

# The Daily Tribune

SAINT JOHN N. B. FRIDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 22, 1871.

NO. 2.

VOL. I.

Western Extension Railway.

CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

Excursion Return Tickets.

FROM SATURDAY, 23rd inst., until MONDAY, 25th inst., the following Excursion Return Tickets will be issued to all Stations between St. John and Fredericton, Woodville, and Bangor. These Excursion Tickets will be good to return upon until Tuesday, 26th inst. On Saturday, 23rd inst., a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave St. John for Fredericton at 10:30 a.m., and on Sunday, 24th inst., a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Fredericton for St. John at 10:30 a.m. On Monday, 25th inst., a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave St. John for Bangor at 10:30 a.m., and on Tuesday, 26th inst., a SPECIAL TRAIN will leave Bangor for St. John at 10:30 a.m. J. BURPEE, Manager, St. John, N. B., 19th Dec. 1871.

Government Railways.

Excursion Return Tickets will be issued to all Ticket Stations on these Railways.

One First-Class Fare, from SATURDAY, 23rd inst., until MONDAY, 25th inst., and on TUESDAY, 26th inst.

These Tickets will be good to return not later than TUESDAY, 26th inst.

General Superintendent, Railway Office, St. John, N. B., 19th Dec. 1871.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS!

1871-2. Winter Arrangement, 1871-2.

On and after MONDAY, 4th December next, Trains will run as follows:

GOING EAST.

No. 3 Will leave Saint John for Shediac at 10 a.m.

No. 4 Will leave Saint John for Pettaudville at 10 a.m.

No. 5 Will leave Saint John for Sussex at 10 a.m.

No. 6 Will leave Pettaudville Junction for Amherst at 10 a.m.

GOING WEST.

No. 1 Will leave Sussex for Saint John at 10 a.m.

No. 2 Will leave Pettaudville for Saint John at 10 a.m.

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No. 38 Will leave Sussex for Saint John at 10 a.m.

D. E. LEACH & CO.,

Wine and Spirit Merchants,

ST. STEPHEN'S BUILDING,

No. 5 King Square.

dec 21 31

SUFFREN,

No. 80 KING STREET.

Watches, Clocks and Jewelry

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Call and See our Prices.

dec 21 31

\$1.00 STORE,

No. 28 Germain Street,

Three Doors North of Chalmers Corner.

J. MCCLURE.

dec 21 31

SCOTTISH

IMPERIAL

FIRE

Insurance Company.

W. C. PERLEY, Agent,

Canterbury Street.

dec 21

HAVANA CIGARS—5000 very fine Havana Cigars, 10000 German Cigars. For sale by

R. E. PUDDINGTON.

CHRISTMAS GROCERIES—All orders received by the Subscribers for Christmas Groceries will be promptly filled with a fresh assortment as can be found in my store.

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Christmas Stook

From the most Celebrated Manufacturers of

BOSTON AND NEW YORK.

C. FLOOD'S WAREROOMS,

75 Prince Wm. Street.

Special Inducements to purchasers during the Holidays.

THE LOCKMAN

FAMILY

Sewing Machine.

THIS best and most useful CHRISTMAS BOX OF NEW YEAR'S GIFTS IS A LOCKMAN SEWING MACHINE.

Special Discount for the Holidays.

70 KING STREET.

Hoop Skirt Factory,

DAVID MILLAR.

dec 21

FOR A

CHRISTMAS PRESENT,

There could be nothing more useful and appropriate than

A BOOK.

J. & A. McMillan,

Booksellers, Stationers, &c.,

75 PRINCE Wm. STREET.

Have a very large stock of BOOKS, the greater portion being ENTIRELY NEW, comprising

ELEGANTLY ILLUSTRATED BOOKS, in fine Bindings.

THE WORKS OF STANDARD AUTHORS, in History, Fiction, Poetry, &c.

THE POETS in various Editions, with and without ILLUSTRATIONS, from the most expensive to the cheapest editions.

BOOKS FOR GIRLS OF ALL AGES.

BOOKS OF TRAVEL AND ADVENTURES FOR BOYS.

BOOKS FOR YOUNG LADIES.

Books for Children of all ages, including a fine assortment of

PICTURE BOOKS FOR THE LITTLE ONES.

