ordinarily frittered away become a boon and blessing in after years. The lesson of thrift was well taught in his address, and he pointed out also the very important fact that the moment a man begins to plan for the future welfare of his family he begins to develop a higher manhood; for it tends to sobriety, industry and careful habits of life. The Canadian system of old age annuities is essentially a system for the working man, and the man of small income. It tends to remove the dread of poverty in old age. It has been in active operation less than a year, and yet the amount already invested in it shows that wherever the system is fully explained the people realize the benefit to be derived. Canada is a young country, and it is well that this system, which encourages thrift and is a bulwark against poverty in old age, should become a part of the national heritage. The Times heartily commends its readers everywhere to hear Mr. Brown when he visits their localities, and familiarize themselves with the system of old age annuities.

A CONVENTION

The announcement is made that a Liberal convention for the province will be held in the near future. This will be good news for the opponents of the Hazen government. The by-elections held since the date of the general provincial elections proved that a reaction had set in early against the new government, because of the failure of Mr. Hazen to live up to his professions, and his changed attitude toward Liberals the moment he attained power. Premier Hazen has been a disappointment to his own party. They expected results that he had not followed his elevation to the premiership of New Brunswick. The farmers are still seeking to discover the agricultural policy which Hon. Dr. Landry is supposed to have conceived for his person. They are also waiting with growing impatience for the advent of the promised good roads system. The vacant farms that were to be peopled are still vacant, and in the back settlements the number of them is increasing. Mr. Hazen in power is not the same Mr. Hazen who in opposition made loud professions of ability to give the province progressive government. Therefore many people who supported him will with satisfaction the prospect of a Liberal convention and the declaration of a policy which will make for real progress.

CANADA AT WASHINGTON

The attempt of the New York Herald and other United States journals to manufacture a grievance for Canada out of the fact that there is not a Canadian representative at Washington does not get an encouragement from either party in Canada. Thus the Toronto World, Conservative, says: "Our imperial fellow citizens in the United Kingdom need not fear and our neighbors of the United States need not expect that Canada will be influenced by the admonitions or opinions of New York newspapers. The Canadian people are quite competent to manage their own affairs without outside interference, and are much better informed than are the great majority of United States public men regarding the character of their relationship to the mother country. They know well that they can have direct representation in Washington whenever they are satisfied it is for their interest. Sir Wilfrid Laurier very properly pointed out during the discussion on Mr. Lewis' motion asking for a Canadian adviser at Washington, that matters are very different now from what they were at an earlier period. Not the least valuable consequence of the appointment of the present distinguished British ambassador, Prof. Bryce, was his immediate visit to Canada for the purpose of getting into that close personal touch with her government and her national feeling which he has maintained and deepened. There are obvious advantages in having international questions discussed by a statesman of his calibre and if the precedents established in his case and by him are followed in future, Canadians will not worry about theoretical difficulties."

Sir William Macdonald has donated \$1,000 to the Boys' Farm and Training School at Shawbridge, Quebec, where a successful effort is being made to reclaim youthful delinquents.

The decision of the Liberals of York county to establish a new paper in Fredericton has been learned with satisfaction by Liberals throughout the province. York county should be redeemed, and a live local newspaper would greatly assist.

Referring to the telephone monopolies a New York journal well says: "Single concerns of great power at financial centres, controlling railroads, telegraphs or telephones in different sections of the country, and possibly working together with a 'community of interests' throughout the whole field of transportation or communication, is the least desirable of all things in this kind of development. The more widely diffused the ownership and control of these facilities, the safer and better for the communities concerned and for the country as a whole; and there must be a system of state and interstate regulation and supervision established which will secure the best interests and the safety of the public or a centralized power will be established that may become an intolerable autocracy."

Stores Open till 8 p.m. St. John, Dec. 27th, 1909.

After Christmas Bargains

THAT YOU SHOULD RECKON WITH

The Christmas selling has left us with a lot of broken lines and odds and ends which we have decided to clear out at greatly reduced prices. This gives you a splendid chance to buy acceptable gifts for some whom you have overlooked in the rush of your Christmas buying.

MEN'S \$10.00 and \$12.00 OVERCOATS, Sale Price \$7.50. MEN'S REGULAR \$6.00 OVERCOATS, Sale Price \$4.49. MEN'S \$5.00 and \$5.50 REEFERS, Sale Price \$3.98.

