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THE WEATHER

Strong winds and heavy snow...

FIRE BREAKS OUT AT XMAS GATHERING

Church Entertainment Changed to Panic—Brutal Case for Montreal Police to Handle, in Death of Women

Montreal, Dec. 26.—(Special)—While a Christmas entertainment, under auspices of the Methodist church was in progress here on Saturday evening, fire broke out on the stage, and the crowded town hall was soon in a state of panic.

ALMOST RECORD OPEN SEASON ON MIRAMICHI

Chatham, N. B., Dec. 27.—(Special)—The Miramichi River was frozen over on Friday night after one of the longest periods of open navigation in the past century.

RAILWAYS RECOVERING TODAY AFTER STORM

Pittsburg, Dec. 27.—After being without railroad communication with any point east of Harrisburg (Pa.), and Cumberland (Md.) for fourteen hours yesterday, traffic conditions of this district are slowly re-asserting themselves.

EX. M. P. P. DROPS DEAD IN SUBURBY

Sudbury, Ont., Dec. 27.—(Special)—Charles LaMarche, ex M.P.P., dropped dead on Saturday evening, aged fifty-nine years.

NO NEW BATTLESHIPS, DECLARES THE DUMA

St. Petersburg, Dec. 26.—The national defence committee of the Duma has rejected, by a large majority, the credit for new battleships.

TWENTY MILLIONS FROM ONE FAMILY IN DEATH DUTIES

London, Dec. 27.—The British treasury has come in for no less than \$20,000,000 through the death of three members of a family of millionaires within the past seven months.

PLAYFUL KAISER'S STINGING BLOW PUTS FERDINAND IN HUFF

German Ruler Fails to Resist a Temptation and Czar of Bulgaria Gets Cross—Salling's Will is Published—Sensational Arrests in Nicaragua

Berlin, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The story circulating in court circles to the effect that during the ceremonies in connection with the duke regent's wedding last week, the Kaiser, happening to see Czar Ferdinand of Bulgaria leaning out of a window, brought down a stinging blow on the exposed portion of the duke's forehead.

HURRICANE ADDS TO HARD LOT OF COLONISTS

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Fredericton, Dec. 27.—(Special)—Charles Cox, a popular dry goods clerk, and Miss Cora Hewison, daughter of the late Col. Hewison, were married in St. Ann's Church at 3 o'clock this morning by Rev. Canon Cowie in the presence of a few relatives.

PAYS \$40,000 FOR TWO SOUP TUREENS

New York, Dec. 26.—Including commissions and other incidental expenses, J. Pierpont Morgan recently paid \$40,000 for two soup tureens which he obtained in Paris.

JEWELS VALUED AT \$5,000 STOLEN

Chicago, Dec. 27.—Show windows of two downtown jewelry stores were robbed of watches, silverware and jewels yesterday by a man who broke the plate glass windows with a paper covered brick.

NEARLY A LYNCHING

Greenville, S. C., Dec. 26.—Jesse Fuller, charged with murdering J. E. Liddell, a real estate dealer, was rushed to the State penitentiary at Columbia this afternoon only after a lynching was narrowly averted.

WOMAN DOCTOR DEAD

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 27.—Dr. Sarah Dudley, aged 81 years, the second woman to take a medical degree from an American college, died at her residence here this morning.

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LITTLE TIM DIES AT BIRTH A MILLION

New York Politician, Superstitious, Left No Will But Wife and Son, are Well Provided For

New York, Dec. 27.—"Little Tim" Sullivan died a millionaire. He leaves half a million dollars in all-edge stocks and bonds in the vault of the Commercial Trust Company, Broadway, and Forty-first street and interests in other stocks.

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THE ENGLISH SCHOOLBOY IN CANADA

Headmasters of England's Public Schools Take Up His Defence—Assist School Lads Sent to Colonies

London, Dec. 27.—(Special)—The headmasters of England's public schools held their annual conference recently and discussed such topics as how much time should be devoted to Greek or whether English should be taught.

WIFE'S RUSE LEADS TO CAPTURE OF HER HUSBAND'S SLAYER

Harley, Va., Dec. 27.—Following the killing here on Christmas eve, of Samuel Baker, and the serious wounding of his wife and two children by the former's enemy, Harry Pennington, a number of citizens late Saturday night took Pennington from jail and hanged him to a steam pipe.

MUTILATED BODY OF FOURTEEN YEAR OLD LAD FOUND IN ABANDONED HOUSE IN PITTSBURG

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 27.—Practically the entire detective force of Greater Pittsburg is today attempting a solution of the death of James Lawrence Friel, a 14 year old boy, whose body was found yesterday in an abandoned house, partially buried, frozen stiff, and the throat terribly lacerated with a knife.

G. J. STREET TO BE STATION MASTER AT FREDERICTON

It is understood that G. J. Street of the C. P. R. freight department travelling staff in this division will exchange positions with Station Agent Howard at Fredericton, the latter going on the road.

THIRTY-FIVE MILE STREET CAR RIDE FOR FIVE CENTS

Chicago, Dec. 27.—A 35-mile ride for five cents will be made possible by the \$750,000 merger of all the surface railway lines of the south side. According to figures given out by President Thomas P. Mitten of the Chicago City Railways Company, the average total number of passengers carried annually on the lines involved in the merger is 340,000,000.

THE VATICAN, SPAIN, AND THE CONCORDAT

Madrid, Dec. 27.—Recently it was announced that the government intended to re-open negotiations with the Vatican for the reform of all the concordats. The modifications sought principally affected the clauses relating to liberty of conscience and education and limitation of religious orders.

LOSS OF \$5,000,000

Boston, Dec. 27.—Five million dollars is today's estimate of the havoc wrought in and around Boston by the blizzard. No fatalities, however, have been reported besides the fog in Chelsea.

SCHOONER IASHORE

Nantucket, Mass., Dec. 27.—The three-masted schooner Belle, loaded with railroad iron, was mistakely beached on Nantucket harbor today and swept ashore on Coates Flats.

