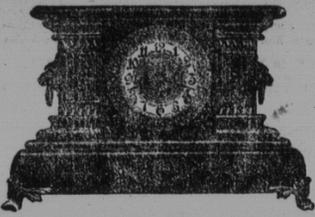


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VENEZUELA

Looking Now Toward a Settlement by Arbitration.

Peruvian Officers Offer Help to Castro—Sympathy From Equador.

ROME, Dec. 18.—U. S. Ambassador Meyer, visited foreign minister Prinetti, of the foreign office today and communicated to him a cable message from Secretary Hay, saying that the secretary was disposed to consent to the investment of Minister Zoven with full powers to settle the Venezuelan controversy, if agreeable to Germany, Great Britain and Italy.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—Great Britain has sent a reply to the United States, replying to the suggestion that the Venezuelan question should be submitted to arbitration. The tenor of the reply, it is expected here, will tend to bring about some arrangement for a satisfactory solution, while thoroughly safeguarding the interests of the powers concerned.

BERLIN, Dec. 18.—Germany's answer to Venezuela's proposition for arbitration is ready and will be sent to the United States government in a day or two. The officials here maintain absolute silence regarding the character of the answer.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—In a printed reply made public today to the recent question in parliament of Gibson Bowles, M. P., conservative, Frederick Balfour says no intimation has been received from the government of the United States that it will object to American shipping being interfered with in the event of a blockade of the Venezuelan coast. The objection to the blockade which it is proposed to establish has been carefully considered. They cannot, however, be altogether removed, as some of them are inherent to that class of naval operations.

Mr. Bowles also asked, "Whether, in view of the destruction by the Germans of two gunboats and the consequent impossibility of holding them as pledges the government propose to continue joint action with Germany." The premier replied in the affirmative.

GOT OUT AT LAST.

Had Jailed Himself Thirty Years to Pay a Bet.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Owen M. McCarty, a rich reclusé of Oceanic, N. J., is dead. Though he had spent forty years at Oceanic, he was scarcely known to any one except the members of his own family.

For thirty years he had not crossed the threshold of his dwelling during sunrise and sunset of an election bet. During the presidential campaign in 1872 between Grant and Greeley, McCarty was one of the latter's most enthusiastic supporters. He made a bet with a friend that if Grant was elected he would not leave his house except during the night as long as he lived. McCarty lived up to his wager. About five years ago his house caught fire, and for a time it looked as if he would have to break his agreement, but the flames were extinguished before they had gained sufficient headway to compel him to leave the premises.

MAYOR LOW

Takes Action to Relieve Coal Famine in New York.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—Convinced that something must be done to end the coal famine, Mayor Low has sent letters to officials of the different coal carrying roads asking for facts concerning the situation. The mayor refused to enter into details, but was hopeful something beneficial to the public would result from his action.

"I have written to the railroads in an unofficial capacity," said Mr. Low. "I have been quietly investigating the state of affairs for some time, and I thought it advisable to write to certain persons for a few facts. In a few days I shall know more about the true situation."

It is likely the mayor will head a movement to supply the city with coal if he finally decides the condition is serious enough to warrant official interference. He has had a conference on the question with Borough President Carter, who said that there was a strong likelihood of action being taken in a few days.

A TRUE BILL

Found Against Col Lynch For High Treason.

LONDON, Dec. 18.—The grand jury summoned to consider the indictment of Colonel Arthur Lynch, member of parliament for Galway, who was arrested June 11th, on landing in England from the continent on the charge of treason in connection with the part he took in the South African war, where he is alleged to have commanded the Irish Brigade, returned a true bill today against the defendant. The lord chief justice, Baron Alverstone, in charging the jury remarked that it was sixty-two years since a grand jury had to deal with such a charge, which was the highest crime known in law. Colonel Lynch's trial at the bar is expected to begin January 20.

One of the finest handkerchief stocks to be seen in this city is that of F. A. Dykeman & Co's. From lowest price, 2c., up to better ones, priced \$1.50.