Books adapted to the Ages and Tastes of all FAVORS.

A large assortment of

CHOICE FANCY GOODS.

PLEASE CALL AND EXAMINE.

dec 21

CHRISTMAS, 1871.

WE WILL OFFER DURING THE HOLIDAYS

The balance of our

FANCY GOODS,

AT ABOUT HALF PRICE,

AS WE ARE GIVING UP THE RETAIL PART OF OUR BUSINESS.

A Call will Convince.

EVERITT & BUTLER,

King Street.

dec 21

SAINT JOHN

TOBACCO MANUFACTORY!

SOUTHWARK STREET.

The Subscriber here to call the attention of the trade to his varied stock of

PLUG TOBACCOES.

Comprising—CAVENDISH 1 1/2, GILBERT'S HALL BRIGHT, &c. GOLD BARS and NAVY 3/4, low leaf and equal in quality to anything imported.

18-1m JOHN D. ROBERTSON.

THE DAILY TRIBUNE

The number of which we present to our readers to day, is intended to be a special number of the patronage of all respectable classes of our community. It shall be the Editor's aim to conduct it so that the commercial, industrial and social interests of the Dominion may be advanced, while its management shall know neither party, nationality nor sect. The DAILY TRIBUNE will support all sound legislative measures, wherever they may originate, and oppose every scheme prejudicial to the public good, by whatever political party it may be upheld. While Dominion and Provincial affairs will thus be fully and impartially treated, special attention will be given to matters relating to the City and County of St. John. That our City may remain its present pre-eminence as a commercial centre, greater ability and energy must enter into its corporate management. Its harbor interests require the most vigilant scrutiny; and not less, but more, important are those guarantees which should be, but unfortunately have not been, taken for securing the Public Health. The Chlorine Supply, the Sewerage question, the proper distribution of the Public Schools, and the management of the Public Buildings, are also matters of great moment and are intimately related to our City's commercial prosperity. With such questions we shall deal faithfully, although we do not propose that their discussion shall wholly overshadow the many interesting topics that will engage the attention of the inhabitants of other Provincial towns, whose important local news will be chronicled, from day to day, in these columns.

Special Correspondence, from leading Political and Commercial centers, will be laid before our readers, as circumstances may require; and Letters from the People when brief, dignified and "to the point," will be welcomed. (Contributions from long-winded and noisy letter writers will be respectfully declined.)

Arrangements are progressing for a full and regular supply of THE DAILY TRIBUNE, and when exciting and important Foreign News may be expected, special Special Telegrams will be forthcoming in THE DAILY TRIBUNE.

The Shipping Reports of THE DAILY TRIBUNE will be found, after the present issue, unusually full and reliable, and such as to secure for the paper a place in the offices of the thousands in the Province who are interested in this important element of our commercial prosperity. A weekly financial Report will also be published—one we trust, that our Merchants will find valuable for reference at home, and for the information of their correspondents abroad.

To Advertisers we offer a sheet whose circulation we propose to extend by all honorable means. We shall not rest satisfied until THE DAILY TRIBUNE finds a place and a welcome in every counting room, and in the home of every newspaper reader, in the City. With Editorial Lectures and other public entertainments, say first insertion, 80 cts each subsequent do. 40 cts

For condensed advertisements, to occupy 5 lines, such as Wants, each advertising say, first insertion, 25 cts. A few special agreements, having reference to position and extra space, will be made at paying rates.

OTHER MATTERS.

We shall be pleased to receive from any of our friends of THE DAILY TRIBUNE in reference to subjects requiring journalistic treatment. The news items should be reliable, and the remarks of a practical character. Special contributions will be received, and, when their public value appears to warrant, will be paid for. Extracts from the business Lectures of Merchants, which in many instances, contain valuable facts and statistics, might frequently be supplied to Editors with advantage to the public. A corner in the DAILY TRIBUNE will be reserved for such Correspondence.

In conclusion, the subscriber would ask for this new enterprise the countenance and practical support of the reading and advertising community. If, in the past, he has been so fortunate as to assist, even to a limited extent, in furthering those interests which the great majority of our citizens have at heart; if he has been instrumental, in any way, in assisting our good City to that grand career of prosperity and influence which appears to be before her, he has been amply rewarded for the labor of many years. For the promise of the future he can only refer his readers and friends to the performance of the past.