WHOLE VILLAGES WERE DESTROYED BY FLOODS

San Sebastian, Spain, Dec. 27.—Details of the damage caused by the disastrous floods last week are pouring into this city. Only three houses were left standing in the village of Santa Cristina and at La Vieilla, a church was the only building able to withstand the storm.

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Silkman Boasts He Makes the "Finest" Flour in Canada

The "silkman" is the chap who has charge of the sieve-bolting devices in the FIVE ROSES mills. A quiet, unassuming fellow—every detail at his finger tips. Another of those fellows who firmly believes his work is the really important work—acts accordingly. From his speech we at once suspected him of "book-learning". Pleased guilty.

LAKE OF THE WOODS MILLING CO., LTD., MONTREAL

Advertisement for A. O. Skinner's furniture and Christmas gifts. Includes images of a Bissell's Sweeper and a rug. Text: 'JUST OPENED FURNITURE CHRISTMAS GIFTS... Chairs, Tables, Cabinets, Smokers' Cabinets. A. O. SKINNER 58 King Street'.

Advertisement for Borden's Eagle Brand Condensed Milk. Includes an image of the milk can. Text: 'Take No Substitute FOR BORDEN'S EAGLE BRAND CONDENSED MILK. IT HAS NO EQUAL AS AN INFANT FOOD. Borden's Condensed Milk Co., Wm. H. DUNN, Agent'.

FREDERIC REMINGTON, ARTIST, IS DEAD. Ridgefield, Conn., Dec. 23—Frederic Remington, the artist, died at his home here today from heart failure and shock, superinduced by an operation for appendicitis, performed on Thursday.

SHELDON IS DEAD. Greenwich, Conn., Dec. 25—George Preston Sheldon, the deposed president of the Phoenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn, under indictment for grand larceny in connection with financial irregularities in the company recently exposed by the state insurance department of New York, died at his home here today, ignorant of the fact that detectives were waiting with extradition papers ready to take him to New York for trial in the event of his recovery.

The New Commandment

By Anthony Verrall.

(Continued.) CHAPTER VII.

For a long, poignant minute the man and the woman cast here together by the whim of chance faced each other in their long-fostered spirit of antagonism, while the struggle for existence must presently re-embitter between them. They were a desperate-looking pair, in a desolate place, though this bleak plain might afford some sustenance for one. Each understood and accepted the unspoken challenge of the other, in a strong, unexpressed deepened on his face. Some savage instinct of self-preservation, he quailed to them by ancestors' tradition, and bristled. Grasses filled all the interstices, some of them tall and gone to seed.

Up the slope, content with a hint of moisture in the air, were mountain shrubs, stunted, stocky and hardy. A few wild-gooseberry bushes maintained themselves in the tangle. Altogether, the growth was as heterogeneous and uninteresting as the land made possible. It extended for several hundred yards down the bed of the gorge, terminating just above the perpendicular cliff, and bounded on either side by the rocky, barren slopes. They were finally flanked by the mountains. In the haunts it afforded there were squirrels, rabbits, two or three coveys, lizards and mice. There were evidences, also, that larger beasts came here at times to prowl, if they did not, indeed, live near at hand.

All this Ghent discovered soon. His woodcraft, his sharp, observant eyes, developed in the school of nature, informed him promptly of the salient facts concerning the small inhabitants of the vast expanse of "desert wilderness." Emerging from the thicket of alders and willows near the water's edge, he beheld a large in the game of Fates—Judith and her cave.

He cast a look far out upon the desert, and began to realize something of what the situation meant. He had, in a manner, recognized the place for what it was. No man could look upon this barren expanse and fail to realize the situation meant. Where it was he did not know. There was no means of ascertaining even so much as the State in which it was situated.

The Red, White

And the constituents of your blood are powerfully enriched and vitalized by Hood's Sarsaparilla. It makes the red corpuscles and makes strong the white corpuscles, and thus purifies and restores the health. It cures scrofula, eczema, eruptions, catarrh, rheumatism, anemia, nervousness, that tired feeling, dyspepsia, loss of appetite, general debility and builds up the whole system. Get Hood's Sarsaparilla today.

MORE CHRISTMAS PRESENTATIONS

On Thursday morning George Harrison, messenger in the post office, was presented with a handsome Morris chair by the post office clerks. The married men in the employ of the Grand Union Hotel were each presented with turkeys, and the unmarried employees each received a present of gold.

Each of the Employes of the Dominion Express Company, Ltd., local branch office received a fine turkey from headquarters Montreal. The many employes of James Holly & Sons were each given a large turkey as a Christmas present. George H. Waring, manager of the Union Foundry & Machine Company, was the recipient of a handsome mosaic, the present of the company's employes. The presentation was made by Robert Johnston.

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Dress Goods Remnants At Half Price

This great offering consists of Tweeds, Serges, Panamas, Venetians, Cashmeres, Poplins and Striped Suitings in ends from one to seven yards, will make very suitable Christmas gifts. We have had our profit so are willing to sacrifice these remnants in order to clean up our stock.

I. Chester Brown 32 and 36 King Square.

NEW ENGLAND IN GRIP OF A TERRIFIC STORM

Great Loss of Property and a Number of People Killed—Tidal Wave Along Boston Harbor Front

Boston, Dec. 26—Grip winter swept in to New England today on the wings of a northeast storm with terrific energy as to cause great damage, much inconvenience, not a little suffering and a few deaths. The gale drove a tide into Massachusetts Bay which nearly equalled that of the famous storm of 1851. A heavy wet snow prostrated all wires throughout the southeastern sections, railroad trains were stalled and three persons lost their lives in Everett and Chelsea by the sudden rise of the tide.

In this city the tide went across Atlantic avenue on the waterfront, filling huge cellars and causing an estimated damage of over \$100,000. In Everett, Cornus Harkin and his wife were caught in their beds and overwhelmed by the flood, while an infant lost its life in Chelsea under similar conditions. In many places along the coast persons were taken from their homes in boats, hundreds of summer cottages were undermined, bulkheads were destroyed, and persons living some distance from the coast found themselves looking over the open ocean. In Everett and Chelsea hundreds of persons were driven from their homes by a flood resulting from the breaking of a dam gate at a place known as The Dike in Chelsea. Just over the Everett line tonight the homeless were housed at friends or cared for by the municipal authorities in the city buildings and churches. A wireless message from Highland Light says an 84-mile gale swept Cape Cod for two hours this afternoon, a velocity which has not been exceeded since 1898. The tide went completely over Main street in Provincetown, flooding the cellars of all the houses on the waterfront and undermining many summer residences.