DR. LORENZ.

Wonderful Success in Treating Deformed Children.

Club Feet and Dislocated Hips Treated With Matchless Skill.

NEW YORK, Dec. 18.—The latest clinic held by Dr. Lorenz held in this city was entirely successful. So great was the crowd of parents with crippled children present that half a score of policemen had to be called to keep order in the halls and corridors of the Cornell University Medical College, in which institution the operations were performed.

Three of the patients treated were sufferers from congenital dislocation of the hip, and the fourth operation was upon a little girl, both of whose feet were clubbed. This case Dr. Lorenz described as the worst he had seen in a child. When the stretching and kneading of the feet was over the doctor raised the child in his hands and set her on her feet. With the mere pressure of his finger and thumb he set both feet flat and straight, and cheer after cheer broke out as the complete success of the operation was demonstrated.

An effort was made to get the professor to operate on a case of wry-neck, which was ready in the hospital, but he said he had done enough for the day. He agreed, however, to operate on at least one such case in Bellevue Hospital today.

THE CZAR'S PARDON.

Banished Students to Come Back From Siberia.

ST. PETERSBURG, Dec. 18.—The czar has granted amnesty to the students who were banished for rioting on his name day. He telegraphed to the minister of the interior as follows: "Let the students who were banished for creating disturbances return from Siberia, although they could not at present be allowed to live in towns where there are high schools. Care must nevertheless be taken that the young men on their return be entrusted to the keeping of their families, as such surroundings will familiarize them with order."

The telegram, which is equivalent to an imperial decree, pardons fifty-eight students exiled to Siberia, in addition to the sixty-two students previously pardoned.

A special lot of silk waists, made especially for the Christmas trade, are being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co's, prices are from \$2 to \$7.50.

AN N. B. KICKER.

(Bangor Commercial.) John Brennan of New Brunswick went to jail on Thursday morning according to an agreement which he made with Judge Bailey several months ago. Brennan was arrested for intoxication early in the summer and the case against him was continued.

"If you get in here again you'll have to go in for thirty days," he was told, and was arrested. During the evening he amused himself by kicking a tin bucket about his cell. According to Henry Jordan, the night man at the police station, the bucket did not touch the floor of the cell for at least five minutes.

"I thought the building was tumbling down until I discovered that Brennan was trying to kick goals," said the officer.

WOODSTOCK LABOR UNION.

WOODSTOCK, N. B., Dec. 18.—In the Knights of Pythias' hall last night William Griot, of St. John, organized branch No. 409 of the Mouders' Union of North America with fifteen charter members. This is the first labor union organized in town, outside of the unions in connection with the trainmen. It is anticipated other crafts will organize in the near future.

THEIR GOLDEN WEDDING.

Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Watson were agreeably surprised on Tuesday evening last by a gathering of their family circle and immediate friends who presented Mrs. Watson with a well-filled purse of gold and a cut glass vase, and Mr. Watson with a pair of gold rimmed spectacles. The occasion was Mrs. Watson's 70th birthday and the 50th anniversary of the wedding of the estimable couple. Mr. and Mrs. Watson will have many pleasant remembrances of their golden wedding anniversary.

DR. PARKIN AT SACKVILLE.

Decision of the Conference as to Rhodes Scholarship.

SACKVILLE, Dec. 18.—The conference on the Rhodes scholarships was presided over by Dr. Parkin. There were present in the council room at Mount Allison Dr. Allison, Dr. Mackay, Dr. Jacob, Dr. Willett, Dr. Thompson, Dr. Guertin, Professors Scott and Murray, Dr. Kirkland, Dr. Allison and Dr. Parkin. Prof. Murray was appointed secretary.

Parkin explained the points on which the trustees sought local advice in framing their scheme and the conference after prolonged discussion on Thursday of this morning decided that there should be one scholarship for each of the three provinces, open only to graduates or undergraduates of at least two years' standing. The age limit shall be 25 years except under exceptional circumstances.

