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BIG AMERICAN RAILWAY FAILS

Seaboard Air-Line Bankrupt Has Capital of \$72,000,000, and \$58,000,000 Liabilities—Judge Makes All-Night Ride to Appoint Receivers—One of Ryan's Roads.

Richmond, Va., Jan. 2.—The Seaboard Air-Line system was put into the hands of receivers here today through the action of Judge Pritchard, of the United States Circuit Court, who was hurriedly summoned from Asheville (N. C.) to take cognizance of the application for a receivership. Judge Pritchard appointed as receivers E. Lancaster Williams, of Richmond, and S. Davies Warfield, of Baltimore. Both men are identified with banking houses in Baltimore. Mr. Williams being of the firm of Middendorf, Williams & Company, and Mr. Warfield is president of the Continental Trust Company. Mr. Williams also is a partner of the firm of John L. Williams & Sons, of this city. The bonds of each was fixed at \$50,000. The name of the case as filed is "The Seaboard Air-Line Railroad, complainant against the Continental Trust Company, trustee under the first mortgage made by Seaboard Air-Line Railroad defendant." Judge Pritchard's decree gives the receivers immediate possession of the property which embraces the main stem from Portsmouth (Va.) to Tampa (Fla.), with numerous branches to coast points on the east and Atlantic Montgomery and Birmingham on the west, a total of 2,382 miles. The preliminaries to the appointment of receivers for the Seaboard form a dramatic incident quite rare in railroad history. Decision to put the road into the hands of receivers was reached at a conference in Washington on Tuesday night between members of the voting trust and creditors of the road, the Ryan and Williams interests concurring. A New Year's day application for the receivership was filed in Federal Judge Waddill in this city, but he referred the parties to Judge Pritchard, of the circuit (N. C.). Responding to an urgent request by wire, the judge started at once for Richmond and was met at Danville (Va.) last night by a dozen Seaboard attorneys, who had gone there from Richmond by special train for a conference. This lasted two hours and at the close of the midnight conference for the passage of the bill authorizing the receivership, Judge Pritchard on board returned to Richmond. After their sleepless night and strenuous efforts made to relax, however, they were only allowed themselves a hasty breakfast before Judge Pritchard to have put into effect the arrangement reached at the midnight conference for the passage of the crippled road with its \$72,000,000 capital and \$58,000,000 liabilities, out of the control of the voting trust and the hands of two men. The necessity for prompt action rose from the maturing of heavy liabilities Jan. 1.

FRENCH TREATY MAKES TROUBLE FOR CANADA

British Government Asked to Decide Whether Switzerland is Entitled to Same Treatment. (Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—A special London cable says: Some surprise is expressed at the Ottawa announcement that the Canadian ministry have referred to the British government the question whether Switzerland is entitled, under the most favored nation treaty, to the Franco-Canadian treaty concessions. Reference to Canadian sectional papers No. 119 shows that the Laurier government itself in 1897 admitted Switzerland to reciprocal tariff benefits, although then, as in 1907, no concessions were asked from Switzerland. The new concessions are especially important to Switzerland because of her keen competition with France in silk goods.

ST. LAWRENCE CLEAR OF ICE FROM QUEBEC TO MONTREAL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—Not for many years has the St. Lawrence channel been open as late as this winter. F. W. Cowan, government engineer of the ship channel, stated today that the whole river from Montreal to Quebec was still practically clear of ice, and just as easily navigable as in July, with the exception of the shallows of Lake St. Peter, which are frozen over. Last winter the river was frozen solid by December 15th and ice roads were made between Montreal and Longueuil, while as a general rule the river is frozen by Dec. 15th. By present indications it will not be solid by January 15, and the outlook for an ice road to the south shore is not bright.

NARROW SHAVE FROM DISASTER

Chicago Express from Boston, While Leaving Rails, Raked by Train. FOUR EMPLOYEES HURT

Others Seriously Injured—R. L. Washington, Colored Chief, Badly Scalded—Had Accident Occurred a Few Seconds Earlier a Terrible Loss of Life Would Have Resulted.

Westboro, Mass., Jan. 2.—Five cars of the Chicago express on the Boston & Albany Railroad, which left Boston at 4.45 this afternoon, were derailed by the breaking of a wheel at a point 150 yards west of this station. All the passengers escaped injury of a serious nature, but four dining car employees all colored, were hurt more or less severely. It was only by the narrowest chance that the wreck escaped being the most disastrous one, as an eastbound express grazed past the derailed cars just as they were hurrying over toward the eastbound track, which they afterwards blocked completely. Had the derailed occurred a fraction of a minute earlier, the eastbound train would doubtless have smashed into the wreck. The dining car of the derailed express toppled so far over that the Boston-bound express grazed it in passing, leaving out nearly all the windows of the car. Fortunately there were no passengers in this car.

Physicians attended the injured ones at the station here, and all were able to leave later for their homes in Boston. Two or three women passengers who scalding to give their names, also required the services of physicians on account of nervous shock, but they recovered later and left for Worcester, where they expected to take another train westward. All the occupants of the derailed cars suffered a severe shaking in the progress of the derailed cars over the ties. The Chicago express consisted of a locomotive, baggage car, and six other cars, including a diner, which was next to the last car of the train. Both the east and westbound express tracks were blocked for many hours by the derailed cars of the last part of the train, but the outside tracks of the four-track system were clear for traffic. Some of the passengers were transferred to another train at the scene of the wreck, while others returned to Westboro village and boarded trolley cars to Worcester, where they expected to take another train for their journey westward. R. L. Washington, the chef, was standing beside a tank of hot water, which was overturned upon him, severely scalding his left arm. His injury was bandaged at the Westboro station and he afterwards returned to Boston with the other injured ones. An examination of the wrecked cars showed that the vestibules of the last three were broken and that windows in these cars were smashed. This is believed to have been caused by the last car of the eastbound express which raked the derailed cars.

MAN LEGALLY DEAD SEVENTEEN YEARS GETS \$12,000 BEQUEST

Wife Had Remarried During His Absence, But Cheerfully Identified Him in Court. Lancaster, Pa., Jan. 2.—Although officially declared dead several years ago and for many years believed by his wife and friends here to have died, George M. Gable appeared today in court to claim an inheritance of \$12,000 from the estate of an uncle. Seventeen years ago Gable disappeared, leaving his wife and several small children. All efforts to locate him failed. Years passed and his wife, believing him dead, remarried. When his uncle, Jacob Gable, died in 1904, George M. Gable, one of the heirs, as a matter of legal form, was declared dead by the court. The executors, however, refused to pay over the inheritance to him, which finally resulted in locating the long missing man in Sacramento (Cal.). Gable came east and today in court was identified by the wife he had deserted seventeen years ago, as the rightful heir. The woman's second husband has begun proceedings for a divorce.

