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WORK RESUMED ON WEST SIDE

Piling in Trestle Work Takes Another Cant

Superintendent Downey Says C. P. R. Will Make Repairs at Once—Suggests Sinking Crib for Retaining Wall.

The situation at Union Street, West End, is becoming more serious. The trestle continues to sink, and judging from its present appearance it will be a long time before traffic can be resumed on it. The piling at the northern end of the trestle has taken another cant and it is much more earth is washed away a collapse of the structure is expected. For the first time since the recent slide, work was resumed this morning. Several men were at work filling in the spot around the piling. The tide became high, however, before the work had progressed to any extent, and as a result so further repairs will be made today.

The stone cutting shed of Messrs. Siemens and Quinlan continues to be worked by the owners for the safety of their building. More damage may be done by this morning's high tide, as the earth supporting the piling is very loose and can easily be washed away. It has been decided that the repairs to be made on the trestle this year, will only be of a temporary nature, as the structure will have to be practically rebuilt. This work could not be properly carried on in the winter.

Superintendent Downey of the C. P. R. says that the trestle will be repaired at once, and traffic will be resumed on the structure as soon as possible. In the spring greater improvements will be made. Mr. Downey is of the opinion that a crib sunk under the trestle would be a good thing. It would act as a retaining wall and would prevent any further falling in.

G. S. Mayes has made a statement regarding a report which appeared in a morning paper that the government might buy a site, which runs along in front of the Union-street slide. He even did less work than the specifications call for in order that another slide would not occur. The plans of the C. P. R. for the rebuilding of the trestle are, as yet, unknown, but as greater improvements will be made in the spring it is quite possible that the piling will be straightened and strengthened at once.

SOVEREIGNTY OVER CONGO FREE STATE

Telegram Announces That Belgium Parliament Has Formally Taken Charge of Territory.

CHICAGO, Dec. 18.—Herbert S. Johnson, a leader in the Congo Reform Association, received a telegram while attending a banquet last night, summoning him to Washington. He departed hurriedly for the capital and said just prior to leaving, that it had been urged that the Senate take definite action before the holiday adjournment. The telegram stated that cable advice from Brussels indicated that Belgium had through its parliament formally assumed sovereignty over the Congo Free State, ending the closing up of formalities between King Leopold as personal proprietor and international landlord and the representatives of the Belgian government. The fact about the transaction which has so stirred up the interested leaders is that the deal is to be consummated far ahead of the death of King Leopold and the terms of the will of the King which were formally ratified by Belgium several days since, are to become effective at once.

DIED IN QUEBEC

QUEBEC, Dec. 18.—Mr. Antoine Carrier, aged 77 years, father of L. A. Carrier, M. P., and wholesale merchant, died last evening from heart disease.

FATHER ACQUITTED

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—David Kizer, a wealthy farmer of Hollidaysburg, Pa., was acquitted last evening on a charge of shooting a bear out of season, made by state game warden Mr. Kizer testified that he was attacked by the bear and during the struggle they came close together. "It was then nip and tuck between him and myself," he said. "In the struggle that the maddened animal would be winner and my arms were badly torn. Finally I secured a stout club and killed it." The jury imposed a fine of the costs on the game warden who had arrested Kizer.

OTTAWA, Dec. 18.—Captain Poynter has been appointed to the household of Earl Grey as aide de camp.

NORMAL SCHOOL EXAMINATIONS

Large Number Taking the Third Class Papers.

Private Baker of R. C. R. Captured in Quebec—Hockey Club and Rink Manager Fail to Agree

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—At the Normal School this morning examinations for third-class teachers' license were begun. Mr. R. E. Wallace, of the educational office, and Prof. Bellevue, of the French department of the school, are the supervisors. There are in all seventy-nine taking the examination, sixty-five in the English and fourteen in the French department. The former will conclude tomorrow and the latter the following day. Word was received last night that Private Baker of the R. C. R., who some time ago deserted, has been captured in Quebec. Sergeant Woods, and Private Adams left this morning for that place to bring Baker back with them.

Hockey here at the present time seems to be in rather a muddle. Manager Hanson, of the Arctic Rink, refused to accept the terms submitted by the club and in return sent his own terms. These the club will not accept and have decided to stand by their own. As the conditions of each are at variance the rupture is a big one and few expect any arrangements to be reached. It is understood that the Fredericton hockey team willing to get the Arctic rink will negotiate for play at the Marysville rink and a good inducement has been held out to them by Manager Gibson in the granting of good terms.

RACE BETWEEN THE RAILROADS AND GOLD

MINNEAPOLIS, Dec. 17.—Investigation of the present fuel famine crisis in the Northwest may not stop with the investigation of the interstate commerce commission now on in Minneapolis. The probable cause of the affected state, but notably Minnesota, North and South Dakota, and Montana, is the race between the railroads and gold. It is a matter for legislative investigation.

The race is on between the railroads and gold. If the weather does not bring down the efficiency of motive power and bringing on heavy blizzards, there will be a race between the railroads and gold. Reports today indicate that the railroads are rushing fuel into the districts where there is either actual want or stocks are low.

A Grand Forks, N. D., special says that the coal situation at Grand Northern points in this state will be a thing of the past in a few days. Coal is being shipped to points west and north of this city.

GAUADA'S OLDEST CITIZEN IS ILL

Eastern Passenger Association Protests Against the Two Evils of W. F. McLean.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Canada's oldest citizen, Timothy Collins, born in Ireland, August, 1797, is ill with congestion of the lungs, but may recover. The Eastern Canadian Passenger Association held a special meeting today. The meeting was called to protest against the two evils of W. F. McLean, meaning the former they claim would mean the withdrawal of important privileges now conceded to the public. The resolution will be forwarded to parliament.

SUFFRAGISTS WILL SPEND CHRISTMAS IN JAIL

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Eleven more female suffragists today elected to spend Christmas in jail, rather than pay small fines for creating disturbances within the precincts of the House of Commons last night. The women received their sentences hilariously, apparently proud of joining the so-called "suffragists," who already are in prison.

BRITISH COLUMBIA WANTS MORE LABORERS

VANCOUVER, Dec. 18.—Minister of Agriculture Tatlow, has arranged with Commissioner Coombs, of the Salvation Army, to bring some thousands of Englishmen to swell the labor supply of British Columbia. The scheme will receive substantial aid from the government. The Army is also to bring out a number of servant girls.

WILL WED AGTOR

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Miss Lulu Glaser acknowledged last night that she is to become the bride of Ralph C. Herz, an English actor, who was formerly leading comedian in her company.

BOTH SIDES NOW CLAIM VICTORY

Will Take Weeks to Ascertain the Results.

Large Force of Inspectors Appointed to Supervise Insurance Election—How the Ballots Are Received.

(Special to the Star.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Early today both sides in the fight that has been going on to obtain control of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies and their vast assets claimed a victory. No matter what the result, Samuel Undermyer of the International Committee said that a legislative investigation would be sought of the campaign methods of the company. The International Committee claims the election of its ticket of trustees by 25,000 votes in the New York Life and by 14,000 votes in the Mutual. The New York claimed an administration victory by anywhere from 150,000 to 250,000 votes, while the Mutual management predicted a victory for the administration by 100,000 votes. It will probably take several weeks to ascertain the results.

The elections today will be held at the offices of the New York Life and Mutual Life Insurance Companies, under the supervision of a force of inspectors appointed by the superintendent of insurance, Kelsey. The polls will be opened at 10 a. m. and the voting will continue until 4 p. m.; all of the ballots, which have been gathered with great labor and large expense, both by the companies and the committee representing dissatisfied policyholders will be cast, while many individual policyholders will cast their votes in person. Notice of contests, it is expected will be served regarding some of the votes without being presented to the hands of the two companies of the International Committee. Those that have been sent by mail to the New York Life are stamped with the hour of receipt and filed away in packages of 250 without being opened in steel cases. These cases have been locked with two padlocks, one key held by a representative of the company and another by Isaac Fuld, representative of the insurance department. These ballots will be turned over to the inspectors today. Ballots will also be received by mail. Most of the ballots are for the policyholder to take his ballot to the polls in person. A large box made in the shape of a ballot box, and at the present time holds contracts for at least ten large ships, some of which are well advanced towards completion. All the orders were secured in competition with local manufacturers whose tenders were far higher than those of their foreign competitors.

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Not are the Scottish people happy over Mr. Haldane's philosophical observations that importance are the interests of the army and the navy and the nation taken as a whole. Mr. Haldane on behalf of the War Department declares that to erect new buildings would mean saddling the Scottish est-

JAPANESE FAST DISPLACING LABORERS

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 18.—Frank P. Sargent, Commissioner of Immigration, returned from Honolulu yesterday. He said that the Japanese were fast displacing all shopkeepers, contractors, carpenters and tradesmen generally of other nationalities in the Islands. The Japanese population on the island is, however, rather on the decrease on account of the Japanese rush for this coast. Hundreds of them are monthly arriving at Honolulu, but their stay is brief.

LOU DILLON SENT TO CLEVELAND FOR WINTER

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Lou Dillon, John A. McKerron, the stallion, and four colts have just been shipped to Cleveland, Ohio, to "Doc" Tanner to be wintered there. Lou Dillon is in foal to McKerron, which has a record of 2:04 1/4. Lou Dillon's own record is 1:38 1/2. The four colts are yearlings owned by C. K. O. Billings. Three of the youngsters are by John A. McKerron, and the fourth is by Fred. S. Wedgwood.

WEALTHY PRELATE DEAD

ROME, Dec. 18.—The death was announced today of Manager Adam, one of the wealthy Roman prelates. Manager Adam made valuable presents to Pope Leo XIII. and Pius X., his gift to the latter being a gold pectoral cross set with brilliants, and by his will he left \$1,000,000 to the Pope.

KING OSCAR MUCH IMPROVED IN HEALTH

STOCKHOLM, Sweden, Dec. 18.—King Oscar is so much improved this morning that the attending physicians announce that after today they only issue one bulletin daily. This morning's bulletin follows: "The King slept seven hours during the night. His temperature this morning was 99.1 and his pulse was stronger, although still somewhat irregular. There is still a slight discharge of mucus from the trachea."

SHIPBUILDING IN SCOTLAND

Inevitable Rise in Price of Materials Has Come

Growth of Foreign Shipbuilding is Causing Gravest Concern Among Glasgow Builders—The Outlook.

(Special to the Star.)

GLASGOW, Dec. 17.—It is reported in Glasgow that Messrs. J. & P. Coats, Limited, of the thread combine have announced a capitalization scheme whereby the shareholders are to receive a proportion of shares according to the amount of their holdings. It is stated that the allocation is to be one new share for every three now held. It is figured out that the scheme when completed in its details will raise the ordinary capital to \$30,000,000, as against \$22,500,000 at present. The idea is to absorb a portion of the ordinary reserve of \$15,000,000. Many of the shares are held in the United States.

The heavily capitalized Scotch shipbuilding industry is experiencing the truth of the saying that, misfortune never comes singly. Following the labor troubles on the Clyde and Tees comes the shadow of foreign competition and the greatest fear being expressed in the Scotch local newspapers is the Sulzer Ship Bounty or Subsidy Bill pass the American congress in some form, thereby raising up another powerful competitor.

This country has made a practice of building ships for every maritime nation in the world, the secret of the both the success being, it is said, excellence of workmanship and cheapness of production. Time was when every stage of the manufacture from the raw ore to the finished product was carried out within the boundaries of England and Scotland. Then the foreigners, Germany more particularly, organized capital and laid down plants for the manufacture of plates and castings which, under the "dumping" principle, were sold at rates cheaper than it was possible for the local manufacturers to produce. As a result of the hold secured by Germany on the ship-plate market many of the local manufacturers have been compelled to close down their works. Now has come the inevitable rise in the price of plates and castings which are well advanced towards completion. All the orders were secured in competition with local manufacturers whose tenders were far higher than those of their foreign competitors.

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THE CLARKE CASE NOW GOING ON

Stenographer's Reports Found to be Erroneous.

Contained Errors and Judge's Corrections Led to Lengthy Discussion This Morning—Mr. Baxter Addressing Court

(Special to the Star.)

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—In the supreme court this morning the crown case reserved of King vs. Wm. E. Clark was taken up. The chief justice presided and the full bench with the exception of Justice Barker were present.

Before proceeding to argue the case the attorney general called the court's attention to the fact that the judge's charge reported by the stenographer was erroneous in several important particulars. Some of the mistakes were most extraordinary ones. Judge Landry said he had read over the charge sent by Mr. Devine. It contained errors and he had taken the liberty of writing in a few words to make it plain.

Mr. Baxter, who appeared for Clark, called the court's attention to the fact that the judge's intervention made quite an important change in one part of the charge. The reporter had, in his honor's directions to the jury regarding the prisoner's evidence, this sentence: "The fact of his coming on the stand and swearing to his innocence is not to be taken that he was not guilty." The judge has inserted after this the word "take" the word "conclude."

Whether this correction should be allowed to be made by his honor led to a lengthy discussion between the court and counsel. Judge Landry said he had intended to say as he had corrected and he could not believe that he had made the statement as reported. The chief justice said that if Judge Landry said the report should be corrected that they would accept it. Mr. Baxter then began his argument, moving for the prisoner's discharge and was still addressing the court on adjournment at noon.

He is arguing on the inadmissibility of certain evidence and particularly as to the calling of the prisoner's wife in answer to Officer Greer as to the whereabouts of Clark at the time the crime was committed.

BANK OF ENGLAND MAY RAISE RATE OF DISCOUNT

LONDON, Dec. 17.—Unless a wholly unexpected demand for gold crops up, local bankers see no reason to fear that the Bank of England will consider it necessary to raise the rate of discount as a result of today's rise in the rate of the Imperial Bank of Germany. The step taken at Berlin is regarded as a precautionary movement rather than an indication of the intention of taking gold from Berlin. The Bank of England recently made its 6 per cent rate more effective by freshly discounting bills, thus practically obtaining control of the money market. As the bills mature the situation will be relieved and a further easing of the market will result from the approaching release of the accumulations of customs monies now in the government coffers. While it is true that the Egyptian and Argentine gold demands have to be met it is understood that the Bank of France is ready to again relieve London by the release of further gold should the necessity arise.