Scholars being British subjects shall be selected by the trustees in the nominating of the colleges within the territory to which the scholarship is assigned. Colleges entitled to make nominations must be equipped to give adequate literary preparation up to the standard of Oxford universities, which is the minimum on which scholars will be admitted.

MONCTON

In a Panic Over Kent County Smallpox.

Citizens Want Kent County Produce Shut Out of the Market.

(Moncton Transcript, Thursday.)

The board of health met last night in Dr. E. O. Steeves' office to discuss the smallpox situation in Kent Co., and to arrange for measures to prevent a visitation of the disease to Moncton. There were present Chairman Steeves, Secretary Northrup, Dr. Botsford, J. J. Bourgeois, and B. Toombs, Dr. Fisher, secretary of the Provincial Board of Health, was expected to be present, but was not able to come on account of the lateness of his train.

Dr. Steeves said he had heard that there were hucksters coming into the Moncton city market from Kent Co., who bought lamb and produce in the infected district and then sold it to Monctonians.

J. J. Bourgeois said that the condition in Kent Co. is very bad. There are near Buctouche thirty or forty houses quarantined, and there are not a dozen houses that are not either quarantined or have smallpox. The first case was that of a little girl who attended the convent school at Buctouche. She became sick, and when a second child got quite bad the children were taken from school and all the houses and stores quarantined. Thirty houses are now quarantined at Buctouche, besides several stores and hotels. The dealers who sell in the market here buy their poultry and produce at these houses and sell it.

Dr. Botsford said that Mr. Bourgeois' statement of the number of houses quarantined was quite correct, as he had been given the information from elsewhere. He had been given to understand that the condition was something terrible, and something that the public do not know anything about. Their quarantine is all rot without vaccination. The city of Cleveland tried the same thing last year, and after they had lost about three hundred people went back to vaccination. It is our duty as a city to protect ourselves. Dr. Botsford had seen produce and other things from Kent county covered with rags and blankets which conveyed the disease. This produce came from Kent, and as large numbers of people frequent the city market, it is our duty to stop it.

Mr. Toombs said vaccination would not affect this condition. We need to stop these things from coming in.

J. J. Bourgeois said that the vaccination was not enforced. The people do not want to be vaccinated.

Chairman Steeves said his idea was to stop the produce from Kent county coming into the market at all. Secretary Northrup said the postmaster is fumigating all the mail coming in from Buctouche.

Dr. Steeves said that those coming in from Buctouche not vaccinated could be forced to be vaccinated. The roads at the city limits should also be guarded.

Sec. Northrup said we should need two or three physicians and four or five officers day and night.

Dr. Botsford thought we should begin now and not after people's business was ruined.

Dr. Botsford moved that the secretary be instructed to write the mayor, requesting a meeting at once to take into consideration the probable means to prevent the smallpox from visiting our city, seconded by J. J. Bourgeois. The resolution was carried.

Dr. Steeves said we ought to request the railway authorities to compel any person getting on at the stations of Canaan, Coal Branch, Rogersville, Harcourt and Adamsville to show a certificate of vaccination.

Secretary Northrup said he had written to the postmaster at Buctouche, asking him to fumigate all mails coming to Moncton. He suggested that in the meantime he would write to Post Office Inspector Colter, asking him to give orders to that effect.

Dr. Botsford moved that secretary be instructed to write to Inspector Colter, asking him to give orders to the effect that all mails coming from Buctouche be fumigated. Seconded and carried.

LADIES' UMBRELLAS are a great feature among holiday gifts and every lady appreciates such a present. There are some sterling styles at exclusive prices being shown at F. A. Dykeman & Co's.

WEDDINGS.

At the residence of Lewis Messinger, Wolfville, on Wednesday, his daughter, Miss Winifred Messinger, was united in marriage to Manning K. Ellis of Cornwallis.

Invitations are out for the marriage on Christmas Day at the residence of Daniel B. Betts, Amherst, of his daughter, Miss Novella, to Walter Coates.

