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If you read this advertisement, others will read yours in the St. John STAR. Ask for the advertising man.

POINTS ABOUT PEOPLE

Mayer Yeager of Reading, Pa., has determined to break up a habit the young men there have indulged in for years of assembling around church doors on Sunday evenings to meet and escort home the girls of their acquaintance.

Wallace Muir of Lexington, Ky., has invented a new way of electioneering. He is a candidate for city attorney, and several other young men are after the place, making it a close race.

Colonel Moses Wetmore, the St. Louis trust hunter, was toast master at a Democratic dinner on one occasion. At that time, at least, the colonel was not an ardent admirer of William J. Stone.

Mrs. Catherine Stanton of Sheffield street while under the influence of liquor shot her adopted son John Stanton with a revolver.

The schooner Annie Brown, of Windser, was wrecked on Quaco ledge, Severn Smith, a Pullman car porter, charged with stabbing Timothy Connolly on the ferry boat, died at the public hospital where he had been taken from jail.

St. John, N. B., January 2, 1903.

Special Cut Prices.

Those who buy at this store know that our Prices are always much below other stores. This is not only our claim but is an established fact and accounts for the large business we have gained in such a short time.

J. N. HARVEY, Men's and Boys' Clothier, 199 Union Street, Opera House Block

LILY LAKE The Popular Skating Rink Fifty Years ago.

Thousands There Yesterday—Old Time Skating and Skaters When There Were no Rinks.

It has been many years since Lily Lake has had such a gala day as yesterday. The ice was splendid for the most part; the weather was glorious and the fresh, balsamy, lung-filling air of the park, so different from the smothered atmosphere of the soft-coal-burning city nearby, was vibrant from early morning to late at night with the ring of the steel skates on the hard ice and the laughter of merry thousands.

All day the procession toward the park continued. It was greatest in the afternoon, when between two and three thousand skaters and half as many of those foolish enough to leave their skates at home, gathered there. Lily Lake affords enough surface to satisfy the demands of many varieties of skaters. Some were swinging hand-in-hand with very steady strokes around the water edge of the lake, or speeding straight down the middle. Others with bodies bent and arms swung, turned vigorously around and around a small ring on the ice; others gyrated in dizzy circles in their own small corners; some skated peacefully in any old direction and some sat down very hard and slid. There were at least a half dozen exciting games of hockey going on at once. The crowd was wonderfully well behaved.

"But it's nothing like what it used to be," said an elderly citizen to whom the sights and sounds recalled the old days. "I remember about fifty years ago," he said, "when practically every man, woman and youngster in the city used to come out here on days like this. Not so much on New Year's, for that used to be the great calling day, when practically every man in the city used to start out before ten in the morning and, if he knew enough people, would continue calling from house to house until late at night. At each place wine and cake and meats were set out for the comfort of the guests. That New Year's calling was an old Dutch custom brought from New York by the Loyalists, and it's just as well it's died out, for it was terribly hard on the women-folks entertaining so many people. Some houses had two or three hundred callers in the course of the day. Then as the city grew larger there were some people who took advantage of the day to force themselves into houses where they were not known, and after imbibing earnestly and long to make themselves decidedly unpleasant."

"But I started to talk about the skating on Lily Lake, didn't I? Christmas Day used to see the biggest crowds out here along about fifty years ago. There were no rinks here then, and whenever the ice was good Lily Lake and Dark Lake would be crowded. Any holiday brought more, of course, but Christmas Day nearly the whole population would be there. There were no roads leading out to the lake then either. From the Valley church right out there was nothing but heavy woods, with only little paths between the trees. A man named Deane had a cow farm up about where Reed's castle is and that was the only house nearer the lake than the foot of Jeffrey's Hill."

"Where there are good skaters then? Why, look here, young man, I've seen all these young fellows nowadays that get up for flyers, and they couldn't stay two minutes with some of the boys of the days when I was a youngster. There was Hob. Bustin and Roly Bunton and Steve Gerow and a half dozen others that for speed and fancy skating you couldn't find their equals in the city nowadays."

"We used to have some great games of hurley out here, too. Something like your hockey, but we didn't bother much about rules. Had a round wooden ball and any kind of a stick, and all the fellows we could get on both sides. Then there were some good races out there, both skating and tripping, on the ice that had the greatest attraction for the small boys that are grandpas now was the old mill pond. Never saw that, did you? It covered about the whole space taken up now by the I. C. T. station and yards. It ran along by Pond street about to the foot of Jeffrey's Hill. The ice wasn't so good as the lakes, for the tide ran in and out so that the only safe skating was at the upper end. But it was very popular with the youngsters and they had some great times there. "The boys nowadays don't seem to have as much fun as they used to," he sighed.

A CURIOSITY.

Mrs. C. F. Regan of 57 Brittain street is the possessor of a sample of dust from La Barbadoes island. The dust fell on the island of Barbadoes at the time of the last eruptions, having travelled over a hundred miles through the air. It is very fine and of a greyish color. Mrs. Regan received the dust from her aunt, Mrs. Hinkson, who lives in Barbadoes.

MONTREAL'S ENORMOUS TRADE.

MONTREAL, Jan. 2.—An records of Montreal clearing house were broken in 1902, the total clearings for the year crossing the billion dollar mark. The figures for 1902 are \$1,068,970,000; for 1901, \$889,479,000; increase \$209,491,000.

MILLTOWN. Fire Does Damage to the Extent of \$5,000 in Eaton Block.

ST. STEPHEN, N. B., Jan. 2.—At two o'clock this morning fire was discovered in the rear of B. H. Kerr's store in the brick block at Milltown, owned by Charles H. Eaton, and did considerable damage before it was subdued. Mr. Kerr's stock of groceries was completely destroyed. T. W. Butler lost his entire stock of groceries and dry goods. Percy E. Lord's stock of drugs was considerably damaged by smoke. Border Lodge, K. of P. had its carpet and wardrobe destroyed by smoke, from which P. Casey, barber, also sustained some damage. It is believed that the loss in each case is covered by insurance. The total loss will amount to about \$5,000.

PROVINCIAL NOTES.

From the yard of Messrs. Smith & Rhuland, Lunenburg, N. S., on Tuesday morning the iron steamer Alton, Nelson was launched. She is, without doubt, one of the prettiest craft sent from the yard of these builders. Capt. David Backman will command the new vessel, which measures 75 ft keel, 24 ft beam and 10 ft hold.

Lumber operators in the eastern part of Nova Scotia are experiencing trouble in recruiting men for the woods all over the province, and good wages are being paid. Some rotary mills are idle owing to this scarcity of help.

The tug Goliath, of Halifax, with a diver, arrived at Lunenburg last Thursday and went to work on the wrecked schooner Dreadnaught. There is every probability that she will be raised and brought to harbor.

A UNION AS A GIFT. Probably the most original Christmas present bestowed in Yarmouth, N. B., in Nova Scotia, this year, was that of Capt. John E. Murphy to Mrs. Murphy. The gift consisted of a beautiful stained glass window, 35 x 45 feet. The window was made in Boston by Messrs. Sand & Co., and the central feature of the design is the picture of the ship "Minister of Marine," done by Mrs. Murphy some years ago. This ship was the last one commanded by Capt. Murphy before retiring from the sea. Shells, coral, rope and other things emblematic of the sea are arranged in the ornamentation which surrounds the main feature of the beautiful window.

THE GIRL PROBLEM.

New York Witness Thinks Too Many Are Doing Men's Work. (New York Witness.) A statement compiled from the census shows that there are now very few opportunities for earning money which are not participated in to some extent at least, by women. More and more the girls are pushing in and displacing the boys. There are various reasons why girls are in some cases employed in preference to boys. One is that the girl is frequently considered more competent or more reliable than any boy who would be available for the place. Another is that in many places there is no opportunity for advancement and the employer knows that a competent young man would not stay in such a place any longer than he could help while the girl may stay in it till she gets married, which may mean as long as she wants to work. It is not usually looking forward to having a family to support, and therefore is not under the same necessity of finding some means of increasing her income that a young man feels. Then there is a question of taste; some employers would rather have young women about than young men. And again, there is the question of sympathy. Some men are anxious to help young women to earn their living by giving them employment. In some aspects of the matter it is a very good thing that some girls are doing men's work, and yet it is a great pity that so many of them are to be found in such places where they are more or less of a nuisance. In saying this we make no criticism upon any of them as individuals. Every person must judge for himself in such matters, and in most cases we presume the girls have good reasons for desiring to earn their own living in any way which they can do so honestly.

TOWN MARSHAL SHOT.

ALEXANDRIA, La., Jan. 2.—About half of the town of Orléans, forty miles north of this place, was destroyed by fire yesterday. During the excitement that followed Town Marshal Everett Smith, was killed by unknown persons. About six o'clock when the fire broke out the fire was subdued. Mr. Smith went to a saloon to order it closed as the house had expired of alight. Shortly after he entered the saloon, was heard and when outsiders rushed in they found Smith lying dead on the floor. He had been shot six times in the heart. A business house was destroyed.

UNCLE SAM'S CABLE.

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CABLE NEWS. Enormous Increase in German Exports to the States.

Terrible Mining Disaster—Bulgarians Kill Turks—Fez is Quiet.

SCUTHAMPTON, Eng.—Jan. 2.—The American line steamer "Lenta" from New York, Dec. 24, arrived here this morning, having been delayed by bad weather.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—The despatch of Spanish reinforcements to Morocco has been countermanded. The latest advices from Fez say that city remains calm.

POTTSVILLE, Pa., Jan. 2.—By an explosion at two o'clock today six or more men were killed and a score severely injured. Among the killed are Hugh Curran, Patrick Martin and Michael Under.

BERLIN, Jan. 2.—Partial returns from the consular districts indicate that Germany's exports to the United States increased in 1902 by about \$3,000,000 over those of 1901. The imports from the United States fell off, but not to the extent of those of 1901.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Parole, the noted race horse, is dead from old age. He ran under the late Pierre Lorillard's colors in England and won the city and suburban handicap at Elson in 1879. Parole was nearly thirty years old. He was by Leamington, out of Maiden.