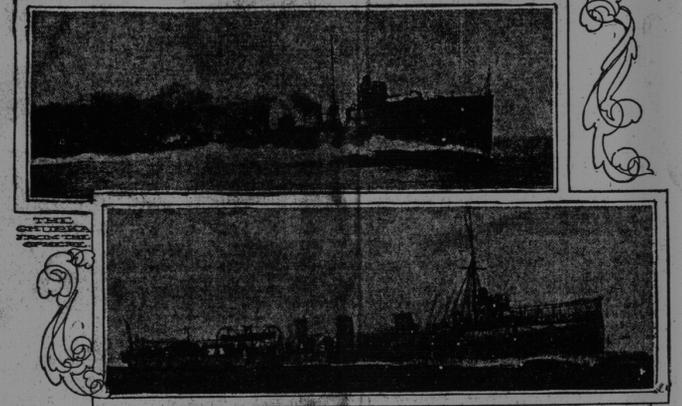
Canadian Northern Appointments

Toronto, Jan. 2.—(Special)—General Manager Hanna, of the Canadian Northern, today appointed F. M. Shidell, general superintendent of the Canadian Northern Ontario branches, to become general superintendent of Quebec branches, with headquarters at Montreal, and A. J. Hill, of the head office staff, general superintendent for the Ontario branches. Other changes are likely to be made in the management of the company's eastern lines.

THIRTY-NINE MORE BULGARIANS DEPORTED FROM TORONTO

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 2.—Four dominion immigration officers and three provincial government men made a descent upon the Bulgarian quarters in Eastern avenue yesterday and rounded up thirty-nine foreigners. They were "wanted" for the purpose of being given a free trip back to their native land. The party were sent east this morning.

NEW BRITISH FLEET DESTROYERS SHOW REMARKABLE ADVANCE



New York, Jan. 1.—The illustrations printed above represent two of the British destroyers, referred to by the Herald's naval correspondent in London in his despatch of today on the launch of the Swift and the progress made by the British admiralty in the construction of vessels of this class. The Gorda, which can steam thirty-three knots, was built by Hawthorne, Leslie & Co., and develops between 14,000 and 15,000 horse-power in the aggregate with turbine engines arranged in three shafts, and has three 12-pounder quick firing guns and two deck torpedo tubes. The Mohawk, during her speed trials Nov. 15, attained an average speed of 34.5 knots in a run of six hours. This was done in a fresh breeze, and the vessel carried her armament, crew, equipment and stores. She was built by Messrs. White, Carter & Carter, Ltd., of Newcastle-on-Tyne, and developed between 14,000 and 15,000 horse-power in the aggregate with turbine engines arranged in three shafts, and has three 12-pounder quick firing guns and two deck torpedo tubes. The Swift, as set forth in the despatch from London, will, if successful, prove to be a triumph of engineering skill and eclipse all previous performances on the part of British destroyers. She is only an experiment, however, and will cost about \$1,250,000.

EDMONTON CANADIAN CLUB EAGER TO SAVE QUEBEC BATTLEFIELDS

Earl Grey Wired a Guarantee of \$500 from Governor Bulyea. Ottawa, Jan. 2.—Lord Grey has received the following telegram from Lt. Governor Bulyea, of Alberta: "Edmonton Canadian Club send New Year's greetings. Approves of the nationalization of Quebec battlefields and guarantees a grant of \$500."

Ottawa Evening Journal Strong for Draconic Election Law—Advocates Heavy Penalties for Both Briber and Bribed.

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WILL GENERATE ENERGY IN BODY AND PROLONG LIFE

Chicago Physician Announces He Has Discovered a Method to Harness Human Electricity. Chicago, Jan. 2.—Dr. J. C. Siebel, a physician of this city, announced today before the American Association for the Advancement of Science, that he has discovered a method of generating energy within the human body. He asserted that electricity stored in the human body can be released and made to do work. This, he said, is the prolongation of life through the additional vitality supplied to the human body working as its own electrical generator. Dr. Siebel announced that nutritive elements such as alcohol, sugar and fat during their consumption by the human body act as generators of electricity in the miniature batteries that comprise the muscular structure of the human frame. He declared that he has succeeded in the construction of batteries on a working scale, in which the nutritive element necessary to form the connection between the batteries and the system has been created.

\$2,000 BENEFIT FOR "HOD" STUART'S WIDOW

Montreal, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Two thousand dollars realized tonight at a benefit game for the widow of "Hod" Stuart, the famous hockey player, who was killed on Dominion day at Belleville. The game was between the Wanderers, and a picked team, which was beaten, 7 to 10. Nearly 4,000 attended the contest, which was played at the Arena.

Peterboro Curling Club Burned

Peterboro, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—The Peterboro curling rink was destroyed by fire early this morning with loss of about \$7,000. In addition to the loss of the building the members of the club lost their curling stones and other equipment. There was \$4,500 insurance.

A Fatal Collision

Tilsonburg, Ont., Jan. 2.—(Special)—Two light engines of the Wabash Railway were struck by a Grand Trunk freight here this morning as they were about to run into a siding and as a result Engineer Walker, of the G. T. R., was killed outright and brakeman Cree badly hurt.

TWO DEAD AND OTHERS INJURED BY EXPLOSION IN FIREWORKS FACTORY

One Young Woman Blown Through a Window But Was Only Slightly Injured. Rochester, N. Y., Jan. 2.—In an explosion that wrecked a building of the Rochester Fireworks Company today, Sadie Ernst was instantly killed and Mrs. Lillian O'Connor was so badly injured that she died at a hospital shortly afterwards. May Calligan was seriously burned, but is expected to recover. Six young women were working in the wrecked building, a much smaller number than are often employed. One of those that escaped was blown through a window, but was little injured. The explosion occurred in the finishing room and the force of it blew out the roof and caused the roof to fall in. The cause of the explosion is not known.

GERMAN OFFICER'S DRAMATIC RECITAL OF MURDERING FRIEND

Allenstein, East Prussia, Jan. 2.—The confession made by Captain von Goeben, that he killed Major von Schoenberg, a brother officer, on Christmas day, is a rather dramatic recital of murder. The shooting took place at the home of Schoenberg, following a dinner and after the captain had been caught in the major's room. The captain wore a mask. The commissary of police has become possessed of correspondence exchanged between von Goeben and Mrs. von Schoenberg before and after the crime and from these letters he deduces that there was a complete understanding between them. Von Goeben broke down when the commissary showed him this correspondence and confessed. The murder of Major von Schoenberg by Captain von Goeben has created a sensation in army circles. The minister of war has received full reports of the crime and has himself arranged for the court martial of murder.