The increase of the German Bank rate had some effect on the stock exchange here where it was accepted as proof that money will remain dear well into the New Year. Consols, as a result, were sold this morning, resulting in a loss of 3-16 before noon.

NORTHWEST IS IN GREAT PERIL

No Coal to Keep the Whole Country from Sneezing—A Strong Appeal

WASHINGTON, Dec. 15.—U. S. Senator McCumber, Saturday, received the following telegram from J. P. Whitmore, dated at Galesburg, N. D.: "The United States army cannot be better employed than in compelling and assisting these railroads to drop every thing and haul us coal. Half the Northwest will be freezing in a week and the whole of it in two weeks."

Mr. McCumber announced his intention of forwarding the telegram to the President as the commander-in-chief of the army.

He said representations concerning the coal shortage had been made to the Interstate Commerce Commission and that he had been assured that the subject would receive consideration at the meeting which the commission will hold in Minneapolis next week.

mates with \$1,000,000 next year. Nor do the Scottish people like his efforts to still secure a postponement of a settlement of the problems involved until next year when he says financial circumstances may render the return of the Scotch Greys possible. They are a unit in insisting that the question be settled now and for all time while the greatest public interest is being taken in the matter throughout the length and the breadth of Scotland.

Seven persons, members of a family named McMurray, residing in the Maryhill District are suffering as a result of poisoning through partaking of American tinned meat.

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The largest variety, the lowest prices.
Dark Gray China Goat Fancy Lined \$ 8.75
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Imitation Brown Grizzly Bear Push Lined 11.50
Imitation Black Cub Bear Push Lined 11.50
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Imitation Buffalo 5x8 1/2 7.50
Also other styles. All our Robes are splendid value. We are offering the balance of our stock of Robes at 25 per cent. reduction, also one lot of Horse Blankets, odd patterns, at half-price.

For Xmas--
THE LAURIE 10c Cigar. The name stands for quality--makes a most acceptable gift for a smoker. Put up neatly--10 in a package at 85c. From your dealer, or at
EVANGELINE CIGAR STORE,
Cor. Main Street and Paradise Row.

SPORTING MATTERS
THE RING

THE SULLIVAN TWINS.
Mike Twin Sullivan says that Honey Melody, Joe Thomas or Jimmy Gardner all look alike to him at the welterweight limit. He prefers Melody, however, as Honey claims the welterweight title. Any time or place will suit Mike. Mike also says that if Jack Johnson is really sporting for a chance to fight, Jack Twin, will willingly oblige him.

BOOTS FOR THE WEEK.
Tuesday.
Alf Lynch v. Kid Dufresne, Montreal.
Moses King v. Terry Young, New Haven.
Wednesday.
Rube Ferns v. J. Dukelow, Rochester, N. Y.
Johnny Allen v. W. Maharg, Philadelphia.
Thursday.
Amy Garry v. Maurice Sayers, Baltimore.
Kid Gleason v. Sammy Smith, Philadelphia.
Friday.
George Gardner v. Al Kaufman, Los Angeles.
Hedolph Unholz v. Clarence English, Milwaukee.
A. Cote v. Young Kenney, Augusta, Maine.
Guy Ashley v. Harry Lenny, New York.
Chick Tucker v. Willie Moody, Philadelphia.
Saturday.
Mike Schreck v. Miner Rogers, Shelburn, Ind.

With no meeting in Chelsea, the only boxing contest on this week's schedule that in any way interest the local fans are those which are to be held in Los Angeles and Milwaukee. In Los Angeles, George Gardner of Lowell clashes with Al Kaufman on Friday night. In picking a boxer like Gardner for an opponent it looks as if some one is out to fatten Kaufman's record. When Gardner boxed in Chelsea he was "a dead one," and so badly did he act the bout was stopped in the second round, as it was feared he would drop in the ring.

He has not boxed since then, and he must have hypnotized the Los Angeles club manager in order to secure the match. There was a time when Kaufman would have been easy picking for the Lowell boxer, but the latter is now all in. In Milwaukee, also on Friday night, Unholz meets a tough customer named Clarence English. Both are aggressive boxers and it is pretty sure there will be a knockout.

In London tonight Robson and Summers, considered the two best lightweights in England, will clash. Both are clever boxers and there is much interest in the bout. Rube Ferns, the ex-champion welterweight, gets back into the game again in Rochester, N. Y., Wednesday night, where he meets J. Dukelow. The latter belongs in Rochester and is thought pretty well of by sports there. Amy McGarry, who was laid up with typhoid fever for a number of weeks, is to meet Maurice Sayers in Baltimore on Thursday night. It looks as if McGarry was returning to the ring too soon after a sickness.

It would seem that Montreal is again all right for the boxing game. Bouts are scheduled there for tonight and tomorrow night. Willie Lewis, who was

MARATHONS ORGANIZE A SNOWSHOE CLUB

Ladies Asked to Form Their Own Association--A Good Programme Being Arranged for the Winter

The committee appointed by the Marathon Athletic Club to make arrangements for a snowshoe club for the coming winter met at the residence of H. V. McKinnon last evening. It was decided to ask the ladies interested in this movement to communicate with the committee to make arrangements for the winter operations of the club. The ladies will have their own executive and elect their own members, while the Marathon Club will exercise a general supervision of the affair. There will be separate tramps in the afternoon for the ladies and in the evening for gentlemen members, while a number of joint tramps are on the programme, at the conclusion of which

Snowshoes AND Moccasins.
We Are The Recognized Headquarters for Snowshoes and Moccasins.
Early in the Summer we get the Indians to work, and by the time snow is on the ground we have our stock in the stores.
Marathon Members who intend joining the SNOWSHOE CLUB should make their selections before the Christmas Eve Rush.
Men's \$3.50 .. Boys' \$3.00
Women's 3.25 .. Girls' 2.50
Women's 3.00 .. Children's 2.00

SHIPPING.
Domestic Ports.
HALIFAX, Dec 17--Arrd, ship SAR, from Antwerp per Bridgewater, NS; schs Pearl Evelyn, from Oporto; Moravia, from New York.
LIZARD, Dec 17--Passed, str Himara, from Montreal via Sydney and St. John, N.F.
GREENOCK, Dec 15--Arrd, sch Harvia, from St. John, N.F.
KINSALE, Dec 17--Passed, str Agnar, from Pughwash via Sydney, CB, for Barrow.
Foreign Ports.
NEW LONDON, Conn., Dec 17--Arrd, schr, Jessie Lena, New York for St. Andrews, NB.
CITY ISLAND, Dec. 17--Bound south for Fredericton, Hantsport, N. S., towing schr, Gypsum Emperor, St. John, N. S. and barge J. B. King & Co., No. 20 Windsor, N. S.
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 17--Arrd, str. Hibernalia, (Br) Imrie) Glasgow. Schrs. Demosile, (Br) St. John for Boston; Tay, Boston for St. John.
BOSTON, Mass., Dec. 17--Cleared Str. Mystic, (Br) Louisville, C. B.
VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass., Dec. 17--Arrd, schrs. Hugh B. (Br) New York for Port Greenville, N. S.
SAUNDERS TOWN, R. I., Dec. 17--Arrd, schrs. Golden Rule, (Br) New York for Yarmouth.
NEW YORK, Dec. 17--Cleared Brig. Hattie Dunn, Pointe A Pitre; Elma, St. John, NB; Oceanic, Hantsport, NS; Moren, Halifax.
Spoken
Bark Gerthryn Castle, Bridgeport, N. S. for Montevideo, Nov. 18. Lat. 22 S. Lon. 45 W.
SHIPPING NOTES.
LIVERPOOL, N. S., Dec. 17--The brig. Marconi, Capt. George McLeod, which arrived this afternoon, fifteen days from Philadelphia, encountered a continuation of gales and was repeatedly driven off the coast. She lost two seamen, one a native of Yonco, Porto Rico, another of Germany.
The schooner Effort, which is lying in the South Market slip, last evening at low tide careened over from her bed, and crashed with great force against the woodboat Selma, which is lying just outside of her. The Selma as far as could be ascertained was not damaged, but the Effort strained some of her timbers, and is leaking. How serious the damage is will not be known until an examination is made this morning.
PORTLAND, Me., Dec. 17--Captain Hanson and crew of the big four-masted schooner J. R. Bell of Boston, which

LOCAL NEWS

Toyland at Hall's. 15-12-4
My grocery store will be open every day. Call on H. G. McBeath, 237 Charlotte St. 17-13-3

Good case pipes from 55c up to \$7.50, tobacco jars, 50c, at The Cigar Box, 62 Mill street. 17-11-1f
Call at Jag. A. Tutin and Son, 83 Germain street and see the toys, China and fancy goods, the balance of their large stock, which is being sacrificed to close the store. Prices cut in two. 12-12-1f

To save time in the rush you will find it a wonderful help to consult the very full and accurate list of goods suitable for presents to be had at F. W. Daniel and Company's, London House, Charlotte St. See their special advertisement on page 5.
George H. Whittier, a former resident of St. Martins, but now local inspector of steamboats at Juneau, Alaska, who has been visiting in St. John for a few days, left last evening on his return north.
Yesterday in the police court Leonard Moore, a small boy, was sentenced to three years in the reformatory for breaking into stores and stealing about a month ago while in company with two other boys.

It's so easy to select a gift for a man or boy, one he will appreciate, too, if he'll only consult the right stores. A man's store is the place. Some splendid suggestions are offered in the paragraphs of J. N. Harvey on page 1 and 6 of today's issue. Read them.
Loch Lomond water, with a noticeable increase in pressure, is gradually being supplied to a larger number of houses in the valley yesterday was so great as to break the pipes and connections in some of the residences.

Evaporated apples, 5c, a pound, 3 lbs. for 25c; prunes, 7c, a lb., 4 lbs. for 25c; dates, 7c, a lb., 4 lbs. for 25c; hand-made barley toys, 10c; hand-made cases, 1c, a lb., at the 2 Barkers, 10 Princess St. and 111 Brussels St. 15-12-1f

The ladies' aid of the Seamen's Institute met at the Chipman House yesterday afternoon in preparation for the proposed Christmas entertainment. About 500 comfort bags will be required and all friends who are making them, well fitted, to the Chipman House.

A slight fire broke out yesterday afternoon at the residence of Mrs. F. Breen, 140 St. James street. A lot of rags caught fire in a dark room where matches had been dropped. A still alarm was sent into No. 2 engine house and the chemical was sent to the scene of the fire, which was soon extinguished. Very little damage was done. Mrs. Breen owns the house.

In private court yesterday the passing of the accounts of the late Francis G. Jordan was taken up. S. B. Burtin appeared for the administrator, Miss M. Jordan and Chas. D. Truman; J. R. Armstrong, K. C. O. H. Ferguson, E. T. C. Knowles, B. R. Armstrong, and J. H. A. L. Fairweather for the legatees and heirs. The John Little case has been postponed until the 3rd of January.

Several members of the stranded Nannary and Remic company, as well as the proprietors, are still in Fredericton. They are awaiting the price of railway transportation home. Miss E. Gordon Dickie, the leading lady of the troupe, said in talking to a reporter, that Mr. Remic led her to believe that he and his partner had \$1,000 with which to finance the venture, but she found that he had overstated the extent of their resources.

A very interesting address on "How to Study the Bible," was given by Rev. A. Gordon Dickie before the Young People's Guild of Calvin Church last night. During the evening a solo was sung by Miss Margaret Seaton. The selection of officers for the ensuing year resulted as follows: President, J. H. Murphy; vice president, A. Robertson; secretary-treasurer, Mrs. H. L. Coombes; and organist, Mrs. H. L. Coombes.

Officers for the coming year were elected at a meeting of Court Epping Forrest, I. O. F., No. 178, last night. They were: President, J. W. Wood; vice president, W. R. Simpson; East C. R. Andrew; M. Stephens; Sec. J. J. W. Wood; W. Woodward; Hattie E. Cimmlich; Senior Beadle, H. G. Martin; Junior Beadle, H. Black; Organist, Margaret Dow; Court Deputy High Chief Ranger, Rev. Steves; Finance and audit committee, Reverdy Steves and W. F. R. Patterson; Trustees, E. W. Rowley; T. E. Owens, Court Physician, Dr. L. A. McAlpine.

William Horley, who was taken to the hospital some time ago from the steamer Empress of Britain, suffering from pneumonia, died on Sunday afternoon. Mr. Horley was an Englishman, being one of the stewards on the Empress. His mother, Mrs. J. H. Horley, whose address is No. 61, The Woodland, Birkbeck, Chesham, Eng., was informed of the sad occurrence. The funeral will leave the Chipman House on Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock. Rev. G. A. Kuhring will officiate. Friends of the sailors and the men from the winter port steamers are invited to attend the funeral. The body will be buried in the Marine lot, Fernhill cemetery.

The Opera House was packed to the doors last night by a crowd, mostly men, who were anxious to witness the pictures of the Gans-Nelson fight. Only ten of the principal rounds of the fight were shown and while they were clear and to many pleasing there were many in the audience who think that the Butler and Gans posed for the films and were fairly good actors. In addition that locality, leaves besides a number of other good pictures were shown. H. Lee Craig, the soloist of the company made a good impression with his illustrated songs. The pictures will be shown here for three more nights.

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The stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open in the evenings before Christmas as follows: Wednesday, Thursday and Friday till 10 o'clock; Saturday and Monday till 11 o'clock. 15-12-3

ANOTHER POSITION.
Miss Armeda Cover, of Fairville, has been selected by the Employment Bureau, of the Currie Business University, Ltd., to fill the position of stenographer for the McClary Manufacturing Company's, St. John office.

