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Than January Says Delarey in a Cipher Telegram.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The Associated Press learns that the war office has come into possession of a cipher telegram purporting to have been sent by the Boer commandant, Delarey, stating that he could not hold out longer than January. According to the correspondent of the Times at Pretoria, this morning, Delarey is believed to be forty miles northwest of Klerksdorp with about 400 men. The war office is taking a more hopeful view of the war than it has taken at any previous time.

YORK CAMPAIGN.

Decline to Meet Dr. McLeod's Supporters—Geo. W. Allen on the Manitoba School Question.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—At Hawkshaw last evening Mr. Gibson and Geo. W. Allen spoke. Before the meeting O. S. Crockett asked privately to be permitted to speak on behalf of Dr. McLeod, but was refused. He went to the meeting, and before the speeches began repeated his request for an hour, or half, or even a quarter of an hour, but was refused. Mr. Gibson spoke for only about five minutes, and Mr. Allen had finished at 9.15, and Mr. Crockett again asked permission to speak, but was refused. Nor would Mr. Gibson consent to answer some questions by Mr. Crockett.

Mr. Crockett invited Gibson and Allen to meet him at Magandy tonight, but they declined. Mr. Allen devoted the first of his speech last night to the Manitoba school question. He said the conservative party had received a final and deadly blow to the action of Sir Charles Tupper in his attempt to force Manitoba to give the Roman Catholics separate schools. If any man was entitled to be labelled with the name of traitor to Protestantism it was Sir Charles Tupper. If Sir John Macdonald had passed an act at the time the free school system was adopted in New Brunswick, in reference to the schools in this province, such as was proposed by Sir Charles Tupper in reference to Manitoba, said Mr. Allen, true Protestants here would have risen in rebellion. Sir Charles Tupper's proposed remedial bill was the most grievous affront to the Protestant feeling of the country ever contemplated by a public man in Canada. There was an attack, said Mr. Allen upon the doctrines of Protestantism which would have justified a religious crusade such as had not heretofore been known in Canada. "And I believe," said Mr. Allen, "such a crusade would have been started had it not been for the liberal party, who by a remarkable coincidence happened to be of the same race and religion as those who were making all the trouble in Manitoba, but who nevertheless manfully stood up for the rights of Protestantism."

At Middle Southampton H. F. McLeod addressed a crowded hall, where Geo. W. Allen had but twelve hearers on the previous evening. A PRESIDENTIAL CANDIDATE. INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—At French Lick Springs last night Richard Croker expressed a very decided opinion that Admiral Schley would make a strong presidential candidate in 1904 and that the probabilities all favor a boom for him in the east. With a strong following the south and west, he pressed the opinion that congress would not interfere in the Schley matter in any way.

CLEARED OUT THE BOXERS

VICTORIA, B. C., Dec. 18.—The str. Kooma Maru, which arrived here today from the Orient, after a very rough passage, brings advices from Vladivostok of the clearing of Chinese Boxers and insurgents from Manchuria by Russians. A total of 2,216 ex-soldiers and Boxers have been arrested by different expeditions from June to November 4th, and some were banished while the more trustworthy became native police.

THE KING'S STABLE.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—According to the London correspondent of the Journal and American, Lord Marcus Beresford has been appointed to manage the stable of King Edward. He will assume his duties on January 1, when the Duke of Devonshire, the present director, retires. The king's colors will be prominent in all big events in 1902.

LOST HEAVILY IN COPPER.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—L. P. Kekewich, of the firm of Morrison, Kekewich & Co., died this morning. It is said that he committed suicide. The belief prevails that the deceased recently suffered heavy losses in copper. The metal exchange has closed as a token of sympathy.

THE WEATHER.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 19.—Eastern states and northern New York—Cloudy tonight, probably snow; Friday, snow light to fresh winds.
TORONTO, Dec. 19.—Today and Friday, moderate winds, mostly northerly, cloudy to fair, not much change in temperature.

TEN KILLED

And Fifteen Wounded in a Railway Collision.

SALINAS, Calif., Dec. 18.—The north bound Sunset express No. 8, of the Southern Pacific, due to arrive at San Ardo at 12.50, and Sunset express No. 10, from San Francisco, due to leave San Ardo at the same time, were in collision this morning. The trains are scheduled to pass at Uplands, a few miles south of San Ardo. The south bound train left Salinas seven minutes late and through some error met the north bound train head on, half a mile west of Uplands. Both trains were completely wrecked, the engines being thrown from the track and several of the cars telescoped. Train No. 8 was partly destroyed by fire. It is reported that ten persons were killed and fifty injured.

The south bound train was crowded with passengers, every seat taken and some persons being obliged to stand. Among those on the train were eighty discharged soldiers on their way east, and the All-American base ball team from the east on their way to Los Angeles. The track is completely blockaded and no trains can pass the wreckage today. The Sunset limited and two freight trains are being held at Braggley.

SAN LUCAS, Obispo, Calif., Dec. 18.—The train despatcher at this point said the cause of the accident was due to the failure of the north bound train to stop at Uplands to allow the other train to pass. A special train with dogs on board has been sent out from here to the scene of the accident. Baggage and chair cars of the north bound train was said to have been burned.

WILLIAM ON ART.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—At a dinner given at the palace last night, at which a number of artists who have celebrated in the embellishment of the Sieges Allee, were present, Emperor William denied the prevalent belief that he had intervened in the details of the statue. He said he had been content to give a directing impulse to the general idea. The plan for the groups of sculpture was elaborated by Professor Wessner, historian of the Royal house, and in putting it into execution, he, the emperor, had directly commissioned and approved of the artists, in accordance with the method adopted at classical times, instead of leaving the matter to a committee's selection, or to public competitions.

With the help of Professor Reinhold Begas (the sculptor) he had collected a staff of artists, to whom the utmost freedom was given, and the experiment had been successful. It was to him a source of pride and joy that Berlin stood before the world as the possessor of a body of sculptors, competent to produce such great things. The Berlin school for sculpture stood on a plane of splendor such as was scarcely seen at the time of the Renaissance.

SOUTH AFRICA.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Dr. Krause, the former governor of Johannesburg, who is charged with high treason and inciting Cornelius Broekma, the ex-public prosecutor of Johannesburg (who was executed Sept. 30) to murder John Douglas Foster, an English lawyer attached to Lord Roberts's staff, was formally committed for trial today at the Bow street police court.

LONDON, Dec. 19.—The Pretoria correspondent of the Times again warns the British public not to be too optimistic concerning the progress of the war. This is eminently satisfactory, says the correspondent, but there yet remains much to be done. He also deprecates the condemning of the entire Boer nation in connection with outrages on natives for the crimes of the few. The correspondent testifies that with the exception of individual acts, the treatment of prisoners and wounded has been generally correct.

FIREMAN KILLED.

HAMILTON, Ont., Dec. 19th.—While going to a fire this morning the Bay street hose wagon collided with a street car. Fireman Theodore Smith, married, was almost instantly killed in the collision. Fireman Robert Wilson was seriously and Fireman Robert Atchison and Fireman Cameron badly injured. The street car was smashed, but the occupants escaped injury.

THE BASE BALL WAR.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—The argument of the Freedman Spaulding base ball injunction, which was to have been heard today by Justice Scott of the supreme court, was adjourned until tomorrow. The reason for the adjournment was that Delancy Nicolli, counsel for Freedman, was absent from the city.

