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GOVERNMENT ACTION ABOUT NEWFOUNDLAND GENERALLY ENDORSED.

It is Thought That the People of the Island Will Favor Joining the Dominion, as One of Their Political Parties is Committed to the Scheme—Hon. George E. Foster Commends the Proposal.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—There will be a general endorsement of the government's action in taking up the question of bringing Newfoundland into confederation, and of annexing Greenland. In regard to Newfoundland, the regret is now expressed that the negotiations of 1855 were not successful. There was not then a very serious difference of opinion between the representatives of Newfoundland and the Canadian government. Newfoundland was anxious, but the Canadian government of that time was lukewarm. Today the Canadian government is in earnest and with one of the political parties in Newfoundland championing union with Canada there ought to be no serious difficulties in the way. It may take some time to accomplish it, but present indications are that union will be brought about. The past history of this question shows that the failure for standing off Canada lay largely with the Canadian government. In 1850 Newfoundland offered to come into confederation, and the terms were such that they were favorably reported upon in Canada, but nothing came of the proposal. Again in 1862, a conference was held in Halifax. The question was discussed, but the matter was not seriously dealt with and again the subject was dropped. Not until 1895 did the matter come up again; when, as already said, the proposals were once more rejected. Since then Canada's vision has been enlarged, and there would be no difficulties in the way now if Newfoundland is willing. In respect to Greenland the Canadian government has had no definite reply as to whether Denmark would or would not be willing to part with that island. If

Denmark will sell, Canada will purchase, providing that the terms are at all reasonable. Foster favors bringing Newfoundland into confederation. Hon. Geo. E. Foster spoke before the Canadian Club tonight. His speech was to have been on the question of imperial preferential trade, but instead of dealing with the subject he gave what was regarded as a political harangue directed against the present administration. As the club is non-political, there was some dissatisfaction over this. Incidentally he endorsed the taking in of Newfoundland, but made no reference to the failure of negotiations in 1855, when he was finance minister. He blamed Britain for not purchasing Alaska, and then said that Britain stood by Canada every time. He asked his audience not to forget Panama. If there was an argument for the construction of the Grand Trunk Pacific it was to build up Canada's national resources by taking traffic of the west to Canadian sea ports. Mr. Foster said that Sir Richard Cartwright tried to make the Canadian preference a casus belli to draw the United States into a trade alliance with Britain. He (Foster) characterized reciprocity with the States as a dangerous thing for Canada. He criticized John Charlton rather severely for endeavoring to bring about reciprocity. For twenty years after Canada had lost its reciprocity with the United States, Canada dwelt along scarcely feeling her way, until such time as her face was turned towards Britain. Referring to imperial preferential trade, he said that it was forced upon Britain when Canada granted the mother country a preference, but he also added that this preference had the support of both political parties. He blamed the government for not rushing to the aid of Chamberlain. He spoke of protection as against free trade, rather than dealing with imperial preferential trade.

CHAMBERLAIN'S SCHEME DISCUSSED AT SUSSEX.

Former Oxford College Man Lectured Strongly Against It.

All the Other Speakers Took Occasion to Commend Ex-Colonial Secretary's New Fiscal Policy—Ward's Creek Bridge Completed.

Sussex, N. B., Dec. 21.—(Special)—E. W. Watt delivered a lecture this evening at the Presbyterian hall on the New Fiscal Policy of the Hon. Joseph Chamberlain. G. W. Fowler, M. P., occupied the chair. The lecturer, who is a former Oxford student, in a thorough and scholarly manner brought vividly before his audience the salient features of the great campaign now in progress in Great Britain. Speaking from the standpoint of the English poorer classes, Mr. Watt opposed the new movement. He was followed by A. B. Maggs who, in moving the vote of thanks to the principal speaker, enlarged somewhat on the subject, and in a logical discourse gave it as his opinion that the adoption of the Chamberlain policy would be for the bettering of all classes within the empire. R. B. Rowbrough, in seconding the vote of thanks, also spoke convincingly along the same lines. W. W. H. and others discussed the subject at some length, all of whom appeared to think that the Chamberlain policy would work all right, especially for Canadians, by giving them an enlarged market for their produce. Mr. Fowler, after putting the vote to the meeting, which was carried unanimously.

CHICAGO STRIKERS MUST STOP PICKETING HOMES THAT HAVE DEAD TO BURY.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—Picketing of houses from which funerals are to start, whether peaceful or violent, by union livvy drivers, who went on strike four days ago, is to be prevented by the police under direct orders issued tonight by Chief of Police O'Neil. J. H. Wadsworth, secretary, and Charles Stevens, business agents of the Livvy-men's Union, were summoned before Chief O'Neil tonight, and told in plain language that any difference the union might have would have to be settled away from houses of mourning. This picketing of the homes from which funerals are held is beyond the toleration of a civilized community, said the chief. "Your zeal has carried you beyond the pale of endurance, and such an un-

GAYNOR REIMBURSES HIS BONDSMAN.

Former Mayor of Syracuse, Who Had to Pay \$40,000 Forfeited Bail, Will Get Money Back.

New York, Dec. 21.—A despatch to the Tribune from Syracuse (N. Y.), says:—Former Mayor William B. Kirk has finally induced Col. John F. Gaynor, a fugitive from justice at Quebec, in connection with the Carré frauds against the United States government, to pay him the \$40,000 which he lost by being on Gaynor's bond when he left the United States. The bond was eschewed and Kirk had to stand the amount.

PRINCESS IN GOOD HEALTH.

Reported Illness of Kaiser's Sister Was a Canard.

Berlin, Dec. 21.—The report, published by the Journal of Paris, that the Princess Charlotte of Saxe-Meiningen, sister of Emperor William, is suffering from cancer, and that the verdict of the physicians has created consternation in the German court, is officially defined as "non-sense." The princess is not even ill.

IN PRIESTHOOD QUARTER CENTURY.

Father Meahan of Moncton Celebrated Anniversary Monday.

I. C. R. TRACKMEN WAGES.

General Manager Pottinger Submits New Schedule to the Association and it is Thought Will Be Acceptable to the Men—Moncton Blacksmith in Trouble.

Moncton, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Father Meahan, the esteemed pastor of St. Bernard's R. C. church, today celebrated his twenty-fifth anniversary of ordination. The morning high mass of thanksgiving was celebrated and in the evening benediction of the blessed sacrament was observed. Both services were largely attended by members of the congregation. Edmund King, blacksmith, was before the police court today charged by Moses Mitton with procuring money under false pretences. King, it is alleged, traded with Mitton a rig that was held by Lounsbury Company on a lien note. The case was adjourned till tomorrow. D. Pottinger, general I. C. R. manager, has sent to George W. Murray, Truro, chairman of the Trackmen's Association, a schedule of the new rates of pay as conducted by Hon. Mr. Fielding, acting minister of railways. It is understood that the trackmen's committee will convene in Moncton tonight, when the schedule will be considered and it is very probable will be accepted.

CUT IN COAL MINERS' WAGES LOOKED FOR.

Altoona, Pa., Dec. 21.—The Buffalo-Rochester & Pittsburgh Coal & Coke Company announced today that the wage reduction at Helvetia operations, amounting to ten per cent, will go into effect Jan. 1. While the Helvetia miners are a comparatively insignificant part of the Buffalo, Rochester & Pittsburgh company's workings, the reduction is considered prophetic of a more sweeping move by the company shortly, which will cut the wages of no less than 10,000 men. The reduction is said to be a violation of the Altoona scale agreement, and it is feared other competing companies in the field may follow suit with a far-reaching result to the miners of the central field.

SUCCESSFUL OPERATION FOR BROKEN NECK.

St. Louis, Mo., Dec. 21.—An operation having no parallel in the surgical world, was performed at St. Joseph's Hospital today by Dr. William Jenson, professor of surgery at Iowa State University, John Morston, of Danbury (Conn.), fell from a load of hay, striking on his head and breaking his neck. He has been almost paralysed for weeks. Doctor Jenson removed a portion of the third cervical vertebrae, cleaned out the false growth of tissue, and replaced the bone. The patient is doing well, and has every prospect of recovery. No other case is known in which cervical vertebrae situated so near medulla oblongata has been removed and replaced.

THREE MONTHS OVERDUE VESSEL TURNS UP.

Los Angeles, Dec. 21.—With her foretopgallant mast carried away the bark LaBruyere, which practically had been given up as lost, has arrived at port Los Angeles with a cargo of 1,700 tons of iron from Newcastle-on-Tyne, England, three months overdue. The Bruyere sailed from the English port the tenth of last May. The cause of her long voyage is attributed to storms, but the stories told are said to be rather contradictory.

DOMINION COAL CO. DECLARES HALF YEARLY DIVIDEND OF 3 PER CENT.

Montreal, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Directors of the Dominion Coal Company this afternoon declared a half yearly dividend of three per cent, on common stock payable Jan. 1st. The final legal arrangements for the separation of the coal and steel companies are completed.