REGENT DEATHS.
MRS. JOHN A. BEATTY.
Catherine, wife of John A. Beatty, a former employe on the Carleton ferry, died at her home in Bridgeport, Conn., Wednesday. The family removed from St. John about fifteen years ago and have been living at Bridgeport since then. She was 67 years of age, and is survived by her husband and nine children. Mrs. James Keith of Kennebecasis Island is the only member of the family residing in the province.

MRS. RUTH AVARD.
SACKVILLE, Dec. 17--The death of Mrs. Ruth Avard, relict of the late George Avard, occurred at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rufus Chamberlain, deceased had reached the age of seventy-nine years. She was a woman of sterling character, respected and esteemed by all. Her maiden name was Ruth Johnson. She is survived by three sons and two daughters. The sons are C. Fred Avard of this town, J. Albert of River Hoberg and George of Salina, Kings Co. The daughters are Mrs. Elias Bowser of Joliceur and Mrs. Rufus Chamberlain of River Hoberg, C. C. Avard, editor of the Tribune, Sackville, is a grandson. Funeral takes place today. The remains will be brought to Point de Sable for interment.

MRS. HANNAH HOYT.
Mrs. Hannah Hoyt, widow of Samuel Hoyt of Blenheim, Sunbury County, died yesterday at the home of her son-in-law, O. E. Hoyt, 82 Duke street, West End. She had been living with her daughter for some time. Deceased was 84 years of age and well known in the town. Her remains will be taken to Blenheim tomorrow.

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GEORGE REID.
The death occurred at Gardner's Creek, N. B., at 9 o'clock Saturday morning of George Reid. The funeral was held from his residence Sunday at 11 a. m., being made in the old Black River burying ground. Mr. Reid, who was 54 years of age and well known in that locality, leaves besides his wife, two sons, three daughters and seven sisters.

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VESSELS BOUND FOR ST. JOHN.
Steamers--
Almeria, 1824, London, Dec 12.
Empress of Ireland, 8228, Liverpool, Dec 14.
Inishowen Head, 1983, Swansea, Dec. 14.
Lake Michigan, 5240, Antwerp Dec 12.
Lakonia, 2046, Glasgow, Dec 11.
Manchester Corporation, 2467, Manchester, Dec. 6.
Manchester Importer, 2538, Manchester, Dec. 6.
St. John City, 1509, London, Dec. 8.
Sardinia, 2786, London, Dec. 6, and Havre, Dec. 9.

LORD DUNMORE VISITS MRS. EDDY
CONCORD, N. H., Dec. 17--Lord Dunmore, one of the leaders of the Christian Science movement in England, visited Mrs. Mary Baker Eddy here today, and after an interview with her of nearly an hour, gave out the following statement: "I was immensely struck with Mrs. Eddy's personal appearance and with the activity with which she got out of her carriage unaided and stepped into the hall. When I was ushered into her presence I could not help remarking to her that she was looking much better and younger than when I saw her last and during the whole of our interview which lasted for upwards of three-quarters of an hour, I was struck with the remarkable vigor of her mind and the extraordinary memory which she displayed for events which had taken place when I first had the privilege of seeing her about seven years ago. She showed a wonderful interest in everything which pertains to the Christian Science movement in Europe and was most interested to hear how well the lectures were attended and received by the English people."

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Another new shipment of Overcoats arrived today. Our sales have been so great that we are even receiving more Overcoats to comply with the big demand we are getting for Overcoats. Our stock is well assorted, all of the highest grade, which are bound to give satisfaction.

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NOT AS POPULAR AS ONCE WERE

Unfavorable Reports from New York Theatres

English Companies Do Not Take in the United States or Colonies as Well as Before

LONDON, Dec. 15. — The present theatrical season in New York is making it clear that English companies in English plays are not as popular as they once were either in the colonies or in the United States. At least this appears to express the consensus of the reports received by the London theatrical managers from all parts of the world. For several years past, according to local managers, the risk of taking an English company to America at least has been growing, and in very few instances within the past five years has any considerable profit been made out of such ventures. Many Americans have been in the habit of proclaiming that a prejudice sufficiently serious to affect the financial side of an imported company from the United States exists in London, and there seems to be a likelihood of the same sort of a charge being brought by the English managers against the American theatre goers and the critics who write for them with regard to companies from London appearing in the United States.

A number of English stars have visited the United States within the past five years, and according to the accounts given of the results by the London theatrical managers they have all of them either lost money or made profits which compared unfavorably with those of other seasons.

The London managers who kept track of that sort of a thing say that only one English play presented in New York this season with an English company can claim to have made any success at all, and against that may be put several that have made decided losses. One of the London managers frankly declares that the best course for an English author to follow is to

give his play over to an American manager to produce as he thinks fit, and the London producer of a success here is advised that he cannot do better under present conditions than to follow the same course.

English stars who are offered enormous fixed salaries to visit America in one sense have no reason to complain as long as they receive that money, but just at present it would appear according to the gossip in London theatrical circles that no English manager is haggling to guarantee artists, no matter what their merit or worth, a fortune to visit the United States. As one of the leading men in the theatrical business remarked only this week the astute American understanding local conditions may have a chance, but just at present it would appear as though the Americans are getting the dollars away from the English in this theatrical game rather than as years ago it appeared to be the English manager who was making the money.

American swindlers are again trying to gull the people in this country with the gold brick trick. Messrs. Blake, Reed and Laphorne, of Portsmouth, have just received a letter from clients who are the executors of a person who, according to the story told, died three months ago. The letter purports to be from D. C. Hayman, of No. 23 Steuben Street, New York City, and asks the Portsmouth solicitors, Messrs. Blake, Reed and Laphorne, the usual dodge is for tricksters in the United States to obtain particulars of wills proved in England and then a letter giving particulars of alleged discoveries of the will is addressed to the deceased, it being known all the time that he is dead. The object of the letter is to induce the relatives of the deceased to go or send to America where efforts are made to induce them to buy certain interests in bogus mines. The letters are always plausibly written and although tricks of this sort are exposed over and over again the Portsmouth solicitors state that they are often successful.

The British Empire League in view of the approaching visit of the prime ministers of the colonies, are raising a fund for their entertainment as they did in 1897 when the prime ministers came for the Diamond Jubilee, and again in 1902 when they came for the Coronation. Mr. Chamberlain has forwarded to the British Empire League a contribution of \$500 from the Cordwainers Company of the Court, of which he is an honorary member. The Jewish Chronicle announces that Mr. and Mrs. Bischoffstein to commemorate their golden wedding have divided \$200,000 among certain charities in which they take an especial interest, and with which they are connected. Of this sum \$100,000 will go to

Jewish charities and the remainder to undenominational charities for the benefit of Jews and non-Jews alike. The aliens immigration board has under consideration an unusually important and interesting case and it has been decided that no matter what disposition may be made of the Chinamen in question an effort is to be made to find out from the United States authorities just what the American laws are upon the subject and what the various aspects of the case that subject of the emigration of the Chinese to the Pacific Coast ports.

The particular case before the aliens immigration board related to thirty-two Chinamen who had come from Hong Kong and had been rejected by the immigration authorities at the docks on account of a lack of means. The commissioners were so puzzled by the various aspects of the case that they could not come to a decision and they adjourned for lack of information.

These particular Chinamen with twelve others arrived on the steamer Machine. Twelve were allowed to land as they had in their possession \$35 or \$50 each, but the money was so soonly distributed among the dozen aliens that the suspicions of the authorities were aroused that the steamship authorities might have had a hand in this particular matter. However they were allowed to land and it has since been announced that four of them went to Brazil though even this is not definitely known while the others remained in London.

The remainder of the Orientals had only about ten shillings between them and they stated that they were going to Liverpool—some to a grocer's shop and others to Chinese laundries. Mr. Nattrick, of the Stranger's Rest in Liverpool, stated that of the rejected men one was a brother and eighteen were cousins of Quong Sing, a grocer's store in Liverpool. The idea of the one man having so many cousins aroused considerable merriment.

HOPEWELL HILL, Dec. 13.—This community is experiencing a deluge of "Endless Prayers," and it is probably not too much to say that the recipients are not all rendered more amiable by the receipt of the document which entails the production of nine copies to be sent by mail to other persons. The prayer, no doubt, deserves promulgation, but there is some cause for wonder where the authority comes from for the anathema on all those who decline to respond, which accompanies the prayer. This progressive system of prayer distribution may be designed to do good, and may accomplish it, but it does not appear to meet with universal approval in this section.

Given a staple article, and no amount of advertising will give it a permanent and profitable sale unless it is backed by merit; on the other hand, if you do not make it known it will fall, however great the merit.—Earl & Wilson, N. Y.

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FOR SALE—Surgical instrument case and book case. Address T. C. case Star Office. 6-12-1f

FOR SALE—Two single sleighs in good order. M. COWAN, 18 Cedar St. 6-12-1m.

FOR SALE—Frames 3c up; Hockey Skates 4c up; Acme Skates 6c up; Pocket Knives 1c up; Children's Snow Shovel, 15c; Men's 25c. Everything marked in plain figures at DUVAL'S, 17 Waterloo St. 6-12-1f.

FOR SALE—About twenty new and second-hand delivery Wagons, 2 coaches, and 2 horses, carriages, different styles, ready for use, glass front coach, new trimmings, well painted; a first class coach very cheap; also three outdoor carriages; best place in the city for painting and greatest facilities for carriage repairing. A. G. EDGE-COMBE, 115 and 119 City Road. 6-12-1f.

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TO LET.—Two small self-contained houses, 321 Haymarket Square. 9-10-1f.

WANTED.—Tradesmen and others who do not employ a bookkeeper permanently, can have their accounts made out and books posted by addressing BOOKKEEPER, care Star Office. 12-12-6.

WANTED—A man with good business experience, wants a partnership in an established manufacturing or wholesale business. Can furnish capital. Apply to "PARTNER," P. O. Box 11, Saint John, N. B. 6-12-1f.

LOST.—Between 3 and 6 p. m., Thursday, a Gilt and Leather Belt, with Gilt buckle. Finder will be rewarded by returning to 573 Union street. 12-12-1

FOUND.—A small black pup, owner can have same by paying for this. Apply at 74 Sydney street. 12-12-1

ROOMS TO LET.—Furnished rooms to let at 20 Horsfield street. 12-12-6

ROOMS TO LET.—Furnished rooms at Tremont, suitable for light housekeeping at very moderate rates. 23-1-1f

SITUATIONS VACANT—FEMALE IF YOU WANT male or female help or a better situation in St. John or Boston, try GRANT'S Employment Bureau, 49 St. James street, West side. 6-12-1f

Wanted at Once 1st class Wood Pattern Maker, \$25 a day. 3 Girls for general housework, with references, \$12 a month. 1st class Metal Pattern Maker, \$30 a day. Apply at McRAE'S Employment Bureau, 74 King St., St. John, N. B. D. J. McRAE, Prop. 6-12-1f

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The Dunlap-Cooke Co., Ltd., finding their show rooms in the St. Paul building unsuitable to their rapidly growing business in Halifax, have secured arrangements with George Wright for the lease of his marble front building on Barrington street, with the option of purchase. The Dunlap-Cooke Company have one of the finest fur show rooms on Fremont street, Boston, and the finest fur store in eastern Canada in St. John; also excellent quarters in Winnipeg and Amherst. Recently Mr. Cooke completed arrangements with Mr. Wright for the lease of his marble building. This will give this Canadian-American fur house a building in Halifax equal to their St. John establishment, and comparing favorably with their Boston show rooms. Immediately after completing arrangements with Mr. Wright, Mr. Cooke closed a contract with one of the most experienced fur salesmen in the United States. The firm will greatly increase their business and add ladies' tailoring, cloaks and suits to their wholesale and retail fur departments.—Halifax Herald.

Dunlap-Cooke's store on King street will be open every evening this week.

PRESENTATION TO E. R. CHAPMAN

The regular monthly meeting of Court La Tour L. O. F., will be held in Foresters' hall this evening. Officers for the year will be elected and a presentation will be made to E. R. Chapman, who leaves for the West soon to take up the practice of law. Other lodges are invited to be present.

SITUATIONS VACANT—MALE

PRINTER WANTED—Young man with at least three years practical experience. One willing to divide time between press and setting ads. Good wages and permanent position. Address, with particulars, DAILY RECORD, Sherbrooke, Que. 12-12-6

MEN WANTED for Ice Harvesting. Apply as under between 5 and 8 Tuesday and Wednesday evenings. ST. JOHN ICE CO., 14 Charlotte street. 12-12-2

WANTED—Steady boy to learn the barber business. Apply to JOHN E. NUGENT, 204 Brussels street. 12-12-6

WANTED—Two first class carpenters wanted immediately. Apply A. E. HAMILTON, 180 Brussels street. 12-12-1f

MISCELLANEOUS. WANTED to buy any household article or articles in exchange for other goods. MCGRATH'S Big Toy and Furniture Store, Brussels street. 12-12-1m.

FOR CHRISTMAS SALE of fancy work, home cooking, fruit cake, pound cake, strawberry and quince preserves. General Goods wanted. Big pay. MISS HANSON, Employment Office, 123 Charlotte street. 6-12-1f

JAMES G. McGIVERN, Agent, No. 5 Mill street, sells coal, good coal, hard and soft, and delivers promptly. Tel. 42. 6-12-1f

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WILLIAM H. PATERSON, Graduate Doctor of Optics, 55 Brussels street. Glasses perfectly right, two years ago, may be far from right now. We will examine your eyes FREE and only recommend a change if absolutely beneficial. 3-31-1f.