JOHN LIVINGSTON.

"THE DAILY TRIBUNE" Office, St. John, Dec. 21, 1871.

At Mr. Lorimer's Grocery, corner Duke and Sydney.

At Mrs. Bowen's, Princess street, (above Carmarthen.)

At C. F. Burns's, corner Westworth and Main.

At James Lemon's, corner St. James and Carmarthen.

At James McKenny's, Main street, near Carmarthen.

At Miss Campbell's Pitt street, near King.

At John Smith's, corner Union and Coburg.

At R. E. Puddington's Grocery, 44 Charlotte St.

At L. Currier's, Waterloo street.

At John McArthur's, Charlotte street.

At H. G. Frost's, Coburg street.

At J. B. Fawcett's, Railway Station.

At C. Manaton's, City Road.

At W. J. McGowan's, Marsh Bridge.

At L. Currier's, Waterloo street.

At H. G. Frost's, Brussels street.

At Emery & Sons, Golden Ball corner.

At John Moray's, Union street.

At Portland.—By Mr. Shields, druggist, Main street.

Capt. Speight, Main street.

W. G. Brown, P. M., Indian town.

R. S. Matthews, Indian town.

In CHARLOTTE.—At the Agency of H. Chubb & Co., and on the street.

In FAIRVILLE.—At C. F. Tilton's, Post Office.

The DAILY TRIBUNE may also be obtained at the Stations of the E. & N. A. Railway.

We have only space to add the names of a few of our country agents, such as Mr. A. H. Clawley, St. Stephen, Mr. J. S. Magee, St. Andrews, McLachlan & Sons, Fredericton, Mr. W. Everett, Woodstock, Mr. J. W. Pitfield, Moncton, Mr. Ovid Chapman, Shediac, Mr. T. G. Barnes, Ousegong.

A complete list, however, will be given in another issue.

RATES OF ADVERTISING.

The DAILY TRIBUNE will unite, when requested, with the other City Newspapers in treating all advertising as "transient;" that is, it will regard with favor the abolition of agreements for advertising "by the year." The latter practice has gone out of fashion in all well managed newspaper offices; and being a most unjust arrangement, both for the Newspaper and a majority of the Advertisers, should have ceased to exist in this City many years ago. Such a step might place the Tribune at a disadvantage, for a time, in the race with its older and more vigorous Daily competitors, such as the Telegraph and Journal, Globe, and Morning News; but it would establish, by first principle, and, in the end, prove advantageous both to the Advertising Public and the Press. Until a change of the character proposed, however, be consummated, the rates for Advertisements in THE DAILY TRIBUNE shall be as follows:—

A limited number of yearly contracts will be made on the basis of \$20 for one line of space, several changes being allowed, say, \$20 Two inches, with changes, \$30 For a Card of 5 lines, 1 year, \$12

For Advertisements of Governments, Corporations, Railway and Steamboat Co's., and other public bodies,—for Lectures, Concerts, entertainments, say first insertion, 80 cts each subsequent do. 40 cts

For ordinary mercantile transient advertising, say, first insertion, 60 cts each subsequent do. 30 cts

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Business Arrangements.

The fact that this journal is issued nearly a fortnight earlier than was anticipated, with a view to participating in the Holiday advertising, which the merchants of St. John deal out so liberally, will probably be accepted as reason sufficient for any imperfection that may appear in the initial number. The printing paper is not as heavy and bright as we propose to use; types now on route to us will improve its mechanical appearance; and the Editorial and business staff will be fully organized by the first of January. Offices, centrally located, have been secured in Prince William St. The southern half of Mr. George Philip's office has been taken for a business office, and the Globe's former editorial rooms, and offices adjacent, will be occupied by the TRIBUNE Editor and Reporters. These, however, are at present undergoing renovation, and cannot be used for a few weeks to come. In the meantime, parties having business to transact with THE DAILY TRIBUNE will find us in the same building but in the third story.

THE REFORM VOTE.

"Henry Potter, Henry Potter, will you vote Henry Potter looked up mildly, as a voter who had been asked to vote for the Reform party."

"About what's the compensation that you propose to pay?"