CONSTANTINOPLE, Jan. 2.—In a recent fight between Bulgarian and Turkish troops at the village of Drenovo, in the Monastir district, 15 of the latter were killed or wounded. The Turkish commander was killed. The Bulgarians who were captured in a house also sustained losses, but the survivors escaped.

INDEPENDENCE, Mo., Jan. 2.—Elias Ellis, a veteran of the Mexican war and who is said to have captured the Mexican general Laveja, after a personal conflict, died here yesterday, aged 80 years.

LONDON, Jan. 2.—G. H. Elder was remanded at the Guild Hall police court today charged on his own confession with embezzling \$75,000 from his employers, Brown, Shipley & Co., the American bankers. The embezzlements had been going on for three years.

HAZLETON, Pa., Jan. 2.—The annual report of the mine inspector of the fifth anthracite district, made public today, shows that twenty-four fatal accidents occurred during 1902, leaving thirteen widows and thirty-three orphans. In 1901 there were sixty fatal accidents. The long strike made a difference.

VENEZUELA. Castro is Willing now to Accept Arbitration.

BERLIN, Jan. 1.—President Castro's reply to the powers through Minister Bowen is substantially an unconditional acceptance of their proposals to arbitrate and the accompanying conditions. The foreign office here received his answer today, and is satisfied with its spirit. A further interchange of views, preparatory to signing the protocol, will take place in Washington. The only really important question to be settled is who shall be done with the blockade? A continuance of the blockade is relied upon to hasten the conclusion of the arbitration preliminaries, especially on the part of Venezuela.

DAILY SAILINGS.

Both Ways Across the Atlantic Hereafter.

NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—The International Mercantile Marine Company organized by J. Pierpont Morgan and with Clement A. Griscom as its president and directing chief, took actual control January 1 of the management of the various lines combined, says a Press despatch from Philadelphia. One of the novices of public importance, Mr. Griscom says, will be a re-arrangement of sailings to give a fast passenger and mail steamship service from both sides of the Atlantic each day except Saturdays. It may take a little time before this daily service can be inaugurated. When it is it will be important to travelers and business men, as it will mean a regular, fast mail delivery with no break.

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Men's Winter Goods:

Winter Hats in grey and black, new shapes. Prices \$1.50 and \$2.

Winter Capes, from a good blue cloth driver at 35c. up to one at 1.75

Winter Gloves, wool and fur lined, from 50c. to \$3.

New Goods. Right Prices.

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THE SHOE DEALER, Wishes all his friends and patrons

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266 Union Street

LITTLE GIRLS' HOME.

We have much pleasure in acknowledging receipt of following donations to L. G. Home during last month: Miss Isabella Kinnear, \$20; one who loves little girls, \$10; Mrs. M. Nelson, Mrs. Arthur Brown, Charles W. C. T. Union, \$5 each; Queen Square S. S. Aid Society, \$2.75; Miss G. J. MacLennan's S. S. class, \$1.50; little girls' friend, \$1; Mrs. Chas. Peters, \$1; St. Mary's church S. S., per Rev. Dr. Haymond, \$1; Mrs. Ernest Fairweather, \$1; Mrs. David Hall, \$1; Mr. Chapman, \$1; St. Stephen's congregation, \$1; one pair blankets, from Daisy Band, North End, money earned by making holders, one quilt, work of the J. C. Y. Union Workers' Band, North End, and other articles too numerous to mention in paper, but highly appreciated by inmates of home, such as oranges, nut-candy, etc., etc.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

Published by W. S. Barker, Banker, and Broker.

Table with columns for various commodities and their prices, including flour, sugar, and other goods.

STEAMERS, ETC.

EAST RN STEAMSHIP COY.
(International Division)
WINTER REDUCED RATES.
In effect November 1, 1902, to May 1, 1903.
Commencing December 15th at 8 a. m. THROUGH TICKETS for Quebec, Montreal, Portland and Boston.
Returning from Boston, via Portland, Eastport and Lunenburg on Mondays at 8:15 a. m.
Through tickets on sale at principal railway stations and baggage checked to destination.

WILLIAM C. LEB, Agent, St. John, N. B.
A. H. HANSON, G. P. & T. A.
CALVIN AUSTIN, V. P. & Gen'l Manager, Foster's Wharf, Boston, Mass.

HELP WANTED, MALE.
Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED—A first class job printer at office of SUN PRINTING CO.

GENERAL AGENTS WANTED in each town for special accident, sickness, indemnity policies and general insurance. Liberal terms. Liberal wages to reliable men. Write box 770 Montreal.

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Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

WANTED—A young girl to help with housework; one accustomed to children. Apply evenings to MISS G. CORSE, 21 Colborne street.

WANTED—An experienced dining room girl. Apply at once to KAVILL HALL.

WANTED—A competent cook. Apply to MISS THORNE, 15 Meekinsburg Terrace.

WANTED—A capable girl for general housework. Apply to MISS G. N. HEVENOR, 67 Sewell street.

MISCELLANEOUS.
Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

BOARDS WANTED—First class board and rooms may be obtained at reasonable rates at 32 King street, just over Macaulay street.

A REMINDER. You forgot to call at A. Remond's for a bargain in one of those bargains I was offering. I have a few left that I would like to give away. McGRIMMON, Montreal.

A bargain for some one. Nickel Cases for sale cheap. Call and see them at W. THOMAS GARDY, Jeweler and Optician, 46 King street.

FOR SALE.
Advertisements under this head: Two words for one cent each time, or three cents a word for ten times. Payable in advance.

FOR SALE—UNION CRATE. Sole agent for West End, JAMES MUNRO, 150 St. John street.

HOUSE FOR SALE—House 155 Adelaide road, 5 rooms on each flat. Enquire on the premises.

SITUATIONS WANTED.
Advertisements under this head inserted free of charge.

WANTED—By a middle aged man employment as bookkeeper or for general office work. Long experience, best of references. Address "Enquire," care of Sun Printing Co.

LIVERY STABLES.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE
104 Union Street. Telephone 11.
HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention.
DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES for hire at any hour.

DAVID JONNELL,
BOARDING, HACK and LIVERY STABLES,
45 and 47 Waterloo St., St. John, N. B.
Horses boarded on reasonable terms. Horses and Carriages on Hire. Fine Picnic at short notice.
A large sleigh seating fifteen or twenty people for sleighing parties to let with careful driver.

HOTELS.

HOTEL DUFFERIN.
E. LeROY WILLIS, Prop.,
ST. JOHN, N. B.

PHERRY TRAVEL.
The travel on the ferry has largely increased as apparent from the returns from the west side turnpike, which registered 720,000 passengers last year, as against 660,219 for 1901, an increase of 59,781. As the east side turnpike always registers more passengers than that on the west side, it may safely be assumed that the total ferry travel has reached 1,500,000 passengers during the year. The travel by month from the west side was as follows:

Jan.	54,196
Feb.	59,560
March	62,994
April	63,940
May	64,116
June	67,981
July	67,623
August	69,796
Sept.	64,537
Oct.	62,915
Nov.	67,511
Dec.	64,886
Total	720,000

In 1901, 388,902 tickets were taken on the west side and \$5,426.94 cash received. Last year 571,887 tickets were taken, and increase of 48,185, and \$5,666.32 in cash, an increase of \$222.38.
The daily average of travel was in 1901, 1,867; in 1902, 1,970, an increased daily average of 103. For the last six months of 1902 the daily average was 2,067.

WILLIAMS' REGIMENT.
ST. ANDREWS, 33rd, 1—Conductor Donohoe, who has been on the railway running out of St. Andrews, as engineer and conductor for 45 years, has been granted four months' leave of absence by the C. P. R., preliminary to being pensioned off. His run has been taken by Conductor McCusky, formerly of the Gibson branch.

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ST. JOHN STAR.
ST. JOHN, N. B., JANUARY 2, 1903.

SUGGESTIONS TO MERCHANTS.
The holiday trade is over, and the business of a new year begins today. There are many stores in which there is more or less stock of the merchant does not wish to carry over. If he could get into close touch with the purchasing public, and tell them all at once what he would tell over his own counter to those who chance to call, he would have little difficulty in reducing the stock. For there are always people looking for bargains.

The Star offers in its columns the medium of reaching the people. It is a popular paper, with a large circulation throughout the city, and every advertisement stands out clear alongside of reading matter. The merchant who takes a space, devotes careful attention to his advertisements, changes them often, and tells to all the Star's readers what he could tell one of them in his store, will find it a remarkably good investment. Good advertising is a great builder up of business. The busiest merchants in St. John today are those who pay the most attention to persistent, attractive and honest advertising.

WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.
As noted in yesterday's Star, Sir William Preece, the eminent electrician, does not believe wireless telegraphy will ever come into serious competition with the submarine cables. Marconi holds the opposite view. It is an interesting fact in this connection that the German government has issued invitations to various other governments to send delegates to an international conference to consider the question of the regulation of wireless telegraphy. A Washington letter says the United States will send delegates, and adds:

As soon as the first success of the system of sending messages through the air without the use of intermediary wires was assured, it became apparent to military men that sooner or later it would be necessary to apply certain checks on the operators of the instruments. The recent achievement of Marconi in sending wireless messages across the Atlantic has emphasized the feeling and convinced European governments that there should be no more delay in devising means for the control of the system.

General Greely, chief of the signal corps of the army, and Admiral Bradford, chief of the bureau of equipment of the navy, the two branches which have charge of wireless telegraphy work for the army and navy, both believe that it is highly desirable that there be an international agreement on this question. Admiral Bradford has already taken steps to have the United States government protect itself against the encroachments of the wireless telegraph people. He has recommended that the government secure possession of certain prominent points on the Atlantic coast that are adapted for use as signal stations in the sending and receiving of wireless messages. He calls attention to the fact that the French government has adopted this method of fortifying itself and has seized a station that had been selected as a site for a signaling depot.