CHAMBERLAIN TO HEAD TARIFF COMMITTEE.

London, Dec. 21.—The first meeting of Joseph Chamberlain's commission of tariff experts, which is to inquire into the condition of British trade and to report with the object of drawing up a tariff reform bill, will be held Jan. 15. Mr. Chamberlain has accepted the honorable presidency of the commission.

TO COAL FIELDS OF QUEENS COUNTY.

A Party of Miners Placed Through Local Government Effort.

SEE BRIGHT FUTURE.

Railway Branch Lines Run Through to all Mines, Insuring Shipping Facilities All Year Round—Men From Norway Lumber Woods to Locate in New Brunswick.

Twenty-one experienced coal miners will go to Queens county coal fields today to work in the Gibbons and King mines. The majority are Brazilian miners, some are Englishmen, all came here on the steamer Lake Manitoba. They are young men, experienced miners, and make a fine looking party. They are secured for the Queens county work through the efforts of the local government, and will settle in the province. In addition to these miners, there are also in the Que's several Norwegians, used to working in the Norway lumber woods. They will become settlers in New Brunswick and will be placed by the local government in a few days.

FIRST MARCONIGRAM RECEIVED AT HALIFAX.

Parisian in Port Signals Tunisian Forty Miles Off.

Madame Murphy, Former Well Known Halifax School Teacher and a Nun for Past Few Years, Dies at Convent of Sacred Heart.

Halifax, N. S., Dec. 21.—(Special)—The death occurred at the convent of Sacred Heart this morning of Madame Murphy. Deceased, who was but 32 years of age, was a daughter of the late Joseph Murphy of this city. She joined the order about eight years ago and for some time previous to taking the habit had been teacher in one of the public schools. She was regarded as one of the cleverest young lady teachers in the city. Allan liner Tunisian arrived here at 2.30 this afternoon from St. John. She will not get away for Liverpool before five tomorrow morning owing to the mail train being behind time. There was a practical wireless telegraph demonstration on the water front this morning and the first Marconigram received here. At 11.30 the Allan liner Parisian, lying at deep water terminus, sent a message from the Tunisians, on her way from St. John. The citadel did not signal the Tunisian for some time after the Parisian picked her up by wireless. At the time she was forty miles off.

NO CHANGE IN GRAND TRUNK STRIKE.

Company Have Filled About All the Places of Striking Switchmen.

Portland, Me., Dec. 21.—None of the striking Grand Trunk switchmen have gone back to work and the situation is unchanged. The company has the places of nearly all the strikers filled, but work is proceeding rather slowly, owing to many of the men being unaccustomed to the work. No arrangements were made for a conference today.

MASSEY HARRIS CO. CUTS WAGES OF 1500 EMPLOYEES.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Some 1,500 employees of the Massey-Harris Company were notified today that reduction of ten per cent, in wages would be made commencing the present week. The management in explanation state it is usual to make some alterations in wages for piecework during the winter months and with wages in other countries declining it is necessary for this company also to consider their expenditure most carefully. Individual cases will be examined and conditions also be considered.

1,000 Men Thrown Out of Work.

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 21.—The suspension of work at the Illinois Steel Co.'s plant here will be practically complete by the end of the week. The converter and blast furnaces employing 1,000 men closed down today.

Bryan Visits the Czar.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 21.—William Jennings Bryan was received in audience of Czar Nicholas at noon today. The audience lasted for 15 minutes.

MANY LIVES LOST IN TRAIN WRECK.

Eight Killed and More Than Thirty Injured in Kansas Smash-up.

OPEN SWITCH THE CAUSE.

The Express Was Running at Full Speed When It Ran Off and Every Car Left the Track But the Sleeper—Most of the Victims Were in the Smoker.

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 21.—In a wreck today at Godfrey, (Kan.), of the "Meteor," St. Louis to San Francisco east train from the south, eight persons were killed and thirty-two injured. Of the injured five probably will die, while fourteen were severely hurt. The dead, who are all residents of Kansas or Oklahoma, include the engineer, fireman and conductor. The injured are residents of the west. The freight brakeman, whose falling to flag the passenger train caused the wreck, has not been found. The wrecked train was one of the fastest and fastest in the service. It was made up of two baggage and one mail car, a smoker, two and a sleeper. When the train reached Godfrey it was running at full speed to make up time. The crew of a freight train that had preceded the Meteor of the engine and the passenger train jumped the track and rolled down a small embankment. The train running that the engine and the forward baggage car landed nearly sixty feet off the roadbed. The sleeper remained upright and none of the passengers in this car were injured. The baggage cars were wrecked and the smoker badly damaged. Five of those killed were in the forward end of the smoker and four of them were killed instantly. A news agent died on the relief train that carried the dead and injured to Fort Scott. Englewood, (Fort Scott); Conductor Roy, of Topeka, and Fireman Bialard, of Fort Scott, were instantly killed. Express Messenger John Bell, of Kansas City, was seriously injured. Others of the crew and almost every passenger on the train, except those in the sleeper, who escaped with a severe shaking up, were injured, some of them seriously.

THE IMMIGRATION BUILDING

St. John Has the Finest Quarters for Immigrants at Any Port in America.

When the work on the new immigration quarters at Sand Point is completed, St. John will have the best equipped establishment of its kind in America. That is the verdict, at all events, of two medical men who have to do with quarantine matters, and who have inspected the immigration quarters at Ellis Island, New York. To put the case briefly, when the immigrants disembark from the steamer they go up a flight of stairs to the upper floor of No. 4 warehouse. At the top of the stairs there are two doors, one leading to the State, and another into those for people who are to remain in Canada. There are very large waiting rooms for each, with rooms for medical examination of the newcomers. There is a bank where money can be changed for Canadian or American, where tickets can be got for either P. R. or I. C. R., and a restaurant where a hamper can be got for \$1, \$2, \$3 or \$4, containing bread, tea, cocoa, meat, fish, biscuits, pickles, jam, milk, apples, sugar, cheese, or whatever the buyer may select, with enough dishes to meet his wants for the journey, whether he is to leave the building at its western end, he has practically everything he requires for his journey to the west. The building is divided up into examination rooms, waiting rooms, offices, etc., in such manner as to facilitate to the greatest degree the work of handling immigrants. There is a nice waiting room for the cabin passengers, and there are closets connected with all the waiting rooms. The ventilation is by way of the roof. There are no less than twenty-eight ventilators, each opened or closed by means of a cord, and forming a perfect system. James H. Doody is doing the plumbing, and making a fine job of it. He will have the heat turned on next week. G. S. May completed his contract for the construction of the building three weeks ago, but the numerous changes from the original plans have kept a number of his men busy ever since, and they have still some work to do in connection with the doors at the entrance and exit. Mr. May has reason to be proud of the work done, both as to the material and the character of the work itself; while the city may well be proud of having so fine and completely equipped a structure for the immigration business.

JOHN WARK JUMPS OUT C. P. R. CAR WINDOW; THEN CUTS HIS THROAT.

His Body Now in Ottawa Morgue—He Had a Ticket from Moosejaw to St. John, and Letter from His Brother, Daniel Wark of Petersville, Queens County, N. B., Was Found on His Person.

Ottawa, Dec. 21.—(Special)—John Wark, Arcola, Assinibois, lies at Rogers morgue here tonight with his throat cut and his body considerably bruised. Wark was a passenger on the afternoon train from the Pacific Coast, bound to Montreal. He had a ticket from Moosejaw to St. John (N.B.), and was supposed to be on his way to Welsford, Petersville, Parish of Queens county, New Brunswick. When the train was between Bell's Corners and Britannia, about nine miles from Ottawa, Wark jumped through a car window head first. There were only three passengers in this car. One was on his way to Montreal, and the others to St. Albans (Vt.). One of the passengers saw Wark's feet disappear through the window, the others did not see anything. The train was running down grade at the time. The matter was reported to the conductor, who, upon reaching Ottawa, sent an engine back to find out what happened the missing passenger. Wark was found some twenty yards distant from where he fell from the train. He managed to cross the fence and was found in a pool of blood from his throat, which he had cut with his knife. The body was brought here and placed in the morgue. The deceased was apparently between 30 and 40 years of age. A letter was found on him from Daniel Wark, who is evidently a brother, and who resides at Welsford, Petersville, Queens county, New Brunswick. There was also a baggage check on the body. Coroner Baptie will hold an inquest. The evidence to be had is very meagre.

FIRE CHIEF KILLED IN \$250,000 FIRE IN NEW YORK.