TODAY'S FUNERALS.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Catherine Shaw, wife of William Shaw, took place today from her late home at Grand Bay. At half-past twelve o'clock service was conducted at the house by the Rev. A. T. Dykeman, after which the body was brought to the city for interment in Cedar Hill cemetery.

At half-past two o'clock this afternoon the funeral of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Baxter took place from her late home, 53 St. David's street. The body was taken to the Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, where the burial service was conducted by Rev. Fr. Coughlan. Relatives acted as pallbearers and interment was made in the new Catholic cemetery.

BURNED TO DEATH.

Nine Men Dead and Others Injured Through a Gas Explosion.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 18.—By an explosion of gas in the Soho furnace of Jones & Laughlin, near Brady street, this city, at 6.30 this morning, ten men were burned to death and probably twenty others more or less injured. The damage to the plant will amount to \$20,000. The explosion occurred in one of the big blast furnaces. The men were at work at the top of the furnaces, over 120 feet from the ground. They were employed as fillers and were just getting ready to quit work, being members of the night crew, when the gas, which accumulated in the furnace, over 120 feet from the ten metal, cylinders and slag were thrown over the unfortunates on fire of the structure. When the gas let go a panic ensued on the small platform about the top. All the men made a rush for the elevator, but it had gone down and there was no escape. To jump meant death, and to remain on the platform was just as certain doom. The tons of molten metal and flames fell upon them and burned ten men to death. Their bodies dropped to the roof of the mill, 85 feet below, every bone broken and was unrecognizable masses of human flesh. Hurry calls were sent to the police and morgue. Patrols from all sections arrived before 7 o'clock and the morgue wagon was with them. The bodies of some of the dead, and many of the injured were strewn about the yard beneath the furnace, some of the dead having fallen from the slippery roof to the ground. The cries of the injured broke the stillness which had spread over the place when the fury of the explosion and fire had abated. To remove the dead from the roof of the mill it was found necessary to get ladders and ladders and the firemen carried the burned, charred and misshapen masses of humanity to the morgue wagon and placed them in. Four bodies were recovered. Four bodies were removed at a time, the wagon making three trips. When the dead were removed the injured were then looked after. In all parts of the yard beneath the furnace the injured were found. How many injured there are is not known at this time. The injured were taken to the Mercy and other hospitals.

PITTSBURG, Pa., Dec. 19.—At nine o'clock Thomas Jones and Arthur Young, managers of the plant, gave out the statement that nine were killed and five injured.

HUGE SNOW DRIFTS

Block Railway Traffic in Wyoming and Nebraska.

CHEYENNE, Wyo., Dec. 18.—The Union Pacific, the Colorado and Southern North and the Burlington East are practically at a standstill as a result of the storm in Wyoming and Nebraska. All trains on the Union Pacific are compelled to spend hours in snow drifts waiting for the rotary plows to make openings so they can pass through, and to make matters worse, a Union Pacific rotary plow pushed by two big compound engines slashed its way to the rear of a train or dead head tourist train near Sherman. The wreckage caught fire and a caboose and New York tourist car were destroyed. The work of clearing the track is slow and the blockade may last for an indefinite period.

On the Colorado and Southern, 21 miles north of Cheyenne, a passenger train was derailed. The accident has completely tied up traffic on the branch. No trains have come in over the Burlington branch from Holdrege for two days. A drift derailed an engine about 100 miles east of Cheyenne and the wreckers have not yet succeeded in getting it back on the rails. In addition the branch is now snowbound for a stretch of more than 60 miles.

DUEL TO THE DEATH.

UNIONTOWN, Pa., Dec. 16.—Daniel Bradburn and David Fagan fought a duel to the death last night in a small room of Hall's boarding house, where both men lived. Bradburn was killed and Fagan is in jail with a bullet wound in his side from the effects of which he may die. Fagan had accused Bradburn of stealing money from him, and the latter went down town, purchased a revolver, and returning, challenged Fagan to get his gun and fight it out. Fagan immediately went to his room and got his revolver and the fight was on in deadly earnest. Mrs. Hall and Mrs. Addis were in the room and did what they could to stop the quarrel, Mrs. Hall holding Fagan, and Mrs. Addis, Bradburn. Mrs. Hall got a bullet through her hand for her trouble. Bradburn was dead within twenty-five minutes. Fagan left the house, but returned today and gave himself up, saying he was shot through the side and was dying.

AN AMERICAN SWINDLER.

BERLIN, Dec. 19.—The police of this city are seeking for a young American calling himself Harry Marshall, who disappeared from Berlin Tuesday night. Marshall obtained several thousand marks, in cash and jewelry, from American residents here. He represented himself as a Cincinnati, a former employe of Senator Foraker, and said he was over here for his health. Marshall obtained opportunities to swindle by showing letters written on the stationery of United States officials.

MARCONI MAY MARRY SOON.

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Dec. 19.—It is reported among friends of Miss Josephine Holman fiancée of Signor Marconi, that she will leave today for New York in response to a telegram from him. It is also hinted that the wedding will take place while Miss Holman is in the east. Miss Holman's mother resides in New York city.

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WEST INDIA TRADE.

In referring to the visit of the president and secretary of the Canadian Manufacturers' Association to the West Indies the Maritime Merchant takes the ground that it would be profitable in the end for Canada to give West India sugar a tariff preference of 33-1/3 per cent. over that from bountiful giving countries. The loss of revenue it holds, would be offset in a steadily growing trade with the islands, and a growing market there for our manufactures. Two things, it says, must be done to divert West India trade to Canada. We must give them a market for their sugar, and overcome their prejudice in favor of American goods. With these two things accomplished the base of their supplies would be shifted from New York to Halifax, St. John and other Canadian ports.

The Star is not in a position to state off-hand the relation of the total Canadian demand to the total West India output of sugar, but this undoubtedly would have an important bearing on the question. If the islands had still to ship a large quantity of sugar to large buyers of American goods in exchange. Yet there seems little doubt that to the extent of Canada's ability to buy their sugar they would reciprocate by purchasing Canadian products, and thus by degrees would be created a growing demand, while as Canada developed so would her capacity to purchase sugar from West India plantations.

There is no difference of opinion regarding the desirability of enlarging the markets for goods we produce, and the West Indies offer an inviting field. The difficulty has always been our inability to purchase as largely as they desire of their produce, and the fact that New York has had closer and better steamship communication. The proposition made by the Maritime Merchant is worthy of the serious consideration of Canadian merchants and statesmen. If, as has been claimed, the people of the islands would prefer to see trade follow the flag, they might agree to some concessions, in response to the offer of Canada. With them a sugar market is a matter of the greatest importance.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY AND THE TWO REPORTS.

The majority and minority reports of the Schley board of inquiry have resulted in further unsettling the minds of the public. They have afforded support to the partisan and to the opponent of the rear admiral and for all practical purposes the matter is in much the same state as before the investigation was commenced. Nearly all of the evidence adduced by the board had previously been published by the newspapers as they discussed the question of Admiral Schley's conduct. On Tuesday a resolution was introduced in the house of representatives, asking that the committee on naval affairs take the whole matter under consideration. At the same session different representatives spoke of the "unparalleled achievements" of Admiral Schley, and moved that the thanks of congress and a sword of honor be presented to him. Concurrently those who have been opposed to the admiral are rejoicing over the finding of the majority of the board and consider that it amply sustains all the charges made against Schley. And now comes the captain of the Spanish war-ship Colon and further mixes the matter by adding his testimony to the credit of the rear admiral. The verdicts were neither satisfactory nor final, but they give the American public the inestimable advantage of paying their money and taking their choice.