It is not thought that there will be objection to the plan for international cooperation for the regulation of wireless telegraphy. There is a commercial side to the question which will appeal to those interested in the subject. There are five or six corporations in the United States that have invested large sums of money in plants for the development of this system, and none of them will be adverse to the adoption of laws that will protect their interests. The same thing is true of Canada, and of European countries.

The scheme is to draft proposed laws which will not only conserve the interests of those engaged in promoting wireless telegraphy, but which will protect the governments as well. For instance, certain rights will be accorded to corporations which go into the business of putting up sending and receiving stations with the idea of attending to whatever business they may get. It is proposed to prohibit another concern from coming along and erecting a dynamo in the immediate vicinity and thus break up the operations of the pioneer company. If things of this sort were permitted there would be no end to the opportunities to black-mail. A company proposing to establish communications between England and the United States might establish a station at the eastern end of LONG ISLAND. A powerful dynamo located nearby could derange the whole system. It is against situations of this kind that the conference will be asked to provide.

The plan is to discuss certain proposed laws, and after an agreement has been reached as to the most comprehensive and desirable set of regulations, to have each country place them on a statute books. This will insure an arm's day over the world, which is a very important thing that is absolutely essential to success.

The New Year heart-searching of the Gazette has led that journal to make this frank confession:—"It is however the height of impudence for one whose political views are controlled by dollars and cents, to point the finger of scorn at others who cherish the strong sense of conviction."

THE ORGAN SPEAKS.
New evidence is discovered every day that Dr. Pugsley and Mr. Tweedie are very great men. Who can doubt it after reading this conclusive statement from last night's Gazette, their pet organ:—

Everybody knows the editor of the Sun has to do exactly what he is told by the people who hire him. If he refused to do this he would be looking for a new job the next day and the fact that Mr. Scott has remained on the Sun for so many years is strong proof that he does as he is told.

These could only be the thoughts of great men. Such a lofty tone of discussion could only be assumed by men who have the highest possible conception of public duty.

A NEW EDUCATOR.
Magic lanterns are now used for purposes of illustration in the schools of New York. The Brooklyn Eagle says: "Superintendent of Supplies William G. Kirkland recently ordered four magic lanterns, at cost \$150 each, for use in the public schools in Queens Borough. Slides will be purchased for the lanterns and will cost \$600. These lanterns are to be given in charge of the district superintendents, who will arrange their transfer from one school to another in the respective districts. This kind of instruction has not been in use in Queens Borough before, except in the Newton high school, where the lantern was purchased by the pupils and teachers. In Manhattan and Brooklyn, where it has been in use, it has been very effective in illustrating many subjects."

THE LABOR WORLD.
The Union Label is Steadily Gaining Ground, Says John C. Mitchell.
(Portland, Me., Press.)

John C. Mitchell, International President of Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen, addressed the Portland Central Labor Union on the labor question Tuesday evening. Mr. Mitchell said that the union label is widely used and patronized in the cities of the west. In addition to the trades unions there are formed Women's Labor Leagues, composed of wives, sisters and daughters of union men. The union label means patronizing organized labor, that is, helping yourselves. Hardly in the west can you find a newspaper or the card of a politician that does not have the union label on it.

At the international convention of Stationary Firemen a resolution was passed not to seat a delegate whose clothes did not bear the union label. The eight-hour day on city work is spreading through the western cities. For Wayne has eight hours on all public work. In Toledo the police force is on the eight hour system. Mayor Jones says that eight hours is too much; six hours is enough. "Capital is coming our way," says President Mitchell. "The Nickel Plate, Pennsylvania and Wabash Railroad voluntarily granted an advance of wages of 10 per cent to 20 per cent."

"All over the country large numbers of labor who are now upon the eight hour system would not consider the proposition of returning to the twelve hour system. Under the eight hour system men work better and get more like men. "Strikes are unnecessary and uncalled for; arbitration is the solution. Labor and capital must get nearer together and they can be brought together when properly approached. 'I am willing,' said one proprietor, 'to give eight hours but my competitors must do the same.' This necessitates organizing the competitor also. After this there is no difficulty."

PRINCE OF WALES.
BOSTON, Jan. 1.—The Prince of Wales, the Duke of Cornwall, Lord Denbigh and Lord Roberts had accepted the invitation of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery, and grand preparations for their visit will begin tonight.
(Associated Press.)

BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Lord Roberts of Kandahar will be the guest of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company of Boston next September. This announcement being made by Captain Oly, the commander. He also says that it is a possibility of the Prince of Wales and his suite, the Duke of Cornwall, being accompanied by the Earl of Denbigh, who is lieutenant colonel of the Honorable Artillery Company. Captain Oly says that he has received a letter from England, in which Lord Roberts accept the invitation to be a guest of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery. At the time of our visit to England in 1900, when we were guests of the Honorable Artillery Company, a delegation from that regiment visited us in 1898. But this, on account of the Boer war, was postponed.

"It is our intention to combine our annual trip to make the first Monday in October, with the general reception of our distinguished guests. In the first place, it is our intention to have a wash-out of the vessel upon which the guests will arrive, which will conduct them with all due honors into the harbor. "Two banquets will be held on different nights, one at Mechanics' Hall, with about 1,000 at the tables. The other will be at the Somerset, and at that only members of the two companies and a few invited guests will be present. "The party will remain in Boston from four days to a week, and then will take a trip to Montreal, West Point, Washington, possibly Providence and Lowell, and back to Boston. "The visitors, on their return, will remain in Boston a day or so before sailing for home."

WINTER PORT MATTERS.
The Donaldson str. Kastalia moved over to No. 4 berth yesterday.
The Furness liner London city sailed last night for London direct.
Str. Evangeline, which was at the C. P. R. wharf yesterday, comes over to the government wharf this morning to complete her cargo.
The Alan liner Corinthian sailed from Liverpool yesterday for Halifax and St. John.
The mail str. Pretorian, from St. John and Halifax, arrived at Liverpool yesterday.
Str. Manchester Importer sailed yesterday afternoon for Manchester with a full cargo. She had 80,000 bushels of grain and 470 cattle and 450 sheep.

CATTLE TO BE LIGHTERED.
The Manchester Importer took in her live stock at the old government pier yesterday and it may be that some other vessels may do likewise, but this way of doing things is not likely to continue for any length of time. As a matter of fact, it is proposed to carry the cattle and sheep which come here by the I. C. R. for shipment to Great Britain across the harbor on lighters. The matter of the lighterage of the animals has been undertaken by a prominent business man and the only difficulty that stands in the way of the work is the want of a drop in the lower government pier. It is said this drop will be put in at once. With this equipment the cattle and sheep could be taken on board barges at all times of tide. The barges would be towed alongside the steamers and with ease the live stock would be put on board the steamers in Montreal cattle and sheep are handled in barges, and it is admitted it is the best way to load them. Mr. Pope, the general official who recently visited St. John with regard to the handling of cattle, says this barge system is the best thing possible.

MAX NORDAU.
VIENNA, Jan. 1.—In the course of an exhaustive review of the history of the world, contributed to the Neue Freie Presse by Max Nordau, the writer deeply deprecates the growth of military imperialism in the United States and says that by the admission of the spirit of militarism, which was formerly rigorously excluded, America is raising obstacles to the entrance of emigrants whose only capital is their strong working arms. Speaking of the future of the new world, M. Nordau says the opening of the Panama canal under American ownership will mark the beginning of a new epoch. The tragic stage of the world's history which, in ancient times centered in the Mediterranean, and which moved in the naval ages to the Atlantic, will then be transferred to the Pacific ocean. At first the Anglo-Saxon element will seek to drive out the German and French flags floating over single points in the Pacific ocean; then the struggle will be carried further to the Asiatic coast, where Anglo-Saxons and Russians will have to decide the momentous world question of whether Western or Southern Asia shall remain British or Russian. To this forecast M. Nordau adds: "One can only imagine with horror what such a gigantic struggle of nations and races will signify."

ASIATIC PLAGUE.
MAZATLAN, Mex., Jan. 1.—There is no longer the slightest doubt that the disease now afflicting this city is genuine Asiatic plague, for microscopic investigation proves that bubonic pest bacilli are in the blood of those afflicted with the disease. The plague has grown virulent within the last 24 hours, and the alarm which had begun in some measure to abate has returned with increased strength. The people are fleeing from the city at the rate of 200 per day, and some five thousand persons have gone already. More than fifty per cent of the persons attacked are women. The news of the recrudescence of the plague at this port has reached the interior state and in consequence has appointed sanitary cordons of armed men have been placed around the towns to prevent the entrance of anyone from this place. HERMOSILLO, Mex., Jan. 1.—Owing to the scare caused by the epidemic at Mazatlan the city being taken here to improve the sanitary conditions of the city. Streets are to be kept scrupulously clean, and the city government has appointed an inspector for each city block, whose duty it is to enter every house in the block at least once during the day, make a thorough inspection and report any suspicious sickness.

Y. M. C. A.
The Y. M. C. A. reception last night was well attended, and all had a most enjoyable time. In the first part of the evening an orchestra played select pieces for the audience, in the parlors, decorated for the occasion, and solos were sung by Miss Tarbox and E. S. Watson. Then all went to the gymnasium, where Percy Howard and J. S. Malcom gave an exhibit of tumbling. Following that was a game of basket ball between Gilmour and Howard's teams. Gilmour's team won, the score being 10-4 in his favor.

HAD A FINE BITE.
"Have you fished long in this stream?" asked the traveller. "Eighteen months," was the calm response. "Got many bites?" was the next question. "Oh many bites!" was the next question. The fisherman earnestly turned his gaze from the rod in his hands. "Five months ago in this spot I had a fine bite," he answered, hopefully.

TO ADVERTISERS.
Copy for CHANGE OF ADVERTISEMENTS in the STAR should be in our office not later than 10 a. m. to ensure insertion in that day's issue.