New York, Dec. 21.—The famous "Two nines" fire alarm, summoning more fire apparatus than any other alarm, provided for by New York's fire department, was sounded tonight for a terrific fire which destroyed the six-story factory building of the Harrmann Furniture & Plumbing Cabinet Works, at 188-192 Mott street, and the four-story varnish factory of the firm, run under the name of the H. Herrmann Lumber Company. A quarter of a million dollars damage was done. Battalion Chief Martin Coleman is believed to have perished in the fall of the two great walls of the factory. There was a frightful panic among the Italian inmates of the swarming front and rear tenements opposite and in the rear of the burning buildings, and the firemen and police reserves from three precincts had the utmost difficulty in getting the people out of the street. The fire started on the third floor, and when the firemen arrived the first, second and third floors were in a blaze. Third, fourth and fifth alarms were sent in its rapid succession, and about an hour after the fire started Chief Kruger sent in the "two nines" alarm. Battalion Chief Coleman had entered the building with a number of men, including Lieutenant Jones and Father Smith, the fire department chaplain. They were about twenty-five feet inside when fire came through the walls and the building shook. The firemen saw the danger and dashed for the outside, the chaplain escaped, but a beam fell and hit Coleman and Jones, pinning them to the floor. Father Smith, with three firemen, turned back to the rescue and dragged out Jones, who had managed to stagger to his feet. Jones, in pulling himself out, fell for Coleman. He found him so pinned he could not rescue him, but got his helmet, which he put on and escaped. Within a minute the rear and side walls fell. After the building had been totally destroyed the body of Chief Coleman was found wedged under fallen debris in such a position that the firemen were unable to reach it. Coleman was made a battalion chief last August. He won the Bennett medal for bravery eight years ago for rescuing two women from a boarding house fire in East Tenth street.

STRIKERS HOLD UP FUNERAL PARTY PASSING THROUGH CHICAGO.

Chicago, Dec. 21.—A funeral party of over a dozen persons from the northwest arrived in Chicago today and after the body of the deceased had been taken from the Union Depot in a "dead wagon" pickets stopped a bus in which the mourners were being transferred to the Dearborn station. It was explained to the pickets that the body was being taken south and that train connections had to be made, but they refused to allow the bus to proceed until a labor union business agent arrived. He heard the details and then declared that the mourners should proceed in the bus without interference.

MURDERER ON TRIAL MAKES STARTLING CONFESSION TO COURT.

Ship's Cook, Who Killed His Captain in New York, Pleads Guilty, and Also Says He Killed Three Other Men.

New York, Dec. 21.—When Frank Henry Bursess, a ship's cook, was placed on trial in Brooklyn today for the murder of Captain George B. Townsend, the skipper of the lumber schooner Chas. Buckler, on Nov. 10, the prisoner admitted his guilt. In a written confession which he submitted, he declared he had shot the captain deliberately and with premeditation, because the latter owed him money, and that he desired to facilitate the trial because he preferred to be executed rather than remain in prison. The confession further stated that the prisoner had previously killed three men. The trial was continued.

CHINESE POURING INTO CANADA.

San Francisco, Dec. 21.—Chinese laborers are rushing into Canada by the hundreds to evade the head tax of \$500 on every Canadian that enters Canada after Jan. 1. They are now required to pay but \$50.

NEW YORK SHIPYARD STARTS UP.

New York, Dec. 21.—Five hundred more men were put to work at the Townsend and Doney shipyard on Shooter's island today. It was said that probably a full force would soon be employed.

ONTARIO LUMBER CUT THIS SEASON WILL BE 100,000,000 FEET LESS THAN ESTIMATE.

Toronto, Dec. 21.—(Special)—Inspectors just returned from Northern Ontario logging camps, report a shortage of more than 100,000,000 feet of the previous estimate of the Ontario lumber cut for this season. They state the yield of the Georgian Bay Lumber Company alone will be reduced to 60,000,000 feet, as compared with 80,000,000 last year, with other large companies falling off even worse. The shortage is stated to be mainly due to the scarcity of choppers, although they receive \$2.50 a day and board; also some dissatisfaction among the men as to the methods of payment and treatment received from unreliable companies, who made pledges inducing men to go into the woods, which they afterwards failed to carry out.

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OUR COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE.

FREDERICTON.

Fredrickton, Dec. 18.—(Special)—A. R. Miles, of Margerville, who has been employed as lumber dealer by the N. B. Railway, for a number of years, has resigned his position and accepted a similar one with the local government. He will have charge of the Upper Miramichi and Lower St. John districts.

Residents of Upper Keswick, who were in the city today, report that a distinct shock of earthquake was felt in their locality at 10 o'clock last night. It rattled dishes and window panes, but did no damage.

The smallpox situation at Nashwankeas has taken a rather serious turn, no less than four new cases having developed these four yesterday morning. One of the victims is Mrs. Fred McFarlane, who makes her home with her uncle, Walter McFarlane, and the other three are daughters of Daniel Green, who brought the disease from the Quebec lumber woods.

The Green girls were vaccinated by Dr. Mullin several weeks ago, and it was successful in every case. They are down with what is known in the medical profession as varioloid, which is analogous to smallpox by vaccination. It will be remembered that two of these girls were employed in the city as domestics, but visited their homes after the father returned from the woods, and Dr. Mullin thought it advisable to quarantine them. The sequel shows that he acted very wisely. Mrs. McFarlane had been living in part of the house occupied by the Greens, but shortly after the disease broke out took up her abode in the McFarlane home. Dr. Mullin has had the McFarlane house placed under quarantine, and hopes to be able to prevent any further spread of the disease. Daniel Green, who brought the disease to Nashwankeas, is progressing favorably towards recovery.

The education office is receiving numerous applications for teachers from all parts of the province. For the past year or two several schools have been unable to get teachers, and it looks as if the situation is not improving much.

Fredrickton, Dec. 20.—(Special)—Another case of smallpox was reported in the parish of Douglas, the victim being Owen Shortill, a well-known farmer of Royal Road. He has been ill since Friday, but the case was not reported to the health authorities until today.

Dr. Mullin placed the house in quarantine this afternoon and vaccinated the members of the family, seven in number. Shortill is a son-in-law of Daniel Green, who brought the disease from the Quebec lumber woods and is supposed to have contracted it from him.

The condition of Mrs. Fred McFarlane, of Nashwankeas, who has been ill for several days, is reported to be quite serious. There was a light snow-fall here this afternoon.

Van Buren Smith, formerly of Houlton, who has been residing for some time with his son-in-law, Harry Burt, at St. Mary's, died today aged seventy years. The funeral service was held at Houlton on Tuesday for burial.

Bishop Kingston confirmed 16 candidates at the Cathedral this evening. Timothy Lynch, the well known lumberman, returned from the scene of his operations on Saturday night and reported that a great many men are coming out of the woods for Christmas and says that a number of them will not return.

Yesterday was the anniversary of the ordination of Rev. Father O'Sullivan of St. Dunstan's to the priesthood. When the Sunday school assembled yesterday morning, J. A. Hennessey, the superintendent, on behalf of the Sunday school librarians and teachers, presented the reverend gentleman with a handsome bouquet of white and red carnations. It was composed of nineteen white carnations representing the nineteen years that Father Carney had given to the service of the altar, and forty-five red ones representing his forty-five years of age.

CHATHAM.

Chatham, Dec. 17.—The sisters of the Hotel Dieu are preparing for a Christmas sale, which they purpose holding next Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Although the weather has been very cold the show cut through the ice by the ferry boat is not yet frozen very strongly. A horse and sleigh broke out through while attempting to cross it at noon today and the horse was only saved with great difficulty.

A Loyal True Blue Lodge was organized here Tuesday evening by Grand Deputy Wye, assisted by a number of the members of the Alexandra Lodge, Newcastle. A large number joined, and the following officers were appointed for the year: Miss Jessie Forrest, W. M.; Miss Maggie McNaught, D. M.; Miss Emily Simmons, recording secretary; Miss Addie Mansfield, financial secretary; Adam Dickson, treasurer; Miss Grace McCallum, chaplain; Miss Hattie Lyman, D. of C.; Miss Anne McCallum, conductor; Miss Dolly McCallum, P. W. M.; Charles MacDonald, I. T.; Mary Miller, O. T.; Mrs. A. C. Anderson, Miss Kate MacIntyre, Miss Clara Anderson, William Corish and John Mullins, executive committee. After the business, the remainder of the evening was spent in social intercourse. Refreshments were served.

A. C. Leichman, who has been in Tracadie for some months, has returned home.

NEWCASTLE

Newcastle, N. B., Dec. 20.—(Special)—J. S. Fleming, station master here, died very suddenly this morning. Heart disease was the cause. Mr. Fleming had not been in very good health for the past week, but was at his post yesterday, and this morning he felt much improved and was preparing for church when he suddenly took a fainting fit and expired.

The deceased was born in St. John 51 years ago and had been station agent here for more than 25 years. He leaves a widow, three daughters and two sons to mourn his death. The daughters are Misses Mamie and Jessie and Mrs. James Stables residing in Newcastle, and the sons are Master Blair, at home, and Pearl, of Victoria (B.C.). Murray, Henry and

William Fleming, of Moncton, are brothers of the deceased, and Mrs. J. E. Price is a sister.

Mr. Fleming, who was well and favorably known to the traveling public as a respected member of the community and an obliging official and his death came as a shock to his large circle of friends.