Men's Winter Goods:

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

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

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

New Goods. Right Prices.

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Men's, Boys' and Youths' Hockey Boots at such low prices that you will be surprised.

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MISS F. BURNHAM, For terms, &c., apply any evening at 98 PRINCESS STREET, ST. JOHN.

BETTER MAIL SERVICE.

SEATTLE, Wn., Dec. 18.—The United States government has doubled its Copper River and Yukon mail service. From this time on the mail will leave Valdez for Copper River, Lower Yukon and Nome four times a month.

THE EMPEROR AND THE LITTLE BOY.

(Leslie's Weekly.)

The Emperor Francis Joseph was leaving the Church of St. Antonius the other day after attending the ceremony of consecration, when a lad dressed as a baker's apprentice pushed his way through the crowd, evaded the swarms of detectives, and ran right up to the emperor's carriage, which was already in motion. He held up a letter which he wanted to hand to the emperor, and Francis Joseph had the carriage stopped to take the missive. It ran as follows: "Dear Mr. Emperor.—My mother has been very ill for many years, and no hospital will admit her because she is an incurable. I can earn enough for myself, but I cannot earn enough to give my sick mother the things she needs. I beg of you, Mr. Emperor, to order that she shall be admitted to some hospital." Two hours later, says the Vienna correspondent of the Morning Leader, an ambulance arrived before the lad's house and conveyed his mother to a charitable institution, where she can end her days in peace.

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

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FERGUSON & PAGE,

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About 300 new art calendars for 1903, a sample lot, worth 10c, to \$1.50 each; our prices 4c. to 75c. each.

Also about three cases of other goods at about half price.

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Show rooms up stairs.

Arnold's Department Store, 15 Charlotte St.

SPECIAL SALE OF TRIMMED AND UNTRIMMED MILLINERY.

In order to make a speedy clearance, we have reduced our entire stock of

Untrimmed Hats to 25c., 35c. and 50c.

Also Trimmed Hats reduced to \$1.00, 1.50, 2.00 and upwards.

The above are the latest and most fashionable style. This is a rare chance to secure a bargain.

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Every cash customer will receive a Handsome Calendar.

We have the largest stock of DRY HARD WOOD in the city, and will quote special rates to those who want quantities.

GIBBON & CO'S., 6 1-2 Charlotte St.

CHRISTMAS BEEF AND FOWL.

The supply of Christmas fowl has hardly come into the market in any quantity yet. What is seen is of fine quality. Turkeys are selling for 14 and 15 cents per pound, and chickens from 50c. to 75c. a pair. Next week, however, a big supply is expected, and the prices will probably decline a little.

Christmas beef of unusually good quality is in evidence. The display at S. Z. Dickson's stall of prize Ontario beef is probably the most attractive in the market. A display of prime beef is made in another stall by two two-year-old steers raised and fattened by J. F. Taylor at Rothesay. They dressed 600 pounds each. Another pair of steers, five-year-olds, from Annapolis, now in the market, dressed at 1,000 each.

VAN HOESE IN FREDERICTON.

F. G. Spencer returned this morning from Fredericton, where he had a very successful concert last evening. Mr. Van Hoese and Miss Wetmore left the same splendid impression as in St. John. The great tenor is now on his way to New York, and Sunday evening sings in the Metropolitan opera house in company with Nordica and Schumann Heink, and on the following Sunday assumes the tenor role in the Messiah, to be given by the New York Oratorio Society, also in the Metropolitan.

During the next few months he has every available date filled with the leading musical societies in the country, and completes the season on a tour with the Boston Symphony Orchestra. Miss Wetmore also went to Boston today.

VANDERBILT VERY ILL.

NEW YORK, Dec. 19.—Cornelius Vanderbilt passed a fairly good night, and at 7 o'clock this morning hope had not been abandoned. The presence of two doctors in the house throughout the night indicated that Mr. Vanderbilt's condition continued to be very grave.