Boy's Overcoat prices almost cut in two. All Leather Goods such as Dressing Cases, Purses, Pocket-books, etc., LESS 20 PER CENT. Many other lines at greatly reduced prices. If you want bargains act quickly.

J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing, 199 to 207 Union St.

Christmas Slippers

For good, solid comfort get him a pair of Slippers for Christmas. He'll remember you long after the Christmas season has past, and bless your thoughtfulness.

We are showing very attractive lines this season, and we'll take pleasure in showing them to you at any time. Opera Slippers in Kid, Calf and Alligator in a variety of colors. \$1.00, \$1.25 or \$1.75. Romeos, Nullifiers and Cavalier Boots. \$1.35 to \$1.50.

Select his Slippers now, while the choice styles are here. We'll make any exchanges desired after Christmas.

D. MONAHAN, 32 CHARLOTTE STREET, THE HOME OF GOOD SHOES. Telephone: 1802-11. 80-41 King St. West.

KEEP YOUR FUEL

Don't throw it into the ash barrel but use a Hustler Ash Sifter

It saves the good coal. A child can work it. No dirt, no dust. Turning the crank for a few minutes sifts the day's ashes. It saves its cost many times a year. Fits wood or iron vessels.

Price \$5.50

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Bargains at the Boston Dept. Store, 7 Waterloo St.

This is the store the people are talking about. How can they sell at such remarkably low prices? Come in and see our complete line of Xmas Novelties, Toys, Jewellery, Ladies' and Gents' Neckwear, ornaments of all kinds, Dry Goods, Waists less than half price. All Xmas goods are sold at half price during this week.

BOSTON DEPARTMENT STORE, 7 Waterloo Street

Why Not Something in These Lines?

TOILET ARTICLES, PERFUME, CANDY. Any of these would be appreciated. Ours the latest and best. And the prices within reach of all. Don't be late—some bargains await you.

"RELIABLE" ROBB, The Prescription Drugist, 137 Charlotte Street.

NOW PREPARE FOR COLD WEATHER

We have Fur Collars, Mufflers, Clouds, Wool Toques, Gloves, Mitts, Warm Hosiery and Underwear. WETMORE, GARDEN ST. Rubbers All sizes.

THE WARRIOR PRIEST

Bishop Henry Codman Potter. He was our warrior-priest beneath whose gonnet The mailed armor took full many a When, at the front, all gallantly he went. In civic fight, to save the beloved town. Then did the proud outrageous foe go down. To shame and wide disaster swiftly sent. Struck by his steel to flight—in wonderment to see that calm brow wear the battle crown. For he was courteous as a knight of old, And he the very soul of friendliness; The spirit of youth in him lost never its power; So sweet his soul, his passing smile could bless; But this one passion all his long life held: To serve his Master to the last lingering hour. —Richard Watson Gilder.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

HAZARDOUS. Many a fellow gets a financial cold when he pays no attention to his draft.—Manchester Union.

THE ONLY LIMIT.

She—Father, I want to buy a hat; will you give me a check? He—Certainly. How much do you want? She—How much have you left in the bank?—Judge.

SEASONABLE EXERCISE.

Skimming the bank roll for those in misfortune is better exercise than sidestepping.—Washington Post.

IN MEMORIAM.

I hold it true what'er befall, I feel it when the day draws near, The Christmas dollars disappear Until there won't be none at all. —Baltimore Sun.

ALL HE LACKS.

If Mr. Morgan is made stakeholder for the Jeffries-Johnson fight, he will have control of all the money in the world.—Philadelphia North American.

BOOZY.

The only man who can drink champagne on a "beer income" is the brewer.—Kansas City Times.

PLACING THE EMPHASIS.

"You don't know that a picture of Johnny, said Mrs. Lapsing, in a tone of reproof. "You ought to read our ancient history more. That is the temple of Dinah at Emphasis."—Chicago Tribune.

FROUD.

The proudest man I ever knew Was not so for his deeds of worth. Not for the things that he would do, Not that he thought he owned the earth. His pride was greater far, I say, He thought himself most best of men, For he insisted every day, His hair was growing in again. —Cleveland Leader.

HER PRESENT.

"What are you going to give your wife this year?" "Money to buy me a new pipe."