Remember, said the woman who tries to make people happy, "that somewhere the sun is shining." "Of course it is," answered her husband. "And somewhere there are tons upon tons of coal. The thing is to get all this genial warmth right here where it is needed."—Philadelphia Press.

Chronic constipation surely cured or money back. LAXA-CARA TABLETS never fail. Small, chocolate coated, easy to take. Price 25 cents. At druggists!

Hasselt—"The way people rave over slender girls makes me tired. I think the plumper a girl is the prettier she is!" Gesselt—"Ah! I congratulate you, old man; see Miss Dumpling has accepted you, eh!"—Philadelphia Press.

Bicyclists and all athletes depend on BENTLEY'S Liniment to keep their joints limber and muscles in trim.

IN THE STAR DEPTHS.
(Yonkers Statesman.)
The Chorus Girl—"He told me my future home would be in heaven." The Soprano—"I always told you you'd be a star some day."

TO CURE A COLD IN ONE DAY.
Take Laxative Bromo-Quinine Tablets. This signature on every box. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People.

WINTER, 1903.

MEN'S WINTER OVERCOATS.

NEW. STYLISH. FASHIONABLE.

Correct in every Particular.

\$10.00, \$12.00, \$15.00.

No garment is allowed to leave our establishment unless it is a Perfect Fit.

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St. John Star.
What better New Year's Gift for an absent friend than a year's subscription to the newspaper that gives the most Saint John news? **\$3.00.**

CHARLES BAILLIE
Direct importer of Havana Cigars, and dealer in first class Tobaccoist's Goods.
70 KING STREET.
TO COUNTRY NEWSPAPERS AND PRINTING OFFICES.

Owing to the purchase and installation of new plant, the undersigned will, in a few weeks, have the following articles for sale:

- 5 Imposing Stones with Stands.
- 1 Staple Binder.
- 1 Card Cutter.
- 2 Job Presses.
- 1 Counter, with 6 drawers, walnut top, 9 1/2 feet long.

SUN PRINTING COMPANY
St. John, N. B.

DEATH OF N. B. COTTLE.
The death of N. B. Cottle occurred at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon at his residence, 45 Exmouth street, after an illness of about ten days. The deceased was born at Upper Gagetown 68 years ago. He was engaged in a general store business at Jemseg for 27 years, part of the time in partnership with C. D. Dykeman, who is still doing business there. Seventeen years ago he came to St. John, where he has since carried on a grocery business in partnership with his son-in-law, Geo. W. Colwell, under the firm name of Cottle & Colwell. The deceased was a son of Deacon N. Cottle of Canning, Queens Co., and was himself deacon of Brunsford street Baptist church for the last fifteen years. He was a faithful church member and official, and will be greatly missed by his family and community. He was a member of the Baptist church for more than fifty years, and died trusting in his Saviour.

TEXTS FOUND IN HALL CLOCKS.
John R. Hare, Baltimore, Md., the well-known antiquary, has quite a collection of verse, which has been found from time to time in old hall clocks. Some are very terse and totem with truth. Pasted inside the case of an old sentinel of Father Time was a piece of parchment on which was written in ink that had long since almost faded away:

"I am old and worn as my face appears, For I've walked on time for a hundred years. Many have fallen since I began. Many will fall ere my race is run. I have buried the world with its hopes and its fears. In my hour, long march of a hundred years."

In another old colonial timepiece was written:

"Master behold me here I stand To tell the hour at thy command; What is thy wish 'tis my delight. But master be wise and learn from me To serve thy God as I serve thee."

A wise old clockmaker had scratched upon the plates of another this bit of true philosophy:

"The man is yet unborn who truly weighs the hour."

Scrubbed in the case of another old clock, which for years told the flight of the hours in a hallway on Cathedral street, was the following:

ODDFELLOWS MEET.
The annual New Year's meeting of the Oddfellows took place in Lodge No. 46, west end, yesterday morning. It opened at 10.30 o'clock with a prayer from Brother Thompson, Deacon Eliot being in the chair. The following programme was successfully carried out: Instrumental quartet, Perkins, Palmer, Longan and Long, speeches by Bros. Skinner, Hatheway, Allan and others, vocal solo by Brother Murdoch. Mrs. Hobart, the pianist, played excellently and the meeting closed with God Save the King.

DIED IN ENGLAND.
Mrs. H. G. Addy yesterday received word from England of the sudden death there of Duncan Fraser, who spent considerable time in St. John last summer as the guest of Dr. and Mrs. Addy. Mr. Fraser is a brother-in-law of Dr. Addy's daughter, Mrs. G. H. Fraser, and is a nephew of Mrs. H. Lawrence Sturdee. He was in the Indian railway service. Leaving St. John, Mr. Fraser returned to England to visit there. His vacation was pretty nearly over and he was planning his return to India. Advice say that he died suddenly from heart disease, passing away in his sleep.

THE BATTLE LINE.
Str. Pandosia left Savannah yesterday for Bremen.
Str. Tanagra arrived at Louisburg yesterday from Swansea for New York.

Coughs, colds, hoarse-ness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Cremonese tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

THE MOROCCO RISING.

It may yet lead to a Furious War.

(Montreal Witness.) The overthrow of the Sultan of Morocco's army has left the Christian missionaries in a most desperate situation. Instead of the women missionaries being safe at Fez and Mequinez, as stated in the telegraphic despatch, they could hardly find themselves in a more dangerous position. Mequinez is seventy miles inland from the Atlantic coast, and Fez about thirty miles east of it, or about a hundred miles from the coast, and Fez at least is surrounded by crumbling walls that could not long withstand a vigorous assault. It is only a little while ago that a missionary was murdered in the streets of Fez by a fanatic, and it was the speedy execution of the murderer by order of the Sultan that lent additional fury to the fanatical fires then beginning to rage. For more than a thousand years Fez has been one of the sacred cities of Islam, and the mosque of the Cherubim there is one of the largest and most venerated in North Africa. To capture the place, therefore, from an 'infidel' Sultan, and to kill off the hated 'Glaouas,' would be considered by the pretender and his wild followers as a meritorious act. The crime of the Sultan in the eyes of the rebels is that he is a man of progressive ideas, who has sought the counsel of Europeans with the design of introducing reforms in his system of administering law and justice. He has been met, as every Moslem ruler has been who made a like attempt, by armed rebellion, led by a fanatical pretender to a divine mission. Everywhere that such uprisings occur they are the result of the impact of two totally irreconcilable forms of civilization, Islam being a religion and a political system combined, accords with the free, wild, mystic nature of the Arab. It is, in fact, the survival of a racial development, to which every fibre of his being responds. It elevates him in his own estimation as superior to all who are not 'True Believers,' inspires him with supreme contempt for Europeans and leads him to prefer death to a change in his habits. This attitude is strengthened by the tribal system among people who will largely cling to their nomadic customs. But they will be defeated in the end. Mohammedanism of the exclusively Arab type must give way before the march of civilization.

Should the pretender, who has won a victory over the Sultan's troops outside Fez, succeed in seizing the reins of government, or even in prolonging the civil war, the conditions will be created which will surely lead to intervention of some kind. Considering the character of the people of Morocco, a furious war is not improbable. Spain which has several 'presidios' in Morocco, including Tetuan, near Cape Non, Tetuan, and Ceuta, opposite Gibraltar, and the coast towns of Gomerah, Alhucemas, Mellilla and the Zafarrin Islands, is very near to where the troubles are thickest, and it would not be surprising if these garrisons were presently attacked by the fanatical hordes. Spain is preparing to safeguard her interests and France will do the same on the Algerian frontier at least, while England and Germany are interested both politically and as being along with France Morocco's largest creditors. In 1900, French troops from Algeria occupied Tzau, and the French Government declared Tidjket, Tzau and Gharara to be French territory in spite of the Sultan's protest that by this action the treaty of 1845, regulating the frontiers of Algeria and Morocco, had been violated. Whether rightly or wrongly, France has long been suspected of casting a longing eye upon Moroccan territory and the pretence that the present anti-Christian movement in Morocco is feared by France is at least one side of the truth. Whatever else may happen, when all is said and done, it will be strange if France is not found to have extended her North African possessions. If the nations were in the coast towns, the British ships could protect them, but they could hardly send an expedition inland because of the jealousy of the other powers. It is the same jealousy that protects the Turkish Sultan and makes possible the periodical massacre of Christians in Armenia and the Balkans.

CATHOLIC SOCIETIES.

The Young Men's Society of St. Joseph held a reunion yesterday afternoon and a feature was the presentation of a purse of gold to their spiritual director, Rev. F. J. McMurray. A programme was carried out, including solo, Joseph Daley; reading, W. P. O'Rourke; violin solo, H. O'Neill; sketch, Frank Donohue; dancing, W. Harris; selection, Messrs. Mullaly and O'Neill; solo, H. O'Brien; declamation, John Barry; solo, G. Stafford; piano solo, J. L. Mullaly; solo, William Garrett; mandolin, H. O'Neill; solo, Thomas Morris; reading, M. D. Sweeney; solo, Louis McDonald; Joseph Nichol, W. J. MacGo, J. Buckley and J. G. Condon, were the committee in charge. The Father Matthew Association gave the boys of the Industrial School, Silver Falls, a New Year's treat. With friends all gathering about sixty, they drove out to the institution where previously they had prepared a Christmas tree laden with good useful presents besides delicacies and toys. When they arrived the lady, ninety odd in number, looking the picture of health, contented and neat appearing, were gathered to welcome them and there was also, hearty welcomes from Rev. A. J. O'Neill and Sister Patrick. The boys sang choruses, some gave recitations and dialogues, a speech was made by Rev. Father O'Neill and by Wilfrid Murphy, president of the F. M. A., and the good things for the boys were distributed.

THE BOYS' MISSION.

The supper and concert held in the York Theatre last evening by the members of the Boys' Mission proved a most enjoyable function. The boys sat down to a substantial supper in the assembly room at six o'clock and the concert was held in the theatre afterwards. There was a good audience present. The mission chorus sang a number of selections and there was a programme of musical and variety numbers.

THE HANDS IN WINTER.