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WANTED—At once, girl for general housework. Mrs. CHIPMAN, 28 Peters street. 12-12-1f

WANTED—Competent housemaid in family of three. Apply Mrs. M. E. EDWARDS, 49 Queen Square. 12-12-1f

WANTED—Girl for general housework. Apply to MRS. R. S. COWAN, 23 Wellington Row. 12-12-1f

WANTED—General worker. Respectable girl. Apply BOSTON HOUSE, 14 Chipman Hill. 12-12-1f

WANTED—A sales girl and grocery clerk. Apply to the TWO BARKERS, Prince street. 12-12-1f

WANTED—Girl for general housework, references. Apply during morning. W. B. HOWARD, No. 107 Leinster street. 12-12-1f

WANTED—Girl for general housework, capable housemaid. Apply at once to 75 King street, good wages. Over Macaulay Bros. 12-12-1f

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INDICTED FOR PERJURY BY GRAND JURY NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Mrs. Mary J. McDaniel, who was arrested Saturday on a charge of perjury in connection with the settlement of the estate of the late Mrs. Helen P. Pierce, of Boston, was indicted by the grand jury today. It is charged that on Dec. 10, 1905, Mrs. McDaniel appeared before Referee Robert Walker, in the Pierce estate case and swore that there were only two sisters and heirs of the estate, when, as a matter of fact, there was another sister alive. It now is alleged that this sister has been for many years an inmate of a public institution near Boston.

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J. ASHKINS, 655 Main St.

ARSenic CAUSE OF DEATH IN FAMILY

CHICAGO, Dec. 17.—Arsenic was responsible for the death of at least two members of the Verral family, six of whom died within a few months of each other, according to a chemical examination completed today. Herman Ehlik, a fortune teller, is now in jail on a charge of having administered poison to the family so that the mother of the dead children could collect the insurance money. Mrs. Verral was found dead in her home two weeks ago, a few hours after an investigation into the cause of the death of the other members of the family was begun. At first it was believed she committed suicide but the police are of the opinion that she was killed to conceal the cause of the death of the child.

TENDERS

Sealed Tenders will be received up to and including January 7, 1907, from parties wishing to take contract for breaking up 225 tons of steel bridge work, lays at Port Elgin, N. B., Tidnish, N. S. and Fort Lawrence, N. C. at office of H. J. GARRISON & CO., 108 Water street. 12-12-1m

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Parties outside of St. John should apply to their grocers. We are open to points within 10 o'clock.

ONLY A FEW more days then the "Christmas Bells" will ring.



It's time for you to decide what you shall give in the way of presents. Something in JEWELRY would be the most appropriate thing. It is close to the heart of everyone and nothing would be more appreciated.

JEWELRY is not necessarily an expensive gift. Our experience of many years has taught us how to buy and how to give the buyer value. Surely you will be able to suit your fancy here without cramping your purse.

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Buy Your Coal From The GARSON COAL CO.

Best quality, good weight, and satisfactory delivery, lowest prices. We have a five hundred ton schooner on the way from mines with guaranteed best quality Honey-brook Lehigh American hard coal. "Phone 1603."

WOOD—When you are thinking of Wood—Hard, Soft or Kindling—call up 468.

City Fuel Co., City Road.

OTTAWA, Ont. Architectural Competition for Departmental and Justice Buildings

COMPETITIVE drawings are invited for Departmental and Justice Buildings to be erected for the Dominion Government at Ottawa, Ont.

The author of the best design will be awarded a premium of \$8,000, the second best \$4,000, the third best \$2,000, and the fourth best \$1,000.

Drawings will be received not later than April 15th, 1901, and are to be addressed to the Secretary of the Department of Public Works, Ottawa.

This competition is open to Canadian Architects who have been resident in Canada for one year or more.

Conditions of competitive stating requirements of buildings and maps showing site, etc., may be had on application to the undersigned.

By order, FRED. GELINAS, Secretary, Department of Public Works, Ottawa, December 12, 1900.

Newspapers will not be paid for this advertisement if they insert it without authority from this Department.

HIS UMBRELLA. United States Congressman Perkins was in the office of a friend, a Justice of the peace, when a couple came in to be married. After the ceremony the Justice accepted a modest fee, and "nodded the bride an umbrella as she out.

Perkins looked on gravely and "Do you always do that, Char-

at? Marry them? Oh, yes," mean bestow a present upon "sent? Why, wasn't that her

"It?" gasped the Justice. "It was mine," replied the Con- man, sadly.—Egworth Herald.

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EXTENDING THE FRANCHISE.

A member of the publicity department of the Women's Suffrage Organization of London, writing in the Boston Herald, makes the assertion that at the present time 420 out of the 470 members of the British House of Commons are in favor of granting the demands of the association. This writer is of the opinion that the franchise will certainly in time be extended to all females.

New Zealand, which is held up as the model boy among the children of the world, has had women's suffrage for a number of years, and, like most other innovations in that country, it has been found to be most successful in operation. It has resulted not only in the purifying of politics to a large extent, but in compelling only absolutely clean candidates to run for office. It has been seen that while men have no compunction about voting for candidates whose records may not be entirely clear, the women feel very differently, and regard the moral standing of their legislators as being just as important as their abilities. It has been often claimed that even if the franchise was granted, women would not vote. This assertion is certainly not borne out in the case of New Zealand, for the records of the past few years show that women have voted in greater numbers than have the men. The following table gives the figures in the elections held:—

Percentage of Women to Men Voters at Parliamentary Elections in New Zealand. 1893... 68.49 1896... 72.78 1899... 74.82 1902... 76.36

KILLED BY CIVILIZATION. The industrial slaughter in the United States still goes on. A report was issued at Washington on Saturday in which it is shown that during the three months ending June 30, no less than 833 people were killed on United States railroads, while 15,004 persons were injured. The inter-state commercial commission declares that this total is less than in the preceding quarter, but it is considerably greater than for the corresponding period of 1905. For the year ending June 30, 1906, the commission's figures show a great increase in the total death roll of passengers and employes over the years 1902, 1904, 1905. For the year ending June 30, 1906, no less than 4,295 passengers and employes were killed, while in 1905 there were 3,789. In 1904 the total was only 878, and in 1903 it was 3,554.

SNOWSHOEING.

There is no more invigorating and healthful exercise than snowshoeing, no more enjoyable outdoor winter sport than tobogganing, and the Marathon Club in deciding to give a share of attention to these amusements have taken a decisive step towards providing a programme which should become most popular. There has not been in St. John for many years an organization such as it is proposed to form, and the fact that an associate club for ladies is to be started, should add to the interest. There are plenty of young people in St. John who frequently go snowshoeing, and many others who occasionally set out with double runners, but no action has heretofore been taken towards bringing all these small parties into one large group. The effort will undoubtedly provide a great deal of enjoyment for all who care for exercise and sport, and under the proposed system of management and the programme suggested, it should have a large membership.

SECRETS.

Away and away from the busy town, Soft on the sea the stars shine down; And nobody knows of the stars and the sea, But Mine and Me.

Away and away the wind breathes low, The branches are waving and and dry; And nobody knows of the wind in the trees, But Mine and Me.

Away and away in a far somewhere The roses are red and sweet and fair; And nobody knows of a rose that may be, But Mine and Me.

The Greatest Assortment of Christmas Gifts In the City IS TO BE FOUND AT The Floods Co's. 31-33 King St.

Below we mention a few of the many things which make an appropriate Christmas Gift for either a Lady or Gentleman.

Sterling Silver Toilet and Table Articles. Opera Glasses in Clear and Oriental Pearl.

Writing Sets in "Art Craft." Brush and Comb Sets and Manicure Sets in Silver.

A cup and Saucer in English or French China.

Cut Glass Articles. Fruit Knives and Forks in Cases.

Brass 5 O'Clock Tea Stands. Carving Sets.

French Coffee Percolators in Brass and Copper. Chafing Dishes.

Ebony Military Brushes in Leather Cases. Umbrellas.

Clocks in Gold Finish at \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$6.00.

Writing Portfolios and Lap Tablets. Collar and Cuff Boxes, in Wood and Leather.

Christy and Harrison Fisher Calendars for 1907.

Post Card Albums at 25c, 35c, 50c and 75c.

Aurene Glass at a Discount of 33 1/3%.

Silver Side Dishes at special prices.

Brass Curate's Assistants.

G. B. D. Briar Pipes.

A Candelabra or Fern Dish in Silver.

Congress Playing Cards, 3 packs for \$1.20

Daring Deeds of the World Wide Wonder Books at 35c.

Bible and Prayer Books in great variety.

Boys' and Girls' Annuals at \$1.75.

"Chums," the Boys' Favorite, \$1.75.

Chatterbox.

All the New Novels at Special Prices:

Christmas Jewelry, Etc. In new goods, and an endless variety from which to choose your Holiday Gifts. Come early. FERGUSON & PAGE, Diamond Dealers & Jewelers, 41 King Street.

DO YOUR XMAS SHOPPING BEFORE THE RUSH! Raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates, Oranges, Lemons, Mixed Nuts, Candy. CHAS. A. CLARK, 49 Charlotte Street.

THE VAUGHAN ELECTRIC CO. LTD. ELECTRICAL ENGINEERS. Contractors for the Installation of Lighting, Power, Telegraph, Telephone and Bell Systems, Crocker-Wheeler Dynamos and Motors, Exelco Arc Lamps, Electrical Supplies of all kinds. 94 Germain Street. Phone 819. St. John, N. B.

Health Bread. One of the most important ingredients in Health Bread is Rye. Rye alone does not make a first class bread, but when combined with other ingredients it makes a bread that cannot be surpassed for nutritive qualities or flavor. That is Health Bread. Made by McKiel's Bakery, 194 Metcalf St., Branch 66 Wall St. Phone 1288.

TWO BRIGHT STORES Which contain many articles appropriate for Xmas Gifts. We have pretty boxes and baskets of Confectionery, Perfumes, Atomizers, Fancy Toilet Soaps and innumerable other lines. Just what the Christmas shopper wants.

George P. Allen, DRUGGIST. 29 Waterloo St., and Cor. St. James and Sydney Sts.

Dr. C. Sydney Emerson, DENTIST. 24 Wellington Row. Porcelain Work a Specialty. Office hours from 9 a. m. to 12 m. and from 2 p. m. to 5 p. m. Phone 128.

It is well to take the best, and that is why so many buy that delicious TIGER TEA in 1 lb. pkts.

BIRTHS.

MEGARITY.—To Mr. and Mrs. Andrew J. Megarity, 374 City Road, on Thursday, Dec. 13th, a son.

DEATHS.

HOYT.—At the home of her son-in-law, O. E. Hoyt, 23 Duke street, West End, on Dec. 11th, Hannah Hoyt, widow of the late Samuel Hoyt, formerly of Blissettville, Sunbury Co., aged 84 years. Services at her late home, Tuesday at 8 p. m. Interment at Blissettville Wednesday morning.

PALMER.—December 11th, at his home, 97 St. James street, Bennett Franklin Palmer, in the 79th year of his age.

Funeral Wednesday at 2:30 p. m. Coaches taken from the house to Fernhill cemetery.

SHAW.—At St. John, N. B., December 11th, Clara J., eldest daughter of J. M. Shaw of Victoria, Carleton Co., N. B. Services at 88 Princess street, tonight at 8 o'clock. Remains will be taken to Victoria Wednesday morning.

RUDEOCK.—At No. 17, Oxford street Somerville, Mass., in the 83th year of her age, Margaret, widow of the late Robert Rudeock, a native of Ayrshire, Scotland. Notice of funeral hereafter.

ARCTICS. Stormy Weather Footwear. The amount of solid comfort that is stowed away in our Arctics, Alaska or Storm Gaiters is hard to estimate. It's not expensive comfort either, for the prices on these comfortable foot protectors are only \$1.60, \$1.75, \$2.70, and \$3.00. We have Arctics, Alaska and Storm Gaiters for Ladies and Gentlemen, for the School Children, and for the little tot who will insist on getting out into the cold. Children's sizes \$1.40 to \$1.60. Come here for Winter comforters for your feet.

D. MONAHAN, 32 Charlotte Street.

Useful Presents are usually more appreciated now-a-days than those merely ornamental. What would be more acceptable to mother or sister than a pair of OVERSHOES, or wouldn't father or brother like a pair of SLIPPERS or nice SHOES. We have the best in these lines, and if your selection doesn't fit the recipient we will gladly change them. Come in and see. Remember Our Free Gift Distribution Coupons with Every Dollar Purchase. SANBORN'S SHOE STORE, 339 Main St.

THE BEST PRESENT that you can give a lady is a nice Bottle of Perfume, and the best Perfumes are sold by us. We would like to show them to you. We have all kinds of Perfumes at all prices, in all kinds of containers. Dainty Trinket Boxes in fancy shapes. Handsome Handkerchief Boxes with rich linings and beautiful Glove Boxes, embossed in delicate tints. No better values in the city.

W. J. McMILLIN, Pharmacist, Phone 980. 625 Main Street.

LAMPS! - LAMPS! Parlor Lamps of different makes. Hall Lamps. Dining Room Lamps. All kinds of Lamps for the Christmas Trade just received. For Sale Low. See the DAYLIGHT BURNER.

The Saint John Ayer Light Co., Ltd., Tel. 873. 19 Market Square.

ROOSEVELT'S MESSAGE CONCERNING PANAMA. Reading of the Documents Occupied Senators Time Yesterday—It was Nicely Bound.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 12.—A pictorially illustrated message from President Roosevelt, portraying conditions as he found them on the isthmus of Panama during his recent visit, occupied the senate during the greater portion of its session today. Printed copies of the message, handsomely bound, were placed on the desk of each senator and the reading of the document was closely followed.

Preceding the Panama message the president's recommendations respecting public lands and the naval personnel were received and read. The senate agreed to the holiday adjournment resolution and will be in recess from the end of the session Thursday next, until January 3rd.

Resolutions were agreed to directing an investigation by the department of commerce and labor of the International Harvester Co., to ascertain whether it effects a restraint of trade; also directing the senate judiciary committee to report what congress may have under the commerce clause of the constitution to prevent interstate commerce in child-made goods. Resolutions to guard against infringement of states rights were presented by Senator Whyte and Senator Raynor, of Maryland for future discussion.

GEN. BOOTH SAYS NO TRUTH IN REPORT.