GIRLSH.

Girl friends can't be so very thick when they can see through each other.—New York Times.

REGRET.

A little while and all the laws That rule us now shall pass away—Our underclothes be wool—or gauze—Another day!

PA AND THE QUESTION.

Young Mr. Charles was plainly embarrassed, and Miss Smith knew what was coming, or thought she did. "Er—Miss Smith?" he said feverishly, "could I—er—see your father for a moment or two?" "Certainly, Mr. Charles!" and, excusing herself, she stepped to the door and summoned her father. Mr. Charles whose face was radiant said:—"As I have a long ride before me, I will say 'Good night!'" "Oh, papa!" pleaded the girl immediately her lover disappeared, "Did he—er—say 'I did!' broke in the old man. His daughter fell on his neck and kissed him. He held her at arm's length and said:—"I lent him five cents to get home with—that was what he wanted me for."

MORE THAN 20,000 MIGRATE TO TEXAS IN MONTH

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—The railroads brought more than twenty thousand prospective settlers into Texas in November, and it is expected that the record for December will be more than double that number. The territory between San Antonio and the Rio Grande border is being overrun with these seekers for new homes. Many of them have bought land. The larger ranches are being cut up into farming tracts and the region which was formerly looked upon as an exclusive grazing country is rapidly being converted into veritable gardens. It is asserted by land men that the invasion of homeseekers will be much larger after the holidays than now. The railroads concur in this belief and are making extensive preparations to handle the traveling horde. It is announced by the state land office that approximately 280,000 acres of public lands will go on the market for sale during the first six months of 1910. Some of this land can be purchased without actual settlement, but most of it must be lived upon three years by the purchaser before final title is issued to him by the state. The land may be bought in lots of one to eight acres, or of 800 acres each. The price ranges from \$2 to \$10 per acre. The purchaser is allowed to pay for the land in forty annual instalments with 3 per cent interest on deferred payments. The unsold public domain of the state aggregates a little more than eleven million acres. The fact that Texas is the only part of the United States where cheap lands can be had is the chief factor in attracting to the state so many homeseekers.

Do You Need Shaking?

Like a Stove Choked With Ashes.

You have probably noticed how much more briskly the fire burns when freshly built or shaken. You doubtless remember how much more brightly you need to get around when you were in your teens or twenties.

The cells which compose the body are constantly dying and being renewed. There is in the digestible part of the food to be taken. This cleansing of the body is naturally the work of the bowels, kidneys and lungs. When any of these organs fail to do their work properly, the system becomes clogged and the life of life burrs low.

There is an increasing tendency towards constipation, kidney troubles and poisoned blood as one grows older. In most cases, the need of self-cleansing to regulate these vital organs.

"Fruit-atives" the famous fruit medicine, does this perfectly. It acts directly on the liver, increasing the flow of bile and causes the bowels to move regularly and naturally. "Fruit-atives" is the great rest of kidney troubles, overcoming the tendency to retention of the kidneys and strengthening these organs. "Fruit-atives" also stimulates the skin to renewed action.

By their combined action on bowels, kidneys and skin, "Fruit-atives" keeps the system free of all poisons and renews the vigor of youth.

"Fruit-atives" are sold by all dealers at 50c a box, 6 for \$2.50, or trial box, 25c—may be obtained from Fruit-atives Limited, Ottawa.

A Merry Christmas

The Safest Investment one Can Make is a Diamond Watch

If Bought At Our Prices Get a Howard or Longines Watch and You Have the Best Signet and Shirt Waist Ring are all the rage this Christmas. We have them Here's a Snap

One Diamond Ring (perfect stone), weight 1, 1-2, 1-32, 1-64 at \$300.00. Who will have it.

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MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES

In a fire in Dalhousie on Sunday last, in the home of William McKean, his six-year-old daughter was badly burned about the head and he lost the greater part of his household effects. He is a son of George McKean of this city. The fire started in a Xmas tree blue. Mrs. McKean were not at home at the time of the fire.

A large number of sheep have been killed by wolves in the vicinity of Parry Sound, (Ont.).

Fire at South Portland, Me., last evening destroyed about \$20,000 worth of property, including two grocery stores.

President Hawley, of the Switchmen's Union says if the demands of the union are not granted by the railways there will be a general walkout.