GASOLINE EXPLOSION WRECKS BUILDING

(Special to The Telegraph.) Toronto, Jan. 2.—An explosion of gasoline at the James' Dye Works, Richmond Hill, broke down a two-story building. Two gallons of gasoline, in a can was stored in the northeast corner of the engine room. The can, containing an area of about ten by forty feet, was blown over. The west side was partly torn away and the wall so bulged out that it will have to be torn down and rebuilt. Mr. James estimates the loss at about \$1,200, which is covered by insurance.

MONCTON PRINTING CONCERN IN TROUBLE

Seizure of McCoy Company Plant Leads to Many Complications—Liabilities \$8,000; Assets Under \$2,000. (Special to The Telegraph.) Moncton, N. B., Jan. 2.—The McCoy Printing Co. is in difficulties. The liabilities are estimated at more than \$8,000 and the assets at much less than \$2,000. The United States and Canada. A landlord's sale under a distress warrant was called for this afternoon and Constable M. S. Keith was opening the sale when Sheriff McQueen forbade the procedure, he also having seized the property under the absconding debtor's act. D. I. Welch represented several creditors, including one British firm for \$2,700. G. L. Harris represented E. R. Stiles, who claims certain presses and plant under a lien held by the printing supplies agent. Constable Keith, under the circumstances, indefinitely postponed the sale as nobody cared to bid after the sheriff's protest. In the meantime Mr. Stiles is carrying on the business with the plant held under the lien.

DOUKS, MARCHED A LA ADAM AND EVE WITH WEATHER 10 BELOW

(Special to The Telegraph.) Fort William, Ont., Jan. 2.—Walking north through the streets, twelve Douks hobnobbed an exhibition of themselves yesterday morning. The temperature was ten below zero. Eight thousand of the centre of the town went seven men and five women, with absolutely no wearing apparel to protect them from the cold. They chanted a mournful dirge as they went. Citizens were shocked and after the march had proceeded half a mile the police appeared and drove the pilgrims into a pool room. Here they continued to march around the tables. The police soon got cabs and hustled the pilgrims back to a house where ninety Douks are staying for winter.

ST. JOHN TOURIST HOTEL COMPANY

Nova Scotia Men and Charles S. Everett Seek Charter. Capital to Be \$45,000 and Headquarters Here—Undertaker Falls—School Inspectors at Semi-annual Meeting—Other News of Fredericton. (Special to The Telegraph.) Fredericton, N. B., Jan. 2.—Letters patent have been issued incorporating Murray B. Hoyt, John T. Fleming, Murray Kennedy, John M. Hay and others of the parish of Richmond, Carleton county, as the York & Carleton Telephone Company, Limited, with capital of \$5,000. Rev. F. E. Gibson, of Fredericton, has been registered to solemnize marriages. Frederick W. Clark and A. K. McLean, M. P., of Brigidwater; Addison J. Bower, of Yarmouth; E. A. Titus, of St. Martins, and Chas. S. Everett, of St. John, are seeking incorporation as the Tourist Hotel Company, Limited. The capital to be \$45,000, and St. John the chief place of business. The school inspectors of the province held their annual conference at the education office this afternoon, with Chief Superintendent Inch. Matters in connection with school work in general of the province were talked of. Inspector Carter, of St. John, was unable to attend, owing to the serious illness of Mrs. Carter, and his brother inspectors forwarded him a telegram of sympathy. The will of the late Hedley F. Grosvenor, of Meductic, has been admitted to probate and letters of administration granted to Mrs. Edna Grosvenor, and his stepdaughter, Miss Eva French. The estate is sworn at \$10,000, of which \$2,000 Miss French is bequeathed \$2,000 in cash, \$400 goes to the mother of the deceased and the residue to the widow, D. McLeod Vince, of Woodstock, is executor. Patrick Lucey, a well known farmer of Hanwell, and a brother of Daniel Lucey, member of this city, died last night after a lingering illness. He was seventy-four and leaves a widow and two daughters, Mrs. Thomas Hoyt, of St. Martins, and Mrs. John McDermott, of Newmarket. The deceased was a justice of the peace, and held the office of postmaster for many years. Stephen J. Northrup, who carried on a shoemaking business at St. Marys for many years, died last night, aged sixty. C. H. Fowler has donated a handsome trophy for competition in the local hockey league this season. E. H. Allan, claims agent of the I. C. R., arrived here this evening. Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Douglas of Stanley, announce the engagement of their daughter, Jennie Davids, to W. A. McVay, of St. Stephen, the marriage to take place at an early date. Hon. W. P. Jones of Woodstock is here today as proctor of the will of the late Theophilus Edwards of Meductic, which was probated today. The estate was sworn at \$10,000.

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IMPORTANT MANITOBA CASE BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—A special London cable says: The privy council here granted leave of appeal in the Manitoba case and the Crown Grain Company case, which raises what Lord Halebury calls a new highly important Canadian constitutional question, namely, how far the provincial legislature is entitled to enact, as the Manitoba legislature enacted in its mechanics' lien act, in the event of litigation that he had been promoted to a diplomatic position at Tunis, Africa. Mr. Dallemagne will visit Paris and leave the French capital next month for his new office. He will be succeeded by Joseph De Leynes, who has been for some years connected with the French foreign office.

PROMOTION FOR FRENCH CONSUL GENERAL TO CANADA

Montreal, Jan. 2.—(Special)—Hiri Dallemagne, the French consul general for Canada here, today received a cable from the French foreign office notifying him that he had been promoted to a diplomatic position at Tunis, Africa. Mr. Dallemagne will visit Paris and leave the French capital next month for his new office. He will be succeeded by Joseph De Leynes, who has been for some years connected with the French foreign office.

COUNT BONI IN GUTTER FIGHT

JERSEY MURDER STARTS CRANKS

Police Deluged With Letters Telling of Alleged Identifications. 1,000 WOMEN MISSING

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IMPORTANT MANITOBA CASE BEFORE THE PRIVY COUNCIL

(Special to The Telegraph.) Montreal, Jan. 2.—A special London cable says: The privy council here granted leave of appeal in the Manitoba case and the Crown Grain Company case, which raises what Lord Halebury calls a new highly important Canadian constitutional question, namely, how far the provincial legislature is entitled to enact, as the Manitoba legislature enacted in its mechanics' lien act, in the event of litigation that he had been promoted to a diplomatic position at Tunis, Africa. Mr. Dallemagne will visit Paris and leave the French capital next month for his new office. He will be succeeded by Joseph De Leynes, who has been for some years connected with the French foreign office.