"Henry Potter, Henry Potter, there's corruption every where in New Guinea this election. In the ranks of the opposers of the Reform party."

"Here's a dollar, Henry Potter, for your instance in the case of the Reform party."

"Must say a dollar fifty—that's the reason you give me?"

"I've been offered fourteen shillings," Henry Potter said, "but I've refused it."

"All in cash, to vote the ticket on the opposite side?"

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The familiar couches, and books, and vases, the colonel's arm-chair, Mrs. Randolph's work-table, Louisa's rocking-horse, and Mona's open piano—were all as it were, in a dream. He answered the colonel's cordial greeting, and spoke to Mrs. Randolph mechanically. Then he sat down—a little back from the glowing fire, and outside the circle of light cast by a shaded lamp—and waited. Mona was not there; but he knew her habits, and felt sure that she would come in before long.

(To be continued.)

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ST. JOHN, N. B., DECEMBER 22, 1891.

### Corporation Matters.

The Corporation of St. John City has to deal with important franchises and grave responsibilities. It has, in the first place, a large interest in real estate, which is sadly unproductive and which it has done nothing to improve. It has the control of large revenues derived from the commercial interests, as from shipping, traders, etc. These may be so related that they may either retard or increase the commerce of the port, according as fully or wisdom directs our civic rulers. Again, the income derived from direct taxation is simply enormous—this may be so levied as either to retain population within the City limits, thereby increasing the value of property and swelling the sales of our stores and shops and manufactured goods, or drive our citizens to the suburban parishes, such as Portland, Simonds and Lancaster, with corresponding unsatisfactory results to landlords and shop-keepers. We say nothing of the moral or sentimental features of the case, such as might be suggested by the slight incompetence men in office and general mismanagement, or the reverse.

In the few points we have indicated, which might, however, be indefinitely extended, there is ample food for reflection. They show at once the importance of good government, and suggest the inevitable consequences of mis-government, such as loss of prestige, of credit, and of wealth to our City.

Does anyone suppose that our City is now well governed? Is the right man in all cases the right place? Is the Council's Harbor Committee for instance, composed of gentlemen who appreciate the importance of their trust? Do they understand the interests they are expected to protect, or do they even desire to understand them?

Take the Council's action in regard to Water Supply. The Water Commissioners have been waiting for months to know what the Council proposes to do in reference to the additional works authorized. A more certain and ample supply of water is imperatively and immediately needed; the necessary legislation was obtained nearly a year ago; the Commissioners advertised for tenders; the Council required them to give the Pipe contract to a certain party; the Commissioners expressed their readiness to do so; in the meantime the water was in price; the matter was again taken up by the Council, and was "referred"; and at this game of "hide and seek" the Corporation and the Commissioners between them have wasted the best part of a year, the material is now more costly by thousands of dollars, and the City remains exposed to a water famine and to disaster similar to that which overwhelmed Chicago!

Take another case—the "Dorchester Street job." To give somebody a contract, a job was cut out—the extension of Dorchester street from the head of "break neck hill" to the Railway Station. A new entrance to the City at this point was not called for. The new piece of work within a stone's throw of a similar thoroughfare, Garden street. When finished it would be a steep grade. As soon as the Press ventilated the subject, everybody in the Council disowned the building. It was useless—it was too expensive—it was altogether too bad that such a job should be perpetrated. But the work went on; thousands of dollars have been expended on it—that is, thousands have been squandered. Savings may be sadly needed at some points—water at others—streets and sidewalks, none at all or out of repair, in other places—and people lying in gull through inability to pay the city taxes. But the payments for the Dorchester Street job go on, and the end is not reached by half.

Such facts as these—and we might fill columns with similar statements—naturally lead to the question, whether the influential classes in this city have not made a difference to civic affairs about long enough? Perhaps before we have concluded our analysis of Corporation management they may agree with us that the time has arrived for them to be up and doing.

### A New Press Contributor.

We have the pleasure, this evening, of introducing to the newspaper reading public a new contributor in the person of Perry P. Tettie, Ph. D., who, we understand, has not heretofore delighted the good people of this City with his literary efforts. Having accidentally made the acquaintance of this accomplished

scholar, we have crossed him into the

exclusive. The Dominion Government, with all its resources, certainly ought to be able to supply a sufficient number of locomotives to move the freight offering.