BIRMINGHAM BEHAVIOR.

If Mr. Lloyd-George will persist in going about slandering British soldiers and expressing his sympathy with the enemies of Britain he may expect such greetings as he received in Birmingham. An ordinary hint does not appear to be enough for such men as he. It requires a demonstration of an extraordinary character to make an impression, and that of last night seems to fill the bill. Birmingham manners at public meetings are rather bad. Mr. Chamberlain should teach his constituents better behavior. But when one reads the scandalous charges of Mr. Lloyd-George he finds that Mr. Chamberlain's Birmingham supporters are Chesterfields compared with the pro-Boer advocate.

IS IT SETTLED?

Mr. Tarte's Patrie has come out strong in favor of a fast mail steamship service. It settles upon Halifax as the winter port and Quebec as the port in summer. Lt. Patrie kindly admonishes St. John to be content with the freight traffic and not to hanker after the mail box. This advice may as well be taken to heart, for if Mr. Tarte has made up his mind to this method that is the way it will be.

The capture of two commandos and one commandant are among the achievements lately reported from South Africa. The commandant has been one of the most effective of the Boer leaders. Moreover it is said that Louis Botha has had a narrow escape and is wounded. In the late phase of the war Boer troops are surprised and captured more often than British.

This shows that the enemy are growing less vigilant, or more tired, or else the British course of instruction in Africa is producing good results.

A BIG RIOT.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—David Lloyd-George, M. P., speaking in Birmingham town hall tonight, precipitated a scene unprecedented in that city since the Aston Park riots. The majority of his audience were enraged by his pro-Boer utterances, and they rushed the police guarding the platform.

The students of Birmingham University, founded through the efforts of Mr. Chamberlain, held a meeting of protest yesterday, and crowds waited admission to the town hall before the doors were opened. These opponents of the pro-Boer speaker raised cheers for Mr. Chamberlain, and as Mr. Lloyd-George and his friends appeared on the platform there were deafening shouts of "Traitor!" All attempts at speech making had to be given up, owing to the continuous noise. In the meantime the large crowd outside of the building had become very noisy and menacing. Stones were thrown through the windows and ugly rubbish was made for the platform. The police were overpowered and the speaker and his friends were compelled to leave the room for safety. Many constables were seriously injured and it is rumored that one civilian died of hurts received. Estimates of the number of the demonstrators vary from ten thousand to fifty thousand persons.

COAL AND RAILWAY CO.

Meetings of the New Brunswick Coal and Railway Company were held in this city yesterday afternoon and last evening. Tenders will be asked for the construction of the 30 miles of railway from Newcastle to Fredericton.

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YORK CAMPAIGN.

FREDERICTON, Dec. 18.—Appeals are being sent out for assistance and talkers for Mr. Gibson, F. B. Carvell of Carleton, D. C. Fraser and E. M. MacDonald of N. S., H. A. McKeown and C. J. Milligan have joined the ranks. Mr. McDade is being urged to join in the cause, and an effort is being made to induce Mr. Fielding to do so to the rescue.

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WANTED—Canvasers, male or female, through the city to handle a rapid selling book on the war. Good commission. Address "M.," Star Office.

MISCELLANEOUS.

ALL KINDS SEWING MACHINES REPAIRED.
Needles and parts for all makes at W. H. BELLS, 23 Dock Street.

MONEY TO LOAN

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

MONEY—Advanced on mortgage in large or small sums. Apply to Chas. Macdonald, barrister, Walker Building, Canterbury St.

On Freehold and Leasehold property, repayable by monthly instalments or otherwise. Apply to CHAPMAN & TILLEY, Barristers, Palmer's Building, Princess street.

FOR SALE.

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

CARDBOARD PLACARDS OF FLATS, ROOMS, SHOPS and HOUSES TO LET can be had at the Sun Counting Room.

FOR SALE—A chemist's balance with all necessary weights; good as new. Apply A. M., Star office.

FOUND.

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

FOUND—A sum of money, which the owner can have by proving property or otherwise. Apply to this advertisement. Apply to MISS BUSTIN'S, 25 Princess street.

AFTER THE FIRE.

As soon as we are through with the insurance people we will have a Sale of Damaged Goods at

F. E. HOLMAN'S Store,
King Street, opposite our old stand.

A. E. CLARKE.

Mr. Patterson; mechanic, Mr. Logan. York mill—Carding room, Mr. Armstrong; ring and mule spinning, Thos. Whelan; dressing, Mr. Hall; cloth, room, Mr. Fishwick; engineer, Mr. Garey.

The office staff will be composed of George West-Jones, president; Stephen P. Gerow, accountant; Harry Finn, junior clerk; and Miss Cowan, stenographer.

The management of the mills have decided not to accept the offer received for the total out-put, but will sell at ruling market prices to anyone. They do not wish to bind themselves to sell to any one concern.

SUNG DOWIE FOR \$500,000.

Brother-in-Law Tells a Jury That "Elijah H." Deceived Him.

The trial of a suit by which Samuel Stevenson seeks to recover \$500,000 from his brother-in-law, "Dr." John Alexander Dowie, is being heard by Judge Tuley. Stevenson told the jury that he came from Northampton, England, where he owned a big lace making industry.

"Dr. Dowie," he said, "came to him, in the livery of heaven," professing piety, righteousness and charity, "bleeding at every pore" for suffering humanity, and, after inducing him to sell all his possessions and bring his factory to Zion City, made him a party to agreement and transactions whereby, he alleges, that he has given to the leader of the Christian Catholic church \$400,000 in property, \$65,000 in cash and \$25,000 in services, and has received in return but \$39,000, and Dowie's sister to wife."

Stevenson charged that Dowie, on the night of Aug. 8, 1901, changed papers on him when he supposed he was signing joint partnership agreements.

Miss Rosie Sands, a domestic in Calais, was yesterday afternoon so badly burned about the face and body while standing in front of an open fire that she died last night.

BAIRD & PETERS STAND BEHIND EVERY PACKET VIM TEA.

That's Your GUARANTEE of PURITY. Lead Packets Only. All Grocers.

Open Evenings until Ten—until Christmas.

THE HOLIDAY RUSH!

Five days is a short time for a lot of people to do a lot of shopping, and there is bound to be a rush.

You can avoid a good deal of confusion by not delaying till the last minute.

Our store is one of the places you can't afford to miss if you are looking for Holiday Gifts for men or boys.

Suspenders.

There are perhaps more suspenders given to men for presents than of any other one thing. Our display is very large, having just received, yesterday, two large cases of these goods. Sterling and gold buckles, embroidered and plain. 75c. to \$2.50.

Armlets and Garters.

They are put up in neat boxes and are very reasonably priced. Pretty bows and buckles on all, and prices range from— 50 cents to \$1.50.

Dressing Gowns.

\$7.50 to \$9.50.

Smoking Jackets.

Everybody must be buying Smoking Jackets this year—we are selling them very fast. Do you know they will be acceptable whether he smokes or not? \$5.25, \$6.00, \$8.00.