Fire broke out in the fuel house at the rear of the pumping and power station last night at 11 o'clock. The firemen had some difficulty in locating it, but after an hour's fight the fire was got under control. The damage done is very slight.

WELSFORD.

Welsford, Queens county, Dec. 18.—The remains of Leonard Brittain, aged 23 years, son of James Brittain, West End, St. John, was brought to Welsford Monday morning and conveyed to its final resting place in the Kirk burying ground.

Rev. Mr. Burgess, of Carleton, officiated at the grave.

A horse belonging to Harry Woods dropped dead while being driven in a sleigh through Welsford and Bayard's Crossing. Mr. Woods has recently purchased the animal in St. John.

Members of the Agricultural Society have purchased a Jersey bull in addition to the Ayrshire which they have had for some time.

Philip McKenzie has been engaged for the past day or two threshing out his oats with his own machine. He will have in the vicinity of 200 bushels.

M. C. McKenzie has sold one of his span of greys to a party going to the lumber woods.

Rev. Mr. Pennie, formerly stationed here, will preach next Sunday in the Methodist church of Welsford, in the interest of the Wesley Bi-Centenary fund.

Miss Violet Hanzel was at the house yesterday morning and buried at the Free Baptist cemetery, Lower Millstream. Mr. and Mrs. McFarlane have the deepest sympathy of the entire community in their sad bereavement. She was in her nineteenth year, bright and promising. One sister survives her.

A very successful pie social was held in the Home Circle hall, Lower Millstream, Saturday night for the benefit of the parsonage.

Word has been received from Winnipeg by the friends of Mr. and Mrs. Beverly McNaught, nee Miss Adranna Munn, of New Brunswick, who are well, receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son.

There was a very pleasing entertainment in the I. O. E. hall on Saturday evening. The superintendent of the union, S. S. Mr. McCrea, Miss Wannanaka and others took an active part in preparing the children also in carrying out the well gotten up programme. Mr. McCrea gave an address on S. S. work, followed by music and singing by the choir and children, solos and choruses, also recitations. After this they were all treated by old Santa from a well loaded Christmas tree.

PENOBSCUIS

Penobscuis, Dec. 21.—Roy Welling, of Moncton, is spending a few days with his uncle, M. R. Welling.

Robert Shaw, medical student at McGill college, arrived home for Christmas holidays on Saturday.

Miss Mabel McLeod, who is teaching school at Moncton, came in on the train Saturday evening and will spend the holidays at her home in this place.

Richard Smith is quite ill and has been confined to the house for some time.

John McLeod met with quite a severe accident. While chopping in the woods his axe caught on a limb of a tree, and cut his foot badly, completely severing one of the toes from the foot.

GAGETOWN.

Gagetown, Dec. 18.—The St. John's church annual sale and tea was held Wednesday afternoon. In the evening an amusing comedy was played, each character being well represented by the party to whom it was assigned. Financially also the affair was a success, netting about \$80.

For several days the mercury has been hovering near to zero and today is quite there. Wheel's are of more use than runways as the roads are pretty bare. The ice is considered good generally in the river.

Wm. Pulver had the misfortune to have his nose slip on the ice on Tuesday, cutting both her knees.

Rev. J. A. James is confined to the house, having been in poor health for ten days or more and may not be able to attend to his ministerial work for some little time. His numerous friends are hoping for his speedy recovery.

Both grammar and primary schools had very creditable examinations yesterday and the teachers, E. C. Weyman, Apohaqui, and Miss L. Chase, Upper Gagetown, have gone to their homes to spend the Christmas vacation.

MONTAGUE.

Montague, P. E. I., Dec. 16.—Daniel McGregor shipped 700 carcasses of mutton to Winnipeg today per steamer Electra via Victoria.

Good progress is being made on the

survey for the new railway to Montague, nearly half the ground being gone over between here and Cardigan.

Rev. G. T. Raymond, secretary of the Provincial S. S. Association, preached in the Baptist church on Sunday and on Monday evening in the Methodist church he addressed a meeting in the interests of Sunday school work.

Right cold weather prevails here, but there is no snowing, every particle of snow having been washed away.

Schooner Enterprise, of Lunenburg, is being loaded with produce by George Wightman for a Nova Scotia port.

Horatio Nelson left this week for a short visit to Boston and St. John. Senator Robertson went to Charlottetown on Monday to meet Hon. W. S. Fielding.

DIGBY.

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Sydney, N. S., Dec. 20.—(Special)—Armand Dreyfus, of Paris, a relative of Captain Dreyfus, of Devil's Island fame, is in Sydney.

Armand Dreyfus is a civil engineer representing a large Parisian steel firm, patentee of a special steel for making armor plates and other armor plates for the United States, in South Africa, Mexico, etc., and Mons. Dreyfus thinks that Canada presents a good market for the special steel.

He is investigating the situation here and says that if the outlook is favorable, his firm may establish a factory in Sydney.

"The Sydney Manufacturing Company, of this town, has under consideration the question of enlarging their plant, so as to include the manufacture of cars. The manager, Mr. Morrison, has a suitable site in view and is collecting information with a view of establishing at an early day car works, an addition to the present business.

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TERCENTENARY CELEBRATION.

Dates for Annapolis and St. John Events Fixed Monday.

June 20 and 21 at Annapolis; June 22 and 23 Here—Attorney General Longley's Celebration With Local Workers for Celebrating Champlain's Arrival Here.

At a meeting Monday morning to deal with the proposed tercentenary celebration of the discovery of the St. John river, representatives of the different societies interested conferred with Attorney-General Longley of Nova Scotia, who represents the committee in charge of the Annapolis celebration.

Rev. W. C. Gaynor presided and D. R. Jack was secretary. Others present were: Hon. J. W. Longley, Hon. H. A. McKewen, S. D. Scott, Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond, Dr. George F. Matthews, Dr. G. U. Hay, Col. Marston, Dr. C. A. Stockton, Charles Campbell and C. A. Macdonald.

Mr. Longley elaborated upon the particulars of the anniversary celebration proposed for Annapolis. He said it would chiefly be of a literary nature, and representatives of important Canadian and American historical societies would be present.

Several politicians of prominence had promised to be present, and steps were being taken to induce Lord Minto and Sir Wilfrid Laurier to come. Hon. G. W. Ross, of Ontario, it was expected, would be present, and the French and American governments had been requested to send official representatives. Already the presence of a British warship at Annapolis was assured. It was suggested by Mr. Longley that, providing the Annapolis celebration was held on June 20 and 21, the observance in this city could take place on the 22nd and 23rd, thus providing for the presence here of the Annapolis assembly.

Mr. Longley's remarks were discussed, and ultimately Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond moved and carried the following resolution, which was adopted: "Resolved, That the proposition of the Attorney-General of Annapolis and St. John to celebrate the tercentenary of the discovery of the St. John river by Champlain and Champlain be approved by this meeting, and that the members of the St. John should work together in every possible way to promote the success of the proposed tercentenary celebration.

A telegram from James Vroom was read, to the effect that the Calais town council had appointed a committee to deal with the anniversary.

From the discussion it seemed as if the first day of the observance here would be devoted to literary matters and on the second there would be a public or spectacular celebration. Hon. Mr. Longley left for Halifax at noon.

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The railway company, in order to ensure good mining, has appointed an inspector to pass without giving you a little proof of our love. We beg you, dear Father, to accept our simple little offering not as a measure of our affection, but simply as a memento of the day.

We ask the dear little Babe of Bethlehem to grant you choicest graces and blessings. And that you may celebrate this event again when time rolls onward, will have changed the silver to a golden jubilee, in the wish of your children.

(Signed by forty-two members.) Fairville, N. B., Dec. 21, 1903.

Accompanying the address, which was read by Gertrude Avery, were a purse of gold, a set of silver knives, a carving set, and a bouquet of flowers. Father Collins was very much surprised and greatly gratified, and thanked the children for their thoughtful gifts.

Bring children up to sleep in the dark, as it is much better for their eyes, the darkness being an entire rest. Dark green or blue curtains are the best for bedrooms, and they should be drawn across the window to prevent the glare of morning light falling too strongly upon the eyes.

Fatal—Lady at the Door—"I believe in my heart you are the same tramp I gave a large piece of Christmas pudding to a few days ago!" "Tramp"—No, ma'am, you're mistaken. He's dead.

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SILVER JUBILEE OF REV. C. COLLINS. Rev. Charles Collins, of St. Rose's church, Fairville, yesterday celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of his ordination. After mass he was waited upon in the vestry of the church and the following address was presented to him:—Reverend and Dear Father: The little girls of the sewing circle greet you today, the occasion of your silver jubilee, with best wishes and congratulations. When what happiness must you look back to that solemn day, twenty-five years ago, when you were elevated to the priesthood—the dignity of which surpasses that of the angels. We are pleased to know you have spent the greater part of that time as St. Rose's pastor.