Chapping and Redness of the Skin May Be Avoided.

One of the minor ills to which human flesh is heir when winter's chilling blasts search out and discover weak spots, is roughness of skin, particularly of the hands. The chief reason of this common, but annoying accompaniment of cold weather is that the skin, losing its elasticity because of a lack of natural secretion at a time that atmospheric conditions do not induce perspiration becomes unduly dry and contracted and so is liable to crack. It is a tender skin that will do this, because tender skins are thin and delicate and cannot stand what rougher ones will. Another cause is carelessness in drying the skin after washing it, particularly if it is washed immediately before going out into the open air or directly after coming in. Very many persons in cold weather dare not wash their hands either before going out or immediately after coming in, for if they do, even though the water they use be warm, their skin will burn so as to be painful, and it will look red besides. They may avoid such an annoyance if they will rub on the hands a little cold cream or ointment, allow it to remain on a moment or so and then remove it with a soft, old handkerchief, either of silk or cambric. Another delightful emollient for the hands, arms and neck is fine oatmeal. Put it into a flannel bag, boil it, and then place it in the water intended for ablutions; or it may be kept dry in a jar on the toilet table and some rubbed on the hands whenever they are washed. Honey rubbed into the skin while still wet, drying it as the skin is dried, is also a preventative of chapping.

The hands were dried more carefully than would be less roughness of the skin. A good plan is to dry the hands well, after using the towel, with an old, silk handkerchief, which will absorb any moisture left.

Glycerine is an old friend, but as alone it is irritating to most skins, it should be diluted with rose water or pure water; one part of glycerine to three parts of rose water. If about one drachm of acetic acid is used to one ounce of glycerine, it helps to remove any stains from the hands.

If a woman is wise she will take the precaution to wear gloves when dusting a room or doing any kind of work that will soil her hands.

Not every woman can have a perfect hand, but every woman can have a beautifully kept hand. The perfect hand, according to Firenze, an Italian author of the sixteenth century, who wrote a 'Dialogue on the Beauty of Women,' has fingers long, slender, tapering somewhat toward the tip. The nails should be transparent, like pale rubies among pink roses and leaves of the pomegranate flower; not long, nor round nor altogether square, but of a fair shape, and with a very little boss, uncovered, clean and well kept, so that, at the base, the little white crescent is visible.

Above, beyond the flesh of the finger, an edge should be seen as wide as a small knife is thick, without the smallest suspicion of black at the tip. And the whole hand must be of a tender, firm surface, as though it were of fine silk or of the softest cotton.

Tapering fingers are indispensable to the perfect hand. Beauty often takes great pains to acquire this shape. Mrs. Patterson Bonaparte's hands and arms were celebrated for their beauty—a beauty preserved even to extreme old age. In order to keep the shape and color, she wore long gloves continuously day and night, and at night she also wore ten little thimble-shaped caps of silver, which kept her fingers finely tapering.

Queen Victoria was also noted for the beauty of her hand and arm. Age in no wise affected the beautiful curve of wrist, which was not the least attractive feature of her remarkable hand and arm.

An old writer, talking about Mary Stuart, tells how beautiful and white were her hands, and adds that when she was in trouble they looked very pathetic and helpless against her black gown.—N. Y. Sun.

DO YOU THINK SO?

(Chicago News.) It's a put-up job on a man when his wife orders a new stove. No man can be expected to foot his wife's bills without kicking. Even the river banks are unable to stand a protracted run on them.

Wives fear burglars will break in and husbands fear the baby will break out. Hops are said to be a sedative, yet most frogs are troubled with chronic insomnia.

A bachelor who has been rejected by seven girls says that feminine beauty is on the decline.

There is nothing an old woman likes better than to get hold of a sick man who is willing to try homemade remedies.

It's usually easier for one father to support ten small children than it is for ten grown-up children to support one father.

AN ELEVATOR BURNED.

FORT DEXTER, Iowa, Jan. 1.—Fire last night destroyed the grain elevator and 100,000 bushels of oats belonging to the Great Western Cereal Co. of Fort Dexter. The loss is \$125,000. The machinery caused a spark, which resulted in an explosion near the top of the building.

THE DEATH ROLL.

BUTTE, Mont., Jan. 1.—Mrs. William A. Clark, jr., died this morning. Mrs. Clark was born 23 years ago near Pittsburg, Pa., the daughter of John H. Foster, who came to Butte nearly 17 years ago. On June 19, 1901, she was wedded to William A. Clark, jr., youngest son of S. W. A. Clark. Her baby for whom she gave her life was born Dec. 28.

To cure a headache in ten minutes, use KUMFORT Headache Powders.

ST. JOHN FIRE ALARM.

- No. 2 Engine House, King Square.
No. 3 Engine House, Union street.
Corner Pennell and Garden streets.
Corner Mill and Union streets.
Market Square, Astor Light House.
Mechanical Institute, Corbin street.
Corner Mill and Bond streets.
Foot of Union street (east).
Waterloo street, Caramarthen Palace street.
Corner St. Patrick and Union streets.
Corner Brussels and Richmond streets.
Brussels street, near old Everett foundry.
Corner Brussels and Hanover streets.
Corner Thorsen and Sullivan streets.
Corner Union and Caramarthen streets.
Corner Courtenay and St. David streets.
Waterloo opposite Goding street.
Corner German and King streets.
(Private) Manchester, Robertson & Al.
Corner Princess and Charlotte streets.
No. 1 Engine House, Charlotte street.
Princess street, near Prince Wm. st.
Breese's Corner, King Square.
Corner Duke and Prince Wm. streets.
Corner Duke and Sydney streets.
Corner Westworth and Princess streets.
Corner Westworth and Garden streets.
Corner Creep and Caramarthen streets.
Corner St. James and Sydney streets.
Corner St. James and Prince Wm. streets.
Corner Pitt and Duke streets.
Corner Brittain and Charlotte streets.
Corner Pitt and St. James streets.
Foot Sydney street.
City and West, near St. James.
Pond street, near Fleming's Foundry.
Embold street.
Wright street, near St. James.
York Cotton Mill, Courtney Day.

NORTH END.

- Bridge street, near Stedman's mill.
Ladlow and Water streets.
Street Railway car station.
Corner Adelaide Road and Post street.
Princess street, near St. James.
Douglas avenue, opp. Hon. Jas. Holly's.
Douglas avenue, near Bentley street.
Corner Hamilton and St. James streets.
Rolling Mills, Strait Shore.
Corner Sheriff St. and Strait Shore road.
Corner Hamilton and St. James streets.
Police Station, Main street.
Head-Long Wharf, Main street.
Princess street, near St. James.
Engine House No. 4, City Road.
Corner Stanley and Winter streets.
Head Millidge street, Fort Howe.
Corner Barker and Somerset streets, Fort Howe.
Corner City Road and Meadow street.
Marsh Road.

WEST SIDE.

- Engine House, King street.
Ladlow and Water streets.
King street and Market Place.
Middle street, Old Fort.
Wright street, near St. James.
Sand Point Wharf.
Queen and Victoria streets.
Princess street, near St. James.
St. John and Watson streets.
Winslow and Watson streets.

JACK TAY'S SURPLUS.

(From the San Francisco Coast Seaman's Journal.) A captain of one of the steel trust boats asked one of the wheelmen (union) what he did with his surplus earnings. Here is the conversation: "How do you like to work for the company?" "Well, you do with the rest?" "Pretty well," answered the man at the wheel. "How much do you make a month?" "I make more than I get, which is \$2.50," the wheelman replied. "Oh, I pay grocery bills, butcher's bills and support myself and family." "I buy shoes for the children and books, so they can go to school." "What do you do with the rest?" "Well, I have to pay rent, of course." "What do you do with the rest?" asked the persistent questioner. "I may do it this way, if you know, people fall sick sometimes." "But surely, you do with the rest?" "That can take all of your earnings." "Well, I will tell you," whispered the wheelman contently, "the rest I pack in barrels and stow away in the hold!" The captain turned in below.

TO FREE HOUSE PLANTS OF INSECTS.

Dissolve a bar of laundry soap, shaved fine, in a quart of luke-warm water. Set over the fire and bring to a gentle boil. Keep this up for ten minutes. Take to the table away from the stove, and add two quarts of kerosene to the mixture, gradually beating it all up with a Dwyer or other egg beater. It should be as thick as mayonnaise dressing when done. Keep in a cool place. In using, dilute one cupful with two gallons of water. It will be almost milk white. Spray the plants infested by aphidae, red spiders or other greenhouse pests with this.

The recipe was given by a celebrated florist and may be depended upon. A cup of good tea—a cup of Red Rose tea.

CHANGED CONDITIONS.

First Politician—"Of course, you consider yourself master of the situation?" Second Politician—"These you haven't heard of my marriage."—Boston Evening Transcript.

Are you using Red Rose tea? It's good tea.

COMMERCIAL.

BANK DIVIDENDS. The following bank dividends are announced: The Bank of Nova Scotia has declared a dividend at the rate of eight per cent. on the paid up capital stock of the Bank for the half year ending Dec. 31. The Halifax Bank has declared a dividend of three and one half per cent. on the capital stock of the bank for the half year ending Dec. 31. The dividend of the Royal Bank of Canada for the half year is four per cent., being at the rate of eight per cent. per annum on the paid up capital stock of the bank. The Eastern Canada Savings and Loan Co., Ltd., has declared a dividend of three per cent. on the paid up capital stock of the company, for the half year ending Dec. 31.

SUGAR IMPORTATIONS. The importations of raw sugar at the port of Halifax during 1905 were as follows: Country. Tons. From British West Indies 26,295 From Germany 17,291 Total 43,586

STOCK MARKET. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Wall Street.—There is a strong and anxious feeling in the stock market with large fractional gains throughout the list. Missouri Pacific led on very early sales, closing at 114 1/2. It had a dividend of 2 1/2 per cent and recovered 1/4 of that in the first few minutes. U. S. Steel closed at 114 1/2. U. S. Realty was also notably active with fractional advances. Gains reached from 1 to 1 1/2 in U. S. Steel and Amalgamated Copper. B. & O., Chicago, Great Western, Kansas and Texas, pfd, and Minneapolis, St. Paul and S. S. Marie pfd. Buying for London account helped the advance, that centre showing a confident tone on account of the easier money conditions.