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These papers advocate: British Connection Honesty in Public Life Measures for the Material Progress and Moral Advancement of our Great Dominion. No Graft No Deals

The Shamrock, Thistle, Rose entwined The Maple Leaf forever.

THE OUTLOOK The closing week of the year 1909 is marked by a general feeling of confidence in Canada that 1910 will be the banner year in the country's history.

That is a very distressing story from Berlin, which tells of the falling out of William and Ferdinand. And yet the Kaiser did not use the royal boot.

THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN It is stated that the Conservatives in England place much reliance on the "silent vote."

THE STORM St. John people are interested in the story of the great storm and tidal wave which did so much damage in Boston and vicinity yesterday.

As an illustration of the extreme of partisan bitterness and mistaken zeal to which some Conservative journals in Canada go in their treatment of the government's naval programme, we quote the following sneering paragraph from the Toronto Mail and Empire.

donor, and traffic was not seriously impeded. This section has therefore been fortunate.

AFTER CHRISTMAS It is evident that Christmas this year found the great majority of the people not only in the mood for giving gifts, but able to carry out their plans.

The Standard approves of the purchase by Canada of British cruisers for training ships.

Many will hear with regret of the death of Frederick Remington, the artist whose pictures of wild west life have made him famous.

It is said that a series of meetings will be held along the route of the St. John Valley Railway to boom that project.

A note should be made of the fact that golf and base ball as well as skating had their devotees in St. John on Christmas Day, 1909.

Social reformers in the United States are quoting the declaration made in Toronto by President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor, that "the time has come when the saloon and the labor movement must be divorced."

The following from the Montreal Herald of Tuesday last is of interest.—"Mr. E. J. Chamberlin, vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Pacific Railway, has just returned from the west, and speaks most hopefully of the progress of the road construction in that part of Canada.

Stores Open till 8 p.m. St. John, Dec. 27th, 1909.

After Christmas Bargains

THAT YOU SHOULD RECKON WITH

The Christmas selling has left us with a lot of broken lines and odds and ends which we have decided to clear out at greatly reduced prices.

MEN'S \$10.00 and \$12.00 OVERCOATS, Sale Price \$7.50 MEN'S REGULAR \$6.00 OVERCOATS, Sale Price \$4.49 MEN'S \$5.00 and \$5.50 REEFERS, Sale Price \$3.98

Boy's Overcoat prices almost cut in two. All Leather Goods such as Dressing Cases, Purses, Pocket-books, etc., LESS 20 PER CENT. Many other lines at greatly reduced prices.

J. N. HARVEY, Tailoring and Clothing 199 to 207 Union St.

Christmas Slippers

For good, solid comfort get him a pair of Slippers for Christmas. He'll remember you long after the Christmas season has past, and bless your thoughtfulness.

Opera Slippers in Kid, Galf and Alligator in a variety of colors. \$1.00, \$1.25 or \$1.75. Romeo, Nullifiers and Cavalier Boots. \$1.35 to \$1.50.

Select his Slippers now, while the choice styles are here. We'll make any exchanges desired after Christmas.

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Don't throw it into the ash barrel but use a Hustler Ash Sifter

It saves the good coal. A child can work it. No dirt, no dust. Turning the crank for a few minutes sifts the day's ashes. It saves its cost many times a year. Fits wood or iron vessels.

Price \$5.50

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This is the store the people are talking about. How can they sell at such remarkably low prices? Come in and see our complete line of Xmas Novelties, Toys, Jewelry, Ladies' and Gents' Neckwear, ornaments of all kinds, Dry Goods, Waists, less than half price. All Xmas goods are sold at half price during this week.

Lockhart & Ritchie Insurance Underwriters and Brokers

114 Prince Wm. Street. St. John, N. B.

For Useful Christmas Gifts, Go to Wetmore, Garden Street

All Kinds of Useful Goods Suitable for Men, Women and Children; Also Big Variety of Fancy Goods.

WITH NATURE

Who loves the solitary morning hour, The moss-grown woodland path, the mystic, of Some forest dell?

Who seeks at noon the willow-bordered stream Whose limpid course 'twixt verdant pasture lands

Who mounts to watch the majesty which girds The hills with magic radiance and the With farewell glow?

Who with a humble mind and faith secure The seeing eye, employs to make his own Earth's beautiful things—

Where the sighing crests of the poplar Imprison the sun's fiery rays. And the feathered flock in their nests be Awake to greet the day.

Where the last pale star in mystic fades, And the eastern heaven's stilly face With wakening smiles of morn.

O, come! O, come! And you shall see A sight thrice fairer far Than moonlight on Arabian lakes Or chateaux of Navarre!

Who with a humble mind and faith secure The seeing eye, employs to make his own Earth's beautiful things— Ah! he hath surely seen of Nature's pure Still-burning fire of Genius—which alone Contentment brings.—Jean Isabel Nesbit.

IN LIGHTER VEIN

SEE. If God had intended us to tell all we see. He wouldn't have given us two eyes and only one tongue.—New York Times. As soon as other people begin to envy you, you're succeeding.

EVERYTHING UP. Tar: "On my last voyage I saw waves one hundred feet high!" Spar: "I've been a sailor forty year, and never seen 'em over forty."

TRYING TO SATISFY HIM. Squamish Guest (as waiter places water before him): "Water, are you sure this is boiled distilled water?"

RING. This difference still lingers "Among women in all lands: The rich ones ring their fingers. And the poor ones writing their hands."

PROOF. He: "You can always tell when a woman has told you all she knows about a piece of neighboring gossip." She: "How?" He: "She concludes with, 'I should be glad to tell you all about it, but my lips are sealed.'"