Jewelry.

Link Cuff Buttons, 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.25, \$1.50; Solitaire Cuff Buttons, 50c., 75c., \$1.00; Scarf Pins, 25c., 50c., 75c., \$1.00, \$1.50, \$1.75; Collar Buttons, Shirt Studs. Pocket Memo. Books, Purses, Pocket Books, Men's Toilet Articles, consisting of Combs, Brushes, Clothes Brushes, Tooth Brushes, Tooth Powders, Perfumes, Toilet Soaps, Shaving Soaps and Brushes, etc.

CANDY FREE!



Commencing to-day we will give away the candy Santa Claus brought. Everyone purchasing goods to the value of 50 cents or over is entitled to a package.

GREATER OAK HALL,

King Street, Cor. Cermain.

SCOVIL BROS. & CO.

St. John, N. B.

Skates and Framers.

A LARGE LOT JUST RECEIVED AT

C. F. BROWN'S,

501-505 MAIN STREET.

FOR THE HOLIDAYS.

Special Sale now on, of Fine Gold and Silver Watches, and Jewelry, Clocks, Silverware, Optical Goods and Novelties

At discounts to beat the band, and everything as represented by

W. Tremaine Gard,

Goldsmith and Jeweler,

48 King Street.

CALL EARLY!

And profit by our Cheap Sale of Collarettes for Christmas Gifts. The Furs include Electric Seal, Siberian Bear, Black Marten, Black Astrachan and several combinations.

Some were \$5.00	and \$6.50,	now \$4.00
" " 7.50	" " "	5.00
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" " 7.50	" " "	6.00
" " 10.00	" " "	7.50
" " 13.00	" " "	10.00
" " 15.00	" " "	12.00
" " 16.50	" " "	13.50
" " 22.50	" " "	16.50

Call early for choice.

D. MAGEE'S SONS, 63 KING STREET.

SPECIAL XMAS DINNER SETS.

40 DIFFERENT PATTERNS FROM WHICH TO CHOOSE.

Please note the prices:

\$5 50, 6 50, 7 00, 8 00, 8 50, 10 00, 11 00, 12 00, 16 00, 20 00, 26 00 to 75 00 each.

W. H. HAYWARD,

35, 37, 39, 41, 43 PRINCESS STREET.

SHIPPING NEWS.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
Sims, Hurons, from Newcastle, Eng., Schofield & Co.
Sims, Estria, Mulcahy, from Liverpool, Wm. Thomson & Co. bal.
Sims, Dunmore Head, Burns, from Arraguassau, Wm. Thomson & Co. bal.
Coastwise—The Springhill with barges 1 and 5, from Parrishboro; tug Flushing, from Annapolis; Sch. James Barber, from Quaco, Sims; Alcides, from Glasgow, Schofield & Co., gen cargo.

Cleared.

Sch. Ida May, Gale, for Boston, lumber, A. Cushing & Co.
Sch. Nellie Walters, Bishop, for Boston, lumber; Stetson, Cutler & Co.
Sch. S. Symons, Larkin, for St. Georges, Grenada, lumber, A. Cushing & Co.
Coastwise—Sch. Lone Star, for North Head, Effort, for Annapolis; tug Springhill, for Parrishboro.

LATE SHIP NEWS.

Domestic Ports.
HALIFAX, NS, Dec 18—Sld, str Duncan, for St. John, NB.

Foreign Ports.

LONDON, Dec 18—Arr, str Loyalist, from St. John, NB, and Halifax.
GREENOCK, Dec 17—Arr, brig Lennox, from Liverpool, NS.
LIVERPOOL, Dec 18—Arr, str Ionian, from St. John and Halifax.
YOKOHAMA, Dec 18—Str Empress of China arrived here from Vancouver at 1 o'clock yesterday.

HONG KONG, Dec 18 (via C P R Tel Co.)—Str Empress of Japan left here for Vancouver at 12.30 this afternoon.
SOUTHAMPTON, Dec 18—Arr, str St. Paul, from New York.
TINE, Dec 18—Arr, bark Dronning Sophie, from Campbellton, NB.

Foreign Ports.

PORTLAND, Me, Dec 18—Arr, schs Laura O Hall, from Lower Cove, NS, for Providence (started seaming and is leaking, having struck ledge while coming up the coast); Corinto, from Windsor, NS, for Boston; Silver Spray, from New York for Boston.

CHERBOURG, Dec 18—Arr, str Deutschland, from New York via Plymouth for Halifax, and proceeded.

PORTSMOUTH, NH, Dec 18—Arr, schs Ernest T. Lee, from Calais for Newark; Wm Durand, from Calais for Boston; Valeria, from St. John.

BOSTON, Dec 18—Sld, str Galacia, for Halifax; str Galacia, for St. John; B B Hardwick, for Annapolis.

VINEYARD HAVEN, Mass, Dec 18—Arr, sch Sarah Eaton, from New York for Calais. Wind northerly, moderate, snowing.

FYANNON, Dec 18—Arr, str Mary Newton, from New York for Eastport; Orozimbo, from Calais for western port, and 4 o'clock yesterday.

BOOTHBAY, Me, Dec 18—Sld, sch Walter M. Young, for Eastport.

CALAIS, Me, Dec 18—Sld, sch Jesse Hart 2nd, for New York.

NORFOLK, Dec 18—Arr, strs Pharsalia and Canara, from St. John for Cape Town (for butlers).

NEW LONDON, Conn, Dec 18—Sld, schs Annie A Booth, from New York for St. John; Henry Moulton, from St. John for Philadelphia.

COMMERCIAL.

DAILY QUOTATIONS.

(Published by W. S. Barker, Banker and Broker, Palmer's Building.)			
Dec. 19, 1901.			
	Yesterday's	Today's	11 a.m. Noon
Amalg. Copper	.66 1/2	.67 1/2	.67 1/2
Ann Cotton Oil	32 3/4	33 1/4	33 1/4
Am Sugar Refs	10 3/4	11 1/8	11 1/8
A. T and Santa P	7 3/4	7 3/4	7 3/4
A. T and S G pfd	99 1/2	99 1/2	99 1/2
Anacosta Copper	30 1/4	30 1/2	30 1/2
Balti and Ohio	102 1/2	102 1/2	102 1/2
Brooklyn R T	63	63 1/2	63 1/2
Canadian Pac	113 1/4	113 1/4	113 1/4
Cheese and Ohio	46 1/2	46 1/2	46 1/2
Chle, M and St P	163	162 1/2	162 1/2
C. and N. Y. C	151	151 1/2	151 1/2
C. and Gt West	24	24	24
D and Rio Gr, pfd	39 1/2	39 1/2	39 1/2
Erie, 1st pfd	71 1/2	71 1/2	71 1/2
Illinois Central	100 1/2	100 1/2	100 1/2
Louis and Nash	105 1/2	105 1/2	105 1/2
Manhattan Ry	133 1/2	133 1/2	133 1/2
Metropolitan St.	160 1/2	160 1/2	160 1/2
Missouri Pac	103 1/2	103 1/2	103 1/2
N Y Central	166 1/2	166 1/2	166 1/2
N Y and West	33 1/2	33 1/2	33 1/2
Norfolk and West	35 1/2	35 1/2	35 1/2
Pennel R R	147 1/2	147 1/2	147 1/2
Pacific Mail S. S.	48	48	48
Peo Gas L and C	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
Reading	48 1/2	48 1/2	48 1/2
Read Co, 1st pfd	79	79	79
Read Co, 2nd pfd	58 1/2	58 1/2	58 1/2
South Pacific Co	59 1/2	59 1/2	59 1/2
South Railrd	33 1/2	32 1/2	32 1/2
Tenn Coal and Y	102	102 1/2	102 1/2
Union Pacific pfd	88 1/2	88 1/2	88 1/2
U S Leather	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
U S Steel Com	41 1/2	41 1/2	41 1/2
U S Steel Pfd	91 1/2	91 1/2	91 1/2
Wabash	22 1/2	22 1/2	22 1/2
Wabash pf	42 1/2	42 1/2	42 1/2
West Union Tel	93 1/2	93 1/2	93 1/2

SPORTING NEWS.