NEW YORK, Dec. 12.—General Balfour Booth, the head of the volunteers of America, who is reported in a story today to be on his way to England in company with his wife, Maud Balfour Booth, to visit General Booth's father, General William Booth, the head of the Salvation army, with a view to a reconciliation and the consolidation of the two religious bodies, said today that there is no truth whatever in the story. General Booth said that there could be no possible consolidation of the Volunteers with the Salvation Army.

THE REASON WHY.

Mother (coming into the children's room)—Rookie, who are you making such a terrible noise over? Look at Hugo. See how quiet he sits there.

Rookie—Yes, it's easy for him to sit quiet in the game we are playing. He is papa, who has come home late, and I am you.—Wiener Salonwitblatt.

Lower Cove Drug Store, Cor. Charlotte & St. James Sts. Phone 1171.

N. S. SENATOR SENT TO PENITENTIARY. LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Dec. 12.—The supreme court today sustained the sentence of two years' imprisonment in the penitentiary of State Senator F. O. Butt of Eureka Springs, convicted of bribery in the last legislature. Butt telegraphed that he would be here tomorrow and surrender to the penitentiary officials.

Every lady and some-times men appreciates a package of GOOD PERFUMERY.—At Xmas time it serves the double purpose of being a Pretty Gift and a Useful Commodity. When selecting YOURS don't pay too much for the Box, rather put your money in the Perfume.—Let me help you to pick out yours.

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THE STAR, ST. JOHN, N. B. TUESDAY DECEMBER 18, 1906.

GIFTS THAT MEN AND BOYS APPRECIATE

Read This Through, It's Harvey's---A Dollar Goes Farther Here

We have been preparing almost ever since last Christmas to make these Stores the Most Attractive in St. John for those in search of useful, sensible Christmas Gifts for Men and Boys, and we have been amply rewarded for all the pains we have taken by the fine stock we have been able to get together—selected from the British, German, Japanese, American and Home Markets. A Dollar will go as far here as a dollar and a quarter elsewhere.

Read This List of Very Acceptable Gifts :

- Fancy Silk Vests, .. \$2.00 up
- Fancy Knitted Vests, \$2.00 to \$3.00
- Fancy Wash Vests, .. 1.25 to 3.00
- Cardigan Jackets, .. .75 to 2.50
- Men's Sweaters, .. .75 to 2.50
- Boys' Sweaters, .. .50 to 1.85
- Heavy Top Shirts, .. .50 to 2.00
- Fancy Shirts, .. .50 to 1.50
- Coat Shirts, .. 1.00 to 1.25
- White Shirts, .. .50 to 1.50
- Evening Dress Shirts, 1.25 to 1.50
- Unlaundered Shirts, .. .50 to .75
- Men's Stiff Hats, .. 1.50 to 3.50
- Men's Soft Hats, .. .50 to 3.00
- Men's Caps, .. .35 to 1.50
- Boys' Caps, .. .25 to 1.00
- Silk Initial Handk'fs, .25 to .50
- Hemstitched Silk Handk'fs, 25c up
- Japanese Silk, fancy border, very beautiful. Special, 50c.

- Trunks, .. \$1.50 to \$10.00
 - Suit Cases, .. 1.50 to 10.00
 - Muffer, made with quilted and fancy silk lining, .. .25 to 1.50
 - English Squares, .. .65 to 1.50
 - Earl Grey Mufflers, 1.25
 - Christmas Ties of every description, .15 to .75
 - Toques for Boys or Girls, .. .25 to .50
- Gloves,**
always an acceptable gift.
- Prices: 35c. to \$3.
- Wool Gloves, .. \$.35 to \$2.00
 - Wool Lined Gloves, .. .75 to 2.00
 - Fur Lined Gloves, .. 1.00 to 1.50
 - Fur Lined Gloves, .. 2.50 to 3.00
 - Kid Mit, lined, .. \$1.00 up

- Men's Tweed Suits, \$3.95 to \$15.00
- Men's Fancy Worsted Suits, .. 8.75 to 18.00
- Men's Black Suits, 8.00 to 20.00
- Men's Pants, .. 1.25 to 4.50
- Youths' Long Pant Suits, .. 4.75 to 12.00
- Boys' 3-piece Suits, 3.50 to 8.00
- Boys' 2-piece Suits, 1.85 to 5.50
- Boys' Short Pants, .45 to 1.75
- Raincoats, .. 7.50 to 15.00
- Men's D B Reefers, 3.50 to 8.75
- Boys' D B Reefers, 1.85 to 5.50
- House Coats, .. 4.00 to 5.00
- Bath Robes, .. 5.00 to 6.50

OVERCOATS AT LESS THAN FACTORY PRICES

Many lines of Overcoats have been sold down to one, two and three of a line. We have grouped them—about 60 in number—in six different lots at greatly reduced prices to clear

- \$20 Overcoats } Sale - - \$15.00
 - 18 Overcoats } Price - - \$10.40
 - \$15 Overcoats } Sale - - \$10.40
 - 13 Overcoats } Price - - \$8.75
 - \$12 Overcoats - - - - for \$8.75
 - \$10.00 Overcoats } - for \$7.50
 - 8.75 Overcoats } - for \$7.50
 - \$7.50 Overcoats, - Now \$6.00
 - \$6.00 Overcoats, - Now \$4.95
- Boys' Overcoats Reduced Accordingly



No matter what price you wish to pay, you will find an Overcoat here—either for man or boy—that has no equal for the price.

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Umbrellas of Every Description, from 50c to \$5.00 Each.

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JOHN PILOTS LOSE THEIR CASE
Appeal Dismissed by Supreme Court
The Fight Had Been Carried Through All the Courts—Merritt vs Adams Now Being Heard

AWA, Dec. 17.—The pilotage case argued today before the supreme court. This case was brought to vindicate the rights of the pilots of the coast. The case was argued before the supreme court today before the supreme court. The case was argued before the supreme court today before the supreme court. The case was argued before the supreme court today before the supreme court.

BANQUET FOR HON. MR. EMMERSON
Local Liberals Plan a Celebration During the Provincial Convention Here Next Week

A meeting of the executive committee of the local Liberal organization, together with several other prominent St. John Liberals, was held last evening, at which it was decided to give a banquet to Hon. H. R. Emmerson on the evening of Thursday, Dec. 27, during the progress of the provincial convention which is to be held here that day and the next.

GETTING READY FOR THE COLD WEATHER
Myers' Junk Shop Raided—Thief was Followed and Dropped the Goods in an Alley

A military coat, a large brass stove pot, several pairs of rubber boots, and other pieces of junk found in an alley were recognized by Mr. Myers, the Paradise row junk dealer, as his property. He said the articles had been stolen from his store. The thief is still at large, but it is expected he will be captured today.

WILL OPEN LABOR BUREAU IN LONDON
Canadian Manufacturers' Association Decides That Such an Office is National Necessity

MONTREAL, Dec. 17.—The Canadian Manufacturers' Association has finally decided to open a labor bureau in London, England, for the purpose of supplying the Canadian manufacturers with a sufficiency of skilled labor. The project was discussed at length at a recent annual meeting of the association held in Winnipeg in a secret conference, but the announcement is now made that the decision arrived at was to the effect that the establishment of an office of this kind in England was a national necessity.

WATER POURING INTO THE MINE
Coal Company Still Unable to Tell How Fire is Progressing—Some Machinery Saved

SYDNEY, N. S. W., Dec. 17.—Everything looks very favorable now at the Hub. The sea is rapidly flooding into the pit through the old workings, and a good stream of water is going down the mine shaft. The coal company hope to have the mine flooded by the end of the week if everything goes well. The mouth of the shaft is still covered over lightly, and therefore it is impossible to tell how the fire is progressing. Men are overhauling the machinery to see if any is not so badly damaged but that it can be repaired. In addition to the boilers the air compressors, it is thought, may be utilized once more. The company are considering sinking another shaft about 200 yards south of the old one, but nothing will be decided on until they find out how seriously the pit has been damaged. The piles of tangled iron and other debris are being being carted away rapidly.

INSURANCE COMPANIES WILL ISSUE NEW STOCK TO COVER RECENT LOSSES

TORONTO, Dec. 17.—Senator Cox, president of the British America and Western Assurance companies, has issued an official statement with reference to the issue of new stock by both companies to cover losses resulting from the San Francisco fire. The par value of the new stock is \$500,000 of the British America and \$1,000,000 of the Western. It is 7 per cent. preference stock, and the subscription price is at a premium of 25 per cent, making the company's total receipts amount to \$1,375,000. The whole amount has already been underwritten. The present stockholders are entitled to subscribe for new issue in proportion to the present holdings. Full statements of the financial position of the companies resulting from San Francisco conflagration were submitted to and approved at a meeting of the directors. It has taken longer than was at first expected to have these statements prepared and verified, owing to various legal questions involved, loss of records, and the necessity of procuring duplicate information from all branches. These final statements showed that the companies' losses were, in common with all other companies, greater than had been anticipated.

RAILROADS.

CANADIAN PACIFIC CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEARS
Lowest One-way First-class Fare for Round Trip

Going Dec. 21, 1906, to Jan. 1, 1907, inclusive, good to return until Jan. 3, 1907.

Between all stations on Atlantic Division, and Eastern Division to and including Montreal. Also, from and to stations on the D., A. B. and I. C. R.

To Stations West of Montreal
Lowest One-way First-class Fare

Dec. 24, 25, 1906, good for return until Dec. 26, 1906. Also, on Dec. 31, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907, good for return until Jan. 2, 1907.

Lowest One-way First-class Fare to Montreal, Added to Lowest One-way First-class Fare and One-third from Montreal.

Dec. 21, 22, 23, 24 and 25; also Dec. 28, 29, 30 and 31, 1906, and Jan. 1, 1907, good for return until Jan. 8, 1907.

Full particulars on application to W. H. C. MACKAY, St. John, or W. B. HOWARD, D.P.A., C.P.R., St. John, N. B.

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FIRST CLASS ONE WAY THROUGH FARE.

Going December 24th and 25th, Good for Return December 26th, 1906, and January 1st, 1907.

Good for Return January 2nd, 1907.

FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE TO MONTREAL.

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going December 21, 22, 23, 24, and 25th, 1906.

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Advertising has come to be an absolute necessity in most walks of life.—Hance Bros. & Write, Philadelphia.

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Books and Framers for Boys and Girls are made. Nothing used but the very best materials. Extra well finished.

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all Sizes, - - - - 80c to \$2.50

Cutlery. Cutlery.

POCKET KNIVES—A wide variety of patterns from the strong Jacks for a Boy, to the better sort for a lady or gentleman.

TABLE AND DESSERT KNIVES—An excellent assortment of the best English makes in Ivory, Celluloid and Pearl Handles. Also 181 Rogers' Bro's All Electro Plated Knives, Forks, Spoons.

Skates. Skates.

Challenge Hockey, similar to out, - - - 85c
Other Hockey, - - - - - from 40c to \$2.50
Bicycle Ladies' Hockey, - - - - - 1.50
Other Ladies' Hockey, - - - - - \$1.25 to \$2.00

HARVEY & SONS, 13 KING ST.

GARTMAN BLEW OUT HIS BRAINS

Followed Wrong Course and Steamer Struck

Big Hamburg-American Liner Fast Ashore Near Kingston, Jav. Passengers Safe

KINGSTON, Jav., Dec. 17.—The Hamburg-American liner tourist Princesin Victoria Louise, from New York, Dec. 15, for this port, went ashore last night at Fort Royal, while on her way back to New York.

The passengers on board were landed here safely today.

Captain Brunsawig, who was in charge of the steamer when she struck, committed suicide by blowing out his brains in his cabin.

The German cruiser Bremen has gone to the assistance of the straggled steamer and the French transport Duquay-Trouin is preparing to leave port with the same object in view.

The Victoria Louise is pounding heavily and the seas are breaking over her, but hopes are still entertained that she will be saved. She is resting on a rocky ledge.

In accounting for the stranding of the steamer it is explained that she was without a pilot and the captain was in charge. He followed a wrong course and piloted her upon the rocks just under the lighthouse. Two hours later the captain locked himself in his cabin and blew out his brains.

The officers of the ship and the German consul here made ineffectual efforts to hush up the news of the tragedy. The local police are arranging to take charge of the body and perform an autopsy. The remains probably will be sent to New York for burial.

When the Victoria Louise ran on the rocks the sea was calm, the present heavy weather coming up later. The passengers were thrown into a state of panic and great confusion and fear prevailed until it was learned that there was no immediate danger. The officers succeeded in restoring calm, and the transfer of the passengers to Kingston was effected without accident.

The passengers have taken refuge in the quarters in the various hotels here.

The Princesin Victoria Louise was launched at Hamburg in 1904 and is christened by the Countess Von Waldersse, the wife of the famous field marshal, Count Von Waldersse, of the German army.

The vessel is of 4,119 gross tons, 400 feet long, 41 feet wide and 17 feet deep. She was designed and built as a cruising yacht. All of her appointments are after the most approved modern plans, some being suggested by Emperor William. She has been utilized in the excursion business entirely.

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—Emil L. Boas, agent of the Hamburg-American line, said tonight that Captain Brunsawig, who committed suicide when the Princesin Victoria Louise stranded, had been in the Hamburg-American line service for about twenty years. He entered as a fourth officer and eight years ago was advanced to a captain.

Captain Brunsawig was a very careful and conservative man in charge of a ship, Mr. Boas said, and he had been especially picked to be captain of the Princesin Victoria Louise. The captain was about 42 years old and his home was at Hamburg. He has travelled nearly every port while in command, and last year had been to the West Indies three times in charge of the Princesin Victoria Louise.

Mr. Boas stated that advice from Jamaica did not place the steamer in a hopeless condition, and he was at a loss to know why the commander had taken his own life.

"I have received cable advices from Capt. W. P. Forewood, port captain of our service in Kingston, in which he states that he expects to save the Princesin Victoria Louise," said Mr. Boas. "He says the ship is making but little way, if any, and as she has a double bottom, there should be no reason why she cannot be refloated."

Mr. Foster replied that he thought there had never been a dispute where there were not enough men willing to continue work, but they were deterred by the law, enough of them would be found to continue operations.