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So at least it was with most of the human family during 1907. Now we come to a new stretch of undiscovered country—1908—and this year, no doubt, we are all going to keep the record clear. That is the common attitude as the page is turned. There is a sense of satisfaction to most that, after all, we have come so far, and still are not exhausted.

There is a half careless, half unconscious belief that, as we ring the old year out, we ponder its failures to the end that we may walk with surer foot over the new road upon which we are entering. If that were true, seeing how the year resembles an either one would conclude that we ignored either one or found it a poor guide. The truth is rather, perhaps, that the world is in too mad a hurry to look back and to meditate upon what a thoughtful survey of the traversed way would disclose. Meditation is become unfeasible. The crowd feels, in the modern phrase, that it can't afford meditation. Therefore it comes that we rush on into the new year as into an unknown country across which we would make all speed without knowing the mountain country. This spells hurry rather than speed, and certainly rather than progress.

The world and its great family were never so wonderful as now, and in the main never so admirable. For all we know this year may be the most wonderful and valuable of all—if we but give it the chance.

ST. JOHN AND THE RAILWAYS The purpose of Dr. Pugsley's recent interview with the Minister of Railways and with Messrs. Hayes and Wainwright of the Grand Trunk Pacific, no doubt will be made clear presently.

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NOTE AND COMMENT All the Hon. C. W. Robinson has to do is to say when. The sooner the better.

Many will keenly regret the death of Mr. W. S. Barker, and few will be surprised to find that he was naturally a brave and cheerful, but long physical suffering broke him down. The affair is one of extreme sadness.

The Liberals of Nova Scotia have decided to contest the election of Mr. Stanger in the House of Commons for Colchester. The circumstances will recall to the public mind that there is a three-year-old petition against Messrs. Roche and Carney, Liberal members for Halifax, yet to be tried—Montreal Gazette.

Possibly Hon. Mr. Farris envies Mr. Barnes that freedom from political danger and responsibility which the Kent statesman now enjoys. It begins to look like a case of "save himself who can" in the government ranks, but one would suppose the officers at least would stand firm. Of course he know better than the rank and file how desperate the case is.

Mayor Sears exchanged seasonable wishes with Sir Wilfrid Laurier and the Minister of Public Works. The messages are printed in another column. Some will be disposed to ask whether the gentlemen at the Ottawa end of the wire did not exercise more restraint than the occasion demanded. The Premier's curt "Same to yourself" can scarcely be interpreted as promising—er—well, say the post office.

ROCHETTE HAS NOT CONFESSED Quebec Wife Murderer Suspect Arrested at Chicago Declares His Innocence Montreal, Dec. 31—Chief Detective McCaskill, of this province, arrived here this evening from Chicago, bringing with him Omar Rochette, accused of poisoning his wife at Quebec, and Filon Marceau, the girl he married three days after the death of his wife. The pair will be taken to Quebec tomorrow, where Rochette will be charged with murder.

STRUGGLE FOR LIFE IN LOCH LOMOND WATERS Martin Dolan and His Two Children Have a Close Call. A triple drowning accident was narrowly averted Tuesday at Golden Grove, when Martin Dolan and his daughter and son, aged respectively 13 and 12 years old, came very near meeting a watery grave, as a result of going through the ice on the lake. Mr. Dolan lives close to Lake Lo-mond and on Tuesday his daughter, Maria, aged 13, and son Arthur, aged 12, went for a skate on the big pond. After skating about for some time, when near the middle of the lake they broke through the ice and were precipitated into the cold water.

GOOD WORDS At the request of the Victoria Colonist Mr. R. J. Borden sent to that journal a Christmas message. His words are being quoted widely in the newspapers of several provinces, and many praise the breadth of view and the true Canadian note they express. Mr. Borden wrote in part:

"From the Atlantic to the Pacific, across great provinces, each endowed with the resources of an empire, across far spreading prairies and through giant mountains, crowned with the snows of eternity, fly the messages of peace and good will to kinsman and kinsman, from family to family, from friend to friend at this Christmas time."

SECOND OFFICER BLAMED FOR LOSS OF STR. MOUNT TEMPLE Halifax, N. S., Jan. 2—(Special)—Commissioner Wallace has filed his decision in the case of the steamship Mount Temple, stranded on Iron Bound Rock. He held the investigation on instructions from Ottawa.

The second officer is pronounced "greatly culpable" for his conduct and on him is placed the responsibility for the loss of the steamer in not having called Captain Boothby, as he should have done, and for other negligence.

OVER 14,000 HUNTERS IN MAINE WOODS LAST SEASON Total Receipts for Licenses and Fines \$40,000—Thousands of Deer Killed Illegally. Augusta, Me., Dec. 31—The annual report of the commissioners of inland fisheries and game, which was filed with the governor and council today, shows that during the past year 1,983 residents and 25 non-residents were registered as guides, guiding 14,083 different persons and being employed \$4,778 days. Licenses were issued to 223 to hunt and trap the fur-bearing animals on the wild lands of the state.

Licenses were issued to 131 persons, or co-partnerships, to keep places of resort for fishermen or hunters. They report that they have entertained 13,000 different guests, consuming 390 deer, purchasing 104 of this number. One hundred and ten have been licensed to purchase deerkins. They report that they have purchased 4,884 skins, falling off from last year of about 3,000 skins. Thirty-nine market men have been licensed to retail deer meat, who report that they have sold 234 deer to their customers since the season opened. It is reported that 308 non-residents to hunt after October 1. Ninety of these paid \$10 additional after October 1 and were issued licenses to hunt after October 1. This is a falling off of 45 from last year. They sold 100 receipts for licenses and fines are a little over \$40,000.

The commissioners state that the carrying of firearms into the woods in close season by campers, tourists, workmen in the woods, fishermen and others is a prolific source of slaughter of deer in close season, and from the best available sources they estimate that about 15,000 deer have been killed this year legally and illegally. Of the fishing interests the report says: "The number of people who fish from the hatcheries are plainly evident in more than a thousand streams. Only in this way can a supply of fish be kept in our waters. The number of people who fish is constantly increasing, not only of residents of the state but of non-residents, who come here to spend a vacation. The coast is crowded with anglers, and much among the great majority of these people, provided that they can catch fish. We are convinced that for every dollar that is expended in the purchase of fishing tackle, many fold is returned to the people of the state in one way and another by those who come here from other states to enjoy the still green waters, feasting royally on the crabs which his anglers never forget to scatter."