It was hoped before Western Extension was opened that by its means an additional supply of cordwood would be available for City use, and the farmers along the line were anticipating profitable employment in cutting wood for this market. From various causes, however, these expectations have not yet been fulfilled; and for the winter's supply the City remains dependent on the Eastern line, greatly to the pecuniary loss of citizens generally.

While on this subject, we would urge on men of enterprise the establishing of one or more woodyards at favorable points in the City—say at Lower Cove, the Hay Market, and some central point not far from King's Square. Wood might be purchased in large quantities when cheap, sawed in various lengths by steam power, and stored for use when the consumption is the heaviest. Besides securing the City against the recurrence of wood famine, the saving in cost, and the attention of an intelligent observer, would be a very great one. It is estimated that when the time lost in purchasing wood, hiring sawyers, and otherwise securing the material for cordwood, is added to the actual output, a cord of the precious stuff in these days costs \$13 or \$14. A large proportion of this imposition might be saved by the employment of a little capital and enterprise in wood yards where the "manufacture" of the article of stove wood would be introduced as a leading feature.

THESE SEVERAL—Our monthly column, the *Temperance Journal*, published in this city, is unnecessarily severe in some of its strictures. In an article, which shows a proper appreciation of the labors of the Rev. George M. Armstrong, Bishop Sweeney, and the Rev. Mr. Conolly (R. C. Priest), in behalf of Temperance, it goes on to say—

"We have been pleased in testifying to the assistance given in this work by our Roman Catholic fellow-citizens, and wish we could thank the Protestant denominations. For years the Methodist and Baptist churches have been earnestly engaged in the temperance cause, but of late the clergy of these churches have not been able to see their duty in this field. We fear, however, it is because they have ceased to labor at all. It is almost incredible that the attendance of one of them at a public temperance meeting, either as a speaker or

These statements are, no doubt, on a misconception of the character of the labors of the Methodist and Baptist churches in this city. It is well known that the Ministers constantly inculcate Temperance principles in their people; that, without exception, they are thorough-going temperance men; and that the members of these churches are invariably led by their Ministers. That hard working pastors such as these Ministers are known to be, and whose time is fully occupied with the cares of their parishes, should not be held to be at leisure to address Temperance meetings when advertised, may readily be believed. But the clergy of the other churches, who are not so well known, should be employed to inculcate their standing and value as Temperance advocates."

The United States Minister to England has just received himself from an embarrasing position in which he was placed. The Press here has all powerful in this connection, and their rank or social position, but think this evening the press in the matter were of the type you usually meet about the dens in the seven dials in London, the fine points in New York and in those quarters of Paris, which I trust you have visited. I do not know and few travellers have visited. I do not know, however, that your Yankee sharp-waisted paper collar and dicky, while his foreign fellow-laborer is, as a rule, innocent of linen or white raiment of any kind. On this occasion I saw the high-collared man in an instrument for less than a hundred dollars, and the mystery of the recently imported, but long known, Three Card Monte; and while I watched the attacks made by knowing ones on gentlemen from the country, I noticed that the latter were not always aided by their peculiar knowledge to protect their purses. In a word, then,

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### LOCALS.

PERSONAL.—Judge Allen was in town this morning.

ASSEMBLY.—The series of Quadrille Assemblies to be held at Sunset this winter is to be inaugurated to-night. A Military Volunteer Ball is to be given in the same place on next Thursday evening.

MUSICAL.—A merchant in proceeding towards the Post Office last evening, noticed a somebody more intent on playing a joke than selling his papers—the weather being about five below zero. He concluded that boy must be passionately fond of music.

THE ELECTION PETITION.—As the Hay-Hanington case now stands, it is quite probable that Mr. Hanington, in any event, will sit in the House of Assembly during the coming session.

PUBLIC READINGS AT FAIRVILLE.—Mr. McWilliams, a clever public reader from Fredericton, will make his first appearance before a St. John audience, at Fairville, this evening.

THE CHAIRMAN OF THE RELIEF COMMITTEE OF THE Y. M. C. A. acknowledges the receipt of twenty dollars as a Christmas-box to the poor, from Messrs. Jardine & Co.