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WOMAN DIES IN HER 106TH YEAR. Worcester, Mass., Dec. 20.—Mrs. Honoretta Marshall, of Webster, died in Worcester Tuesday night at the age of 105 years 4 months and 12 days. She was born in Poland. Left a widow nearly 60 years ago with immense wealth, she devoted her life to distributing her entire fortune and sold her home to give to the poor. Forty-seven years ago she married John Marshall of Poland. She came to America soon afterwards. Six years ago she developed a mania for walking night and day and was placed in an asylum.

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LOCAL AND PROVINCIAL.

A council of the Knights of Columbus has been established in Charlottetown.

The secretary-treasurer for St. John of the Victorian Order of Nurses, acknowledges the following: Mrs. C. H. Peters and T. H. Estabrook, \$10 each; F. A. Jones and Court Bros., \$5 each; D. Magee, \$3; John Hodson, \$2.

The catch of mussels during the past week has been fairly good and the fish are still bringing high prices. Fourteen carloads of frozen fish have been shipped over the R. N. R. since December 1—Richibucto Review.

It is intended to have the steamer Minto leave Charlottetown for Picton Monday, Wednesday and Friday mornings and leave Picton for Charlottetown Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

It is stated that Ald. Magee, Ald. Ryan and ex-Ald. E. O. Steeves are aspirants for the office of mayor next year. S. K. McFarlane, it is understood, will be a candidate for alderman. The elections take place on January 26—Moncton Times.

The Amherst Telegram says: A. W. Atkinson & Co., general dealers of Advocate, have assigned for the benefit of their creditors to the official assignee, this firm has been doing business at Advocate for many years and was highly regarded. The liabilities are said to be about \$20,000.

Among the improvements contemplated by the Cape Breton Electric Company in the operation of its Sydney and Glace Bay line when the necessary equipment is ready, is the inauguration of an express service between Sydney, Glace Bay and the other mining towns.

The Beersville Railway Company require six cars of rails to complete track laying to the mines. The K. N. R. Company have sold their engine, No. 2, to the Beersville Railway Company. The K. N. R. immediately purchased another engine from the I. C. R.

John Flavin, a Moncton man, arrived in that city from north on Wednesday afternoon with his feet in a bad condition as the result of having been frozen. Flavin was scarcely able to walk and said his feet had been frozen recently while he was lost in the lumber woods above Campbellton.

Last spring Eugene Forsey, formerly teacher in the Academy in Sackville, was compelled through ill health to go to Mexico and was accompanied thither by his wife. Word has just been received that he has entered the employ of a large firm in the city of Mexico as English clerk, spending clerk and that his health has been almost entirely restored—Post.

Rev. Malcolm M. McLean, pastor of Emmanuel church, Truro, has received a telegram announcing an unanimous call to him from Olivet Baptist church, Westminister (B. C.) Olivet church is one of the largest and most influential in that city. Mr. McLean has asked time for consideration. If he accepts there will be three of the principal Truro churches vacant.

The Truro News says: A big block of coal weighing about a ton and a half was mined in one solid block by Angus McLeod and James Cottenden in No. 2 slope, Springfield. Seldom has such a large piece been taken out at one time. The company purposes shipping it away to be used as an exhibit at one of the forthcoming exhibitions.

At a meeting of the City Rifle Club last evening it was decided to have a shoot on Christmas day on the range for turkeys and other prizes, which are to be decided by a committee appointed for that purpose. Weather permitting the shooting will commence at 10 a. m. Hot coffee will be served and members wishing to bring lunches can do so, as the shooting is likely to last all day.

A meeting of the creditors of Mrs. Mary E. Furlong was held Friday afternoon in the office of Chapman & Tilley. The committee that was appointed at the last meeting reported the value of the stock in trade and other personal effects to be about \$1,000, the real estate being previously fully covered by mortgage. There are about \$300 collectable debts on the books with liabilities of \$3,500. An offer was made of 25 cents on the dollar, but an adjournment was had to enable the debtor's solicitor to ascertain if the offer cannot be raised to 35 cents.

F. R. Butcher, the insurance adjuster, has finished with his work on the German street fire and makes the loss of J. A. Tufts & Son total, amounting to \$4,888.40, divided up as follows: The insurance companies: Western, \$759.72; Anglo-American, \$1,260.52; Ottawa, \$379.80; Sun, \$1,129.38; Manchester, \$379.80; Connecticut, \$379.80. Other adjustments were as follows: On Mrs. Mooney's furniture, with the Keystone Fire Insurance Company, \$64.10; Dr. H. D. Fritz, furniture, with the Equity Insurance Company, \$125; James Tufts & Son, furniture and fixtures, \$115.

At the annual meeting of Court Epping Forest, No. 1735, I. O. F., held Monday night in Forrester's hall, the following officers were elected: W. F. B. Patterson, C. E. W. H. Dobson, V. O. R.; Andrew M. Stevens, R. S.; Thos. E. Owen, F. S.; treasurer; E. S. Duffin, orator; G. E. Nelson, S. W.; John W. Yarnart, J. W. E. W. Rowley, S. B.; Louis Nelson, J. B.; Revere Stevens, C. D. H. C. R.; Dr. L. A. McAlpine, physician; Revere Stevens, J. P. C. R.; Moore, Dobson and Stevens, F. com.; Dr. McAlpine, E. W. Rowley, trustees; E. W. Rowley, Revere Stevens, com. committee.

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MOONSHINERS IN CARLETON COUNTY.

Woodstock Officials and John T. Kelly Capture a Still in Full Blast—Confiscation, and Heavy Fine Imposed.

Woodstock, N. B., Dec. 18.—Information was laid with Inspector Colpitts that an illicit still was being run in the county in the parish of Richmond. Mr. Colpitts began investigation and reported to Police Magistrate Dibble, inspector of inland revenue, who at once communicated with the sergeant at Woodstock, and the sergeant's John T. Kelly, an inland revenue officer, came here on Thursday night and he and Mr. Colpitts and Constable Woodcock went to the scene of the supposed still. It was found in a new house off the Richmond road, the apparatus being in the cellar. The officers found knocking over a barrel, and a still, and a man, who was the owner of the still, and a couple of weeks.

FORTUNE IN LABRADOR.

Novel and Profitable Venture of Hugh Calder, of Bridgewater, N. S.

In the spring of 1901 Hugh Calder, a young man of Bridgewater, Annapolis county, chartered a schooner, headed her as the Solomons, and he sailed for Labrador, with a cargo of provisions, etc., and after engaging a crew and a number of local men as woodsmen, sailed for Labrador. He may mention here that Mr. Calder was accompanied by his young wife and two small children. On the way the vessel met with rough weather, and put into North Sydney for shelter and repairs. Two days later this vessel sailed for her destination, which she succeeded in reaching after a very rough passage.

His experience during the two and a half years residence in Labrador is interesting and novel. He may mention here that on occasions his men, who were not exactly of the best class of citizens of Bridgewater, attempted to leave, and were persuaded to stay, and better stay, and serve out their time.

Labrador, Mr. Calder says, is not such a bad place to spend a few months. Eskimos, caribou, deer, and moose are plentiful. The rivers and streams are full of salmon and trout. Between game and fish all that is necessary to make life worth living is flour, vegetables, groceries and well-luxuries.

Steamers from Europe came in summer and carry away the lumber cut. The arrival of the first steamer, greatly excited the Eskimos, who believed a monster sea serpent was approaching to carry them off.

Concerning Smallpox. Mrs. Fred McFarlane, who was taken ill from smallpox at New Brunswick, York county, on Thursday, was on Friday removed from her uncle's residence to her own home, which is in the same building occupied by the Green family. All the patients are therefore now under one roof, but quarantine will be maintained on Mr. McFarlane's house for the present.

Attorney-General Longley's Visit. Attorney-General Longley, of Nova Scotia, president of the Nova Scotia Historical Society, is in the city today to confer with the joint committee of the Natural History Society, the New Brunswick Historical Society, and the Loyalist Society, who have in hand the celebration of the tercentenary of the discovery of the St. John river, next June.

Lumber Notes. Rhodes, Curry & Co. intend to log 5,000,000 feet of lumber this winter at their West River, Shear Harbor property. The Albion Lumber Company, Moser river, and a member of the firm, says that his company will log in the vicinity of 4,000,000 feet of lumber this winter—Truro News.

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Will Be Nominated at the Liberal Convention to Be Held in Charlottetown.

The Montreal Herald of Friday says:—A prominent New Brunswick Liberal, who was in the city today, said to the Herald this morning that at the Liberal convention shortly to be held in Charlottetown, Daniel Gilmor, of St. George, will be chosen as the Liberal candidate in opposition to G. W. Ganong, the present member.

Mr. Gilmor is a son of Senator Gilmor who, for eighteen years, represented Charlotte county in the dominion house, and the opinion in New Brunswick is that Mr. Gilmor will be elected at the head of the poll.

In the Courts. County Court Chambers. Hearing was continued Monday before Judge Forbes in the matter of the examination of Solomon D. Hamm for the disclosure of the actual value of the suit of White vs. Hamm in which the plaintiff finally received a verdict for \$1,000 for the value of the suit.