JUNIOR HOCKEY COMPETITION.

A meeting will shortly be held in St. John's club house to arrange for this winter's contest for the challenge cup presented by the Rev. J. deSoyres. The competition is open to schools and churches. Church teams must be composed of the sons of bona-fide seafolkers, under the age of 19, and who have never played in a game team.

THE RING.

Beaten by Joe Walcott in Five Rounds.
BUFFALO, N. Y., Dec. 18.—Rube Ferns, the welter-weight champion, went down to defeat at the hands of Joe Walcott, the Barboursport fighter, in the arena of the International Club house at Fort Erie tonight. Walcott battered down Ferns with terrific body blows and right and left swings to the head. To save Ferns from being completely knocked out, Referee E. H. McElreid stood the bout and awarded the decision to Walcott. In the fifth and last round Walcott put Ferns to the boards on two occasions and twice he took the count. When he arose the second time he was in a weakened condition. The fight, while it lasted, was the fastest and fiercest fought in the new club house. Ferns landed some terrific blows on Walcott's stomach, but the Boston fighter was in the pink of condition and laughed at Ferns' efforts. Ferns began to weaken in the third round, and his admirers saw the beginning of the end. In the fourth round both went to the floor in a clinch, and Walcott assisted Ferns to arise. Hardly had the two renewed hostilities before Walcott almost seat Ferns through the ropes. He crawled on his hands and knees to the ropes and gained his feet. He fought gamely and desperately. Walcott went at him with vicious blows and had Ferns almost out when Referee McElreid interfered.

TORONTO, Ont., Dec. 18.—The Telegram's special cable from London says: The judicial committee of the privy council today gave an important decision in the Quebec case of Roy v. C. P. R., reversing the decisions of the court of that province and holding that negligence can be shown before railway companies can be held responsible for damage caused by fire caused by sparks from a locomotive. In this case the courts of Quebec had erroneously held the railway company liable, even when they had done all they reasonably could to prevent sparks.

Coughs, colds, hoarseness, and other throat ailments are quickly relieved by Vapo-Cresolene tablets, ten cents per box. All druggists.

MORNING'S NEWS.

The flavor of Red Rose tea is delicious.

Court Fride, A. O. F., No. 5,088, held their tonight in Sons of England hall, corner Klats and Germain streets, for election of officers.

The morning service at St. Mary's Church on Sunday next will be taken by Rev. John de Soyres; that of the evening by Rev. R. H. A. Haslam.

The Battle line steamers Pharsalia and Cunaca, which left this port Saturday for Cape Town with hay, reached Norfolk yesterday, where they will take in bunker coal. This is a new move. Hitherto the steamers went to Louisburg for their coal.

A special meeting of the City Cornet band will be held on Friday evening, when the date for the re-opening of the fair will be decided upon. January 18th has been mentioned as a probable date, but as yet nothing definite has been settled upon.

Mrs. Shenton has received the following sympathetic cablegram from Newfoundland:
"St. John, via North Sydney, C. B., Dec. 17.—Sudden death of thy former much beloved pastor has shocked and saddened Gower street congregation, which tender you their deepest sympathies."

The Flushing, which took the bark Alert to Annapolis yesterday, will today tow the sch. Ethel Sumner to Dorchester. This vessel, which loaded hard pine at Brunswick for Rhodes, Curry & Co., of Amherst, came in here yesterday. Owing to the lateness of the season, Capt. Read made arrangements to have his vessel towed to her destination.

The police report a pitiful case of destitution in a house at 84 Marsh road, where, in the middle of the Christmas season, John McCourt and his wife, an aged couple, are living dependent on the little that comes to them through charitable neighbors.

Yesterday when the police visited them there was no food in the place and the fuel supply, which was being used in only sufficient quantities to prevent freezing, was nearly exhausted.

The local government are making the preparations for the placing of medical men at points where it is thought advisable to have them on the various railway lines, to look after the passengers. This action is being taken on account of the smallpox scare.

At a meeting of the board of trade of Moncton yesterday afternoon and evening, the members came out strongly against handing over the control of the I. C. R. to the C. P. R., and the board put itself on record as being in favor of government ownership and management of the I. C. R.

Three sailors from the cruiser Curlew captured and destroyed two hundred illegally set lobster traps at Back Bay recently.

Rev. H. H. Roach says the response to the appeal for comforts for those in quarantine has been very generous. Any offerings of Christmas cheer, such as fruit, flowers and delicacies, will be gladly received, but he must decline to take upon himself the distributing of further contributions of toys and groceries.

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HOLIDAY GIFTS.

Where and What to Buy for Christmas.

"A THING OF BEAUTY IS A JOY FOREVER."

And an article of jewelry, especially of a good quality, is perhaps the best evidence of the truth of the above quotation. How often do we see a watch, a Chain, Ring, Brooch, Bracelet, Locket, Charm, Scarf-Pin, in fact, jewels of all kinds; or clocks, silver-ware, spectacles, walking canes, manicure sets, and such articles that our acquaintances say were given them by dear friends long ago. This is a good reason why those hesitating what to give at Xmas should visit W. Tremaine Gard, 48 King street. See his windows for the latest styles.

PATTERSON'S,
at the corner of Charlotte and Duke streets, is open every evening for the accommodation of Christmas patrons. All the latest novelties in the toy kingdom are shown, and prices are marked down, because Mr. Patterson has a large stock which must be disposed of during the holiday season. Besides the line of toys, there are innumerable articles at Patterson's which will make sensible gifts for relatives and friends.

PHILLIPS BROS.
have this year a larger assortment than ever before of ladies warm felt slippers, ladies' and men's skating boots, men's and boys' hockey boots, men's slippers, and ladies' overshoes. All of these goods are new and of the latest styles. The ladies overshoes are furnished in any size, width or style wished, and the line of felt slippers is an exceptionally good one.

C. F. BROWN,
on Main street, is showing a good line of fancy china, glass and crockery. He has a large assortment of cups and saucers, fancy plates, water sets, jardinières, vases and flower stands, as well as some very fine full sets of dishes. Besides these Mr. Brown carries a heavy stock of children's toys, chiefly in wood; sleds, washing sets, boxes of tools, skates of different kinds and many other suitable Christmas gifts.

ARTILLERY BALL.
The officers of the 3rd Regt. C. A. have held a meeting and decided that their annual ball will take place in the York Theatre assembly rooms on the evening of January 3rd.