AN IMITATION. Come Mister Blizzard, since you've got to come; Take all yer big sticks an' beat on yer drum.

WHEN CUPID RETREATS. Polly: "Jack vows he will love me 'till the nut grows cold." Patience: "Him! Wait until after the honeymoon and see if he loves you when the flat grows cold."

SAFE. Bertha: "I'll tell you something in confidence, which you must keep a secret. I'm engaged to Mr. De Riche." Daisy: "All right. I'll see that the report is spread thoroughly."

PERMANENT. There was not even standing room in the 6 o'clock crowded car, but one more passenger, a young woman, wedged her way along just inside the doorway.

SOME FAMILY SKELETONS ARE PADDED BEYOND RECOGNITION. The third time it happened, he said quietly, "Haden, you better stay here!" Uncle Remus—The Home Magazine.

THE BAY OF FUNDY

Solitor Times: Sir:—In regard to what I said about the lightship at the North West ledge of Brier Island. Although I have followed the sea for more than thirty years, yet I have very little influence.

Hot chocolate, unswetened wafers and crystallized prunes form a dainty course for luncheon or supper.

Do Not Delay

Your Christmas Shopping, as so much depends upon getting properly waited on; and that can only be done when we have plenty of time to show you our Very Extensive lines of Holiday Jewelry, Watches, Silver ware, Cut Glass, etc., etc.

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The Safest Investment one Can Make is a

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Get a Howard or Longines and You Have the Best Signet and Shirt Waist Ring are all the rage this Christmas. We have them

Here's a Snap

One Diamond Ring (perfect stone), weight 1, 1-2, 1-32, 1-64 at \$300.00. Who will have it.

A. & J. HAY 76 KING STREET

OBITUARY

Geo. B. Till The death of George Brunswick Till took place Friday morning at his home, 19 Orange street, at 11.30. The deceased was in his 83th year, and was never married.

Bridget McAloon The death occurred yesterday of Bridget McAloon, a respected citizen of North End, in the 84th year of her age.

Wm. C. Reade The death took place last evening at his father's residence, 83 Duke street, West End, of William C. Reade, son of Clinton B. and Estella E. Reade.

James Murray The death occurred in this city on the 9th inst. of James Murray, in the 69th year of his age.

John Stewart A long and busy career was terminated yesterday by the death of John Stewart, a veteran I. C. R. engineer and one of those who received the medal of the imperial service order for long and faithful service.

ICE AS AN EXPLOSIVE. Quarrymen in very cold districts sometimes economize in dynamite by using water instead.

Hot chocolate, unswetened wafers and crystallized prunes form a dainty course for luncheon or supper.

Short skirts are decreed for all occasions except for formal afternoon affairs.

Antique bracelets, set with odd and semi-precious stones, are in great vogue.

Useful Slippers

are given more than ever at Christmas

We have everything you require in Footwear.

Dress Slippers, House Slippers, Felt Shoes, Dr. Jaeger's Woolen Slippers, Dress Boots, Sporting Boots, Overshoes, Gaiters, Leggins, Rubber Boots, Baby Shoes, Moccasins, Dolls' Shoes and Stockings, etc.

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These goods are perfect in every respect, and should prove a great opportunity to everyone desirous of procuring the finest of Irish linens at less than the cost of manufacture.

You must remember there is only a limited quantity, and these are sure to make a speedy clearance at the low prices at which they are marked.

Sale Today and Until All Sold

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## Immense Reductions on Fur Prices

For this week only we have marked the prices on our entire stock of furs at great reductions, and you cannot afford to miss this chance to **Save Dollars on Reliable Furs.**

- \$49.00 for Pony Coats - that were \$55.00
- 52.00 for Muskrat Coats - that were 65.00
- 85.00 for Muskrat Coats - that were 100.00
- 37.50 for Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats " 45.00
- 46.00 for Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats " 60.00
- 60.00 for Ladies' Fur-Lined Coats " 75.00

In addition to these we have many other big bargains in furs of all kinds. (See large ad. page 6.)

## D. Magee's Sons, 63 King St. Manufacturing Furriers

<b>Incandescent Lights Complete</b>	<b>Brass Pendants</b> 1, 2 and 3 Lights	<b>Gas Globes</b> Opal, Fancy Etched and Tinted
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<b>Chimneys</b>		<b>Globe Holders</b>
<b>Burners</b>		<b>Gas Tubing, etc.</b>

**T. McAVITY & SONS, LTD., 13 KING ST.**

### FIRE IN HALIFAX BUSINESS BLOCK

Halifax, Dec. 26.—Fire on Granville street at midnight Christmas night destroyed property valued at \$28,000 and imperilled a large section of the business section of the city. The chief sufferers were M. R. Lane's building and stock of furs and the building and music stock of A. L. & W. W. Gates.

The fire broke out on the third floor of the Lane building, which is devoted to a working room and a stock room for hats, and as the fire was low in the furnace there is no idea what started the blaze. The Gates building is the southern half of the Lane structure, though it is divided by a brick wall.

Wood Bros' dry goods establishment adjoins the Gates property, rising a story above it. The topmost story is of wood and the firemen had much difficulty in saving it from destruction. The night was calm and the supply of water was ample, so that the conflagration, which at one time looked as though it would sweep away the whole block, which includes the new Canadian Bank of Commerce building, was confined to the Gates and Lane buildings.

Kelley & Glasser's wine cellar, which extends under the burned building, and other structures, were filled with water and goods there were considerably damaged.

The loss of \$28,000 on buildings and stock is largely covered by insurance. Gates has only \$2,000 on his music stock, which he estimates to have been worth \$7,000.

In the Gates music store were twenty canaries, which were suffocated. In Lane's a lot of valuable pups perished and a live fox was saved.

### M. E. AGAR AND FINE ORCHESTRA AT E. D. CLUB

Last night's blizzard did not prevent a large audience from attending at the Every Day Club to hear the sacred concert by M. E. Agar, the orchestra, led by Mr. Stokes, played selections from Sangster, Gounod, Bishop, Macagnoli, Barnum and Haydn. There was a flute and clarinet duo, by Messrs. Stokes and Wallace and a violin solo by Walker Pleasant, with orchestral accompaniment.