COTTON. NEW YORK, Jan. 2.—Cotton futures opened strong; Jan., 8.09; Feb., 8.06; March, 8.02; April, 8.01; May, 8.01; June, 8.01; July, 8.01; Aug., 8.01; Sept., 8.01; Oct., 8.01.

OIL. An Associated Press despatch says oil opened higher at 1.54 in Pittsburg today.

SPORTING NEWS.

THE RING. Jack O'Brien Did the Trick in Twelve Rounds.

BUFFALO, N. Y., Jan. 1.—It took Jack O'Brien twelve rounds to dispose of Al Weing before the International Athletic Club at Fort Erie this afternoon. The Buffalo man went down and out in the middle of the twelfth after receiving a terrific right hand uppercut and a shove which banged his head against the floor and made his arising within the ten seconds an impossibility. The contest was one-sided all through, and Weing was made a veritable chopping-block for the clever Philadelphia. Weing did not land a score of clean blows throughout the twelve rounds, while O'Brien, with stinging jabs, cutting swings and stunning counters, played on the Buffalo man whenever and whenever he pleased. But Weing's vitality and well known powers of recuperation and ability to stand punishment enabled him to stand on his feet and take all the grueling without going down until the finishing punch. O'Brien fought the fastest twelve rounds ever seen before the Fort Erie Club. He was in action every second, feinting, shifting, dancing in and out and piling in the blows on the husky biker, and although he landed a multitude of blows, O'Brien did Weing's jaw to have won a half dozen lights, he seemed to lack a blow powerful enough to knock him out. Weing was knocked down clean in the first round and was hanging on the ropes in the second and third rounds, but his strength held him up. O'Brien did literally cut his face to ribbons, closed both eyes and wore him down until he was unable to protect himself or damage to his opponent. O'Brien did all the fighting, Weing seldom attempting a lead. O'Brien finished without a scratch, and Weing was all cut up. Three thousand people saw the contest.

NEW BRITAIN, Conn., Jan. 1.—After recently winning the Philadelphia Philadelphia, Referee John Willis gave Joe Gans of Baltimore the decision in the eleventh round of a bout between Gans and Weing before the National Athletic Club this afternoon. Gans was on the offensive from the start of the bout.

THISTLES MEET AND ELECT SKIPS. The regular monthly meeting of the Thistle Curling Club was held last evening in the rink rooms, when there was a large attendance.

Fred Shaw and J. H. Thomson were chosen skips to play against the Scottish curlers. The following schedule was agreed to for the games with the Scots: Two rinks from St. Andrew's club and Thistle club to play Saturday night. On Monday, two rinks from Fredrickton, two rinks from St. Stephen and one Carlton rink. On Tuesday, Campbellton one rink, Chatham one rink, Sackville one rink, and Hampton one rink.

The Thistles elected last evening the following skips to play Fredrickton and St. Stephen: B. R. Wain, J. S. Malcolm, J. Fred Shaw and J. H. Thomson. They also decided to challenge the St. Andrew's Curling Club of this city for three games, fourteen rinks a side, and elected the following skips: D. R. Willett, J. Fred Shaw, W. Malcolm, J. H. Thomson, A. B. Kelly, A. W. Sharp, Rev. W. O. Raymond, W. P. Robinson, Alex. Macaulay, R. A. Courtney, Harry Morris, D. McMillan, Jas. Mitchell, and W. M. Rivers.

Two new members, A. P. Patterson and C. D. Jones, were elected.

SKATING. There was a large crowd and a very exciting handicap race at the Victoria Rink last evening, which was won by Baird, a young skater of much promise. The starters were: Dalton and Daley, scratch; Logan, half lap; Baird and Whitcomb, three-quarters of a lap. All were named at the seventh lap and when the bell rang for the last lap Baird jumped to the front and finished a winner in 5:16.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN. Arrived. Schr. Onward, 32, Wassan, from St. John's, N.S., with 67,283 feet oak timber for Carr & Co.

Schr. Domain, 91, Wilson, from New York with 138 tons hard coal. Arrived. Schr. Edna Belle, 11, Chaney, from Grand Manan. Schr. Westport, 14, Powell, from Westport; Schr. Bay Queen, 32, Chaney, from Westport; Schr. Rev. of Sweep, from Quaco; Schr. Efort, 65, Apt, from Annapolis.

Cleared. Jan. 1.—S. S. London City, 1542, Patterson, for West Hartlepool. S. S. Manchester Importer, 2528, Black, for Liverpool. Jan. 2.—S. S. Evangeline, 1417, Heely, for London, via Halifax. General cargo. Wm. Thomson. Schr. Nimrod, 257, Haley, for Eastport. Deal, Stetson, Cutler & Co. Arrived. Schr. R. L. Kinney, 71, Prudden, for River Hebert. Schr. Edna Belle, 11, Chaney, for Grand Harbor. Schr. Orant-yakka, 71, Philney, for Campbell. Schr. Harry Morris, 38, McLean, for Quaco. Schr. Bay Queen, 13, Outhouse, for Tiverton. Schr. S. Westport, 48, Power, for Westport.

LATE SHIP NEWS. Domestic Ports. LOUISBURG, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Tanager, Abbott, from Swansea for New York. HALIFAX, NS, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Cathar-ginian, from Liverpool via St. Johns, NF. Str. Ask, Hansen, for Jamaica.

Foreign Ports. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 1.—Str. Corinthian, for Halifax and St. John, NB. PLYMOUTH, Jan. 2.—Arrd, str Patricia, from New York for Hamburg via Chorboum. LIVERPOOL, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Pretorian, from N.H. and Halifax. SCHELLY, Jan. 1, 3:20 pm.—Passed, str St. Louis, from New York for Southampton.

ROCKLAND, Me, Jan. 1.—Strd, barkin Cuba, for Portland, NS, with a coal port. BOSTON, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Arcadia, from Hants; Daltonhall, from Rotterdam; Myrtle, from Lousburg, CB; Boston, from Yarmouth; str Genevieve, from St. John, NB; Chas. L. Jeffrey, from South Amboy.

Arrd, str Cambrian King, from Antwerp via Baltimore; str Edwood Burton and J. W. Balano, for New York. BALEM, Mass, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Otis Miller, from St. John, NB, for Newport. BOUTHBY HARBOR, Me, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Kewardin, from St. John, NB. VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Jan. 1.—In port, str Fraulein, from St. John, NB, for New York; Alaska, from River Hebert, NS, for do; Clara Jane, from Catala for New Suffolk, LI.

Arrd, str J. L. Colwell, from Port Johnson for St. John, NB; Demoselle, from Port Georgeville, NS, for New York. FALL RIVER, Mass, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Beth W. Miller, from Catala.

HYANNIS, Mass, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Abbie and Eva Hooper, from a coal port. PORTLAND, Me, Jan. 1.—Arrd, str Grand-aria, from Sydney, CB.

NEW HAVEN, Conn, Jan. 1.—Second Mate Conrad Thorsen and sailors George Anderson and Hans Ansen of the three masted schooner Coral Leaf, Captain Harsted, are held in the police station on a charge of ship desertion. They will be given a hearing before U. S. Commissioner Wright on Saturday. The schooner came here from Yarmouth, NS.

PROVED IT. Mean Old Man—"I don't believe your story, nor believe that you are blind. Prove it." Beggar—"If I wasn't blind I never would have asked you for assistance."—Detroit Free Press.

MORNING'S NEWS.

LOCAL. Major Chapleau, clerk of the Canadian senate, spent New Year's in St. John.

The police have reported Dr. Faber for practicing in the city as a physician without a business license, he not being a ratepayer.

Walter Knowles will leave this evening for Norah Sydney, where he will erect for J. G. King two large baker's ovens. Mr. Knowles will take one experienced man with him.

Aldermen Stackhouse and Bullock inspected fire house No. 6, west end, yesterday afternoon. With the exception of a lame engine horse everything was found to be in excellent condition.

A large number of people who came out here on the Lake Ontario were forwarded yesterday to points in the United States, having complied with the requirements of the immigration officials. Dr. Ellis is holding some 60 people because of trachoma, and 30 of them will be treated at the hospital.

A. A. McClaskey returned yesterday from Brockton, Mass., where he had been present at a reunion of his family. The gathering was at the residence of his son Frank, and there were present Harry McClaskey, the well known singer; Mrs. F. C. Macneil and child, as well as father and son above mentioned. Mrs. Frank McClaskey was R. A. Courtney's daughter of a Court-ridge Island will within the next few days lose almost all the people recently added to its population. The cleansing of the immigrants removed to that station from the str. Lake Champlain is almost completed. Five hundred people have been given the necessary baths and their belongings have been disinfected. These people will be brought up to the city today in a large scow owned by E. L. Jewett, in tow of the tug Neptune. The scow was inspected yesterday by the government officials. The immigrants will still have to undergo inspection by the United States officials and the government people.

PROVINCIAL. The exports of St. Stephen for the year 1905 were valued at \$662,470, compared with \$564,581 in 1901. The imports were valued at \$615,217, compared with \$483,625.

Thomas Dawden, aged 49 years, a native of Prince Edward Island, was burned to death in a factory fire at Stoughton, Mass., yesterday.

GENERAL. The Methodist thank offering of twenty million dollars, which was to be raised in the United States before the end of the year, has all been pledged. The announcement was made in Trinity Methodist church, Springfield, Mass., at the watch night service on New Year's eve.

Carl Carlson, a Swede, who had been working to get money to bring his wife and children to Boston, and had almost enough, was accidentally killed in that city yesterday.

Two thousand Finlanders will be brought to British Columbia next summer, to take the place of Japanese in the employ of the Malcolm Island Cooperation Community, salmon canners and lumber operators.