THE LAND OF FIRE Plain Living and High Thinking of the Icelanders. (National Geographical Magazine.) Iceland is, as William Morris said, "the Greece of the North." It produced in the twelfth and thirteenth centuries a literature of a high order, and the golden age of England and France, in character drawing, in passionate dramatic power, in severe, noble simplicity, in grandeur of every comfort, living on rained butter and dried fish, drinking sour whey and milk, dressed like his servant, seeking in a little hot food, yet a cultured mind, possessing an immense knowledge not only of the history of his own country, but of Greece and Rome; a poet fond of throwing in a few scraps of Latin and morally the equal of his European counterpart, considering himself your equal and refusing to be ordered about by a rich Englishman in a motor car, and in the land and hundreds of sheep, with a pedigree going further back than that of his visitor; a jack of all trades, a blacksmith in his smithy, boat builder and carpenter, an artist in filigree work, a carver in wood, an eager reader in books, he has universal education up to a degree to which it is not possible to attain in any other country.

There are no schools in Iceland, yet every child at 12 can read, according to the parish statistics. In no country in Europe are so many books printed and sold, in proportion to the population. A population of only 70,000, scattered in a few hamlets, is printing presses, the earliest being established back as 1538; about 100 books annually, fourteen newspapers and eight periodicals are produced to satisfy the literary needs of this little nation.

Yet this literary people still live in a pastoral and Homeric civilization, which is a modern lesson of the healthfulness of a life lived in close contact with the free, wild life of nature, such as would have delighted the heart of Rousseau or Thoreau. As a proof that this life is healthy I give the example of a clergyman who died four years ago 113 years old, having managed to live all his days healthy and happy on \$20 (\$100) a year, the average stipend in the Icelandic church. The sheep yield food and clothing. Their wool is pulled off in the spring, carded, spun, woven in hand looms, and worn undyed. You make shoes of their skin and spoons of the horns. Every opportunity is seized for the tanning of staves and rearing of peeps. Only the milk ewes are kept at home in the summer to be milked; the rest of the sheep are gathered in from the mountains in autumn, notice being given at church from the pulpit.

The autumn gatherings, with people sitting on the walls of a stone enclosure, telling stories, are quite Homeric. The winter evenings are spent with each member of the family busy on their knees shaving the wool off sheep skins, making boots and nets of hair; the women using spindle and distaff, embroidering, etc., and still better opportunity for stories and puns.

RAPID PROGRESS. (Winnipeg Tribune.) A bride for the fourth time at the age of sixteen years, is the remarkable record of a young woman living near Winnipeg. She is the daughter of a former Nebraska rancher, and was married the first time when scarcely from eight years of age. Her first and third husbands died suddenly and the second deserted her. Her present husband is Robert J. Horton, a young farmer. Mrs. Horton is a pretty and attractive woman. She has no children.

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THE TELEGRAPH'S LONDON LETTER Picturesque Yuletide in Modern Babylon—Some Quips and Jars in British and Colonial Politics—A New Year's Greeting.

(Special Correspondence of The Telegraph.) London, Dec. 20—Christmas time in London! Waits singing of an evening at street corners in large groups, or singly on one's doorstep—occasionally through the keyhole. Streets almost impassable by reason of crowds. Shop windows triumphantly proving that even the present brilliant fashions have not exhausted their capability of gorgeousness. Street hawkers shouting in one's ear to call attention to their merchandise of "unconsidered trifles." Curb stones beautified here and there by mounds of roses, narcissi, and chrysanthemums. Butcher shops almost hidden from view behind their outside fastenings of turkey, pheasants, geese and hares. Urchins grinning under springs of mistletoe which they have placed in their caps, and pantomime posters splashing every hoarding and dead wall with brilliant colors.

And the holly berries are bold and red as they gleam from their ambush of polished leaves—dark green, ivory white or variegated. Their ruddy beauty is very becoming to this grey atmosphere and it flashes everywhere—in carts which rattle through the streets laden with their high piled branches, in prim wreaths that decorate shops and houses, on tall holly trees in the parks and on bushes in private gardens, where they find a rival to their brilliancy in robin redbreast who sits on the holly branches, and so London, feasting royally on the crumbs which his anglers never forget to scatter.

And to all this the weather lends a background of infinite variety. There is rain in plenty—enough to cover some of the fields in the outskirts with several inches of water, and there is also sunshine, whole days of it sparkling and glowing—and, of course, there is fog. I am rather diffident about mentioning the sunshine, nothing but the demand of inexorable truth compels me to do so, for I fear I shall be suspected of being "out" in my local color, and I hate to destroy the popular ideal. Everybody knows that there is only one climate for London at Christmas and that is fog. No well conducted author ever places the scene of his story in this city at this season without enveloping his characters in the murkiest atmosphere obtainable in a place famed for its manufacture of mists. Small wonder that the world pictures the Englishman taking his pleasures sadly in the saddle of all atmospheres. It is my business, however, to record facts, so, however much it may do violence to preconceived ideas, I must insist, however reluctantly, that our fog programme has this year been varied by several glorious days.

I suppose it is superfluous to inform twentieth-century readers that our most of London Christmas is as little like the season described by Dickens as it is like the Christmas of the Yule-log and the Wassail bowl, of which the illustrated papers make so much. Hilarity is not brimming over with good will, ebullient and cheerful there is only a dull, heavy generation like this, which allows itself plenty of holidays, this one great festival has not the same importance which it had in the days when people worked with fewer intervals for rest and refreshment. Most of the faces one sees wear a pre-occupied look—a few are stamped with worry.

Yet the season is a merry one in London nevertheless. It is the season when the farthest come to town—and they are more than ever in evidence this year. Quite an imposing array of theatres have dropped their tragic and problem plays in favor of pantomime, and Drury Lane is the leading house for that particular form of entertainment—presenting no less than three nursery legends rolled into one under the title of "The Babes in the Wood."

"Peter Pan," too, is again on the boards of the Duke of York's. It has been put on every winter since it was first produced, and this is its fourth year. As it is always greeted by a crowded house, it may be said to have been definitely accepted by the London public as a perennial and dearly loved classic. Ostensibly it was written for children; but the grown ups insist on claiming their share in it as well. On the opening and the closing nights of each season's performances the theatre is generally filled with leading men having all sorts of interest in life—members of parliament, prominent judges, well known business men, celebrities in art, science and literature, who greet the various situations with rapturous applause and enthusiastically call out the various members of the cast.