Mr. Agar expressed his great pleasure at being present, and his warm sympathy with the work of the club. He addressed himself particularly to men, dealing with their obligations as men and as citizens. We expect St. John, he said, to become a great city. As the city grows its care will grow, and there will be the greater need for institutions like the Every Day Club. The speaker pointed out that a man's duty does not relate solely to himself and keeping his own life clean, but he is to have good will to others, and wherever he sees a weak brother yielding to temptation should endeavor to strengthen and encourage him to resist. No young man could afford to enter a saloon. That was a very great danger. There was danger of degradation and ruin. The speaker told of taking the pledge himself in Liverpool when he was fifteen years of age, and he had kept it ever since. At that time Father Nugent was conducting great and successful temperance meetings in Liverpool. Mr. Agar dwelt upon the importance of those who were strong giving sympathy and aid to those who were weak. Passing on he referred to the duty of the citizen and the sacredness of the ballot, and urged every man to exercise his franchise and seem to sell his vote. At the polls each was a juror giving his verdict, and it should be an honest one. Referring to working men he pointed out that every man should do honest work and give full value for his wage, and should pay by something from his earnings for the long years that come. The aim of the young man should be to be sober, honest, industrious, God-fearing, and helpful to his fellows. The speaker said he hoped the Every Day Club would increase in membership and prosper in its work, and he hoped also to have the pleasure of being present on later occasions. He was heartily applauded.

The president on behalf of the club thanked the young men of the orchestra who had come, some of them from the North End in all the storm to assist the club.

## XMAS GIFTS

### Wood Kraft

We have some beautiful hand painted specimens of this art in Jewel Cases, Trinket Trays, Ash trays, etc.

### Shaving Sets

The newest thing in Shaving Sets, Adjustable Mirror, Brush and Mug on a handsome Nickel-plated Stand.

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Seeley's and Palmer's, the American Perfumers, leading odors in Cut Glass Bottles and handsome Leather Cases.

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Is the kind you should buy. We are showing some very handsome and artistic jewelry at the present time, and it will well repay you to call and examine our stock. You will be convinced that such high qualities were never before wedded to such low prices.

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## NAVAL QUESTION FACTOR IN OTTAWA BY-ELECTION

(Ottawa Journal.)

In the approaching election in Ottawa for the Dominion Parliament, the naval question will be in the limelight. This will be due to the candidature of J. A. Ellis on the independent ticket. If only straight party candidates were to be in the field, the naval question would not probably be dominant. So far as announced, the straight party policies on that subject are not divergent. Both parties accepted in last session of parliament the principle of a Canadian naval service. Neither party has departed from that, although the supposition is that some on both sides, and particularly on the Conservative side, would like to see as an emergency measure an immediate presentation to England of a ship or ships or one or more of a navy of our own. And with that the Journal has no quarrel.

Mr. Ellis takes a different position. He condemns and opposes the Canadian navy. We think he is wrong—we think that the election of anybody on that basis would be a British misfortune.

With the initial plea of Mr. Ellis that Canada is not rich enough to undertake a navy of her own, we can hardly quarrel. If Canada is British and desires to remain so, she will desire to contribute fairly now and steadily to the naval defence of the empire, and whatever is fair will not necessarily be one dollar cheaper or one dollar dearer whether we set up a navy or part of a navy of our own, or contribute to a navy or part of a navy of England. The only meaning of such a complaint as large cost—provided the construction of a complete fleet will be that Canada can get off cheaper by not starting a navy. Which strikes us as a shabby case. Furthermore, the money used on a Canadian navy will after a little be all spent in Canada.

Admitting that Canada, while continuing in the British empire has a fair, continuous and permanent duty of participation in the material defence of the empire, including herself, there are two ways in which Canada can co-operate. Giving a Dreadnought and accepting there is neither. The Journal would like to see a Dreadnought—two if you like—given at once, unless Canada is to start at once on the construction of a complete fleet, such as the imperial authorities suggested. But as a matter of Canada's permanent policy in the continuous naval support of the Union Jack the question of a Dreadnought or any momentary step is a mere incident. What Canada should do is to have a navy that is to be a continuous policy. And but two alternatives exist. One, a Canadian navy. The other, a series of contributions to the navy of England. Let us examine the counter propositions as concisely as possible.

A Canadian navy means continuous systematic naval finance. It means the spending of the naval money in our own country. It means the establishment of shipyards and naval training schools in Canada. It means the employment of men in Canada, the purchase to a larger degree than otherwise of materials here. It means the encouragement of other Canadian industries.

The Journal holds that the Canadian people are not inferior to any people in history in self-respect, ability and courage. The Journal knows—at least thinks it does, because expert statisticians have stated so and are not contradicted—that Canada is, per head of its people, the richest country in the world. The Journal believes therefore that this country has the character, the brains and the wealth to do its fair share towards the support of the Union Jack the world over, and to do it without having to rely on Great Britain as a vest nurse. We do not believe that Canadians are looking for any mean or cheap way of escaping their British duty—no, more than duty of their British privilege. And we are convinced that the greatest, the safest—the only safe—imperial future lies in the principle of alliance—not tribute, nor financial complications with each other. We are confident that if only causes of people are minimized, the natural influences of blood, of language, of literature, of laws and institutions will keep the British Empire together to the end of time, Canada in it; that the contention that if Canada should establish a naval force of her own a temptation to separate from the Empire would be provided is the reverse of the truth—that the real danger lies in trying to force the people of Canada and Great Britain into the position of one paying tax to the other.