Monday's gale and snowstorm did some damage to shipping and fishing gear at Digby. The tide was very high and several wharves were submerged.

The squaw convicted of stealing \$18 from Wm. Hill, a lumberman, at Campbellton, was yesterday sentenced to two years in Dorchester penitentiary.

C. Woodworth, cattle buyer, of Aylsford (N. S.) is reported under arrest in Denver, Colorado, charged with embezzlement. Woodworth, it is said, tried to cash a check on the Bank of New Brunswick bearing the signature of a Halifax firm. The Bank of N. B., several Halifax firms and farmers throughout Nova Scotia are said to be interested.

The New York Stock Exchange has ordered an investigation into the sensational rise in Rock Island common stock yesterday. The stock rose 2 1/4 points and then dropped suddenly to 50, without any apparent reason.

The price of a lady's fur coat, valued at \$50, was recovered yesterday after a chase of three years, by Thos. Armour, clerk in the store owned by E. S. Thomas, in Main street. Three years ago a young woman entered the store, and Mr. Armour sold her the coat, charging it to her. He found later that this was not the number. The territory between San Antonio and the Rio Grande border is being overrun with these seekers for new homes. Many of them have bought land. The larger ranches are being cut up into farming tracts and the region which was formerly looked upon as an exclusive grazing country is rapidly being converted into veritable gardens. It is asserted by land men that the invasion of homeseekers will be much larger after the holidays than now. The railroads concur in this belief and are making extensive preparations to handle the traveling horde. It is announced by the state land office that approximately 280,000 acres of public lands will go on the market for sale during the first six months of 1910. Some of this land can be purchased without actual settlement, but most of it must be lived upon three years by the purchaser before final title is issued to him by the state. The land may be bought in lots of one to eight acres, or of 800 acres each. The price ranges from \$2 to \$10 per acre. The purchaser is allowed to pay for the land in forty annual instalments with 3 per cent interest on deferred payments. The unsold public domain of the state aggregates a little more than eleven million acres. The fact that Texas is the only part of the United States where cheap lands can be had is the chief factor in attracting to the state so many homeseekers.

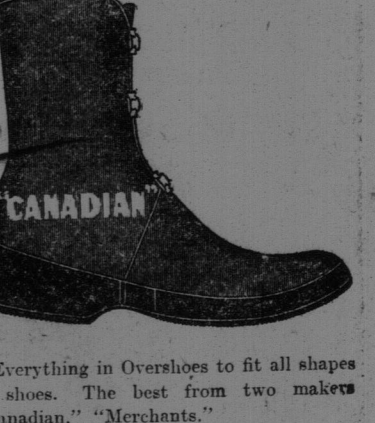
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ORPHEUM: NEW YEAR'S WEEK. MARTYNE and HARDY. HARRY JORDAN.

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KETCHEL AT LAST JOINS JACK JOHNSON'S MANAGER

Likely Never Can Get to Middleweight Limit Again -Walsh-Lynch Bout Not Satisfactory-Baseball, Turf and Bowling News

Stanley Ketchel does not seem to know what he really wants to do, and, after making several announcements as to his possible future, has finally tied up with George Little who has Jack Johnson under his wing.

Since the day of Tommy Ryan and Kid McCoy, not to mention the freak Bob Fitzsimmons, the middleweight limit has been a bone of contention and the futile attempts of several boxers led to a class known as the "light heavyweights."

The welterweight championship is one of the greatest prizes known to present day pugilism as Mike "Twin" Sullivan, Jimmy Gardner and Harry Lewis have been consistent claimants in a triangular contest.

Owen Moran when asked his opinion of the coming match for the heavyweight championship said: "My money will go on Johnson. Jeffries has been out of the game for a number of years and the chances are that he has lost his judgment of distance. And when a man loses that he generally loses it for good."

The long talked of boxing match between Jimmie Walsh, of Boston, and Alf Lynch, of Quebec, which took place last week, was anything but a success from the spectators' point of view.

Lynch started in to lead in fine form and had the best of the two first rounds, when the crowd began to feel that the men were only fighting two instead of three minutes.

By agreement between principals and promoters, the referee was to stop the fight at two minutes each. This naturally caused general dissatisfaction, as it straight rules have been carried out in the past.