Mr. Foster proposed very radical legislation. He proposed not only compulsory arbitration, but compulsory acceptance of the finding or the award in cases where public utilities were involved. That was a little further than the government was willing to go at the present time. The government thought little would be gained by pushing labor legislation too fast. The government had proceeded cautiously. Some years ago there had been the conclusion act passed.

It was intended to bring the parties to labor disputes together for the discussion and settlement of their disputes. That law had worked well, as was generally admitted. Three years ago there was enacted a bill for compulsory arbitration in the case of differences between railways and their employees. That law had been found most beneficial. Today the government was introducing a bill to have a compulsory investigation into differences in the case of other public utilities where there were disputes which threatened to suspend the operation.

Mr. Foster proposed that we should go much further and have compulsory arbitration and enforce the acceptance of the award. There is a good deal to be said for and against this proposal. However, the government has not deemed it advisable to go so far. If there was compulsory acceptance of awards and the award of a board of arbitrators, one not in accordance with the finding of public opinion on the merits of the case, it is not likely the award would be accepted. If the finding of the arbitrators was in accordance with the decision the public had arrived at the finding would be declared this compulsory or not.

Mr. Foster wanted to know what would be done if there was an investigation into a dispute and a finding which accorded with public opinion but still one of the parties to the dispute refused to accept either the verdict of the arbitrators or of public opinion, but struck or looked out as the case might be, the operation of a

COMPULSORY ARBITRATION BILL INTRODUCED BY GOVERNMENT

Its Application is Confined Solely to the Operation of Public Utilities.

Strikes or Lockouts in Coal Mines, Railways, Lighting Works, Etc., Forbidden — Men and Masters Must Submit Their Disputes to Impartial Arbitration.

OTTAWA, Dec. 17.—The government today brought in an important piece of legislation on the relations of capital and labor. The bill was introduced by Hon. Mr. Lemieux. It provides for compulsory arbitration of disputes be-

public utility ceased and the public suffered as the people of the west were now suffering as the result of the Lethbridge strike.

Mr. Wilfrid said that this was a most unlikely case.

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Mr. Monk moved a resolution on the North Atlantic Trading Company for the purpose of asking the Minister of the Interior if he had learned on his trip this summer to Europe where the company is or who the company was.

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Mr. Monk asked if Mr. Olver was not in a position to give the names of the persons composing the company, but whether the government had endeavored to cancel the contract with the North Atlantic Trading Company.

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HIS NAME APPEARS QUITE APPROPRIATE

Mr. Weizel Has the Money But Competitors are Not Yet on the Bring Deep

The bill which seems to attend those connected with the Donatoni Line steamer Marina has reached a point where it is not signed on the part of the board of directors. These gentlemen were not particular about the luxury of their quarters as long as they got the other side of the ocean, so they decided to ship as cattle men. The two men, who are both Assyrians, boarded with a fellow countryman named Michael Weizel in Bond alley. Weizel agreed to secure for his boarders on board the Marina in the capacity of sea-going cow punchers. For his services the men paid him five dollars in advance. On Sunday the Marina sailed, but owing to some hitch in Weizel's plans the two voyagers were not signed on her articles. Yesterday morning when the men discovered that the steamer had sailed they demanded that their money should be returned. Weizel refused to part with the money and instead endeavored to collect \$25 from one of the men, which he claimed was due him for board.

Matters were at a deadlock and it was decided to call in an arbitrator. Officer Finley was chosen, but as the two would be outlanders in the English and their host was not in a condition to make himself very clearly understood in any language, the officer advised the two men to go to the police station and make their complaint.

The Postmaster General, in reply to Dr. Daniel, who asked if the Empress of Ireland was not delayed seven hours at Halifax waiting for mails on the last trip, said the Intercolonial train was two hours and ten minutes late. He said the mails were sent to Halifax for the steamers by the Intercolonial and not by the C. P. R.

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CHRISTMAS RAPIDLY APPROACHING

Only five buying days remain after today—that means you'll have to hurry! We have done everything for the comfort and convenience for our patrons—are handling the crowds with little trouble—have very largely augmented our force of salespeople, have increased our delivery service. Christmas shopping in this store is made as easy as possible.

Men's Furnishings for Christmas Presents! A walk through this department will give you scores of suggestions for acceptable Christmas gifts.

Neckwear The greatest showing of Christmas neckwear ever shown in St. John is now to be found here. Over a thousand different colorings and patterns in all the newest shapes—25c. to \$1.50 each. A box for gift purposes with every purchase free.

Men's Mufflers In silk, made up with colored silk and satin linings—50c. to \$2.50. Earl Grey Mufflers... \$1.00 to \$2.50. English Square Mufflers... 50c. to \$1.50.

Ladies' Neck Wraps (A hint to the men.) \$1.00 to \$3.50.

Umbrellas The Christmas collection. Umbrellas for gifts—and few things are more acceptable. Ready as usual before.

At \$1.00 to \$2.00 we are showing a splendid range with boxwood and cone handles, plain and fancy trimmed. At \$2.50 to \$3.50 a beautiful range with boxwood handles, having sterling silver and gold-filled mountings. At \$4.00 to \$5.00 the handsomest range of umbrellas ever shown in St. John in pure silk, silk and linen coverings, with silk taped edges, handles of ivory, sterling silver and gold mountings.

Ladies' Umbrellas Coverings of silk, silk and linen, sterling silver, gun metal and gold mounted handles—\$2.50 to \$5.50.

Give the Boy a New Suit! If you want a delighted boy Christmas morning give him a new suit or coat. Come to the best clothing store for boys in town for it—here, where you get smartest styles, best quality, lowest prices.

GREATER OAK HALL, KING STREET COR. GREENWICH SCOVIL BROS., Ltd., St. John, N. B.

CLOSING DAY OF INSURANCE WAR Election of Trustees of Great Companies Today

No Contest in the Equitable and Mutual Reserve.—An Election of Their Ticket a Certainty

NEW YORK, Dec. 17.—The election of trustees for the New York Life, the Mutual Reserve Life Insurance Company, and the Equitable Life Assurance Society, will take place tomorrow at the home offices of the companies in this city. The polls will be open from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m., and immediately after the polls are closed the task of counting the ballots and proxies will begin.

This is the first election held in these insurance companies since the enactment of the new state insurance law. There has been no contest in the Equitable and Mutual Reserve, and the election of their administration tickets is a certainty, but a remarkable campaign has been waged among the policyholders of the New York Life and the Mutual for the control of affairs of those two companies. On the eve of the election the international policyholders' committee, which has opposition tickets in the field in both the New York Life and the Mutual companies, predicted that its tickets would win. On the other hand, the officials of the two companies expressed themselves as confident of the election of the administration tickets by good majorities.

It is estimated that more than 400,000 votes will be cast in the New York Life election and about 300,000 in the Mutual Life. It is expected that it will require several weeks to count the ballots, and that the courts will be called to on many occasions to settle the validity of votes and proxies which one side or the other may question. Otto Kelsey, state superintendent of insurance, today appointed inspectors to get votes for the administration tickets in the two contests.

Samuel Uptemeyer tonight issued a statement in which he said that whatever the outcome of the elections the international policyholders' committee would ask for a legislative investigation of the manner in which the New York Life and the Mutual administration tickets got votes for the administration tickets.

NEWCASTLE, N. B., Dec. 17.—Tennison Smith at his meeting in the Opera House, Newcastle, tonight, commenting upon the press reports of the attack made upon him by Magistrate Kay of Moncton, delivered himself as follows: "I must compliment Magistrate Kay upon his discretion, although not upon his courage, in reserving his attack upon me until I had left the town and the district. It is the motto of petty lawyers all the world over: 'You have no case before the opposite side, and Magistrate Kay in calling me an irresponsible little brained Currier National reporter, and proving his willingness to substitute personal abuse for intelligent argument. For myself I never flinch the mind of personal abuse at my opponents because I have the rocks of truth and sound argument at hand. The fact is Magistrate Kay is still pursuing the tactics which he adopted at the public meeting in Moncton, when I asked him a straightforward question in a respectful manner. He simply attempted a game of bluff and talked long but wide of the mark and aroused the audience to irritation and indignation against him. He apparently thinks that the best way for him to bank further inquiry is to continue this game of bluff and to throw dust in the eyes of the public. Now let me tell Magistrate Kay that it does not affect the question of the disgraceful state of affairs which I criticized at Moncton whether I am little brained or whether I am an irresponsible tramp fanatic or whether I am paid \$30 a night and I once again ask him publicly to give a straightforward answer to a definite question and leave side issues alone. The question is this—Why were not the commitments against the House of Representatives had sentenced to jail put in force for three weeks after they had been issued by the clerk?"

When in Moncton I blamed no one in particular, simply because it was then impossible to locate the bling, such as I did over and over again I stated that I did not believe the fault lay with the public. Now, if Magistrate Kay knows that the police were not to blame let him be honorable enough to clear them, for he knows whether or not he gave the commitments to them with instructions to act upon them and they neglected to do their duty, or whether the delay was occasioned by his own failure to do his part. Of one thing I am sure, Magistrate Kay may be assured, and that is that the matter will not be allowed to rest until it is cleared up and the person or persons responsible for the shameful neglect be brought to book. It is a source of considerable comfort to me in the depression which naturally hangs over my spirits owing to the terrible attack which an appointee of his majesty—also that he so ill represents his majesty in court—has made upon me that I made such good use of the very limited powers which I do possess, but as an "irresponsible little brained tramp fanatic," I succeeded in arousing such a strong public sentiment in Moncton that it compelled the officials to do their duty. I would say to "Magistrate Kay as one of old said to another magistrate: "I am not mad, noble Kay, but speak the words of truth and soberness."

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS. Owing to the increased patronage which Advertisers are giving to the Star, we are compelled to request those who require changes in their Advertisements to have their Copy in the Star Office before 1 o'clock in the Morning, to Ensure insertion some Evening.

SMITH'S REPLY TO MAGISTRATE KAY Simply a Case of Attempted Bluff, Says Orator

Thinks Moncton Man was Discreet in Reserving His Attack Until His Opponent Left Town

TO CURE A GOLD IN ONE DAY Take LAXATIVE BROMO Quinine Tablets. Druggists refund money if it fails to cure. E. W. Grove's signature on each box, 25c.

CHARGES AGAINST TORONTO JAIL GOVERNOR

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 17.—Eleven charges were filed against Garnett R. Vanzant, governor of the Toronto Jail, this morning, and to these the governor makes a general denial. In a document outlining these charges favoring the prisoners and employees, it is stated that no attempt was made to maintain discipline, that there were willful breaches of rules and regulations. Improper and immoral conduct on the part of the governor towards female prisoners, visitors and employees, is another allegation. Of these eleven charges, the concluding one reads: "That open and flagrant misconduct of the said Vanzant was such as to cause the prisoners to comment thereon and ridicule the said Vanzant to the guards and other employees."

"I would be a fit subject for an insanity asylum if the governor of a jail if I was guilty of these charges," said the governor this morning.

LAWRENCE, Mass., Dec. 17.—Edward Littlefield of Wells, Maine, was probably fatally injured this evening, receiving a fracture at the base of the skull, in a rear-end collision between train No. 81 on the Western division of the Boston and Maine and a Manchester-bound freight train. The passenger train had just arrived from Boston and unloaded its passengers, pulled onto a siding. The switch is alleged to have been left open and the Manchester freight ran into the rear end setting fire to the rear coach. The fire department was called out to extinguish the blaze. Aside from Littlefield no one so far as is known was injured.

HAMILTON GETS ANOTHER BILL FROM MILITIA DEPT.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 17.—The city has received another bill from the militia authorities. Saturday's bill was for the maintenance of troops on duty to quell strike riots, and the one received today was for \$4,888.32 for transportation and pay of officers and men for the time they were here. The two accounts already received total \$8,875.55. The city authorities do not think the city should be charged with anything more than what it would have cost to keep the soldiers here if they remained in their quarters at Toronto and London.

Choice of XMAS Packages

There's nothing more appropriate or gives greater pleasure than a Nice Package of Perfume, or a Choice Package of High Grade Confectionery as a Xmas Gift.

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SERIOUS WRECK ON BOSTON AND MAINE

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ENGINEER'S BRAVERY SAVED MANY LIVES

Fast Train on New York Central By Wrecked Yesterday—Engineer Fatally Injured

ROCHESTER, N. Y., Dec. 17.—New York Central train No. 89, known as a Buffalo Local, a fast train running between New York and Buffalo, was wrecked about a mile east of Palmyra yesterday afternoon, the engineer being fatally injured. The entire train, with the exception of one Pullman, was rased to the tracks.

A freight train was taking water, and suddenly another freight ran into throwing the caboose and a heavy car over onto the passenger track. The crew instantly started to flag the passenger train, but they left No. 89 hope in sight, with its monster engines, making up lost time. Luckily for everyone on the passenger train, Engineer Harris, on a flat locomotive, had time to set a brake and reduce the speed. The avy coil cut threw both engines off a track and into the ditch. The baggage car left the rails, the rest of the train holding to the tracks. Everyone in the passenger cars was badly shaken up, but none was injured. Engineer Harris of Rochester, who by sticking his post probably saved many lives, is found under the wreckage, severely injured.

The caboose took fire when first wreck and set fire to the passenger cars.

THE ST. JOHN STAP



APRONS IN PARIS STYLES FOR CHRISTMAS GIFTS

WHEN distracted over what to make for Christmas gifts, did you ever think of a dainty apron? Such a present has much to recommend it—novelty, charm, inexpensiveness, and, better yet, downright usefulness.

Too prosaic, say you. Possibly, if one's sole idea of an apron is a straight breadth of lawn gingham, deep hemmed and broad striped, that by the widest stretch of the imagination could not be deemed ornamental. Such a garment we all must possess, but it is more than a question if an over-secured up should it appear in our Christmas stocking.