### THE INGLENOOK PHILOSOPHER of Kennebecasis Bay.

A youth and a young lady lost their lives in the Kennebecasis, but the river flows on just as serenely as if nothing unusual or heart-breaking had occurred. One hears its drowsy murmur at Factory Point and Barlow's Bluff, its prattle about the wharves, and it extends an invitation to everybody along its shores to avail of the ice which it has provided, for skating and driving. Don't accept its invitation; beautiful and innocent as it looks in manner, and safe and solid as the ice looks now, don't go; the river is a traitor and a deceiver, and nothing pleases it better than to see nothing pleased to leave mourning and desolation behind it. Nature is kind to its children, but man has emancipated himself and destroys himself for his family. A moose, a deer, a fox, and many a smaller animal comes down from the woods to the shore of the bay, plunges in and swims to the opposite shore without an effort; but when man attempts the same feat the river laughs and discomfils him, and destroys him for his temerity. The birds, and even the potato bugs, fly over the bay without effort, and Nature provides them with all the amusement, shelter and each food as they require, but man, since his emancipation, has to grub for himself, and he often does so with a back ache and a groan. Some of us remember when in season the native strawberry reddened the hills and the native apple, as large and deliciously flavored as any of the cultivated sorts that are grown now. Nature said to herself when these came into vogue, "Have your own way; if you eat and a deliciously flavored apple, you may grow for yourselves those that suit you better." Nature has been giving man a lesson in the art of living for ages. Once, maybe, he was born with something like a beaver or seal skin jacket on his back. It did not suit him; he cast it aside. Nature said: "Very well! make better."

## The People Are Attending

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- FRUIT DISHES, regular price 30c, reduced to... .15c.
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## FREDERICTON NEWS 1909--XMAS PRESENTS--1909

Fredrickton, Dec. 26.—Pelec Smith, an aged gentleman, who lately returned from Rhode Island, suffered a stroke of paralysis at Long's Hotel yesterday. His condition is reported quite serious.

W. Stewart Benson, who has resigned the position as manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia here to go to Prince Rupert, was yesterday waited upon by a number of friends at Dr. Irvine's dental parlors and presented with a traveling bag. A. R. Shipp, M. P. P., made the presentation in a most speech in which he referred to Mr. Benson's many excellent qualities as a banker and citizen and assured him that the best wishes of all classes would follow him to his new field of labor.

Mr. Benson returned thanks in a feeling speech and also made acknowledgment of the kindly treatment he had received at the hands of the citizens of Fredrickton during his sojourn here. Other speakers included Ald. Hooper, Ald. Kitchen, Ald. Calder, Joseph Walker, Dr. Irvine and R. B. Hanson. Mr. Benson expects to leave for Prince Rupert on the evening of the 28th.

A heavy snow storm accompanied by strong northerly gales has been raging here today.

Teams have been crossing by the ice here for several days.

When roasting meat, add just a few drops of vinegar to the water used for basting to make the meat more tender.

All the blue genes are in high favor.

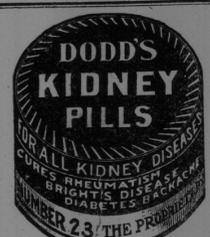
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CREMATION ON THE PACIFIC COAST (Vancouver World.)

There were 2,675 bodies cremated at the several crematories on the Pacific coast during the year 1908, an increase over the previous year of 25 per cent. The state of Washington showed a larger gain toward this method of disposing of the dead than any other in the United States.

It is a good plan to have individual markings for bath towels. The initials may be embroidered in chain stitch.

Elaborate braiding appears on some of the coats of the dressy tailored suits.

BARGAINS FOR XMAS WEEK AT THE 2 BARKERS, LTD.

100 Princess St., 111 Brussels St., 443 Main St. and 248 King St., West.
Best New Apples, 15c. per lb.
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H. J. DICK, 144 Charlotte St.
GEO. F. ALLEN, 59 Waterloo St.
C. O. HUGHES & CO., 190 Brussels St.

NORTH END
GEORGE W. HOBBS, 253 Main St.
T. J. DURICK, 303 Main St.
ROBT. E. COUPE, 587 Main St.
E. J. MAORNEY, 29 Main St.

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WHEN YOU WANT A BIG LOAD OF FIREWOOD try CITY FUEL CO. City Fuel Co. Phone Main 88.

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DYE WORKS
AMERICAN DYE WORKS CO.—New life for your old garments—if there is life in the fabric, we can renew the color to look like new.

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THE NEW DRY GOODS STORE, 1 WATERLOO street. A full line of Dry Goods and Gentlemen's Furnishings.

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LADIES' TAILORING—MRS. FERRAR. Ladies' Tailoring and Dressmaking.

MILLINERY
MISS M. CAMPBELL, in the new millinery parlour in the Royal Block has some lovely pattern hats she is giving at half price for the Christmas trade.

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DR. WILBY, MEDICAL ELECTRICIAN. Specialist in Massage, Electrolysis, and Muscular Diseases.

PRODUCING AND CLEANING
OLD CLOTHES MADE NEW. At Wm. H. S. Myler, 130 King Street, West Side.

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TRY THE NEW RESTAURANT, 154 MILL street. Choice Cheviots, Steaks, etc.

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NEW AND SECOND-HAND SLEIGHS AND FUNGS. Repaired and painted.

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STOVES—NEW AND SECOND HAND. Stoves and Pipe. All work and jobbing promptly attended to.

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ALL kinds of second hand furniture and stoves bought and sold, repairing and refinishing promptly attended to.

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CALL and see our Xmas stock of confectionery and fancy packages. It will pay you.

GROCERIES—NOW IN STOCK, A FULL line of Choice Family Groceries. All new goods. Tea a specialty.

HELP WANTED—FEMALE
WANTED—Two experienced waitresses. Apply Wannamaker's Restaurant, 101 Charlotte street.

WANTED—MALE HELP
WANTED—First class cylinder and job press feeder. Apply Telegraph Job Office.

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TO LET—Self contained house, 63 Hazen street; modern improvements.

TO LET—LARGE ROOM HOUSE
TO LET—Large room house, furnished, with two black fur rugs, in good location.

FOR SALE
FOR SALE—Small, quiet horse, five years old, in good condition.

FOR SALE—CHICKEN FOOD
FOR SALE—Chicken food, 48 Copley street.

FOR SALE—HARD WOOD, SOFT WOOD
FOR SALE—Hard wood, soft wood, and other building materials.

BOARDING
WANTED—A few more boarders at Keith's, 93 Elliott Row.