Baseball Frank Farrell, president of the Greater New York Baseball Club, the Yankees, has nearly concluded negotiations for the purchase of a large plot of land near 225th street and Broadway.

Another turkey has been offered by the management of the Victoria allies for the highest score between now and New Year's. Kelly leads with 116.

In an exciting game on the St. Peter's alleys last night the St. John's Dapins team won from the Knights of Columbus three points to one.

Griffith . . . . . 83 87 83 227-75-23  
Goggin . . . . . 81 88 71 228-79-13  
Littlejohn . . . . . 89 91 82 222-82-13  
Lynch . . . . . 86 94 88 238-88  
McNeil . . . . . 89 89 89 207-69  
330 297 421 1177

President Comiskey of the White Sox has given up the hunt for outfielder George Stone of the St. Louis Browns.

Several crack British regiments were stationed at St. John at the time, and their command included men of title and abundant leisure, who took an interest in the sport solely for the pleasure it gave.

Through their efforts a large and costly rink was built by popular subscription and attended by the better people of the city, and while a membership fee was exacted, this was solely to defray the operating expenses, and not with any view to financial returns.

As long as the regiments remained in St. John, skating continued to hold first place as the "correct" winter amusement, but when St. John ceased to be a garrison town the interest in skating began to wane, and eventually the rink, originally erected without any idea of profit, degen-

WE MUST VACATE THE STORE 3 Days Special Sales FOR Elaborate Hand-Carved Chairs, Setee, Desks, Cabinets and Screens in Hinoki, Teakwood and Ebony; Embroideries in Screens, Tapestries and Kimono; Carved Ivories, Bronzes, Brasses, Royal Satsuma, Cloisonne, Kutani and other choice wares, both in Antique and Modern. Public Auction WITHOUT RESERVE OR LIMIT Commencing Tomorrow, Dec. 29 at 10.30 a. m., 2.30 and 7.30 p. m. and Continuing Only 3 Days, Dec. 29, 30 and 31

OLD AGE ANNUITIES SCHEME EXPLAINED BY N. W. BROWN

Government Lecturer Addresses Large Audience in Every Day Club Hall—Practical Illustrations of Benefits Given—Interest Shown in Questions Asked the Speaker By His Auditors

A large and representative audience attended the Every Day Club last night and listened with marked appreciation to an interesting and instructive lecture by N. W. Brown, government lecturer, on the Canadian old age annuity scheme.

Mr. Brown was given a hearty reception on his first appearance on the stage, and he was a most successful and entertaining speaker and ably merited the vote of confidence which was tendered him by the chairman at the close of his lecture.

In the course of his remarks the speaker said that the rates for ladies were considerably higher than for men.

WEDDINGS  
Beaton-Steen.  
A very interesting event was witnessed at the Presbyterian manse, Parsonville, on Tuesday, December 21, 1909, when John A. Beaton, of River Charles, Restigouche county, was united in marriage to Miss Joanna Ellen Steen, daughter of Henry Steen, of Goshen, Queens county (N. B.).

Practical Illustrations  
The speaker next dwelt upon several practical illustrations in connection with the scheme. For instance one man deposits \$100 in the fund. He is the father of a child and he will enter under plan "A." The hundred dollars deposited would return to the child \$146, if it lived to the age of 65 years.

Is Non-Political  
In opening his lecture the speaker said that everyone recognized that the scheme was entirely non-political and when it came up in the house there was not a dissenting voice raised against it.

Under plan "B" it would receive over \$200 at the age of 65 years. Experience is teaching men that they should not leave large sums of money to sons and daughters who were not accustomed to the spending of large sums, are apt to squander the money.

Allingham-Clarke  
The marriage of Miss Aileen Allingham, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Allingham, to Harry Edwin Clarke, formerly of St. John, and now of St. Margaret's church, Winnipeg, December 22.

THE SAFETY BOARD AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

Some Increases in Salaries—Investigation of Conditions in the Fire Stations  
A meeting of the safety board was held last evening. Christmas presents were presented to several members of the fire department and one member of the police force in the way of a recommendation for increased salaries.

Director Wisely submitted a list of the following alterations were presented to the board: Chief Clerk, \$100 to \$120; Chief Engineer, \$100 to \$120; Chief Fireman, \$80 to \$100; Chief Stoker, \$80 to \$100; Chief Watchman, \$80 to \$100.

AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS  
As the pre-eminence athletic event of the year, the Johnson-Ketchel contest at Colma (Cal.) on October 16 last, has been the topic of conversation among sports-lovers, it is not surprising that the public has been stirred up in this clever campaign.

PRIZES AT THE NICKEL  
This is the long looked for prize-giving day for the little girls and boys who have entered the Nickel's Kris Kringle Contest. At 1 o'clock this afternoon the doors will be thrown open and at 2 o'clock when it is ascertained that every person interested has had a chance to arrive on time, the prize winners will be announced.

CHIMES OF NORMANDY TONIGHT  
The Robinson Opera Company scored another success in their production of the Mikado at the Opera House last night. Although this opera was presented Christmas afternoon to a packed house, the theatre was well filled at last night's performance.

HARD COLD—People whose blood is pure are not nearly so likely to take hard colds as are others. Dr. Sarsaparilla makes the blood pure, and this great medicine recovers the system after a cold or other ailments. Take Hood's.

As yet no tidings have been received as to the whereabouts of William Martin, who has not been heard of by the members of his family for twelve days. He had last been going towards Hunter's Cove to fish smelt. Martin is about thirty-two years of age and is a brother of Alex. Martin of British street.

**Dowling Bros.** Ladies' Coats, Skirts and Blouses. The Largest Retail Distributors of Waists in the Maritime Provinces.

**SPECIAL SALE OF Dress Goods At Greatly Reduced Prices**

**LADIES' CLOTH SUITING** in fancy stripes and plain colors, goods up to \$1.25 yard, now selling at 59c yard. A portion of these goods are in lengths of 3-1/2 yards to 12 yards and are some of our best sellers. This great reduction is for the purpose of clearing up all short ends from the dress goods department before stock taking.

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**CIRCULATION**

The following is the average daily circulation of the Times for the last eleven months:

January	6,716
February	6,978
March	7,165
April	7,189
May	7,003
June	7,029
July	7,028
August	7,022
September	7,029
October	7,018
November	7,063

The Times does not get its largest circulation at the home. That is the kind of circulation which is of value to advertisers.

**THIS EVENING**

Moving pictures, Master Charles Pecker and other features at the Nickel. Motion pictures and illustrated songs at the Star, North End. Skating at Victoria Rink. Good programme at the Orpheum. Moving pictures and special features at the Queen, Waterloo street. Band at the Queen's Rink. Robinson Opera Co. present "Chimes of Normandy," in the Opera House. Annual Christmas treat in Seaman's Institute.

**LOCAL NEWS**

Boston steamer, Calvin Austin is due at 3 p. m. today.

Companion Court Wygodsky, I. O. F. will meet in Foresters' Hall this evening for the election of officers and initiations.

Members of the Every Day Club are requested to be at the hall at 8.30 this evening to plan for the New Year's reception.

The Thomson West India line steamship Bertha, Captain Aamot, sailed early this morning for Havana with a full freight.

Head line steamship Bay Head, Captain Ferguson, arrived this morning from Sydney (C. B.), in ballast to load for Belfast (Ire.). Pilot Fenwick McKelvie brought the steamer here.

The members of La Tour Section, T. of H., and of Fairville section are requested to attend the funeral of Wm. Reade, which will take place from his late residence, Duke street, west side, tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock.

Elder-Dempster steamship Benin, now on her way to Cape Town, and other South African ports, will look away for 2,000 bags of Canadian flour, 2,700 bags of United States flour, 18,447 bushels of wheat and 2,118 bushels of oats, besides her other freight.

The Xmas tree festival which was announced in Zion church Sunday school to be held on Wednesday, and to begin with the younger scholars at 3.30 p. m., will not commence until 7 p. m. The younger scholars are asked to accept this notice. The whole school will meet at 7 in the evening.

The annual Christmas tree entertainment will be held in the Waterloo street Baptist church this evening at 8 o'clock. Santa Claus will appear and distribute gifts to the children. There will also be a programme by the junior members of the school. The entire entertainment will be free, and any children who have not enjoyed the Christmas tree in their own homes are invited to attend. A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Some of the best talent of the city, will assist in the seaman's Christmas entertainment to be given this evening. W. H. Thorne will be chairman. Rev. G. Ed. Campbell will speak to the men. Mrs. A. P. Crockett, Mrs. K. Seovil, Miss Murray, J. S. Ford, John Kelly, R. Seely Mr. Reynolds and Master Francis Smith will help in the programme.