White vs. Hamm was tried three times. The first time judgment was in favor of the defendant. This judgment was set aside and the evidence government assumed yesterday went to show that four days after it was set aside he made a transfer of his property to his wife through a third party without actual consideration.

The Kasalia, which sailed Monday morning, has on board 714 head of cattle, 143 sheep, and two horses. The Oriana, loading for South Africa ports, will take 300 head of cattle.

Letters to the Editor. The Evangelical Home and Hospital. To the Editor of the Telegraph:—We desire to take this opportunity through the columns of your paper to express our sincere thanks for the year given to a close to all who have in any way given us assistance either in money, food or clothing.

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DOESN'T LIKE CANADIAN WAY OF CURING HERRING.

A Scotch Fishery Expert Visits Grand Manan, and Finds Many Things That Please Him, and Others That Don't.

John Cowie the Scotch fishery expert brought out by the dominion government to exploit the Scotch method of curing herring, accompanied the fishery commissioners to Grand Manan last week and was present at all the meetings held on the island.

He was shown samples of the fish of the island in a cured state. He says our herring are larger than the Scotch, but our methods of picking them do not find favor in his eyes. The fact that the Scotch fisherman does not split his fish. The gills and entrails are removed very deftly, and the fish is then put in pickle without any further washing. The pickle is never removed. In Russia and some other European countries the Scotch pickled herring is eaten in a raw state. The fact that it commands such a good price wherever it is marketed is an indication of the superiority of Scotch methods. Mr. Cowie will select some fishing centre where he can experiment upon Canadian fish.

The mention of a protection of spawning beds was to him a great surprise. "We never think of protecting spawning beds in Scotland. We have been fishing for hundreds of years, and the supply shows no signs of diminishing. But of course our methods are different."

Another matter of surprise to Mr. Cowie was the intellectual capacity of the island fishermen. "They are all orators, every man of them. They have no trouble whatever in giving expression to their views and their language is full of vigour. They are certainly a most intelligent body of men."—St. Andrews Beacon.

LIVE STOCK SHIPMENTS.

From This Port for Bristol, Glasgow and South Africa.

Over 100 car loads of cattle, sheep and horses arrived at Sand Point Saturday, and the C. P. R. stock yards were well filled, and the employees of Messrs. A. C. Smith & Co., who have charge of the yards, did excellent work in handling the large number of animals.

Letters to the Editor. The Evangelical Home and Hospital. To the Editor of the Telegraph:—We desire to take this opportunity through the columns of your paper to express our sincere thanks for the year given to a close to all who have in any way given us assistance either in money, food or clothing.

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To Out-of-Town Buyers We would like to submit

Samples of Black Dress Silks, at 95c, \$1.00, 1.10, 1.15 to \$2.00 per yard.

Black Silks for Waists, 45c, 55c. to \$1.35. Colored Taffeta Silks, 75c. and 90c. per yard; and Fancy Waist Silks, 40c. to \$1.40 per yard.

Having made special purchases for Christmas Trade, and giving this notice in good season, any who propose making gifts of Black Silk Dress Pattern; Black or Fancy Silk for Waists, etc., can, by return of mail after receipt of their request, have our samples. We only ask that they be put in comparison with any house in Canada.

Our standard makes of Silks are well known to many. We wish others to understand their worth and value.

Please mention The Telegraph when you write.

OBITUARY.

Mrs. E. Spence, Parrabro. Parrabro, N. S., Dec. 18.—Mrs. E. Spence, of Parrabro, died on the morning of Dec. 14, aged fifty-six years. Deceased was a daughter of the late Hugh Slater and Emily DeWolfe Slater and a sister of Mrs. Lulu Maxwell, of St. Stephen (N. B.).

George Swezey, Formerly of Chatham, N. B. Athol, Mass., Dec. 18.—(Special)—Geo. Swezey, seventy-eight years of age, died at his home in South Athol yesterday of pneumonia. He was born in Chatham (N. B.) and married Emma Gunn, April 26, 1854. They have had fifteen children, and a widow and fourteen children survive him.

Mrs. Robert Bowers, Formerly of St. John. Word of the death of Mrs. Robert Bowers in Boston was received here yesterday. Mrs. Bowers moved to Boston about fifteen years ago. She was a sister of the late P. J. McElroy, of this city. For a number of years she carried on a grocery and liquor business in Union street and had many friends here. She leaves one son, Robert, who lives in Boston.

Mrs. (Bishop) Binney. The death is announced of the widow of Bishop Binney, of Nova Scotia. She passed away at Fairfield, East Gristead, on Friday, the 18th inst. She was a daughter of the late Chief Justice Bliss, of Nova Scotia. A sister of Mrs. Binney married Senator Odell, of Fredericton, and another sister married Bishop Kelly, of New Brunswick, afterwards Bishop of Argyle, Scotland.

J. Herbert Wade. Fredericton, Dec. 18.—(Special)—J. Herbert Wade of Pennac, who underwent an operation for appendicitis a few days ago, died at Victoria Hospital this afternoon. He worked as a lumber surveyor along the river for a number of years, and was well and favorably known. A widow and three children survive him.

Burton E. Black. The death of Burton E. Black occurred at his home, Middle Sackville, Thursday night. The deceased had been in poor health for some time, and last fall went south with the hope that a change of air would prove beneficial, but returned early in the spring very little improved, and has been gradually sinking ever since. He was a number of years, and was well known and very highly esteemed. He was fifty years of age.

Mrs. George Gallimore. Mrs. George Gallimore, wife of the night watchman at the Marysville cotton mill, died suddenly at noon Friday, having been taken sick at 9 o'clock that morning. Deceased was sixty-eight years of age, and leaves four daughters and one son.

Mrs. J. S. Raymond. The death occurred at Margerville on Thursday afternoon of Mrs. Phoebe Raymond, wife of Squire James S. Raymond, one of the best known residents of that place. She had been ailing for some time from rheumatism, but her death was quite unexpected. The deceased lady was sixty-six years of age, and a daughter of the late Manzer Dykeman, of Lower Jemseg.

Death came suddenly to David Currie, of Mactaquac, York county, on Sunday. Deceased, who was seventy-seven years old, lived with his nephew, Dudley Currie, at Mactaquac and Sunday morning was about as usual. About 11 o'clock he went out to the barn and as he was returning a few minutes later he suddenly fell to the ground. Aid was him immediately and he was carried into the house, but life was extinct heart failure having caused his death.

It is a curious incident, but the deceased gentleman's brother, Zeband, and his sister, Phoebe, both dropped dead on Sunday of heart failure.

Besides his nephew, Dudley, with whom he lived, who was unmarried, the deceased leaves to mourn their loss, two brothers, one, Nehemiah, living at Mactaquac, and another, Judson, at Hartland, and two nephews, Harry and Frank, in the C. P. R. service at Woodstock.

Mr. Dixon, jr., of Carleton, is home from the Pacific coast to spend Christmas.

TO CURE A COLIC IN ONE DAY. Take Laxative Bromo-saline Tablets. All druggists sell the money if it fails to cure. W. E. Groves' name is on each box, 25c.

THE SEMI-WEEKLY TELEGRAPH, ST. JOHN, N. B., WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1903.

ST. JOHN FIRM OVERCOMES THE DISASTROUS EFFECTS OF FIRE AND GETS A HANDSOME NEW HOME.

The Canadian Drug Company Moves Into Its Own New Premises in Mill Street—A Description of the Handsome Structure—How Property Has Risen in Value in This City.

A business house which, in its line, is without a peer this side of Montreal, is the new home of the Canadian Drug Company, 20 and 31 Mill street.

RISE IN PROPERTY VALUES HERE GREAT.

The ground adjoining that bought by the drug company, and like that, belonging to the Gilbert estate, had been purchased and was being built upon by G. H. Brooks.

The drug building, as it stands completed, is one of the most imposing and thoroughly equipped business houses to be found in the city. It is four stories in front, and in the rear is one story more.

ADDS TO MERCANTILE STANDING OF ST. JOHN.

The drug company's new home is not only a valuable addition to the appearance and importance of Mill street, but has added greatly to the mercantile standing of the city and province.