BUSINESS CHANCES
YOUNG MEN with Small Capital—Good profits await you in sunny, mild climate.

Christmas Flowers
Very choice Roses, Carnations, Narcissus, Violets, Lilies, Hyacinths, Swanonia, etc.

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Twenty-five Ash Pungs for sale, also a number of street Sleighs for Christmas sale.

WANTED—ANY PERSON HAVING A SMALL motor boat for sale or to trade for large, address Motor, care of Times Office.

WANTED
300 of our customers to try a 25c. box of JO-BLO, DYSPEPSIA TABLETS.

SITUATIONS VACANT
WANTED—Teacher for School District No. 14, Parish of Lancaster.

POST CARDS
POST CARDS, Novelties, Local Views and Souvenirs, etc.

LOST
LOST—On Thursday afternoon, between Brussels Street Baptist church and Country Market, the sum of ninety dollars.

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SHIPPING

PORT OF ST. JOHN: Arrived Saturday. Strm Corsican, 7288, (Ganbell, from Liverpool via Halifax, C. P. R. Co., pass and mds.)

DOMINION PORTS: Halifax, Dec 26—Arr, strm Ionian, Glasgow, 25th—Strm Tunisian, St John (and sailed for Liverpool); Voltorno, Rotterdam (and ad for New York).

BRITISH PORTS: Inishnahull, Dec 25—Passed, Strm Manchester Shipper, Halifax and St John, for Manchester.

FOREIGN PORTS: City Island, Dec 25—Bound south, schr Chas G Lister, Two Rivers, for New York.

REPORTS AND DISASTERS: Boston, Dec 22—Schr S J Lindsay, from Rockland, in sunk at Mystic wharf, following a fire which broke out in her cargo.

SAILLINGS TO ST. JOHN: Metville, Port Natal, Nov. 30, 1909, 3000 tons, 1000 passengers.

VESSLS IN PORT: Bonavista, 857, master, Corsican, 7288, C. P. R. Co.

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"The Pine Ridge Feud" "The Governor's Child"
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TONIGHT THE ROBINSON OPERA CO
Presenting THE MIKADO
Tomorrow Night CHIMES OF NORMANDY

PUBLIC NOTICE
The undersigned, having been appointed by the Common Council of the City of St. John a committee of the said Council for conducting the sale of the Fisheries...

CANADIAN NEWS
NOTES OF INTEREST
Bishop Stringer Had to Eat His Moccasins—Record Mail From England

Holiday Fares
INTERCOLONIAL RAILWAY
FOR Christmas and New Year

Christmas and New Year
FIRST CLASS ONE WAY FARE
To stations beyond Montreal.

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NEARLY EVERYBODY READS THE TIMES AND ALL READ WANT ADS.

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B. MONDAY, DECEMBER 27, 1909

Clearing Prices On Ladies' Fur and Fur-Lined Garments

We have had a splendid trade on Ladies' Fur and Fur-Lined Garments, so find on going through our stock we have a number left in broken sizes. These we wish to clear out before the New Year comes in, so we have marked them away below the regular price, and advise keen buyers and those who wish to save dollars to take advantage of this exceptional opportunity to purchase Reliable Furs at a big discount on the regular price.

IF YOU RECEIVED MONEY AS A GIFT, HERE IS A GOOD INVESTMENT

Table with columns: Pony Coats, Muskrat Coats, Russian Lamb Jackets, Fur-Lined Coats. Includes prices like \$49, \$55, \$52, \$65, \$90, \$115, \$60, \$75, \$45, \$75, \$37.50.

Black Broad Cloth Shell, Hampster Lined, Alaska Sable Collar - \$60 regular \$75
Black Broad Cloth Shell, Marmot Lined, Black Martin Collar - \$46 regular 60
Black Broad Cloth Shell, Muskrat Lined, Black Martin Collar - \$64 regular 75
Black Broad Cloth Shell, Koluga Lined, Black Martin Collar - \$37.50 regular 45

In addition to the above mentioned we have marked our other lines at equally big reductions, including Ladies' Seal and Persian Lamb Jackets, Fur Stoles, Ties and Muffs, Men's Fur and Fur-Lined Coats, Fur Collars, Gloves, Caps, etc. For this week only. This sale should not be missed.

D. MAGEE'S SONS, Manufacturing Furriers, 63 King Street

BRONSON AND MATTY BALDWIN GO TWENTY ROUNDS TO A DRAW

A Challenge for Tom Foley—Fitzsimmons is Knocked Out—Baseball, Bowling, Curling and General Sport

New Orleans, La., Dec. 26.—Ray Bronson of Indianapolis and Matty Baldwin of Boston, fought twenty rounds to a draw before the West Side A. C., in McDonoughville this afternoon. The fighting was part of both men. They weighed in at 183 pounds.

The following is from the Halifax Recorder:
Glouce Bay, C. B., Dec. 21. Sporting Editor Recorder:
Dear Sir:—I, Vincent Marks, backer of Jim McInnis, do hereby challenge Tom Foley, of Halifax, on any date suitable to him to box McInnis.

Baseball
George Stallings was sorry to lose Ray Duggan, but in Ayres of Alabama, he believes he has an outfielder who will equal Ty Cobb in base running. In addition, Ayres is a slugger, brilliant fielder and good thrower.

An application has been made at the patent office for a patent on a baseball bat which promises to solve the problem that is bothering the baseball world at the present time by increasing the interest and popularity of the national game. The two principal advantages which are claimed are:

First—That foul balls that now glance off the round bat will take a more perpendicular direction, enabling the catcher to have opportunities to put out the batter which he now lacks, and incidentally avoiding the annoying monotony of watching ball after ball disappear over the grand stand, while the catcher dashes into the boxes or gains the net in the vain effort for an out.

Second—Increasing the chances for a fair ball, and with more precision as to direction and distance. It is evident that a flat surface even of half an inch will offer a much greater degree of certainty to the batter than with the round bat, where one point must meet the ball in order to drive it straight ahead, and, similarly, if the ball strikes above the centre of the bat, the tendency will be to glance upward from a flat surface.