IN THE CITY POLICE COURT TO-DAY, Hugh Looney, aged 40, Ireland, found drunk in the County Market, was fined \$5, and John Nevin, who went to the Station for protection, was let go.

OUR TROOPS yesterday made the Bank of British North America declare a dividend of six per cent, instead of eight. The error ran through a portion of the edition only. The Bank appears to be in a flourishing condition.

FIRE IN FREDERICTON.—Samuel Owen's Cottage, St. John Street, caught fire on the roof about half-past eight o'clock, Wednesday evening. The Engines were promptly on hand and succeeded in extinguishing the fire before much damage was done. The building is insured at Mr. Marshall's Agency.

ACCIDENT BY THE ICE.—The cold weather, which set in so suddenly last month, brought with it considerable loss to persons engaged in lumbering, milling and steam boating. Logs and other property were frozen up in all directions, and cannot be used until spring. Mr. Jewett, with commendable energy, cut out a passage for two or three vessels which were frozen in at his mills.

A "HARD" RAIL delayed the trains yesterday, pretty generally. Though there was not a large quantity of loose snow on the ground, it was very fair and bright and drifted on the iron, and caused the driving wheels of the locomotives to slip when ascending grades. The Shediac train did not reach St. John until after 11 o'clock last night, and the train from the West did not arrive until 8 this morning.

FIRST NUMBER.—Although there was considerable delay of an hour or two in getting our first number to press, the sales fully realized our highest expectations. Nearly two thousand copies were disposed of in three hours. We have retained one hundred copies for parties who may require the opening number; these will be held for such as may apply within a week, after which we will not be in a position to supply them.

IT IS ANGRY to watch the expedients to which passengers resort to secure the beneficial effects of the steam heat on baggage on railways and steamboats. This morning at the Government Railway Station, two gentlemen of Penobscot made a special effort to pass off as baggage a large box, apparently built for carrying poultry—say \$24; but the polite baggage clerk informed them that while he was prepared to receive personal effects, he could not accept a small sized ship!

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE.—Between 11 and 13 o'clock this morning a fire broke out in one of the bedrooms in the rear of the upper story of Miss Ferguson's boarding house, on Germain street. Before the water could be brought to bear on the building, the flames had made considerable headway. All number of the boarders saved their trunks, others lost all they possessed. A considerable portion of Miss Ferguson's furniture was destroyed. The room of Miss Sharp, who keeps a millinery establishment on the lower flat, was a little damaged by water, but was saved from complete destruction by being covered with rubber cloths. Her stock is insured in the Liverpool, London and Globe, V. M. Jarvis, Esq., for \$4,000. The liquor store of Mr. O'Brien, which is on the lower flat of the same building, was very little injured. No insurance on the stock. Miss Ferguson has no insurance on her furniture.

About an hour after the fire broke out it was found to have communicated with the roof of the St. James Hotel, the upper story of which was completely destroyed. The furniture and effects in this building were all saved, with the amount of destruction usual on such occasions. The proprietors of the hotel, Mr. Wetheadall, had no insurance. Dr. Griffiths, dentist, who occupied one shop in the lower flat, saved his furniture; he was not insured. In the other shop, occupied as a bar-room, the effects were saved; no insurance on stock. The buildings are insured by Geo. V. Nowlin, Esq., and are owned in the North British, Henry Jack, Esq., agent, for (street number) say \$8,000.

FIRE AT FREDERICTON.—On Wednesday the residence of Captain Jacob Hall, at Penobscot, was burned to the ground, the family losing most of their furniture and being left in a very destitute condition. There was no insurance. The fire originated in a defective chimney. Much sympathy is manifested for Captain Hall and family in the locality.

DELIVERY OF THE DAILY TRIBUNE to subscribers will commence on 1st January.

There were no transactions in the Portland Police Court to-day.

Sleighing is good, and moonlight drives popular.

If you want large fat oysters that will do you good, go to Geo. Sparrow, King Street.

THE FIRE IN D. GILCHRIST'S APARTMENT, Portland, last evening, appears to have been caused by the defective foundation of a grate. Several fires have recently occurred in Portland from similar defects. The Insurance offices ought to make special enquiry as to the condition of grates and their supports when taking policies.