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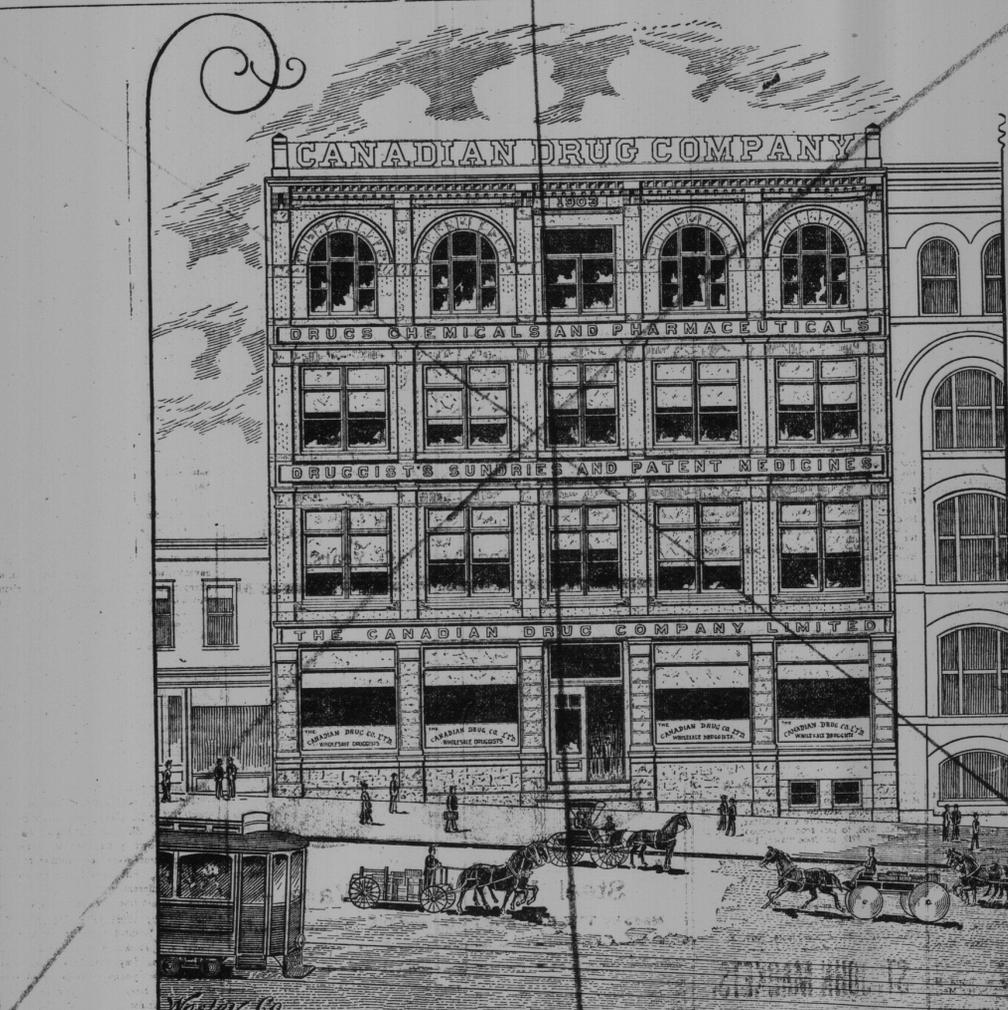
FRONT HAS BEEN MADE VERY ATTRACTIVE.

In front of brick and red granite is particularly attractive. Notably substantial yet with graceful outline, it would call for commendation in any city.

MORE PRIZE WINNERS AT AMHERST FAIR.

Amherst, N. B., Dec. 18.—The following are the additional prize winners at Amherst winter fair, which closed yesterday.

- List of prize winners including categories like Live Poultry, Hens, Ducks, and various breeds with names of owners and locations.



ing through a doorway of heavy oak, the visitor is impressed with the excellent lighting facilities, the bright and clean appearance of the offices and waiting rooms.

Fronting the street are large plate glass windows, and to the right of the entrance are the offices of the manager and president, each neatly furnished in steel and high grade wood.

DRURY LANE NEEDS CIVIC ATTENTION

Descending to the basement, which is floored with asphalt, one can secure a good idea of the substantial and sound character of the building. Here is stored

of the first floor to the rear, the visitor finds the rest of the first floor given over to the display of patent medicines, the best and highest grade to be found in the market.

reserve stocks of Patent male extract, Peruna, mineral water, lime juice, alum, and liver oil, and other goods in large quantities.

THE 'SUNDRY ROOM' DESERVES ITS NAME.

Reascending by the stairway or electric elevator (the Otis Canadian Elevator Co.) the next floor seen is the second. Concerning this elevator, it may be mentioned that it is of the latest and of most improved type.

The second floor is called the "Sundry room." Here is an almost infinite variety of playing cards, pipes, soaps, rubber goods, atomizers, syringes, powders, brushes, whisks, perfumes—all new, fresh, high class goods.

ascend to the top floor—the fourth—cream of tartar, spices and paper—all in well-stocked packages, cases of bottles, and empty cases and barrels.

NEW YORK HAS A 'JACK THE RIPPER' MURDER

New York, Dec. 20.—The Whitechapel atrocities of "Jack-the-Ripper" and the murder of "Old Shakespear" by the Arab Ben Ali in this city, were recalled by the discovery today of the fearfully mutilated body of a woman in a sloop near the East River.

FIRST WOMEN JURY IN UNITED STATES TO DECIDE A CASE.

Chicago, Dec. 18.—For the first time in the history of the United States, so far as local records show, a jury composed of six women sat on a case before Judge Honore in the juvenile court today here.

PAPER MILLS CLOSE DOWN

Over-production in United States—Demand Above Supply in Only Two Kinds of Paper.

Farmer G. T. R. General Counsel Dead.

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 20.—E. W. Meddaugh, for many years general counsel of the Grand Trunk Railroad, died at his residence at Gross Pointe farm today.

He had been ill a year with heart trouble. Mr. Meddaugh was 70 years old and was born in New York state.

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U. S. XMAS GIFTS WORTH \$4,408,960 FOR EUROPE.

New York, Dec. 20.—Statistics compiled by the Department of the Treasury, order division, New York port office, show Christmas gifts of American origin reaching a total of \$4,408,960, were carried to Europe on the liner St. Louis, which sailed Saturday, Kaiser Wilhelm on Tuesday and the Oceanic on Wednesday.

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PLACE FOR EVERYTHING, AND RULE IS KEPT.

While the press representative was being shown over the department a large consignment of goods from E. Merck's, Darmstadt was being opened. The stock is advantageously arranged—there is a place for everything, and everything in where it is supposed to be.

RUSHING FOR THE CHRISTMAS TRADE.

In addition to the work being done in connection with those medicines, large quantities of syrup and lime juice were being bottled up and packed in crates.

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Six New Holiday Books
In preparation and combination
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These books are all choice, adapted
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to \$2.50. Agents wanted everywhere.

WANTED-Genlmen and ladies to engage
in the sale of our watches. We give our
a free sample E108 Watch to take
and a liberal commission. If you
could like profitable employment for your
time, write us at once for sample.
Star Dunmore Head, Belfast, Wm Thom-
son & Co., 12-12-27-28.

WANTED-A second class female teacher
for Chatham Harbor, St. John County (N. B.).
Apply to James Thompson, Chatham
Harbor, stating salary requirements. 12-23-27.

WANTED-Reliable men for month and
expenses, \$100 per month, reliable men
every locality producing our goods, taking
up show cards, clean prices, along
side, and all countries. Write to
employment to good, honest, reliable men;
no experience necessary. Address: The Empire
Medical Co., London, Ont. 12-12-27-28.

WANTED-Second or third class teacher
for school district No. 15, Parish of St.
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Secretary of Schools, St. John, N. B. 12-12-27-28.

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FOR SALE.

FOR SALE-Rotary mill, in first class running
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City mill, twenty to twenty-five thousand
pounds per day. Can be delivered at any
time. Apply, stating salary, to E. H.
Carle, Secretary, Highlands, Carleton Co.,
N. B. 12-12-27-28.

Choice Teas

In Bulk and Packages.
English Breakfast Tea, in 10 and
1 lb. boxes. Very fine for family
trade.

JAMES COLLINS,

208 and 210 Union Street,

St. John, N. B.

"THIS SCHOOL HAS
BEEN THE MAKING OF ME,"
Is what a young man who has just
graduated says.

Fredericton Business College,

Remembered to the Principal, as he
said good-bye before leaving for
Toronto to accept a position in that
city. It can do the same for you.
Send for catalogue. Address,

W. J. OSBORNE,

Fredericton, N. B.

NOTICE.

Will the person in Somerville,
Mass., who mailed One
Dollar to this office, on Nov. 24,
kindly send his or her name
at once so that we may be able
to properly credit the amount
received.

The Telegraph Pub. Co.,

St. John, N. B.

BIRTHS.

JOHNSTON-In this city, on Dec. 20, to
Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Johnston, a son.

DEATHS.

MCPHARLANE-At Norton, Kings county,
Dec. 18, 1903, Mabel C. eldest daughter of
Thos. A. and Laura McPharlane.

LEONARD-At Peterborough, Ontario,
Dec. 18, 1903, Robert Currie, aged 59
years, leaving four sons and two daughters
to mourn his loss.

PALMER-At Douglas Harbor, Queens
county, on Dec. 18th, Daniel Palmer, 80
years of age, leaving a large
family of friends and relatives to
mourn his loss.

In this city, on Dec. 17th, W. J.,
second son of William J. and Agnes
and two years and three months-
old, a native of Perry Point, Kings
county, N. B.