MEETINGS. The members of Alexander Temple of Honor were at home to their friends from half-past two to five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The affair was largely attended and much enjoyed.

The annual roll call and reunion of the Tabernacle Baptist church, Haymarket Square, was held last evening. Rev. H. H. Roach, pastor, outlined the problems which had been solved during the year, and spoke generally of the work which had been done. The year had been a most progressive one for the church, the financial outlook is good and the membership has increased eighteen, making the total now one hundred and ten. Several new classes were formed and will have regular meetings Monday night.

The spacious and handsome rooms of No. 2 Salvage Corps have had their appearance improved by a donation from Dr. Geo. A. Hetherington in the shape of two pictures.

No. 1 Company Salvage Corps drove over yesterday on their own cart a snoker given by No. 2, north end. All enjoyed themselves thoroughly. Last night No. 2 Company attended the Opera House.

The St. John Primary Teachers' Union will meet this afternoon in the parlor of the German Street Baptist Church at 4 o'clock. Mrs. Robinson, kindergarten, will continue her talks on the subject of "Child Study." All mothers and S. S. teachers are cordially invited to be present. Silver collection will be taken.

THE LATE REV. G. W. McDONALD. On arrival of the train at Woodstock yesterday afternoon, the body of the late Rev. G. W. McDonald was conveyed to the Reformed Baptist church where a memorial service was held. The building was thronged by those who had come to know the deceased during his pastorate of eleven years in Woodstock.

Rev. B. Colpitts, the next oldest clergyman among the Reformed Baptists, presided, and addresses were delivered by him and Rev. W. B. Williams, Rev. J. H. Coy, Stephen B. Appley, K. C., and R. B. Jones. Each was an old personal friend of the late clergyman and spoke with deep feeling of the force which he had exerted on behalf of temperance, and indeed everything which tended to the uplifting and betterment of humanity.

Interment was made in the old cemetery at Broadwing, Rev. Mr. Wiggins officiating at the grave.

NORTHWEST LAND SALES. WINNIPEG, Jan. 1.—C. P. R. land sales for 1902 were 2,420,440 acres for which the company received \$8,140,245. The Canada Northwest Land Company's sales last year aggregated 516,000 acres for \$2,530,000. This is a large increase over the year 1901, in the case of both companies.

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To remove a rusty screw apply a red-hot poker to the top of the screw for a short time, and then, while it is still hot, take it out with a screw-driver.

To curl feathers first dampen them, then roll them in curling pins, in exactly the same way one would curl the hair. Leave them in the pins for 24 hours or so and then comb them out, when they will be found to curl most beautifully.

Fruit Rice Pudding. Take a large teaspoonful of rice, and cook partially in a little water. Dry and line a basin with one-half of it. Fill nearly full with pared, cored and quartered apples, or any fruit preferred, cover with the remainder of the rice. Tie a cloth tightly over the top, and steam for an hour. Serve with sweet sauce, and do not butter the basin.

Boston Bean Croquettes. To one and a half pint beans previously cooked just sufficiently to pass through a colander, add one tablespoonful vinegar, one of molasses and one of butter, a pinch of cayenne and half a teaspoonful of salt; mix well, and when cold form into balls or croquettes, dip in egg and crumbs and fry in very hot fat. These can best be handled in a wire basket, but are not difficult to handle without.

Flannel Cakes with Yeast. Heat half-pint of sweet milk and into it put one heaping tablespoonful butter, let it melt, add a half-pint cold milk and the well beaten yolks of two eggs, a half-teaspoonful of salt, two tablespoonfuls home-made yeast, and flour to make a stiff batter. Let rise in a warm place over night. Before baking add the beaten whites, which have been kept in a cool place during the night. Note—Be sure and make batter stiff enough, as flour must not be added after it has risen. These cakes, half cornmeal and half wheat, are very nice.

THE PROPER THING TO DO. (Philadelphia Press.)

"Doctor," said the fussy invalid, "I understand the only proper way to breathe is through the nose. Now sometimes I wake up and find my mouth wide open."

"Well," said Dr. Gruff. "Get up and shut it, of course."

PRESENTATIONS. At the General Public Hospital Miss Mitchell, the matron, was presented with a silver cake plate by the help, and various other gifts from the staff and nurses.

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THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 39; the lowest was 20; the temperature at noon was 28. The wind at noon was north-west, with a velocity of sixteen miles per hour.

LOCAL NEWS.

Furnace hard coal \$10, Gibbon & Co. Steamer Athenian left Hong Kong Wednesday.

The slaughter house commissioners are in regular monthly session this afternoon.

A rolling mill is to be erected in Toronto to use the Dominion Steel Co's products.

A pair of rubber boots were stolen from the house of William Adams, florist, on Lancaster heights yesterday.

Samuel Taylor, the commercial traveller, of Sackville, who was one of the injured in the Intercolonial disaster at Belmont some weeks ago, has not yet been able to leave his bed.

Rev. G. O. Heustis of Lunenburg, N. S., is in the city stopping at the Dufferin.

A. G. Edgcombe of Fredericton is in town.

R. Beach of Regina, Lionel Hewitts and family of Moncton and P. P. Hobson of Edmonton, Manitoba, arrived in the city on the C. P. R. express at noon today.

P. L. Robinson of Marysville is in the city today.

J. E. Porter, a U. N. B. graduate in the class of 1902, was in the city yesterday on his way to Harvard, where he is taking a course in philosophy.

John C. Miles, R. C. A., is suffering from an attack of acute gastritis. His condition last night caused his friends great anxiety.

The engagement is announced of Miss Cassie McGilkey, of Bathurst, to Edward Quinley, formerly of Newcastle, but who has lived for several years at Indian Head, near Regina, N. W. T. The happy event will occur on or about the 8th of January.—Newcastle Advocate.

H. A. Ellis of Fredericton is in the city to look after the losses of Arthur & Co., of Glasgow, in the McLaughlin building fire, which company Mr. Ellis represents.

Wm. Dancy of Chatham is at the Dufferin.

Ernest H. Turnbull left for New York last night.

Rev. H. J. Lynds and Mrs. Lynds of St. George are at the Dufferin.

Miss George Burns of Bathurst is visiting Mrs. J. D. Maber, Douglas avenue.

The engagement is announced of John Roydon Thomson, son of John H. Thomson of St. John, to Miss Mary Constance Chipman, only daughter of Major Chipman of St. Stephen.—St. Croix Courier.

Dr. and Mrs. Marvin of Souris, P. E. I., are the guests of Dr. Melvin.

Miss Lou Marsh of Elliot Row arrived yesterday from New York, accompanied by her nephew, Master Arthur Simpson.

A PRESENTATION.

On Tuesday evening last the members of the Klondyke Club held their annual supper in the I. O. G. T. hall, Main street, Fairville. After full justice had been done to the many good things provided a short musical programme was carried out.

The new steamship which is to take the place of the Springfield on the Bellisle route is under construction at the Old Fort, Carleton place, and it is expected that she will be launched March 20th.

The new boat is to be named the Beatrice E. Waring, after Miss Waring, one of the principal shareholders and managers of the Springfield Steamship Company. She will be 140 feet long, 25 feet wide and 21 feet over all, with a capacity for about 600 passengers.

The plates for the boiler arrived yesterday and the machinery is under rapid construction at the St. John Iron Works. The hull is being built by A. Harnet.

Samuel Gardiner, in the employ of A. C. Smith & Co., severely crushed one of his hands yesterday morning.

Walter Baxter had one of his legs broken Wednesday night at the north end by falling. He was sent to the hospital.

May Hayes, the young daughter of R. E. Hayes, of Rockland Road, broke her arm just above the wrist yesterday by a coasting accident.

Mrs. Thomas Cully of Black River met with a peculiar accident Wednesday night. A dog ran in front of her and the lady was thrown to the ground, sustaining a fracture of the wrist.

HARD COAL.

What Those who Handle it Have to Say.

The Supply is Fairly Good and There Will not Likely be Any Shortage.

There is now a fairly large quantity of hard coal in the city, and while some difficulty is being experienced in securing regular shipments it is not probable that there will be any shortage during the winter.

Of the two firms who are now handling hard coal only one is selling to the public, and the other is using up all the supplies available in filling orders. Speaking to the Star this morning a member of the firm of J. S. Gibbon & Co. said:—

"We brought a sample shipment of Scotch coal here on the Alcidis, and finding that it was satisfactory have been endeavoring to secure regular consignments. This as yet we have been unable to do, but hope to receive weekly supplies by the Donaldson steamers. The steamship people make a special rate on this coal, but we have nothing to do with the freight here, as we pay for the coal landed."

"This Scotch coal we are selling at \$10.00 per ton. We have been able to secure shipments of American anthracite from New York and are using it both to supply the regular demand and in filling orders received early last season. All our orders are not yet filled."

"The American anthracite comes now in three principal sizes. We are selling the nut and chestnut coal at \$10.00 per ton, and the furnace coal at \$10.00 per ton. The latter size is rather scarce, but the supply at present is fairly good, nut and chestnut are more plentiful, but we have no egg coal at all to speak of."

"The freight rates appear to have gone up another step. The rate from New York has recently been \$2.50, and we hear this morning that \$2.75 is asked."

"During the past winter we have received supplies of hard coal from Scotland and the United States and have been able to purchase some American coal from Kent county, N. B."

"Our quotations on the different varieties of hard and soft coal now are: Scotch anthracite, \$10.00 per ton. American nut and chestnut, \$12 per ton. American furnace, \$10 per ton. Springhill nut, \$6.25 per chaldron. Queens, \$6.50 per chaldron. Pictou nut, \$7 per chaldron. Pictou round, \$7.50 per chaldron. Cape Breton and Sydney, \$7.50 per chaldron. Old Mine Sydney, \$8.25 per chaldron. Pictou egg, \$8.25 per chaldron."

"By this it will be seen that the prices of the different kinds of soft coal have remained about the same during the past season."