Nor are the theatres alone devoted to fairy lore. At the "Book Shows" held by the Times, Daily Chronicle and Tribune, fairy books are the leading feature. And such fairy books! One wonders what the imagination of the rising generation would be like since it is now assisted by such marvellous art. There is no doubt about it that in this particular branch of illustration England leads the world. Arthur Rackham's work alone is enough to give her pre-eminence. Merely to turn the pages of Peter Pan and glance at his intricate and lovely illustrations, it is as if one were living in Kensington Gardens and the tree-holes transformed into witch-faces—enough to convince anyone of that. But even he, according to public opinion, cannot adequately illustrate Alice in Wonderland. Nobody can but Tenniel.

Garnages, the great Holborn toy shop, was recently damaged by a great fire. Yet there is apparently no dearth of toys in London. Looking through them one is struck with the amount of cleverness now exhibited in the make up of these articles which are so appealing to the youthful tastes.

the wake of the "Teddy bear" and the Gollywog, lend themselves readily to expensiveness. The modern spirit has decided that it shall express the grotesque. So we have policemen, soldiers, firemen, postmen, policemen and suffragettes, all represented with the clever and amusing exaggeration which good cartoonists exhibit in the treatment of the political satirist. Presumably the superior modern child will appreciate the satire.

For generations the Ludgate Hill vendors of toys have been one of the sights of London at Christmas time. They came from the poorest districts and used to form an impetuous wall along all the kerbstones in the vicinity of St. Paul's. It was interesting and amusing and the favorite source of supply for the little Londoner's Christmas stocking, but the congestion of traffic in this narrow street endangered the lives of the vendors, so an order has gone forth from police authorities banning them from this stand. The widespread regret was expressed. The Londoner felt that he would miss them and it was felt that many of the poor hawkers who depended on the toy fair for their winter's income might have no resource but the workhouse. However, they have now been transferred to High Holborn's wide sidewalks, and so London still has her spectacle; the child who is not too superior gets his stocking filled, and the hawkier earns his bread. But I fear St. Paul's is lonely.

But it must not be supposed that London is devoting herself entirely to pretty fairy faces and Christmas legends. She has many interests. The recent fogs have created consternation in some of the suburbs and made the weather a leading topic. A general election is thought to be imminent and despite our theoretical devotion to peace and goodwill at this season, the political fight is waged with unabated vigour. Then she has her "agitations" at times such as "Rogon Dog" and the "Pro-Zulus."

Day has had its ridiculous side. Three sets of enthusiasts brought unbridled notoriety upon themselves. First the Anti-vice-ists, who erected in Battersea Park a model which has been destroyed, which they asserted had been experimented for two months. Next the band of London College students, indignant at this aspersion upon science, destroyed a monument, and then the London police-enthusiasts for law and order, interfered in the subsequent demonstration in Trafalgar Square, and when they were introduced into a riot arrested the wrong people, and it is said, handled them roughly. The result of the "agitations" was the most foolish—the anti-vice-ists, the students and the police?

The rumor of a general election arises whenever people wonder what will happen if the house of Lords refuses to adopt the resolution which Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman is putting in front of them to limit their activities to merely recording any measures sent up by the lower house. Unless it will agree to commit legislative proposals to a referendum, the House will only by an appeal to the country can the constitution be changed. The Unionists are making ready for the fray. They have recently sent out on their way several large vans, manned with trained speakers, hung about with political mottoes and furnished with gramophones charged with speeches by the Unionist leaders. A cold way this—in winter weather, to spread the Unionist propaganda. If real can accomplish anything they ought to succeed.

Verily with all these jarring interests, London needs the season of peace and good will, even though it is not what it used to be and though its thought is only on the surface. It is good even to try to be kind to each other at least once in the year, and to assume that merit and happiness are put in the scales of the most healthy people. It is the fashion to write of Christmas now as a played out festival—a season when the well conducted moralist must needs indulge in introspection and regrets. Perhaps I owe the public an apology for neglecting to talk of my "memories" and other private mental processes. But it seems to me a rather morbid preparation for the New Year. It weakens us just when we need strength most. For one must have courage, strength and hope to face

THE NEW YEAR. She enters through the gates of Time The New Year by the nations hailed; and from our eyes her form is veiled in mystery—dread and sublime. What gift for us her hands may hold, Success or failure, joy or pain, Death's calm perchance?—we ask in vain: 'Tis hidden 'neath her garments' fold. We can but in the darkness grope; Yet golden light about her gleams, We see her star-crowned, and the beams Shine with the joyous rays of hope. So cheered, I write this wish sincere, The heartfelt greeting which I send To nearest hearts, to dearest friend, Aye to the world!—a Glad New Year. N. L. J.

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Report of Vessel Off Partridge Island Proves Incorrect—Montreal Opinion That Shaft Has Broken and the Steamer May Be Drifting Down to Bermuda.

There is no further word of the steamer passed by the steamer Lake Champlain Monday off Sable Island, and which it was thought might be the overdue C. P. R. steamer Mount Royal, now twenty-seven days out from Antwerp for St. John, with 304 immigrants aboard. Last evening, as happened once last week, there was a report of a vessel seen off Partridge Island, but again the report was not substantiated.

A London cable of Tuesday says that twenty guinea premium was paid at Lloyds on the Mount Royal.

The Mount Royal left Antwerp Dec. 7 for this port and her ordinary time of passage is about twelve days. She has on board 304 immigrants, 200 of whom are from the steerage class, intending immigrants from southern and north eastern Europe.

The Mount Royal was a vessel of the same general description as the Mount Temple which went on the rocks at Iron-bound Island some weeks ago, but is smaller. She was built at Liverpool, 1888, and registered at Liverpool. She was originally one of the Elder, Dempster fleet, but was bought by the Canadian Pacific Railway when their shipping policy was first inaugurated. Her dimensions are as follows: Length, 470 feet; beam, 66 feet; depth, 32 feet; gross tonnage, 7,064; net, 4,838. She is a steel screw steamer.

The steamer has on board the following cargo for St. John—60 cs. rum, J. O'Regan; 125 cs. liquors, Comau & Sheehan; 28 cs. canned goods, Ocker; 2 cs. biscuits, White Catering Co.; 32 cs. hats, London House Wholesale; 36 pkgs. tea, Kearley & Tonge, Ltd.; 10 cs. dry goods, Manchester R. & A. She has also a large quantity of goods for the west.