Reception, floor, music, invitation, programme, decoration and supper tickets were appointed and are now engaged in making the necessary preparations. The music will be furnished by the full strength of the Artillery band under the leadership of Thomas W. Horeman, and the rooms will be handsomely decorated with flags, holly, mistletoe and military emblems.

The supper will be attended to by the committee appointed and will not be let to a caterer.

TO HARNESS THE FALLS.
The old scheme of harnessing the power of the falls at the mouth of the St. John river is being revived, and it is stated among city officials that the attempts made to secure a lease of the islands near the Suspension bridge was with that object in view.

Supt. Murdoch, the city hydraulic engineer, does not think sufficient power could be obtained at the falls to make the scheme feasible, especially as the western channel is navigable water, which could not be touched.

Those who have been mentioned in connection with the project are not willing to admit any intention of the nature mentioned.

TRAINES FOR THE WEST.
This forenoon a train of sixteen cars of perishable freight from the Corinthian left Sand Point for the west, the immigrants from the Garth Castle went between eleven and twelve o'clock and the first trainload of immigrants from the Corinthian shortly after noon. It is thought that all these trains will be able to get past the parts of the road dark by the washouts. No word has been received today from General Superintendent Osborne, but this evening's trains both from St. John and Montreal will leave as usual.

THREE NEW BATTLE LINERS.
Robert Thomson, John H. Thomson, Percy W. Thomson, Alfred Porter and R. T. Leavitt are seeking incorporation, Ltd, as the Steamship Trebla Co.; 2nd, as the Steamship Himera Co.; and 3rd, as Steamship Alberca Co. The capital of the first company is to be \$240,000; the second \$200,000, and the third \$220,000. J. R. Armstrong is solicitor.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISERS.
Advertisers will please send in copy early in the morning, to ensure the necessary change being made.

"It seems to me," said the lady with a severe glance, "that the newspapers print some dreadful things."

"Yes," answered the reporter; "it often makes me sad to think that people insist on doing shocking things and compelling us to write about them."—Washington Star.

Tomdix—Did you ever cross the ocean?
Hojax—Yes, once.
Tomdix—What were your feelings?
Hojax—Oh, same as usual. I wanted the earth.—Chicago News.

MONTREAL, Dec. 18.—Lieut. Col. Evans, who commands the third contingent, left today for Halifax by the maritime express.

MARRIAGES.
JONAH O'NEILL—At Lewis Mountain church, Dec. 17, by Rev. Abram Perry, W. Watson, Joseph Hillsboro, Albert Co. to Annie V. O'Neill of Lewis Mountain, Westmorland Co.

DEATHS.
WATSON—On Wednesday, Dec. 18th, at his residence, Goldin Grove, St. John Co., J. Frederick Watson, in the 43rd year of his age.

Funeral from the residence of Charles S. Philips, corner Main street and Douglas avenue, on Friday, 29th inst., at 2.30 p. m. Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend.

Doctors Order It.

Doctors see at once the advantage of taking a medicine right to the part that is sick. You see the doctor orders his own medicines for the disease, and has his patient use Vapo-Cresolene at the same time. It destroys all germs of diphtheria, scarlet fever, measles, and other contagious diseases; and there is no remedy yet equal for croup, sore throat and hard colds. You now see why it often cures whooping-cough in a few days. It is sold by druggists everywhere. A Vapo-Cresolene outfit, including the Vaporizer and Lamp, which should last a life-time, and a bottle of Cresolene, complete, \$1.25; extra supplies of Cresolene 50 cents and 25 cents. Illustrated booklet containing physicians' testimonials free upon request. Vapo-Cresolene Co., 186 Fulton St., New York, U.S.A.

Butter, Eggs, Lard,
Poultry, Game, etc.,
Beef, Lamb, Pork,
Veal, Hams, Bacon, etc.,
Lettuce, Celery,
Squash, etc.

S. Z. DICKSON
COUNTRY MARKET.

Great Reductions

Trimmed and Untrimmed Hats, Toques and Bonnets;

The balance of our Pattern Hats and Bonnets at less than Half Price.

Mourning Millinery a Specialty.
 Corsets a Specialty.

Ghas. K. Cameron & Co
 77 King Street.

COAL GIVEN AWAY!

On January 10th, next, some one of my Cash Customers will get

A Load of RESERVE COAL FREE.

Every one who purchases a load of Coal from me, at regular price, CASH WITH ORDER, will have a chance to get it. You may be the lucky one.

J. S. FROST, 11 Union Street.

TO COOK

All the good things for the Holiday Season and have the house warm and comfortable, get a good supply of Coal, Wood and Kindling early at

GIBBON & CO'S,
 (Near N. Wharf), 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

A Turkish Bath

Opens the millions of pores and draws out the poisons which cause disease. It beautifies the complexion, prevents disease, cures colds, fevers, rheumatism, influenza and all blood, skin, Kidney and nerve troubles.

A. H. BELL'S,
 Open All Night. HAZEN AVE.

JOHN W. ADDISON,
 GENERAL HARDWARE,
 House Furnishings, Sporting Goods and Toys.

The cheapest store in the city to buy Wringers, Washtubs, Washboilers, Washing Machines, etc. We sell extra wringer rolls and repair wringers of all kinds.

44 Germain St., Market Bldg.
 Tel. 1074.

JOHN RUBINS,
 -CUSTOM TAILOR-
 Clothes cleaned, repaired and pressed at short notice.
 53 Germain Street.

Coal

Sold by bushel, barrel or ton at
LAW & CO'S,
 Tel. 1345. Foot of Clarence St.

"Patterson's,"
 Cor. Charlotte and Duke Streets.

LADIES' WHITE LAWN APRONS.

These goods make a very useful Christmas Gift. Prices from

25¢ UP.

STORE OPEN EVERY EVENING. CASH ONLY.

NOTICE TO ADVERTISEES.
 Advertisers in the Star are reminded that to ensure insertion their copy should be handed in not later than TEN O'CLOCK in the morning.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be a concert in the Boys' Mission hall, Mill street, this evening.

Bank clearings for week ending Dec. 19, \$784,848; last year, \$717,367.

There will be curling in St. Andrew's rink tonight. The ice is in good condition.

Thomas P. Pugsley, jr., is receiving congratulations on the arrival of a son and heir.

A six months old child of a German immigrant woman bound to Chicago, died in a car at Sand Point last night.

The Mayes-Connelly case is still on before Judge Gregory. Mr. Mayes, the plaintiff, has been under examination for three days.

Steamers Pydna and Kentigen have nearly finished loading cargoes of hay for South Africa and will, it is expected, be ready to sail tonight.

At the police court this morning John Walsh, for being drunk yesterday morning on King street, was fined four dollars or ten days.

Between eleven and twelve o'clock today Officer Hamm arrested a sailor by the name of Harry Brown for being drunk on Main street.

The steamer St. Croix, of the International Steamship Co., arrived from Boston at one o'clock today. She will leave again on the return trip at seven thirty tomorrow morning.

W. H. Murray will go to Fredericton on Saturday to see about the logs which have run out from the upper waters with the ice, and which are now jammed at Fredericton.

James E. Humphreys, Clarence Gross, D. L. Trites, John Murray, J. A. Magilton and Josiah Wood are seeking incorporation as the Humphreys & Trites Co., Ltd., of Petticoatic, capital \$12,000.

This afternoon the examination of the immigrants who came out on the Cornithian was completed by the immigration officials and they are in the sheds waiting for the departure of their train.