At General Public Hospital,
this city, Dec. 18th, Robert Currie, aged 59
years, leaving four sons and two daughters
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SHIP NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.
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Schr. Lota V. Chaples (Am), 191, Robinson,
New York, A. W. Adams, coal.

Schr. Wm. Marshall, Williams, Washington,
D. C., Dec. 21, 1903.

Schr. Bengore Head, Kinsey, Dublin, Wm
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Sarah Ann's Christmas Tree.
Rosabel Linnet stood upon the front
porch of the Old People's Home. She
had just closed the door softly, and now
lingered for a moment looking out over the
eastern hills of the city, covered as they were
with cottage and mansion, and with trees
whose few remaining leaves glowed golden
or scarlet in the warm November sunshine.

There was old Mrs. Foster, who certainly
could see only a few feet before her. Mrs.
Sarah Ann Bassett, seventy-five years of
age, though crippled with rheumatism,
could read as well as ever; and perhaps she
could enjoy the view, Rosabel thought
Uncle Toby, the colored man, who had
been so long that no one could remem-
ber his youth and "Sammy" Gray, who,
though nearly seventy years old, was still
Sarah Ann's "little brother," sat on this
porch day after day all through the Sum-
mer. Besides these, there were Grandma
Edwards, who was never seen without her
knitting on week days; Aunt Jane, who had
been picking quilts at the home for twelve
years; and Miss Priscilla, who had once
been a school teacher, and who was filled
with all kinds of knowledge that it was
said she even "knew the dictionary by
heart."

Others there were at the home for a season,
but these had come to live out the re-
mainder of their days there, and it was to
them that Rosabel's sympathy went out
most of all. Sixteen thinks it hard to be
seventy, even in a comfortable home, and
surrounded by loving kindred and friends.
But old, among strangers, and the object
of charity—this seems undesirable. So
Rosabel and her friends tried to carry a
little merriment into these dreary lives.

Sarah Ann had been dressing a Christmas
tree to-day, one which she had read over
and over again, and Rosabel had listened
with interest to the thoughts it suggested
to Sarah Ann. Last of all, the old lady had
said: "I wish I was a little girl, and
could have a Christmas tree like the
one I saw in the story. I never did have one,
and never had none for my children neither.
We was always too poor."

While she walked home, Rosabel's mind
was filled with plans for fulfilling Sarah
Ann's wish. She had just begun the dig-
nity of her own years, and to think that
Christmas trees were too childish to enlist
her interest. But a tree for some one else
that was different.

Mrs. Linnet was always willing to lend a
hand to any effort for giving pleasure to
others, and Rosabel found in her mother a
hearty sympathizer with her plans. After
Thanksgiving Day, therefore, Rosabel and
half a dozen young friends found them-
selves very busy. Usually so for even
the busiest Christmas season. For it is no
small task to add a dozen new gifts to your
list, especially when you want to have
exactly what is most suitable for each per-
son.

How many consultations the girls held,
and how often one or another would dip
in at the home for a little chat, and ferre
out some cherished liking or long hidden
desire! The good natured matron was so
often taken into confidence, as she re-
corded gave them the use of the parlor for
the Christmas holidays.

Christmas Eve always brings with it an
expectant air, even for those who have not
much to look forward to in the way of
gifts. Sarah Ann, as she passed the parlor
door, vaguely wondered "what them gals
is up to, trapping in and out all day. She's
think Mrs. Brown wouldn't allow it."
Sammy said that perhaps Mrs. Brown was
going to have a party, and a little later
Sarah Ann remarked, "Smells like cedar
sawdust around."

At the tea table, when Mrs. Brown an-
nounced that everyone was expected in the
parlor at eight o'clock, a pleased surprise
showed on each face. Some of the old
ladies, greatly excited, searched out ancient
laces and ruffles with which to adorn them-
selves for the occasion, and not one was
missing from the group in the hall when
the doors were opened. Sarah Ann clapped
her hands like a delighted child when
the Christmas tree flashed its radiance of
candlelight upon her eyes, and Rosabel
stepping forward, invited the guests in to
see "Mrs. Bassett's tree."

The joy which came to those aged heart-
throbs that evening can be better imagined than
described. How long it had been for some
years anyone had taken loving thought for
them. Those who had once known
prosperous years, it seemed like a return
of their happy childhood days. And for
the rest of their lives, if no memory shined
out brighter than any other in their minds,
it will be the memory of that happy Christ-
mas Eve and "Sarah Ann's Tree."—(Mary
Stark.)

Keep Christmas Merry.
All of us are not merry of heart at the
Christmas tide. Indeed, to those who are
growing old, and to those to whom becom-
ing has come, leaving in their hearts a
longing for a vanished hand.

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To a degree we cannot help this. But we
can help our sadness rising to the surface,
and becoming apparent to others. We can
will so strongly to make them happy that
our own feelings will become a sounder, and
we shall be surprised to find at nightfall
that the day has held more gladness for us
than we ever thought possible.

Then, smile, though your heart ache.
Have a hand in the pleasures of the day.
Do not let the shadow of your sorrow fall
upon those about you—especially upon the
young and happy-hearted, to whom sorrow
will come soon enough. If you talk of the
past, speak of the joy it held. If you can-
not do this without the glib quivering, the
eyes becoming tear-dimmed, do not talk of
it. This is a time for gladness. For the
sake of the children and the young about
you; for the sake of all whose lives touch
yours; keep Christmas merry.

Over Eating at Christmas.
"How blessed, how envied were our life,
Could we but 'scape the poultry's knives!
But man, ensnared man, on turkeys prey,
And Christmas shortens all our days."
—Gay.

Though we may not agree with the poet
that we would be blessed to "scape the
poultry's knives," we must confess that
we are more tempted at Christmas than at
other times to over-indulgence of appetite.
Ordinarily we may observe the laws of
health, and "eat to live" rather than
"live to eat." But at the Christmas tide
we are surrounded by good things, and
are so tempted both from within and with-
out, that the most careful of us forget our-
selves, and become intemperate in the mat-
ter of diet.

All the morning, wherever we go, and
whatever way we turn, cakes, fruit, nuts
and candies are offered, and are expected
to be eaten, and are eaten, until we take
far more than is good for us.

Most of us are unlike a certain lady of
whom I know, who "saved room," as she
termed it, for any feast out of the usual
order. Once she was invited out to spend
the afternoon, and as dinner obeyed: "I
shall merely taste these to-day, for I know
Mrs. Blank will treat me to cake, cream
and fruit, she always does." At dark she
came back, looking quite crest-fallen, and
"she was asked if she did not enjoy the
unch, she sighed: 'Just think! I give my
saved room for it, she didn't give me a
bing.'

Though certain we shall sit down to a
heavily laden table at dinner time, we taste
this, that and the other, until, when the
dinner bell rings, we would do well to run
from rather than to the dining room. Yet
we dine more heartily than usual, eating
foods far richer than are ordinarily placed
before us. The stuffed turkey and its accom-
paniments, to which we cannot do justice,
because of already overindulgent organs, make
us feel as Hood said of turtle: "It almost
makes me wish, I vow, to have two stom-
achs!"

Since we cannot have two stomachs, and
since the one we have must do duty at all
times and seasons, would it not be well to
exercise more judgment, and eat less and
more wisely at the Christmas tides?

"Then 'the night after Christmas' would
hold less evil for us in the shape of bad
breath, headaches, and other discomforts,
and we would be less inclined to envy the
sue beggars of the world, who eat but
 crumbs from the rich man's table."—(Marg-
aret A. Richards.)

Christmas Lists of Outside Friends.
Here is a point which the mother may
do well to consider. Unfortunately the
less of reciprocity has done much to spoil
the Christmas sentiment. "Mrs. A sent
me a cup and saucer last Christmas, I'm
tired her a lace doily this." "Cousin Mu-
rian worked me a set of towels, I must
manage to get a bureau cover for her." So
it goes on. The formidable Christmas lists
swell far beyond the limits of the average
man's modest pocketbook. "I have sev-
enty people whom I must send something
to this Christmas," says the discourag-
ed lady of the house (I like that phrase,
and who wouldn't be dismayed in the same
situation? She has a large company to re-
call, aunts and uncles and a troop of rela-
tives by marriage who are a little better re-
moved than the close kindred, and then
come all the family friends who appear to
have some claim. There is no more money
than usual, and the temptation to econom-
ize on one's self with debt is very specious.
Do not yield to it. Can there be anything
more humiliating than debt which is insur-
ed that we might bestow presents beyond
one's income.

The English have a very gracious custom
of sending to kinspeople and acquaintances
at Christmas a simple personal card, say-
ing, "Mr. and Mrs. So and So have the
honour to wish you the compliments of the
season," or "Merry Christmas to Miss or
Mrs. — from their friends So and So."
Such Christmas tokens may be very in-
expensive and it conveys precisely as much
affectionate greeting and loving desire as a
box or packet or jewel or dish, or bit of
clothes or silver that one sent but could
not find to send had he been honest.—(Mrs.
Sangster.)

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