ANOTHER FIRM'S STATEMENT. Wm. J. Starr, of the firm of R. P. & W. P. Starr, said:—

"For goodness sake don't say anything more about hard coal. We haven't got an ounce to sell just now, and every time you newspaper people talk about hard coal it means that we have a job down here answering useless inquiries."

"Have we hard coal? Yes, we have some, but none to sell. Every pound of hard coal we have been able to secure has been used in filling orders. We took early in the season before the strike commenced. These orders were at \$5.00 and \$5.25 per ton, and we are losing two or three dollars on every ton delivered. All our orders are not yet filled, but we have enough coal on hand or on the way to fill them as we are delivering it as rapidly as possible. But there is coal on the way now which we will be able to sell to the public. We have made arrangements for weekly shipments of Scotch anthracite to be landed here by the Donaldson boats. The consignments is now overdue—the Tritonia should have been in at seven o'clock this morning. This coal we will not be compelled to use in filling our early orders, but will sell to whoever wants it. Our price for this coal will be \$9.50 per ton, and this will afford us a reasonable working profit."

"When I said we had not sold an ounce of hard coal I was wrong. There are some customers, those who buy thousands of tons of soft coal from us, that tell us when and where these people tell us the simply must have got along without it, what are we to do? We have given out a few tons in this manner, but they were so few as to be scarcely worth speaking of. Our price for that coal was \$8.50 per ton."

"Do I consider \$8.50 enough to charge? Yes. That price would give us a fair profit on all the coal we have already landed. But it must be remembered that much of our present supply of hard coal was landed here at a lower freight rate than now exists. Since the freights have gone up, which they have done very recently, I believe \$10 per ton would not be a bit too much to ask. But mind you this figure I regard as being only legitimate during the past week. Previous to that would have been too much. This price applies to all sizes of American anthracite. There should be no difference between the retail price of nut, chestnut, egg or furnace coal, for they all cost us the same in the United States and can be sold at the same rate."

Freights have gone away up. Where a year ago they were quite reasonable this morning to my surprise \$5.00 was demanded.

"Our Scotch coal, which is now due to arrive, will be sold at \$9.50, and we will have regular shipments."

"How about soft coal? Well, we handle only the Dominion Coal Company's output, the principal varieties here being Reserve and Caledonia. They are worth \$7.50 per chaldron. Coke is very scarce, but what little is arriving is selling at \$7.50 and \$7.75."

POLICE COURT.

Man and Wife Jailed for Drunkenness—A Molyneux Case.

It was quite a New Year's reception that Magistrate Ritchie held this morning. Annie Sullivan acted as chaperon to the crowd, while about sixteen cops did duty as ushers. They were better qualified for this duty than were the debutants, some of whom were not in a condition to ush for sour pickles.

Annie Sullivan and her husband sat on opposite ends of the bench, their backs turned to each other. Each was probably ashamed of being married to one who drank, but as has been the case from time immemorial it was all the woman's fault. She, like Eve, tasted first, and Fred followed. In jail they were not divided. The husband got ten days, while Annie, who has been there before, was given two months.

Officer Leg introduced one William Molyneux, a young Englishman who has just come to this country. William was very prettily attired in blue overalls and other things and wore a red bandana round his neck. His presence was due to his accomplishment of securing quantities of tea and coffee from the Lake Ontario. William said that he is cook's mate on the steamer and the supplies which Officer Leg thought were wrongly obtained were what he had saved from the stores. He did not know who they belonged to. The magistrate asked the Officer Leg to find out whether the steamer people were prepared to say "Come back to us William and all will be forgiven." If they were the man was to be let go.

John S. Watt did not know whether he had assaulted two young girls on Broad street. He might have gone after them, but he didn't catch them. He did, however, remember that he had been full, and went into retirement for twenty days, with the promise of a further term of two months if the assault were proven against him.

Thomas Powell and George Swift had an argument in Carleton as to the merits of their respective birthplaces. The police saw the fists and feet going and thought the argument was warm. The men admitted having used severe measures with each other and were remanded. They are sailors and will probably be sent back to their ships.

Four other drunks were fined the usual amounts.

HORSES AND COVERS.

Both Badly Needed in the City Fire Department.

According to the men engaged in various capacities as fire fighters in St. John, the equipment of the department at present is inadequate in many respects and this is especially true of both the salvage corps and the fire department. The police saw the fists and feet going and thought the argument was warm. The men admitted having used severe measures with each other and were remanded. They are sailors and will probably be sent back to their ships.

During the recent fire in the McLaughlin building they had to borrow from the North End and should another fire have broken out next day not a cover in this end of the city would have been available.

No. 2 Salvage Corps only have about fifteen covers, not enough to protect one-half of the stock of any of the larger stores of the North End. They say they need at least fifty to be in a condition to do good service. Their horse "Tony," which has been with them about six years, has gone lame that speed is impossible and any locomotion other than a walk is torture. He is badly sprained behind and is totally unfit for duty. Every member of the salvage corps is a volunteer, but for the efficiency of the department they knew he must be replaced.

Outside of the Salvage Corps there is also a deficiency in horse flesh. A substitute is doing duty for No. 5 horse cart horse, which is sick in the "hospital" at the Portland street livery truck stable. One of the engine horses in Carleton has also about his limit of service and No. 4 horse cart horse could be replaced to advantage.

It looks like a lot of new covers and new horses before the fire department of St. John is what it ought to be. But when the horses are bought the city should provide Dr. Fife and the aidmen with a better lair.

MORE TROUBLE.

W. J. Knox is After Engineer Murdoch Again.

W. J. Knox, of Silver Falls, is out after the scalp of Engineer Murdoch. It appears that on the side of the road leading to Mr. Knox's house the water department men had three hogheads were doing on the dam. These hogheads were so close to the road that the wheels of Mr. Knox's carriage just grazed them in passing. It is a risky bit of road on a dark night, and he had warned the water people that there might be an accident and a claim for damages. On New Year's eve he came out with his carriage to bring to the city a lady who has been visiting the family that day. The night was dark. One of the hogheads had rolled into the road. In the darkness the wheel struck one end of it, and the other end struck against the horse's legs and the animal bolted. Mr. Knox reined the animal sharply into a little shed nearby and prevented a more serious accident, but the lady was a good deal shaken up and the horse's leg was badly lacerated by the sharp chine of the hoghead. The trip to the city had to be abandoned and the horse is still very lame. Mr. Knox wants damages. The hogheads were not in use, and would not be needed again this winter, and he claims they should have been removed, and that in any case they should never have been left so close to the road.

THIS EVENING.

McCutcheon-Edlis Co. at the Opera House. Rehearsal Chapman Festival Chorus. Meeting St. John Primary Teachers' Union, in the parlor of the Germain street Baptist church at 4 o'clock this afternoon.

The Kings county probate court is in session at Hampton this afternoon. Judge Gilbert presiding. Among the lawyers in attendance are Hon. A. S. White and Geo. W. Fowler, M. F., of Sussex, and R. G. Murray of this city.

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CHAPMAN CONCERTS.

Great Soloists to be Here on Jan. 12th and 13th.

Final arrangements have now been completed for the Chapman concerts to be held on January 12th and 13th, and judging from the programme, St. John is to be favored with another musical treat. The three artists selected by Mr. Chapman for these concerts are the best who could be secured in their own respective lines.

At the festival held in October hundreds of people who heard Hans Kronold play the cello expressed regret that he was not on the programme for either of the evening concerts. Mr. Kronold will appear twice, thus affording an opportunity for all to hear him.

Miss Truax, the whistler, is the one who has created such a furore in New York. When it was first suggested to Mr. Chapman that he should bring this lady to St. John, he absolutely refused, feeling that whistling might not be regarded as up to the high standard he has maintained in the concerts, but Mr. Chapman happened to hear Miss Truax perform, and after that was far more eager to secure her services than he had previously been to do without her. Her work is said to be something remarkable and is certain to be enjoyed here.

Corinne Welsh is another stranger to St. John—but Mary Howe and Suzanne Adams were also strangers. Miss Welsh has been singing in the same quartet with Gwilym Miles and is the possessor of a splendid contralto voice. Those who desire to hear her sing had better go to the first concert, for if they do they will be sure to attend the second entertainment as well.

The local chorus has been practising hard, and under the direction of A. Chip. Ritchie has made splendid progress. Some of the selections chosen are exceptionally sweet and the chorus are now satisfied that their work will be appreciated.

THE CATTLE TRADE.

The I. C. R. Has Already Brought Down 326 Carloads.

A shipment of twenty-seven carloads of live stock for the Elder-Dempster, Emer Line Ontario arrived in the city by the I. C. R. this afternoon. Twenty-six of the cars contain cattle and one has sheep. These will be transferred to the west side and will be loaded from the Sand Point stockyards.

This shipment makes a total of three hundred and twenty-six carloads of stock brought down by the I. C. R. so far this season, and is just three hundred and twenty-six carloads more than were brought on that line during the whole of last winter.

Last year the total number of carloads of cattle received on the west side by the I. C. R. was about one hundred and fifty, so that the embargo has proved a benefit to St. John in so far as during one month twice as many cattle have been brought to this port as were received during the whole of last season.

RECEPTION LAST EVENING.

The Ladies' Aid Society of St. Philip's church held a public reception at Mrs. Margery Bree's house on Mecklenburg street last evening. A literary and musical programme was carried out. After a few remarks by the president, Miss Etta Gray, and solos by Mrs. Cox and Charles Stewart and vocal selections by the Jubilee Chorus that will sing at Glad Tidings hall on Saturday evening, refreshments were served. After a few remarks by the pastor and Mrs. Lydia Bushfan, the company departed all wishing Mr. and Mrs. Bree the compliments of the season.

The French mariners' record for big icebergs off Cape Horn was broken recently, when the British ship Anglesie, Captain Thompson, arrived from Newcastle, Eng., and reported that on Sept. 29, off Cape Horn, she sailed into a great icefield, in the midst of which was a gigantic iceberg, approximately 100 miles long and over 100 feet high.

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