When you are thinking of presents do not forget the sale of ladies' jackets and ready-to-wear skirts that is now going on at F. A. Dykeman & Co's. Many of these are sold at half price.

TONIGHT'S CONCERT.

Everybody should attend the Artillery Band concert in the York Theatre tonight, for the benefit of the Protestant Orphan Asylum. The concert begins at eight o'clock sharp.

THE WEATHER.

The highest temperature today was 30; the lowest was 16. The temperature at noon was 20. The wind at 18 miles southwest, with a velocity of 15 miles per hour.

Forecast.—Fresh west and southwest winds, fair. Saturday, fresh to strong west and northwest winds, fair and colder. Synopsis.—The area of low barometer is passing away to the eastward of the Gulf and a high area is likely to move down over the St. Lawrence valley. During today winds will probably be fresh to strong west and southwest between Nova Scotia and the Banks, also to United States ports. Saturday, strong northwest winds.

LOCAL NEWS.

Hard coal. Gibbon & Co. Buy the Star tomorrow—eight pages.

After Saturday night the north end grocery stores will remain open every evening until after Christmas.

On Sunday afternoon in their hall on Douglas avenue, St. Peter's Y. M. A. will debate the question, "Is Capital Punishment Justifiable."

Tonight! 50c. gloves, handkerchiefs, collar and cuff boxes for 15c., and 25c., 35c. and 50c. china ornaments for 15c. Morrell and Sutherland.

Hugh Jenkins succeeded in floating the stranded schooner M. J. Foley at Cat Rock, near Yarmouth, and placing her in his dock for repairs.—Halifax Echo.

The retail stores of W. H. Thorne & Co., Ltd., will be open till ten o'clock on Saturday, the 20th; Monday, the 22nd, and Tuesday the 23rd, and till eleven o'clock Wednesday, the 24th inst.

The mail steamer Parisian, due at Halifax today, has about 250 steerage passengers. The passengers booked by the C. P. R. in England for western points, consist of 10 saloon, 69 second cabin and 142 steerage.

The most serious flood for some years occurred at Brooklyn, N. S., Wednesday, carrying away T. G. McMullen's log booms, causing a loss of about 100,000 feet pine logs, and otherwise damaging the mill property.

Rev. M. A. Sharer of Toronto is expected to arrive in the city on Saturday on the C. P. R., and will assist in special services at the People's Mission, Waterloo street, Sunday, at 3 and 7 p. m., continuing each evening next week at 8 p. m.

D. McArthur has opened up a big showroom up stairs for Christmas goods, and has added to his stock over \$1,000 worth of samples in dolls and fancy goods, which are offered at half the regular price. Great chance for Christmas bargains.

It is understood that Dr. C. Dickie Murray has been appointed local medical officer at Halifax. This is in accordance with the decision of the Ottawa authorities to appoint local medical officers at Quebec, St. John and Halifax, who will be under the superintendent, Dr. Ellis, who will have his headquarters at St. John.

THOUSANDS OF CATTLE

On Their Way to St. John For Shipment.—I. C. R. Shows Nearly Done. A train of twenty-five cars containing five hundred cattle for the steamer Pretorian arrived in St. John at two o'clock this morning. They were sent at once over to the west side and placed in the C. P. R. sheds for feeding and rest. They are being examined and loaded today.

Two more trains with cattle for the Lake Champlain now in quarantine are on their way here. One train of twenty cars left Montreal at 4:50 p. m. yesterday and another of seventeen cars left at 11 a. m. today and is due here early tomorrow morning. These cattle as well as those for the Pretorian were furnished to the I. C. R. at Point St. Charles stockyards by the Grand Trunk. They will also be loaded at Sand Point. The cattle facilities at Ballast wharf will be ready for use by Saturday and are expected to accommodate about one thousand six hundred head. All cattle which come here after this week will probably be loaded there.

The Star tomorrow will be an eight page paper.

POLICE COURT.

The Board of Health and Defective Plumbing.