Last evening John B. Wilmet of Carleton left a barrel of oil outside the door of his shop on Ludlow street. Some practical joker started the barrel rolling down the hill, at the foot of which it was afterwards found by Sgt. Ross.

About seven o'clock this morning an alarm was sent in from box 231 for a fire in the cellar of John Baxter's house on Autumn street. One of the members of the family had been trying to thaw out the water pipe. Very little damage was done.

There have been sixty spans of horses at work on the river between Meductic and the boom, hauling out logs or piling in brown. They receive ten cents a tree for all lumber thus saved.

One man, with a boy and team, earned fifteen dollars at the work one day last week.

There is continual complaint about the wretched service given by the I. C. R. to patrons between St. John and Hampton. If all the trains were on time it would still be an altogether unsatisfactory service, but with trains delayed, sometimes for two or three hours, the people who watch and wait do not always also pray.

The Young Men's Association and the Young Women's Guild of Trinity church, and the young people of St. John's (Stone) church have been for the past couple of weeks busily engaged in preparing for the Christmas decorating of the churches. Large quantities of greetings have been made ready and will be put up in the churches on Monday next.

The death is reported of Mrs. Margaret Armstrong, widow of Berlin Armstrong, which occurred last evening at the residence of her son, 9 Brussels street. Mrs. Armstrong was eighty-eight years of age and had been ill but a few days. She leaves three children, John and Lucy residing on Brussels street, and Mrs. George Campbell of Lombard street.

Three steamers arrived in port this morning, the Battle liner Erertra, Capt. Mulcahy, which came from Liverpool to load hay for South Africa; the Thomson liner Hurona, from Newcastle, to take the second consignment of horses for the imperial army, and the Head liner Danmore Head, from Ardrossan. The latter is the first of the service between St. John and Ireland to arrive this season.

A fourth steamer the Donaldson liner Alcides, arrived this afternoon. The Hurona will take 750 horses from St. John.

On Thursday afternoon, December 19th, at the residence of the bride's parents, Miss Minnie E. Burt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Howard E. Burt, will be united in marriage to John T. LePage, son of the Rev. A. E. LePage. The ceremony will be performed by the Rev. Mr. Fash of the Albert Street Baptist church. Mr. and Mrs. LePage will take the express for St. John. They will spend Christmas with Mr. LePage's parents at Buctouche.—Woodstock Dispatch.

A very pretty wedding took place at the home of A. J. Marsten, says the Despatch, on Monday evening, 16th inst., when two of our popular young people Miss Ethyl E. Marsten and Arthur J. Everett were united in happy wedlock by Rev. W. B. Wiggins, A. B., in the presence of the immediate relatives of the contracting parties. Mr. and Mrs. Everett will take up their residence for the present with Mrs. Blake, of St. John street, where Mrs. Everett will receive callers on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of next week.

LETTERS FROM THE PEOPLE.

THIS SEEMS EXTRAORDINARY.

To the Editor of the Star:
 Sir,—It is stated that there is neither water supply nor sewerage in the "Cigar Box" on Duke street where five or six men and women are quarantined, and that the like is true of another shanty close beside it. These places have long been an eye-sore, and one of them is now a greater menace than ever to the public health. What will the board of health and the owner of them do about it? That is what residents in the vicinity are now asking.
 Yours,
DUKE STREET.

SMALLPOX

There is a Definite Case on Queen Street.

A new case of smallpox is reported at 109 Queen street, where a Mrs. Gourley is the victim. The woman also suffered a premature confinement last night and is in a critical state. She lives with her husband and a deplorable state of affairs are said to exist in the home.

The woman was never vaccinated, and it is reported that she lived for a while with Mrs. Naah prior to the date when that woman developed smallpox.

This afternoon Dr. Morris was sent to Carleton to visit Mrs. Patterson, whose son is a smallpox patient in the new epidemic hospital. The woman was reported very ill.

Dr. Morris reports that Mrs. Patterson's illness is due to a heavy cold.

THE STRAIT SHORE BRIGADE.

The attention of the S. P. C. A. should be directed to the skeletons, with hides and harness drawn over them, which are the foaming steeds of the Strait Shore kindling brigade. One of them fell on the corner of Union and Sydney streets yesterday, and when it had been removed from the shafts and had after several efforts regained its feet it was compelled to stand for some time on three legs. The fourth leg was out of commission. But the boy in charge got it strapped into the shafts, and the limping rack of bones whirly got under way again. It was smooth shod and had great difficulty to keep its feet. There were several other skeletons in the wood yard that would doubtless, if their wishes were consulted, greatly prefer the bone-yard.

NOT THE CASE.

Some complaint was heard about the streets today in regard to the wholesale buying of turkeys, geese and chickens by dealers in the country market. It is stated that country people bringing in quantities of fowl sell them immediately upon entering the market to the dealers, who are anxious to lay in their winter's stock. The market clerk denies that this is the case. Many of the dealers receive shipments of supplies and persons in the market seeing these being weighed jump at the conclusion that they have just been bought. It is true that the dealers frequently buy from the country people, but this is not done until the poultry has been exposed for sale for the required number of hours.

F. E. WILLIAMS'S INSURANCE.

The insurance appraisers in connection with the recent fire in the F. E. Williams Pork Packing factory have about completed their work. They estimate the damage to the main brick building at \$400, to the brick ell at \$500, to the machinery in the buildings at \$200, and to the stock in the brick building and the ell at \$2,000.

Mr. Williams carried no insurance on either the stock in the wooden ell or on the building itself, and estimates his loss on that at \$2,000 on the stock and \$400 on the building.

DOWNING LEADING.

By 12 Points—Contest Closes Tomorrow
 In the competition in practical arithmetic at the Currie Business University today, Downing secured 53 points against Colwell's 27, and he is now leading by 12 points. The contest closes tomorrow morning. The score now stands as follows:—

Points.
Stephen Downing 80
C. E. Colwell 73
Wm. Elliott 69
Wm. Fleming 51
Sadie Lindsay 49

PERSONALS.

E. LeRoI Willis, the hotel man, is in the city.
 Miss Jessie Chestnut, of Jordan Mountain, Kings Co., N. B., has recently obtained a position as stenographer for the White Mountain Freezer Co., Nashua, N. H. Miss Chestnut is a graduate of the Currie Business University of this city.

Rev. H. S. Shaw of Hampton has been registered to solemnize marriage.
 Tenders are called for rebuilding the McNally bridge, Queensbury, York Co.

N. C. Scott has been appointed commissioner of sewers for the marsh lands in Lancaster and Musquash, in place of W. A. Quinton, resigned.

The creditors of Joseph Irvine will meet at the office of W. B. Wallace, 94 Prince William street, on Dec. 23rd at 3 p. m.

Tonight, from eight to ten o'clock, purses and chateaus worth up to Seventy-five cents for 15c. Morrell & Sutherland.

The Machinists' Union will meet this evening, when W. Frank Hatheway and Ed. Codner of the Fabian League will deliver addresses, illustrative of the provisions of the workman's compensation act as in force in Great Britain.

Sergeant Walter E. Venning, of Mauderville, who served with distinction and honor in the South African campaign, is in town today, a guest at the Queen. Sgt. Venning thinks to go to South Africa attached to the Second Mounted Rifles, and to join some other corps on arriving there.—Gleaner.