Quite a different matter are those exquisite, fluffy, dainty little affairs that combine utility with beauty in such a "fetching" way as to be quite distracting. So far from such a gift proving unacceptable, the proud recipient would be the envy of every woman so unfortunate as not to receive one.

The French women, with their facility for looking their best even when engaged in such homely occupations as dusting bro-s-bras or



darning socks, always wear these quaint and attractive aprons, that lend quite a touch of poetry to the prosaic of necessary household duties. Why should we not adopt this pretty and sensible fashion and make our aprons such things of beauty that we need neither apologize nor run if caught in one unawares?

Many of these novel little aprons are in gay colors, all of them so daintily befrilled and befringed as to be quite worthy to pose as a real gift, no matter what the circumstances of the donor.

In these days, moreover, when almost every woman either knits or embroiders, welcome, indeed, will be

a present that will keep her work at least presentably clean. Nothing is so soul-trying as to have the snowy freshness of a baby blanket or a piece of embroidery that one does not wish "to do up" before presenting to a dingy gray after a few days' handling. Yet this is almost impossible to prevent in our present soot-laden atmosphere. No matter how immaculate one may be as to hand-washing, dust from one's waist or skirt is bound to rub off.

Aprons, therefore, so charming that any woman would be proud to wear them in a drawing room or at a "humble party" should prove a real boon.

The mere fashioning of such aprons as these is a positive delight

for the woman who enjoys fine needlework. If one wishes to be extremely particular, they can all be made entirely by hand, but they are almost as dainty and can be much more quickly done, on the machine with a very small stitch and fine thread.

The materials are quite inexpensive—sheer dimities or lawn, flowered muslin and the soft French handkerchief linen. These are combined with lace insertions, embroidery insertions and edgings, or even with buttonholed scalloped and embroidered designs.

A special feature is the fascinating variety of the bibs, with which all the aprons are supplied. These not only give a charming and very dressy touch to the dainty little affairs, but serve as a special protection for fancy work, as it is almost impossible to prevent any sewing that one is doing by hand from rubbing against the lower part of a blouse—to the distinct disadvantage of the sewing if the costume be dark.

A very fascinating apron can be made like the one in the upper left-hand corner. It is of sheer blue dimity or lawn, with the front breadths tucked and sharply pointed, and two pointed revers turned back on broad shoulder straps for the bib. This is trimmed with valenciennes lace insertion, about an inch

wide, and lace edging to match. An extra fullness is given by a ruffle of the material outlining the bottom and finished with a lace edge.

The dusting apron may be carried out either in white or colored handkerchief linen, trimmed with insertion and edging of embroidery. The panel arrangement of the insertion on the front gore of the apron and outlining the sloping tucks at the bottom just above the ruffle of the material is most effective. The suspender-shaped bib, with cross piece, is made entirely of the embroidery and edging.

Much more inexpensive and even more charming would be the knitting apron of pale pink handkerchief linen. This requires nothing but a few yards of the material and some white mercerized cotton. The bottom of the apron and the circular collar of the bib are finished in scalloped points, done in buttonhole stitch, with a very simple conventional design in flowered dots embroidered above it. A tiny frill of the material is set on round the scallops. Such an apron is equally lovely in pale blue or white.

Extremely Frenchy is an apron of gay flowered muslin, trimmed with a chunly lace insertion in coffee color, and rosette bows of a soft narrow ribbon. The ruffles are made of the flowered material.

Watteau Effects Once More

WHAT would Antoine Watteau (sometimes limner of tiny salons for country fetes and, later, portrayer of the charms of dames and demoiselles in the time of fifteenth Louis) think of the fleeting quality of fame, if he could look about him now?

Earthly glory is but a transitory thing, say the wise; yet, in this day, a Directoire fashion is being modeled with those beloved by the star-studded Marie Antoinette and her train, and those of the first Empire, the cut of neck and curve of sleeve perpetuated by this long-ago artist have also found a place among the "revivals."

Watteau effects are "in" again. Flowered silks and satins and stately brocades are displayed everywhere, and in their wake come square-cut necks and lace scarfs and sleeve ruffles, and—more loose-flowing effects.

To the mind of the uninitiated the words "Watteau Pleat" suggest a vision of wrappers and breakfast negligees, but those "who know" smile with a superior air at such a notion. We have Empire gowns and Empire coats. Why not Watteau gowns and coats? Why not, of course? But, for the sake of the onlookers, let us hope the rage will go no further. There was once an historic dame whose name was Mother Hubbard, and she might feel slighted if the fashion-revivalists passed her by!

An Attractive Collar

LINEN turnover collars are daily gaining in popularity, and women hail with delight any novelty in this line. One of the prettiest shown has the regulation linen band and a turnover of Irish crochet lace. With it can be worn one of the narrow silk ties, a lawn tie edged with crochet lace or one of the many fascinating jabot effects in silk or lawn.

These little collars make pretty Christmas gifts, and since the lace comes by the yard and their construction is not difficult for an amateur, a number might be made at a very small cost.

Hints on Embroidery

EMBROIDERIES vie with laces in popularity. Mouseline de sois braids, embroidered in gilt or in rich Oriental colors, are one of this year's features. Indeed, a touch of color introduced into almost any embroidered article seldom comes amiss.

The all-overs and "strip-embroidery" blouses are, on the contrary, made with elbow sleeves, and may be trimmed and finished as elaborately as possible. One exquisite blouse in the finest all-over embroidery was trimmed with Irish crochet lace.

Turnovers are worn as much as ever. Collars that turn back are shown in the most exquisite designs.

Stocks vary little in shape, the tab fronts being still very much in evidence. There are new designs in the embroidery, however, and here, too, the touch of black or some color is often found.

Plate dollies are great favorites just now for the woman who has ample time to give to her embroidery. The custom of using a table without a cloth for breakfast and luncheon is so largely on the increase that no housekeeper can have too many of them. A set done in colors with centrepiece to match might be selected.



NOTES OF THE FASHIONS

EVERY woman needs an Empire scarf in these days. They are delightful with an Empire or Directoire costume and make a charming accessory to almost any sort of evening dress.

Some of these Empire scarfs come in Pompadour crepe de chine—the background being creamy white and the prevailing tone of the flowers a delicate pink. They are about two and a half yards long and about twenty-four inches wide.

A very beautiful Empire scarf is shown in an exquisite lavender crepe. White daisies are embroidered at either end so naturally as to almost seem as if they had been tossed upon the lavender.

Among the fancy crepe scarfs shown is one in deep Persian colors. The ends of this scarf are simply finished with a very narrow hem.

She who has inherited a small China crepe scarf either in black or white should take it out rejoicing. For the woman who has no such heirloom there are plenty of copies displayed in the shops. These scarfs are really tiny shawls, and have an embroidered border and a deep fringe.

Hand-painted Empire scarfs are also much liked. These come in the regulation size, are of white crepe de chine, with the floral design for a border and the very tiniest fringe imaginable as a finish.

Very fascinating for the woman who is dark eyed and statuesque are the Egyptian scarfs. These come in black and white net heavily embroidered in gold or silver. Marvellous

Egyptian designs are carried out with the embroidery, and even the woman who does not think them pretty must admit that they have a peculiar charm all their own.

Among the all-white scarfs are those of crepe de chine dotted in white and those of white fancy crepe which have a design also in white. These scarfs are finished with befringed ends.

Occasionally a scarf is seen of lace. Sometimes the lace is all one kind. Sometimes two kinds are combined—a light with a heavy so that one sets off the other. Whatever the material, crepe, chiffon, gauze or net, the effect is diaphanous and becoming.

Silk and wool waistings come in very pretty designs. There is one in tiny corded stripes showing white and a color just a trifle wider than pin stripes, and over all this are sprinkled Pompadour flowers.

Another waisting of silk and wool has clusters of black stripes (very narrow) on a white ground, with a tiny green vine and pink buds running in between each cluster of the black.

Among the darker waistings are shown some very pretty invisible plaids in green or navy blue. These look well worn with a plain skirt of the same color as the prevailing hue in the waist.

For the woman who, by reason of the amplitude of her waistline, must cling to black belts, yet has a yearning after novelties, there is one in black taffeta about three inches wide. Two stripes of narrow black velvet ribbon are applied upon the taffeta, leaving a space in the middle and upon each side.



THE LATEST FROM PARIS

THERE is a tendency toward Japanese styles just now. Long shoulder effects and drooping sleeves are seen everywhere. This is probably the outcome of the pelerine effects which have been so popular.

A novel gown of black mouseline de soie and caracul was seen lately. The skirt was box-pleated to the knees and had a flounce of the caracul headed with a band of crepe de chine embroidered in a floral design. The corsage had a bolero of the fur finished off with a floral silk corslet embroidered in Eastern colors, and a lace chemise.

There is a great mixture of historical periods shown in the different articles of dress. Hats seem, for the most part, inspired by the Louis XVI day, while gowns still lean toward that of the Empire.

Lovely semi-transparent fabrics are being shown this year. There are velvet-striped voiles and crepe de chine and there are chiffons and mouselines that have been made to

match the velvets and moire silks. For instance, a gown may have a skirt of white moire printed in garlands of roses and a corsage of white mouseline decorated in the same way.

Some of the tailor-made costumes are severely plain, some are most elaborately braided. Some of the most exclusive models have revers and collar faced with velvet of a contrasting color.

Velvet, either plain or ribbed, is the material of the hour for all ceremonial afternoon gowns. There are lovely shades of brown, green and red velvet shown, for these are among the fashionable colors of the season.

One exquisite velvet gown was in the most delightful shade of silver gray embroidered with chenille floss and silver. The sleeves and corsage were of point d'Angleterre, trimmed with embroidered satin. The hat worn with this costume was of blue velvet trimmed with sable and feathers.

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CHRISTMAS FURS

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EX-AUDITOR GENERAL SERIOUSLY ILL

Little Hope for His Recovery—Clark Case up Today—Hockey Matters

FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 17.—The crown case reserved in re William Clark of St. John will be argued tomorrow before the full court. The stenographer, Mr. Devine, filed the transcript of the evidence some days ago. Mr. Baxter, counsel for Clark, arrived on this evening's train from St. John, and the attorney general, representing the crown, is expected in the morning.
A meeting of the creditors of John A. Humble was held this afternoon to consider tenders. It is understood that the only tender submitted was withdrawn, so the meeting adjourned without taking any action.
Ex-Auditor General Beak is reported this evening as being seriously ill. As Mr. Beak is in his ninety-third year there is little hope for his recovery. The aged gentleman is mostly afflicted with his mind.
The Hockey Club has not yet come to an agreement with Manager Hangan of the Arctic rink. The club held a meeting this evening and decided to stand by their terms. The prospect of the parties coming to an agreement is not at all promising if one is to judge from reports.

CRIMEAN WAR VETERAN Bennett Franklin Palmer Passed Away Yesterday

Bennett Franklin Palmer, a veteran of the Crimean war, passed to his long rest yesterday. Mr. Palmer was before coming to this country a regular in the British army, and fought at the battles of Alma and Inkerman, and at the siege of Sebastopol. The three medals which signified his participation in these bloody conflicts were the possessions of which he was most proud. Mr. Palmer came to Saint John many years ago and of late years had been a piano salesman. He had been in rather poor health for the past ten years, and about a week ago was stricken with paralysis and remained unconscious until his death. He is survived by a widow, but no children. The funeral will be held on Wednesday afternoon at halfpast two, from his late residence, 97 St. James street.

Loyalist Division, Sons of Temperance, No. 131, met last evening in their hall, Simonds street, and the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: Fred M. Hastings, W.P.; Miss Ella Brushatt, W.A.; Chas. L. Hamilton, R.S.; Harry W. Stone, A.R.S.; Miss Annie Carson, F.S.; Mrs. Wm. Cronk, Treas.; Miss Lizzie Givon, Chap.; Robt. Carson, Conductor; Miss Ella Tucker, A. Cond.; James Cooper, L.S.; Allen Daley, O.S.; Mrs. George Thompson, S.F.W.; Walter S. Daley, P.W.P.; John Gowland, D.G.W.P.

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ROTHESAY WANTS MORE TEACHERS

Inspector Finds too Many Pupils for One Instructor
Time for Annual Forage of Sneak Thieves Around Rothesay, Renforth and Riverside

(Special correspondence of The Sun.)
ROTHESAY, Dec. 15.—Mrs. Mattataw of St. John, whose serious illness was noted a few days ago, died at her home in St. John Wednesday morning and was brought here today for burial in the Baptist burial ground at Gondola Point. The funeral was attended by many who knew and esteemed the deceased, who had many relatives in this vicinity.
School Inspector Steeves was visiting Rothesay schools a few days ago and did not hesitate to express his opinion that there were too many children for one teacher, and that too many for the size of the present building. The grounds and building are in splendid condition, but another large room and another teacher are among the necessities required for a good school. Rothesay has a plenty large enough for a graded school, and the taxation rate is so low now that the addition would be hardly felt.
Green Bros. & Co.'s saw mill has closed down for the winter for want of logs to saw. It is their hope that the railway people will put a siding in soon so that logs can be brought by rail for manufacture. In connection with the power at this mill, which is 120 horse, a gentleman interested in the development and prosperity of Rothesay, said there would be a splendid chance to use their power for electric light purposes from the afternoon until midnight. There are many residents who would welcome the installation of an electric light plant—in fact some of the newest houses have been made ready for its introduction—and it is known that there would be little if any difficulty in the formation of a company. This opportunity of obtaining good and cheap power will make the project easier.
Moss Glen and Island people have crossed the long stretch to Rothesay and the residents of the latter spot are released once again from their usual full imprisonment. The mails for Miramichi, which have been coming via Clifton, do so no longer, so the ice must be safe near the usual course of the Magpie Miller.

The detection of sneak thieving and its proper punishment is quite difficult in some country districts, and this appears to be one of them. The attorney general once remarked about an epidemic of stealing that a good permanent constable and watchman seemed to be needed in Renforth, Riverside and Rothesay, but ever since then the night prowlers continue to do their work as if openly and boldly, and no one seems to know for certain who the culprits are, though the usual guesses are, that they are either the loose windows of the vacant summer cottages, or the boatmen who, whatever is loose. This may be a timely reminder to some to have an eye to their property, for the time is near when the annual forage is usually made.