In the police court this morning W. A. Steier appeared to answer a complaint made by the board of health. The charge was that Mr. Steier had failed to file with the board a plan of certain changes made in the plumbing of a house where he had been working. J. R. Armstrong claimed that Mr. Steier had done the work and had promised to send the plan to the board for approval. A plan had been sent by the owner of the house, but this was not accepted, and now that the system of plumbing was to be faulty the board wished to get back at Mr. Steier. The latter stated that he had been employed as an ordinary workman by the householder; that he was not the contractor and that he had nothing at all to do with the changes in the plumbing beyond the fact that he had worked on it. He knew the system was faulty and had pointed out the defects to the owner. Beyond this he could do nothing. He had been brought to court twice for this matter when it might have been easily settled by the board of health speaking to the owner who had put in the system and who furnished the plan, which was not approved.

The affair was allowed to stand for the present without any decided understanding being reached. Two drunks were fined four dollars or ten days each.

A QUICK TRIP.

Captain William Richards, Blisford, P. E. I., received a telegram on Tuesday stating that his barquentine Genesta, Captain Davies, had arrived at Bristol Channel, all well. The ship was just sixteen days from Canso, which is considered a very quick trip.

TOMORROW'S STAR.

The Star tomorrow will be an 8-page paper, to meet the requirements of Christmas advertising.

SPLENDID MARKET DISPLAY

Made This Week in S. Z. Dickson's Large Stall.

The quarters of a prize steer, weighing 1,200 pounds as they hang, are the chief attraction of S. Z. Dickson's stall in the country market. The prize itself, a splendid silver cup, won at the great winter stock fair at Guelph, where the steer took both first prize and sweepstakes, is also displayed. The steer after being killed and dressed, also took a prize of \$75, for giving the best cuts of any carcass shown. The animal was two years and three months old.

Mr. Dickson never had a finer Christmas display. There are a dozen pairs of prize chickens from the Guelph show, dressed as it is done for the English market, and native poultry dressed in the same way by E. A. Job, of Mr. Dickson's stall. On the way to Norton to do the work, the fowl being purchased from Frank Witters, an Englishman lately settled there, who is certain to give valuable pointers to farmers thereabouts on the raising poultry for the home and foreign markets. A monster turkey raised by Mr. Witters is a feature of the display. Boston turkeys are also shown.

In game Mr. Dickson shows moose, venison, quail, prairie hens and black duck.

He has just shipped a quarter of moose to E. Stone Wiggins, at Alexander Bay, Ont., and an order yesterday from Pictou, Ont.

Mr. Dickson has a fine stock of choice vegetables, including squash, celery, lettuce, parsley, radishes, etc. All kinds of meats, such as hams, the finest butter, pickles, cranberries and everything in the Christmas line are part of the splendid display.

CHRIS NICHOLS' VERSION

Of the Linguistic Encounter At the Depot.

When Chris Nichols rounded up the staff of this ambitious young journal at a late hour yesterday afternoon, it was a serious question whether they would chew their Christmas turkey with their own teeth, or being forced to swallow the teeth, draw holiday sustenance from that source alone.

For Mr. Nichols wore the aspect of an injured man, and was indignant that the Star should accept the word of John the Greek or any C. P. R. man touching matters in dispute between the two.

With much eloquence and many dramatic gestures Mr. Nichols told his version of the incident at the depot on Wednesday. The immigrants, he said, were to go by the I. C. R., and their baggage was taken over free to the depot. On arrival there a youth was found with a ticket to go west by the C. P. R. Mr. Nichols informed him that he could not go by the C. P. R., for he would be turned back at Vanceboro. Moreover his satchel had already been labelled with the rest with a C. P. R. label. On the youth declaring that he would go by the C. P. R., Mr. Nichols demanded cartage for the baggage from Sand Point to the depot. Then it was that John the Greek took a hand and an altercation in several languages ensued.