The general impression among shipping men is that the belated vessel has broken her propeller and so slowed down to very light speed because of the difficulty of steering and that she will come in very soon either under her own steam or in tow. It is not the first time that the Mount Royal has been delayed. On a previous occasion she was 19 days out owing to storms.

A Montreal shipping man, discussing the Mount Royal Tuesday, said that as the Mount Royal is a single screw steamer she would, in the event of her shaft breaking, which is one of the reasons why the delay is attributable, drift out of the track of passing steamers either east or west bound, and finally land somewhere in the vicinity of Bermuda, driven there by the currents. If the Mount Royal has broken her shaft without the possibility of repair she will drift, halfly, and be blowing out of the regular ocean paths. She is not fitted with the Marconi apparatus and no vessel either going to a British port or coming from one of them would be in the vicinity of Bermuda, driven there by the currents. If the Mount Royal has broken her shaft without the possibility of repair she will drift, halfly, and be blowing out of the regular ocean paths. She is not fitted with the Marconi apparatus and no vessel either going to a British port or coming from one of them would be in the vicinity of Bermuda, driven there by the currents.

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Mr. Woodley's stay in each city and province will be indefinite. Reliable information is the object he has in view, and he has instructions from the papers he represents to spare no pains to obtain it. It is probable that the best part of a year will be spent before his work is completed. In the meantime weekly letters to the old country will keep the readers of his papers in touch with him on his tour.

SUSSEX RESIDENCE DAMAGED BY FIRE

Sussex, Jan. 2.—(Special)—A fire occurred in the house of F. W. Wallace, this morning shortly before five o'clock. An alarm was immediately rung in on its discovery by the time the fire was under hand it had gained considerable headway. It was necessary to do considerable cutting in order to stop its progress.

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The year 1907 will long be remembered among other things for the remarkable weather conditions prevailing. D. L. Hutchinson, director of the observatory, has compiled for The Telegraph a table for the month of December in each year since 1873 with the exception of 1881. It will be seen that the minimum temperature for the month just closed was much the highest for thirty-four years and in all that period the average for 1907 was exceeded only once, in 1893. The figures are:

Table with columns: Date, Avg., Max., Min., and a column for temperature anomalies. It lists data for each day of the month from Dec 1 to Dec 31.

The snow fall during the month just closed was 87.40 inches while 81.2 inches fell in December, 1906, and 1907 were nearly 3 inches of rain and 11.60 inches of snow. November, 1907, was also a remarkably mild month and those, following a summer which was almost destitute of warmth, make a record hardly to be equalled perhaps in a century.

SOME 'LONGSHOREMEN' ARE DISSATISFIED

Rumors of Possible Split and Formation of Union in Carleton.

Dissatisfaction among the members of the Longshoremen's Association because of the decision not to work on New Year's day, was removed Thursday and with the report was one that a split in the association might take place and that a union might be formed in Carleton.

It was stated for those who express dissatisfaction that they did not like the idea of a holiday when it meant losing double a day's pay; that enough had already been lost and when work was there to do advantage should be taken of it.

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Joseph Harrington. Joseph Harrington, a highly respected resident of Fairville, died early Tuesday morning. Mr. Harrington was a native of Ireland, but came to this province when young, making his home for a number of years at Fairville, Kings county. He had three sons—John, J. D. and James P.—in the States; and two daughters, at home.

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Roach-Jost. Miss Edith L. Jost, formerly of Halifax, was married in Vancouver on Dec. 31 to E. F. Roach of St. Ives, Cornwall (Eng.). The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Milliken.

Brown-Porter. Wilson's Beach, Dec. 30.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, Sr., was the scene of a happy event on the evening of Dec. 30, when J. Edgar Brown was married to Miss Agnes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Perry in the presence of thirty or more invited guests. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Lena Newman, while Wheeler Brown did the honors of groomsmen. The bride was becomingly attired in white fine Monte Carlo dress, and carried the handsome oak flower stand and jardiniere to Mrs. Fletcher. The best wishes for the New Year were expressed.

Friends of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, of Charlotte street United Baptist church, Carleton, called at the parsonage Tuesday and, through Deacon J. S. Clark, presented a gold-mounted fountain pen engraved with the handsome oak flower stand and jardiniere to Mrs. Fletcher. The best wishes for the New Year were expressed.

Rev. T. W. Johnson, of the A. M. E. church, was visited on a number of the members of his congregation by a few immediate relatives and friends of the young couple. The rooms were very tastefully decorated in honor of the occasion. The contracting parties stood beneath an arch festooned with green and white, from which dropped a large white bell. The bride, who was unattended, was handsomely gowned in cream silk, with lace and applique trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the dining room, which had been prettily decorated in red, white and blue, and partook of a tempting wedding dinner, the hostess being assisted in the service by Mrs. Farley and Miss Raymond, of Woodstock.

Both bride and groom are popular, and friends expressed their good will, with some beautiful wedding remembrances that of the bride's father being a generous check, and a handsome sack from her mother. The groom's present was a very pretty gold watch and chain. The happy couple left on the afternoon express for a short honeymoon trip. The bride's going-away gown was of garnet broadcloth with hat to match.

Court North End, No. 567, C. O. F., has elected the following officers: Dr. H. B. Nase, G. P. C. R.; M. Akerley, G. R.; W. H. Hutchinson, C. R.; F. Scott, R. S.; G. A. Vincent, F. C.; C. C. Fiewelling, treasurer; Rev. D. Hutchinson, chaplain; G. W. Day, S. W.; J. R. McMillan, J. B.; Dr. W. F. Roberts, physician; H. Vanwart, conductor; Rev. D. Hutchinson, auditor.

William Donner, a Carleton mason, met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon having the four fingers of his right hand torn to pieces which at work on the dredge Beaver. While walking along the deck he slipped on a lump of coal and putting his right hand on a wire he caught his fingers which were in motion. His fingers became entangled in the wire and were torn from the hand. He was removed to the general public hospital.

The police force took enough time off Tuesday night to present to the head officers of the New Brunswick police the presentation took place in central station just before the dismissal of the night men. Chief Clark received a handsome dressing gown and Deputy Jenkin a beautiful gold watch chain with a locket inscribed as follows: "F. W. Jenkins, of the police force, 1908," and bearing the emblem of the I. O. F., of which he is a prominent member. Both the recipients were taken completely by surprise, but made suitable replies, praising the work of the force and returning the good wishes expressed.