King Edward Lodge No. 30, Association of Protective Boys, elected the following officers last evening for the year 1910: W. Master, Harvey Sullen; D. Master, G. Ed. Robinson; Treasurer, A. L. Belyer; R. Secretary, Jos. Maxwell; F. Secretary, Wm. Smith; Chap. Mr. Appleton; D. of C., Wm. Maxwell; G. Tyler, M. Tapley; I. Tyler, F. Bizard; Lecturers, C. Price and Wm. Chittick; Organist, R. Spencer; Committee, D. Wells, W. J. Lasker, I. McCord, H. Spencer and McCaffel.

Court Intercolonial, I. O. F., met on Monday evening and elected the following officers for the ensuing term: T. G. Northrup, C. R.; H. Ingraham, V. C. R.; P. M. Hastings, R. S.; A. Hastings, F. S.; G. A. Chamberlain, Treas.; W. J. Dunlop, orator; A. Selick, S. W.; M. Cohen, J. W.; H. Mayers, S. B.; I. Levine, J. B.; W. H. Chambers, A. Poyas, Finance committee; H. Ingraham, W. H. Dunlop, trustees; A. Hastings, T. G. Northrup, central committee. The officers will be installed in January by high court officers.

**JUDGE ORDERED THEM TO DEPART**

**Harrigan's Alley Case in Police Court is Promptly Shut Off**

A squabble of some nature by which some of the colored folks of Harrigan's alley, Brussels street, were observing Christmas was given a brief airing in the police court this morning, but after Judge Ritchie heard the nature of the affair and the circumstances surrounding it he dismissed the parties from the room with slight formality.

The evidence was very contradictory. Thomas Young, a colored man, was charged with assaulting a colored woman named Mrs. Jackson, in her home in Harrigan's alley. Mrs. Jackson said that the defendant and her husband were fighting and when she went to separate them, Young threw her to the floor.

The defendant said that between 4 and 5 o'clock on Christmas day Jackson, the husband of the plaintiff, was in the house wearing and intoxicated and that the witness was requested to eject him. While doing this Mrs. Jackson interfered and in attempting to "break the hold" she fell to the floor. The witness added she "might have been drunk, too, for all I know."

"Is that all the case?" asked his honor, and on receiving an affirmative reply, said, "Well, clear out, you have no right bringing such trifling matters here to take up the time of the court." And with indignation on one side and joy on the other both parties left court, accompanied by a bevy of their colored friends who had assembled to hear the case.

**APPLICANTS FOR THE LIQUOR LICENSES OF 1910**

One New Hotel License, One New Saloon License on List So Far—Several Drop Out

Applications closed today with Inspector J. B. Jones for licenses to sell liquor in the city. A goodly number were received, and among them are two new applicants, one to sell liquor in a hotel in City Road and the other to conduct a barroom in Brussels street. The former application has been made by W. L. Hogan, who wishes to be given permission to sell liquor in the Hampton House, City Road, and the other is from Wm. Dacey, Wm. Savage has applied for a license allowing him to sell liquor in Lansdowne ward at 451 Main street. No application has yet been received from P. Sullivan, Douglas avenue, against whom a petition had been circulated, or from Mrs. Catherine Brad-ley, Marsh road; Wm. Casack, Brussels street, or Michael Harney, Prince Wm. street.

Up to noon today the following applications had been received:

- Baxter, Wm. E., 35 St. John street.
- Breunan, Henry, 46 and 48 Water street.
- Finlay, W. G., 6 Church street.
- Caples, Richard, 313 Brussels street.
- Campbell, Hazen, 193 Union street.
- Conlon, Felix H., 84 Brussels street.
- Carson, B. W., 209 Main street.
- Cronin, Ann Elizabeth, 48 Germain street.
- Driscoll, Thomas, 227 Union street.
- Dolan, Henry, 192 Union street.
- Doherty, J. C., 14 Church street.
- Daley, Wm. B., 9 King square.
- Dacey, Wm., 17 Brussels street.
- Flood, James J., 389 Haymarket square.
- Paradise, Robert, 21 Simonds street.
- Gallagher, Henry, 36 Charlotte street.
- Hogan, James H., 9 Charlotte street.
- Hogan, Julia A., 55 St. John street.
- Harding, M. A., 9 Paradise Row.
- Harley, Michael, 65 Main street.
- Hogan, James E., 209 Union street.
- Lannan, Charles J., 31 St. John street.
- Martin, Joseph, 146 Mill street.
- Moran, Michael J., 78 Britain street.
- Mahoney, Peter, 497 Main street.
- McGuire, J. Philip, 24 Mill street.
- McGuire, James J., 222 Union street.
- McDonald, James, 483 Main street.
- McBeath, Ed., 491 Main street.
- McGuire, Martin, 11 St. John street.
- Nugent, M. J., 42 Douglas street.
- Peterson, F. L., 5 north King square.
- O'Keefe, Wm. H., 186 Union street.
- O'Brien, Thomas, 168 Mill street.
- O'Neill, Philip, 67 St. John street.
- O'Neill, Dennis, 647 Main street.
- O'Brien, John, 1 Mill street.
- O'Neill, Philip M., 69 Mill street.
- Power, Mary A., 312 Prince Wm. street.
- Quinn, James, 132 Mill street.
- McGuire, Robert, 229 Brussels street.
- Rafferty, Wm. L., 227 Union street.
- Speight, Ellen, 624 Main street.
- Sheehan, John, 320 Brussels street.
- Savage, W. J., 451 Main street.
- Trainer, Peter, 310 Charlotte street.
- Ward, Charles J., One-Mile House.
- Ward, Josie, 16 Dock street.
- Walsh, John, 63 Mill street.
- Williams, Wm. L., 110 Prince Wm. street.

Hotels.  
Foster, Frank, Dufferin Hotel, 48-50 Charlotte street.  
Driscoll, James D., King Edward Hotel, King square.  
Doherty, H. A., Royal Hotel, 43-49 King street.  
Hogan, W. L., Hampton House and City Road.  
Honey, Ernest, Park Hotel, 49 King Sq.  
McQuade, W. H., Grand Union Hotel, 24 Pond street.  
McCormick, D. W., Victoria Hotel, 85 and 89 King street.

Wholesale.  
Cormack & Sheehan, 75 Prince Wm. street.  
Beal, C. N. & Co., 25 North Wharf.  
Foster, Frank H., 42 Union street.  
McIntyre & Cousens, 12 St. John street.  
McGuire, Martin, 9 St. John street.  
O'Neill, Philip, 34 Mill street.  
Savage, W. J., 1 King square.  
O'Regan, John, 11 Mill street.  
Sullivan & Co., R., 44-46 Dock street.  
The National Drug and Chemical Co., Ltd., 28-30 Mill street.  
Williams, Wm. L., 112 Prince Wm. street.

Brewers.  
Labbitt, John, 31 Dock street.  
Jones, Simeon, 2 Carmarthen street.

Clubs.  
Union Club, 61-71 Princess street.

**MASONIC HALL FIRE; SMOULDERED DURING NIGHT**

**Still Alarm to Carleton Masons' Building Today—City Department Out**

A still alarm was sent in to No. 6 fire station today about 12.40 o'clock for a fire in the Masonic hall, west side, and the hose wagon and several men were sent to the scene. It was found that there was a blaze beneath the furnace in the basement and, after considerable cutting, the firemen succeeded in locating the fire and putting it out.

It seems that an odor of burning wood was noticed last night when a meeting was being held but, as an investigation apparently showed everything all right, it was thought there was no danger. A little after noon, however, Medley Belva visited the hall and noticed smoke issuing from the basement and he sent a telephone message to the fire station. A large jet under the furnace was burned through. It is believed that the fire was smouldering all night.

**THE VALLEY ROAD AND THE BLAME FOR THE DELAY**

The Standard this morning, in a lengthy editorial, seeks to point out that the delay in the St. John Valley railway project is due to the dominion government, not answering a proposition of Premier Hazen.

Hon. William Pugsley, minister of public works, when asked about the matter this morning, said the dominion government had never received a communication from the provincial government on the subject. The company which proposed to build the railway had communicated with the dominion government and had been informed that when details of the proposed railway were submitted, showing the standard to which it would be built, the government would give the matter earnest consideration.

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