Mr. Nichols assures the Star that he was entirely within his rights, and that Mr. Foster of the C. P. R. agreed with him then and there that the youth could not go by the C. P. R. He also affirms that the youth had bought a cattleman's ticket anyhow, and if he had gone to Vanceboro and been turned back, he, Nichols, would have been saddled with the blame. "When you want the truth," said Mr. Nichols, "ask me."

KOMIENSKY AND MARSHALL

The charge made against Officer Marshall by Isaac Komienksy was aired this morning in the police court. Komienksy said that he did not wish to make any charges, but as he had already done so in Marshall's absence he was asked to repeat his statements while the officer was present. He did so and called as witnesses his clerk, Joseph Saxe, and another young fellow. They both stated that Marshall had shown them presents he said he had received from other people and had asked when Saxe was going to give him one. Marshall could not remember having done this. The magistrate said that all he could do was to read the section of the police act which prohibits any officer from receiving presents for performing his duty or for failing to perform it. The matter was then dropped.

Y. M. C. A. BOYS.

The boys of the Y. M. C. A. are going to have a good time on New Year's evening. This was decided at a meeting of the social committee held on Wednesday evening. There will be a musical programme in the parlors and at the conclusion of this the different gymnasium classes will give an exhibit upstairs. Refreshments will be provided by the ladies' auxiliary, and a good time may be expected. Invitations are being sent out to all the young men in the city whose names can be secured, and the social is for both gentlemen and ladies.

THIS EVENING.

Election of officers at Portland Lodge, Sons of England. Artillery Band concert, York Theatre, in aid of Protestant Orphan Asylum.

Court Yukon, C. O. F., in Orange hall, Simonds street. Meeting of hockey league at Neptune Rowing Club. Meeting of civic assessment committee in City hall.

DISAPPOINTED.

In spite of the notices published in last evening's paper, postponing the grand opening of Victoria rink, there were a large number of people at the big doors between 7 and 8 o'clock—doomed to disappointment. However, they will have their wishes gratified Tuesday evening, when the skating season commences with a swing.

A nice present to give a lady is material for a dress. F. A. Dykeman & Co. have dress lengths done up in gift boxes at prices ranging from \$1.50 to \$8 each.

OUT OF QUARANTINE.

Lake Champlain and Her Passengers Probably Released This Afternoon.

It is probable that the remaining passengers of the Lake Champlain will be taken off this afternoon and sent to their western destinations, and that the ship, after thorough disinfection, will dock at Sand Point and finish unloading.

This, however, is providing the permission of the Board of Health can be obtained. At a meeting of the board yesterday afternoon John E. Irvine, representing Troop & Son, was present and made an application to the board to allow the passengers in the after sterage of the Lake Champlain to be landed, stating that from the build and location of the sterage there could be no communication or contact between them and the passengers in the forward sterage. As he was unable to give accurate information in regard to the exact plan of the vessel in that respect, the board decided to send an official down to examine for himself, to report back this morning.

This afternoon at three o'clock the board meets again to hear the report of their inspector, who visited the ship this morning and to finally decide. The shipping people are confident that the board's answer will be favorable and should such be the case the 150 passengers left will be landed at Sand Point this afternoon and allowed to go forward.

Commissioner Thomas of the United States immigration bureau says he is given to understand that 33 of the 120 or 130 third class passengers are for United States points. These people he is satisfied were completely separated from the steerage passengers. Acting upon instructions received from Washington and the advice of Dr. Billings, the marine hospital and public health representative here, he had consented to allow these people to go to the United States. The others are for Western Canada. All members of the crew who were near the small box will be sent to the island before the ship is docked. The 130 immigrants on the island are being well looked after. The only trouble is with regard to a water supply, but the tug Neptune will, it is thought, be able to provide all the water that is required. There are also on the island some of the stewards and cooks of the ship, and one stewardess. The steersman, it is believed, came into contact with the passengers in this particular part of the ship where the small box patient was. The sick man is doing well and no new cases have developed.

PERSONAL.

A. E. McIntyre has severed his connection with the Daily Telegraph.

F. A. Shand, of the Windsor Furniture Company, was in the city today to meet his wife, who was returning from a three months' visit at the Sulphur Springs, Ont. Mrs. Shand came in on the Boston express and she and her husband left for home on the Halifax train.