A very pleasant feature Thursday evening's meeting of York L. O. L. No. 3, was the presentation of a handsome past master's jewel to E. S. Hennigar who has recently completed a highly successful two years' term as master of the lodge. The presentation was accompanied by an address read by Neil J. Morrison, grand secretary, expressing the good will of the members. The presentation was made by the worthy master, Isaac Mercer. Mr. Hennigar spoke briefly expressing his appreciation of the gift and the expression of good will. Speeches were made by several members and visiting brethren.

Union Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., Thursday evening's meeting was a very interesting one being performed by H. H. McLellan, D. G. C., assisted by A. Dodge, G. P., and G. W. Stewart, G. M., at A. E. Hilton Smith, C. C.; E. McCollough, V. C.; R. B. Price, prelate; R. T. Pat- chell, M. of W.; F. A. Kinneer, K. of R. & M. of F.; F. R. Ritchie, M. of E.; W. H. Holder, M. at A.; H. H. Reid, I. G.; J. Thornton, O. G. Following the installation the members enjoyed a social hour on the invitation of the new officers. A short musical programme was given. R. S. Ritchie, W. H. Holder, E. W. Bonnell and others took part.

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WEDDINGS.

Wills-Vevey. Sussex, Dec. 31.—A very pretty but quiet wedding took place at 4.30 o'clock this afternoon at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Vevey, Apocynon, when their eldest daughter, Gertrude Pauline, was united in marriage to Heber Viles, station agent of the I. C. R. at Calhoun's Mills. Rev. J. F. Calder, pastor of the Baptist church, performed the ceremony. The parlors were decorated with potted plants and cut flowers. The bride was given away by her father and was beautifully attired in white silk with lace trimmings and carried a bridal bouquet of roses and white carnations. The bride and groom were unattended, only the immediate relatives being present. Miss Nellie Vevey, sister of the bride, rendered Mendelssohn's march. The bride is well known and very popular among her large circle of friends. She will be greatly missed. After luncheon the happy couple left on the Halifax train for a short trip. Mr. and Mrs. Viles will make their future home at Calhoun, Westmorland county.

Roach-Jost. Miss Edith L. Jost, formerly of Halifax, was married in Vancouver on Dec. 31 to E. F. Roach of St. Ives, Cornwall (Eng.). The ceremony was performed by Rev. Robert Milliken.

Brown-Porter. Wilson's Beach, Dec. 30.—The residence of Mr. and Mrs. John Porter, Sr., was the scene of a happy event on the evening of Dec. 30, when J. Edgar Brown was married to Miss Agnes, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Porter. The ceremony was performed by Rev. W. H. Perry in the presence of thirty or more invited guests. The bride was attended by her cousin, Miss Lena Newman, while Wheeler Brown did the honors of groomsmen. The bride was becomingly attired in white fine Monte Carlo dress, and carried the handsome oak flower stand and jardiniere to Mrs. Fletcher. The best wishes for the New Year were expressed.

Friends of Rev. M. E. Fletcher, of Charlotte street United Baptist church, Carleton, called at the parsonage Tuesday and, through Deacon J. S. Clark, presented a gold-mounted fountain pen engraved with the handsome oak flower stand and jardiniere to Mrs. Fletcher. The best wishes for the New Year were expressed.

Rev. T. W. Johnson, of the A. M. E. church, was visited on a number of the members of his congregation by a few immediate relatives and friends of the young couple. The rooms were very tastefully decorated in honor of the occasion. The contracting parties stood beneath an arch festooned with green and white, from which dropped a large white bell. The bride, who was unattended, was handsomely gowned in cream silk, with lace and applique trimmings, and carried a shower bouquet of white roses. After the ceremony the guests adjourned to the dining room, which had been prettily decorated in red, white and blue, and partook of a tempting wedding dinner, the hostess being assisted in the service by Mrs. Farley and Miss Raymond, of Woodstock.

Both bride and groom are popular, and friends expressed their good will, with some beautiful wedding remembrances that of the bride's father being a generous check, and a handsome sack from her mother. The groom's present was a very pretty gold watch and chain. The happy couple left on the afternoon express for a short honeymoon trip. The bride's going-away gown was of garnet broadcloth with hat to match.

Court North End, No. 567, C. O. F., has elected the following officers: Dr. H. B. Nase, G. P. C. R.; M. Akerley, G. R.; W. H. Hutchinson, C. R.; F. Scott, R. S.; G. A. Vincent, F. C.; C. C. Fiewelling, treasurer; Rev. D. Hutchinson, chaplain; G. W. Day, S. W.; J. R. McMillan, J. B.; Dr. W. F. Roberts, physician; H. Vanwart, conductor; Rev. D. Hutchinson, auditor.

William Donner, a Carleton mason, met with a painful accident Tuesday afternoon having the four fingers of his right hand torn to pieces which at work on the dredge Beaver. While walking along the deck he slipped on a lump of coal and putting his right hand on a wire he caught his fingers which were in motion. His fingers became entangled in the wire and were torn from the hand. He was removed to the general public hospital.

The police force took enough time off Tuesday night to present to the head officers of the New Brunswick police the presentation took place in central station just before the dismissal of the night men. Chief Clark received a handsome dressing gown and Deputy Jenkin a beautiful gold watch chain with a locket inscribed as follows: "F. W. Jenkins, of the police force, 1908," and bearing the emblem of the I. O. F., of which he is a prominent member. Both the recipients were taken completely by surprise, but made suitable replies, praising the work of the force and returning the good wishes expressed.

A very pleasant feature Thursday evening's meeting of York L. O. L. No. 3, was the presentation of a handsome past master's jewel to E. S. Hennigar who has recently completed a highly successful two years' term as master of the lodge. The presentation was accompanied by an address read by Neil J. Morrison, grand secretary, expressing the good will of the members. The presentation was made by the worthy master, Isaac Mercer. Mr. Hennigar spoke briefly expressing his appreciation of the gift and the expression of good will. Speeches were made by several members and visiting brethren.

Union Lodge, No. 2, K. of P., Thursday evening's meeting was a very interesting one being performed by H. H. McLellan, D. G. C., assisted by A. Dodge, G. P., and G. W. Stewart, G. M., at A. E. Hilton Smith, C. C.; E. McCollough, V. C.; R. B. Price, prelate; R. T. Pat- chell, M. of W.; F. A. Kinneer, K. of R. & M. of F.; F. R. Ritchie, M. of E.; W. H. Holder, M. at A.; H. H. Reid, I. G.; J. Thornton, O. G. Following the installation the members enjoyed a social hour on the invitation of the new officers. A short musical programme was given. R. S. Ritchie, W. H. Holder, E. W. Bonnell and others took part.

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