A BOY HYPNOTIST.

Johnny Taylor, a North End Boy, is Startling His Neighbors by His Feats.

Johnny Taylor, a north end lad, who is not out of his "teens," is attracting some attention about the city by his hypnotic powers. The boy recently cultivated the science and has been freely demonstrating at private gatherings. Most of his subjects have been boys of his own age, whom he has been hypnotizing in door steps and in back yards. Yesterday in response to an invitation the boy hypnotist, accompanied by a retinue of subjects whose ages ranged from 12 to 22 years, called at the Star office to give an exhibition. "These are all sound subjects," said Taylor, as he arranged his class, numbering seven or eight, about the reporters' sanctum. Proceeding he quickly placed his subjects in the hypnotic sleep and followed with a performance somewhat similar to that given here last evening by McEwen. After a few of the simple tests, such as locking the hands, watching imaginary base ball matches, shooting soap bubbles and burning hands by insertion in the pockets, the hypnotist was successful in some more convincing demonstrations. With little hesitation Taylor placed one of his class who was several years older than himself in a cataleptic state and used him as a human bridge, the subject's neck resting on the back of a chair and his heels on another. While in this position a Star reporter stood on the stomach of the rigid body. Besides piercing wrists with needles the juvenile mesmerizer ran a long needle through the tongue of the youngest lad among his subjects, who walked about smiling, hand-capped as he was by the projecting organ of taste and speech. A short while later the same lad was impressed with the suggestion that he suffer the most distressing expression in Taylor's control over his younger and older subjects seemed absolute in his experiments, which concluded with some remarkable tests with the watch. Two subjects were placed in a sleep and told to perform certain things in a specified number of minutes. Neither the operator nor his subjects possessed a timepiece, yet the suggestions were carried out within four or five seconds of the prescribed period. Among the humorous tests was making one of the class believe he was a dentist, while another felt intense pain from a fancied toothache. The "tooth" endeavoring to extract the tooth of his "patient" had a scuffle with him on the floor. During the exhibition a messenger boy dropped in the Star office. The hypnotist was successful in placing him under his influence, and thereafter he was a prominent participant in the exhibition.

After dismissing his subjects Taylor talked earnestly about hypnotism and assured the Star men that it was "no joke." "Anyone," he said, "can be a hypnotist to a certain extent, but not all can use the post hypnotic suggestive power," which he explained was making a subject responsive to suggestion in a wide-awake condition. I learned it in two weeks and was surprised at myself when I put a fellow asleep and could not wake him for a while. The first I tried it the fellow got frightened and ran away, but the next day he was around again and I was able to hypnotize him." The boy hypnotist says he has possessed the power for two months. His first thought of becoming a hypnotist occurred to him when he was in the gallery of the Mechanics' Institute watching Prof. McEwen. He followed the general direction which the professor gave to the subjects on the stage and succumbed to the influence. Hearing that anyone who could be thus hypnotized would make a proficient operator Taylor purchased a book on the science and studied it.

"At first," said Taylor, "I couldn't get any subjects because all the fellows were frightened of me, but now they know I won't hurt them." Two of the fellows, Frankie McLaughlin and Young McEwen, I cured of the cigarette habit."

"How did I do. By telling them while in a hypnotic sleep that when they woke up they would have no desire for tobacco. About a month ago I took a fellow who had the toothache into Dr. Maher's and put him to sleep while he had his tooth pulled. When I brought him out he didn't know it was out. If people don't want to feel any pain when getting teeth hauled I can fix them up."

The bright faced lad assured the writer that he believed he will be able to cure a further continuation of his power to cure the "drink" habit in the same manner as he cured the tobacco habit. He also believes he can cultivate further power to alleviate pain. "The other day one of the fellows who was here this afternoon said his vaccination hurt terribly. I took the pain away, and he could afterwards pound the sore with his fist." Speaking further on his ability Taylor said he could give a good subject a suggestion which would be carried out two days afterwards by the magnetic influence. So far he has hypnotized about 40 subjects, but has been more successful operating on boys than men, although he found one good subject who was past 40 years of age. Some people in his neighborhood he says are afraid of him because they believe he can hypnotize them against their will.

"What I want now is to learn to talk about the subjects. There wouldn't be much use giving public exhibitions unless I could explain everything," said Taylor, as he left the Star office.

PAID FOR THE BOOTS.

This forenoon a man went into the Boston Second Hand store on Dock street and bought a pair of overshoes, which were tied up and given to him. He then selected a pair of boots, and after making a suitable bargain, bought and paid for them and left the shop. It was some moments before the proprietor of the store discovered that the customer had gone away without the usual formality of paying for the overshoes, and by the time the assistants in the store had instituted a search the man and overshoes had disappeared.

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Three Entrances 87 King, 89 Charlotte and 50 South Market Streets.

DOLLS.

On account of lack of room to show these, this will be the last season we carry Dolls. We therefore have decided to clear out the entire stock, regardless of cost, before Christmas Day, so they have been marked at prices that will move them quickly.

The first lot is priced 15c. and comprises kid body dolls with bisque head, jointed dolls, prettily dressed dolls, and a large variety that have been placed in this lot at the one price.
 Next lot 25c., comprising jointed dolls, dressed dolls, etc. Some dolls in this lot were as high as 60c.

From 25c. up there are dolls of every description, dressed and undressed, kid body and jointed dolls. The dressed dolls will be found to be much under the regular price.

TONIGHT, Between the Hours of 7 and 9,

We will give away to everyone purchasing One Dollar's Worth or more, one silver plated Child's Knife, Fork and Spoon Set in a pretty box. These are worth 50c. per set.

Handsome Silk Waists,

\$3.50 each, made from taffeta silk in very dainty designs, colors—pink, cardinal, navy and black.
 At \$4.50—A waist that is equal to anything we know of being sold anywhere else at \$6.00. It is made from a good quality of taffeta, very daintily designed, colors—rose, cardinal, pink, navy and black.
 At \$5.50—One of those richly tucked and drawn thread work waists that you will often see shown in the magazines. Made from the best quality of taffeta, all colors. Then there are others, very rich in design and good in quality at \$5.75, \$6.25 and \$7.20.

Big Reductions in Ladies' Coats.

The balance of our stock of COATS must go out this month. All this season's goods. Prices from \$1.00 each up to \$7.00 each.
 Many of these jackets are just half what they were.

Handkerchiefs for Christmas.

MEN'S SILK HANDKERCHIEFS,
 29 inches square, hemstitched with prettily worked initial 25c. each. Plain twilled silk handkerchiefs, nice heavy quality, large size, 50c. each; 21 inch, twill silk initial handkerchiefs, regular 75c. quality, here at 58c.; 22 inch, twill silk initial handkerchiefs, with very large finely worked initial, 70c. each.

Men's Silk Mufflers

In the new quilted, neat-fitting shapes also in the squares from 50c. up to \$1.50.

Men's Kid Gloves.

An assortment that we are proud of. Undressed mocha Gloves, with fine wool lining, 75c. \$1.00, \$1.10, \$1.15, \$1.35, and up to \$2.50.

Men's Ties.

Over fifty dozen imported especially for the Christmas trade of the daintiest styles and patterns that have been introduced for some time. Four-in-hand, Lombards, Paris, New Ascot, and bow ties are shown in endless variety. Prices from 25c. to 75c.

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