F. H. Hale, of Woodstock, is in the city today.

J. R. McPeake, S. B. Hatheway and W. S. Harper of Fredericton are at the Dufferin.

H. L. Menzer, of St. Stephen, is in town.

James Peabody, of Woodstock, is at the Dufferin.

C. H. Gates, of Amherst, came to St. John today.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Gass, of Hampton, are in the city.

James Pender returned from Boston yesterday.

Miss Daisy Outram has returned from the states.

Inspector of Hulls Olive arrived home by Eastern S. S. Co. boat St. Croix yesterday.

Daniel Vail who has been with the Sydney branch of the Globe Laundry has returned to St. John.

Mrs. A. J. Gregory of Fredericton, daughter of Hurd Peters of this city, who is visiting in Boston, fell on the street a few days ago and sprained her wrist. She is under the care of a physician.

Miss L. Wetmore, one of the teachers in the Victoria school annex, will leave shortly for Truro to take a course in T. B. Kidner's manual training school.

Miss Ada McNaughton left yesterday afternoon by C. P. R. for Seattle via Vancouver. She has gone to join her sister, Mrs. Henry, who is resident there.

It is now stated Hon. Wm. Pugsley was at Hot Springs, Va., for the benefit of his health, and that he is much improved in consequence. He is now at Quebec.

Rev. G. D. Ireland of Woodstock, N. B., has been confined to the house by a severe attack of bronchitis. His many friends will be glad to learn that he is now improving.

Dr. Melvin left last evening for Grand Manan in consultation with Dr. Jack of that place.

Miss Bertha Rennie will leave Saturday for Montreal to enter the training school for nurses in connection with the Royal Victoria Hospital.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Work, who have been the guests of Mr. and Mrs. B. R. Macaulay, returned yesterday to Montreal.

Miss Nellie Adams, daughter of T. H. Adams, came yesterday for Boston to visit her brother.

Mrs. W. A. Walsh of Fredericton is in the city on a few days' visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. Winslow.

Misses Edith and Nellie Johnston of St. Stephen, will spend the holidays with Miss Margaret Fowler of this city.

Miss Evelyn Byrne arrived last evening from Fredericton. She is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. J. G. Shewan and child left for Montreal last night.

George Oswinger of Slocan, B. C., arrived in the city yesterday and will leave on Saturday for Annapolis, his former home, where he will spend the holiday season with his relatives.

A SANTA CLAUS WINDOW.

If you want to see an up-to-date window display see Patterson's corner Charlotte and Duke streets. The only one of its kind ever shown here. The greatest crowd-drawing window in the city. See Santa Claus appear Saturday evening in corner window. The children's delight. This store makes a specialty of good Christmas goods at prices cheaper than other stores. Toys, dolls, games, china. Come to the grand sale all day Saturday at the Christmas store.

A SHIPWRECKED CREW.

The crew of the Nova Scotia schooner J. N. Wyde, Capt. Dunphy, were taken off by the British steamer Myra and brought to Philadelphia. There was one woman in the party. Their vessel was dismantled and sinking, and all of them were badly frost bitten when taken off.

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44 BRUSSELS STREET, Opposite Baptist Church.

D. A. Sutherland and G. N. Barnes of London, England, came in on the noon train today and are stopping at the Dufferin. They will sail on the Lake Champlain. Mrs. Jos. Robinson and Miss Robinson of Newcastle are in the city today. C. H. Allen of Fredericton came to town today. J. W. McManus of Memramcook is in the city. The steamer Alcides of the Donaldson line has finished loading and sails this afternoon for Glasgow. Her live stock, consisting of 561 cattle, 160 sheep and 17 horses are here. Lecture in Union hall, north end, Sunday, 4 o'clock. Mr. Campbell of Centenary church speaks. The Baptist quartette, Mr. Williams, a solo. All Welcome.