But there is another thief, a bad one that breaks open his houses in the night time, breaks boat locks when the river is open and escapes to his home on the opposite river bank. He has never been caught in the act, but those who followed him home one night arrived only in time to smell the feathers burning. There was a sharp watch kept after that by the residents of Clifton and Wadwell, and the thief changed the scene of his operations but managed to keep out of the law's clutches.
Now the same man is suspected of setting fire to a henery on the Neck, when 150 hens of Austen Wetmore's were destroyed and the house and barns threatened. Mr. Wetmore has his reasons for suspecting the same man, who is credited with petty thieving not only in Clifton, Moss Glen and Rothesay, but has been caught in St. John, and found guilty. Owners of property easily transported would feel easier if this Wandering Willie was being cared for by the authorities.

The property owned by the estate of W. C. Drury in Rothesay has been purchased by William Pugsley. The open air skating rink built a year or two ago by H. Gilbert is flooded again this winter, and the Rothesay hockeyists are getting their skates ready to put up their usual fight. They have some notable puck chasers in the village who made it hot even for the Rothesay College champions, and they will be glad to get into practice again. The examinations at Netherwood School have begun, and will be finished in one week. Next Thursday is closing day, when the girls will depart for their homes for the Christmas holidays.
The sewing circle of St. Paul's church realized \$180 from the recent sale and supper. This amount represented the gross receipts. The young people of the church are very busy with the Christmas decorations and preparing the Christmas music. The usual Christmas tree will not be got ready until after New Year's, when the home festivities are over.
The Ellinor Home Farm inmates are anticipating a pleasant first Christmas and New Year season in Canada. Miss Dunn proposes not only to make her children happy, but to enhance the pleasure of the young people of the neighborhood, who will be asked to join the merry gatherings.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—After a debate lasting several hours, and on motion of Winston Spencer Churchill, under-secretary for the colonies, the House of Commons today approved the grant of constitutions to the Transvaal and Orange River colonies.

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GIFFORD PINCHOT COMING HERE

Premier and Attorney-Gen. Back From Washington

Head of U. S. Forestry Department, and Other Experts, Will Attend Forestry Convention at Fredericton

Premier Tweedie and Attorney General Pugsley arrived home yesterday from Washington, where, accompanied by Surveyor General Sweeney, they had gone to confer with experts about forestry matters, chiefly in connection with the coming forestry convention to be held in Fredericton.
When interviewed by a Sun reporter yesterday, Hon. Mr. Tweedie said their trip had proved very successful and that Gifford Pinchot, the head of the U. S. Forestry Bureau, will be present at the convention and will bring out other experts along with him. Mr. Pinchot was pleased with the legislation introduced by the local government last session and had no criticisms to make upon it.
Hon. Mr. Sweeney will go to Ontario to arrange for a number of experts from that province, who will attend the convention. Hon. Mr. Tweedie said that at the next meeting of the government the date of the convention would be settled. It will probably be held during the first week of the session of the legislature, and will last for two or three days.

FINDS BRIDGE IN GOOD SHAPE

Engineer Hildenbrand Nearly Through His Work

Cables and Towers in Splendid Condition—Strength Ample for Present Purposes

Mr. Hildenbrand, of New York, the engineer who is inspecting the Suspension bridge, says that with two more days he will be able to finish the work after which he will prepare his report.
In speaking to a Sun reporter last night, Mr. Hildenbrand said that the bridge is in a very fine state of preservation, and he could not find any flaw in it. He has not yet made his calculations regarding the weight which can be safely carried by the bridge, but says it is perfectly safe for the weight which it is at present required to bear, but could not say yet whether any alterations would have to be made, in order to strengthen it, in case it was desired to run street cars over it.
Mr. Hildenbrand inspected the towers and found them to be in good condition, and the cables are also in first class shape. It was not necessary to build a staging from the bridge to the towers, as the engineer was able to make the inspection by climbing a ladder and having a small stand built.

TWO OFFICERS IN TROUBLE

Hughes and Ward Suspended by Chief Clark

Helped Themselves to Sardines From Jackson's Store, North Wharf, With Proprietor's Permission

Police Officers Ward and Hughes have been suspended for three days by Chief Clark as a result of an unusual report made against the officers on Sunday by Sgt. Baxter.
Week for night duty on the Market square beat, and were on the beat for the first time on Saturday night. On returning to the station on Sunday morning they entered a report on the book that they had found the door of John Jackson's wholesale store on

The two officers were scheduled this North wharf open and had secured it with lock and key.
To Chief Clark, however, there reached information through Sgt. Baxter that when the two officers were in the store they took two boxes of sardines and one or two other articles. The men were at once suspended by the chief and an investigation followed.
The men, it is understood, acknowledged taking the articles from the store, but stated that Mr. Jackson had given them permission to take enough for their night lunch should on any occasion they find the door of his premises unlocked. Mr. Jackson later went to the chief and confirmed the men's statements.
In view of the position taken by Mr. Jackson, Chief Clark only suspended the men for three days for breach of regulations.
Officer Orland Ward has been on the force for some time and has been regarded as an efficient officer. Chas. W. Hughes is the latest addition to the force.
Around town last night there seemed to be a tendency to connect the incident with a somewhat similar case not long ago when two officers were honorably acquitted by Chief Clark and an investigation under oath was thought advisable.
This is not the first time that the door of Mr. Jackson's establishment was found open, another officer having made a similar report about a week ago.

BOSTON POLICE LOCATE ALLEGED MURDERER

BOSTON, Dec. 17.—After a search extending over a period of four years, the Boston police have definitely located Giuseppe Malavio, alias Joseph Vito, formerly of New York and this city, an alleged murderer in Marseilles, France. Chief Inspector William B. Watts today notified Governor Curtis Guild that Malavio had been found and the Washington authorities will be requested immediately to begin proceedings for the extradition of the man.
Malavio is charged with shooting and killing Placido Runbo, at 83 Warren street, this city, April 7, 1902. The men quarrelled over money matters.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—A bill empowering an Anglo-French company to construct a tunnel under the British Channel has been deposited with parliament. It is estimated that this scheme will involve an expenditure of \$80,000,000. It is proposed to build two parallel tunnels twenty-four miles long.

JAMES BRYCE NEXT AMBASSADOR TO U. S.

LONDON, Dec. 17.—In spite of the fact that no official announcement has been made, it was declared in the lobbies of the House of Commons tonight, that James Bryce, Chief Secretary for Ireland, has accepted the post of British ambassador to Washington in succession to Sir Henry Mortimer Durand. No official announcement is likely pending a re-arrangement of the cabinet, but Mr. Bryce is now universally regarded as the next ambassador to the United States.

GLAD HE WON'T

Enrichetto (who was having considerable trouble with his ancient history lesson, to his father)—I am glad I won't be living three hundred years from now.
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LOCAL NEWS.

The Robinson Opera Co. arrived in the city at noon today.

J. B. Lambkin, of Marysville, arrived in the city at noon today.

Storm signal No. 3 has been ordered down.

A large number of dog licenses are still being issued at City Hall. The number issued so far is 1,115.

The condition of James Reynolds is unchanged today. Little hope is now held out for his recovery.

Hon. H. E. Emerson has accepted the invitation to be present at the banquet which the Liberal executive last night decided to tender him.

The city laborers will hold a smoker this evening in Berryman's Hall. W. F. Hatheway, D. McArthur and others will speak.

Frank Baird arrived here yesterday on the steamer Ionian from Liverpool. He has been absent from the city for several months, during which time he has visited Germany and France. Mr. Baird has many friends in St. John who will be glad to see him here again.

Will the lady who picked up a handbag today, near Prince Wm. street, containing twenty dollars in five dollar notes, with smaller change, please return it to this office. Reward will be given. 18-121

Contrary to reports in a morning newspaper the St. John boys will have three free skating rinks this morning and will soon be flooded. The other rinks will be in North End and Charlton.

John Collins, a ship laborer, fell down a hatch in a fidley on board the Furness liner Halifax City this morning and was severely injured. He was not found until a couple of hours had elapsed from the time the accident had occurred. Collins had no particular business in the fidley which is a funnel used for hoisting cables. Word from the hospital says that Collins is resting easily although badly injured.

A presentation

There was a presentation at Dipper Harbor a couple of weeks ago that pleased a large number of persons. J. O'Connor from Ottawa, was the contractor of a breakwater and he gave his workmen a farewell supper, and when the time came to bid adieu to the workmen with a short address presented the contractor with a dress suit case, and then handed over a pretty dress suit case to Mrs. O'Connor. Both were prettily acknowledged.

DIDN'T CARE TO WORK OVER TIME

There is an old story of a hod carrier who was employed on a twenty story New York building; he had a hod load of bricks on his shoulder and climbed at the ladder until he reached the staging on the 20th story. Just as he was about to step off the ladder to the staging the whistle was sounded and he announced that it was five o'clock. The hod carrier exclaimed: "I'm not one that will work over a five o'clock whistle!"

Yesterday afternoon a company of city workmen headed a team with dirty snow. After it was loaded they found that it was about five minutes to five o'clock, healed the snow about fifty yards and unloaded the dirt on the south side of King Square and hustled for home.

IMPLICATED IN THE HAZELTON BARREL MYSTERY

HAZELTON, Pa., Dec. 18.—Sobrett Anaslack, a Slavonian living at Jedd, Pa., was arrested in a car mine at that place today on the charge of being implicated in the Hazelton barrel mystery. It is alleged that the woman whose charred remains were found here yesterday was his wife who disappeared from home several weeks ago. It is reported that the marriage of the couple, which took place a year ago, was opposed by their relatives and that after their wedding they had frequent quarrels. The description of the victim tallies with that of the missing woman.

NATIVE OF ST. JOHN DEAD IN FREDERICTON

(Special to the Star.)
FREDERICTON, N. B., Dec. 18.—The death occurred this morning at her residence, Charlotte street, of Ida Jane, relict of the late James S. Verrier, in the 75th year of her age, from congestion.

The deceased was a native of St. John and a daughter of the late John Hammond, who leaves no near relatives. The remains will be taken to St. John for burial. Mrs. Verrier was a lady possessed of considerable wealth and in a quiet way was a friend of the poor and given to charity.

HIS BODY WAS CREMATED

OAKLAND, Cal., Dec. 18.—The body of Sir John Long, Scottish member of parliament, who died at Monterey last Wednesday, was cremated Sunday. At his wish the ashes will be taken back to his native country.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—The Imperial Bank of Germany raised its rate of discount today from 6 to 7 per cent.

People are suspicious of the one-time advertiser. If he had the sense to start why should he have the nonsense to stop?—Nath'l. C. Fowler, Jr., Boston.

RINK TROUBLE STILL UNSETTLED

Whole Trouble Left in the Hands of Col. White

Marathon Athletic Club Must Make Arrangements With Him—Letter from Minister—Roller Skating

It is not yet known whether the Marathon Athletic Club will be allowed the use of the Exhibition Building for hockey purposes. Since Col. White ordered that the club must not use the building affairs have been at a standstill.

Mayor Sears wrote a letter to Sir Frederick Borden, Minister of Militia, asking that the Marathons be allowed the use of the building. A letter has been received from the minister. He directs Mayor Sears on behalf of the Marathons to consult with Col. White. The matter has been left in his hands entirely. Col. White does not wish to settle the matter. He does not care to forbid the club to use the building, as he wishes in every way to help them be successful in sporting circles. As there are militia stores in the other portion of the building he finds it his duty, however, to look after their safety.

The Queen's rink will be opened for roller skating on Christmas afternoon. For the past few weeks carpenters, painters and plumbers have been busy at the rink, which has been thoroughly renovated. The old dressing rooms have been torn down, and spacious and cozy ones built.

The new floor is one of the best in Canada.

THISTLES ELECT NEW MEMBERS

Decline Invitation to Attend Bonselpiel in Switzerland

Skips Selected for the Various Contests—Will Attend Bonselpiels in Montreal and Amherst.

At a special meeting of the Thistle Curling Club last evening, seven new members were elected as follows: John Leighton, H. W. Robertson, Leonard Langley, William Currie, W. E. Golding, J. Fred. Sullivan and Leon Barnes. Twenty skips were elected for the Holly trophy competition, and fourteen skips for St. Andrew's game. An invitation from the International Curling Association to attend a bonselpiel in Switzerland January 28 was received and declined with thanks. The invitation was sent by Robert Husband, who was one of the Scotch curlers who visited Canada, and is well known to curlers in St. John. The club decided to attend the Montreal bonselpiel and the Maritime bonselpiel to be held in August.

The annual competition games between the Presidents and Vice Presidents of the St. John Curling Club will be played between Christmas and New Years. An invitation was received from Campbellton to play there, but the St. John men will invite the Campbellton curlers to visit this city, as the Thistle Club went to Campbellton last winter. The club also decided to limit its membership to 75.

A CLEVER ARTIST

Elite Display of Pictures in Rooms of Women's Art Association, 140 Union Street.

Sonnichsen, the Norway artist, is displaying a large number of his pictures in the rooms of the Women's Art Association, at 140 Union street in the McLaughlin building.

Artist Sonnichsen is becoming well known to the St. John public as an artist, and many of his contributions to art critics have been most favorably commented on.

Among the display are portraits of a number of local people and a number of foreign persons. All these are excellent productions. There are also among others six copies from the most famous Dutch masters, and these, like many of the artist's work, studies from nature painted by the talented artist from other points in New Brunswick, including scenes on the Bay of Fundy Coast. They are all excellent productions.

Besides the paintings there is some splendid work shown by Mr. Sonnichsen in lead pencil. Here he shows a number of local men and one in this line which is most particular is the portrait of Capt. Halvorsen of the bark Acton, which was here some months ago.

In fact the work of the artist is excellent and the many visitors to the association rooms are loud in their praise of his work.

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A CONTRADICTION

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