Hockey
Hal, Clawson, who is so badly wanted by the All-St. John hockey club and who was suspended by the M. P. A. & A. for playing with professional ball teams, and George R. Crosby the crack-jack ball player of the Portland Y. M. C. A. have received notification of their reinstatement by the Maritime body.

The Montreal Star says that a real amalgamation movement is on foot among the warring hockey factions.
If successfully carried out it means the formation of one big hockey league. Under what name is not yet decided, but it might possibly be "The National Canadian Hockey Association."

It is said that the proposals to organize this league came out of the two existing organizations.

weather was warm and 12,000 spectators witnessed the fight.

Sport Briefs

Says the Montreal Star: O'Neill, of Halifax, holder of the amateur sculling championship of America, has announced his intention of not attempting to defend his title during the coming season. This, of course, means retirement, and perhaps it is a wise decision, for he cannot win anything higher than the championship he has that already. It is well for an amateur to know when to stop. His only prize is the satisfaction and honor of winning. He can get nothing beyond that, and amateur laurels last longest that have never been nipped by the frost of defeat.

Having walked 12,822 miles around the borders of the United States in two years and 19 days, Start Cronley of Toledo feels well warmed up to the work of seeking the promoters who sped him on his way from Ohio on October 25, 1907, with promises of fame and fortune. Cronley is not 800 feet of the latter, but he does not balk at a job of a few thousand more miles if he can meet his old friends.

Bowling
In a well played and exciting match on Black's alleys on Christmas day, Black's team won from a picked team 1059 to 1263. The following were the teams:

ALLEY TEAM
Olive ..... 92 96 97 286-85
McLellan ..... 87 89 97 273-91
Ratay ..... 81 83 77 241-80
Stanton ..... 83 87 80 250-80
Black ..... 89 83 83 255-85
442 438 456 1356

PICKED TEAM
Cogrove ..... 773 93 102 270-90
Machum ..... 88 82 76 244-81
Kelly ..... 93 82 82 257-80
Law ..... 78 80 83 241-80
407 424 432 1263

F. Nugent won the turkey offered by the management of the Victoria alleys for the highest Xmas score. His total being 331. U. S. Perry was second with 110.

MORNING NEWS OVER THE WIRES
The bodies of Eric Hanson and Miss Terpen Pigg were found in a lodging house in Boston, on Saturday. The room was filled with gas from open jets but the police have not been able to determine whether death was accidental or suicide.

A trolley car jumped a switch and plunged in a lodging house in Boston, yesterday. The motorman and conductor were drowned. The passengers escaped.

Three miners were burned to death in a house near Harrison, (W. Va.) yesterday. Two men believed to have set fire to the building are sought by the police.

ROBINSON COMPANY WARMLY GREETED

Presentation of Mikado and Show Girl—Company Much Improved.

Two bumper audiences greeted the Robinson Opera Co., in the Opera House on Christmas afternoon and evening at the Mikado and the Show Girl. The company has been materially strengthened since its last visit and a number of new faces are seen among the principals and chorus.

In the Mikado at the matinee, the various members of the company showed to excellent advantage. Lucia Nola, as Yum Yum, increased her favor with St. John audiences and Esther Barlow played the part of Katsiela, the jilted lady, admirably. Minna Storm and Marie Priestess, two new principals, were also excellent.

Frank D. Nelson added further laurels to his list of successes in the role of Lord High Everything Else and was given a cordial welcome on his appearance. The same measure was accorded Jack Henderson, the favorite comedian, who played the part of Ko-Ko in his original, happy style. The new tenor, Charles Fulton, is the possessor of an excellent voice and was loudly applauded for his work as Nanki-Puss.

The performance in the evening was also most creditable. In the Show Girl the company landed the comedy, vaudeville and chorus, in fine style and gained the applause of one of the largest audiences seen here for some time. The principal roles were in the hands of those mentioned in connection with the Mikado and the manner in which they were carried out in the part of Lady Betty, on her first appearance here as a principal was favorably received and proved worthy of the reception she was accorded.

Both operas were directed by Frank D. Nelson and the musical parts were under the direction of George R. Priestess. The Mikado will be repeated tonight and should be well attended.

MORNING LOCALS

Rev. G. Thos of Port William, (N. S.) occupied the pulpit of the Ludlow street Baptist church last night.

Rev. M. L. Gregg, B. A., of New Hampshires, occupied the pulpit of the German street Baptist church at both services yesterday. Mr. Gregg is a fluent and forceful speaker.

A communication has been received by the local police asking that a watch be kept for a young man named John Bevington who is wanted in connection with the robbery of £1100 from the Launceston & Yorkshire Bank in Manchester (Eng.) He is supposed to have come to this country.

A circular has been issued by the Nova Scotia police asking for the arrest of a man named Vin. Dineen charged with the death of Mary Hubbard at Yarmouth. It is said that he once resided in this city.

In the absence of Acting Sergeant Finley, who is confined to his home with an attack of grip, Policeman S. Hamm was acting sergeant in the North End police division last night.

In Ludlow street Baptist church yesterday morning John F. Richards presented to the pastor, Rev. W. R. Robinson, on behalf of the congregation a solid leather traveling companion, and to Mrs. Robinson a beautiful gold brooch. In the afternoon R. H. Parsons presented to Mr. Robinson, on behalf of the young ladies Bible class, a handsome oak English chair.

SCHLEY STILL BELIEVES IN DOCTOR COOK

Rear Admiral Calls on Peary to Submit His Poofs

University of Copenhagen Should Pass Upon Them, He Says—Declines to Say Why He Still Has Faith in Cook's Claims

Washington, Dec. 26.—Affirming his complete confidence in Dr. Cook, Rear Admiral W. S. Schley, retired, has called upon Commander Peary to submit his proofs that he reached the North Pole to some scientific body other than the National Geographic Society. This, the admiral declares, should be done at once in the interest of justice, and to establish beyond question the claims of Peary.

The admiral believes that the same body which repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographic Society. The admiral believes that the same body which repudiated Cook's data should be permitted to pass upon the data submitted by Peary to the Geographic Society.

"The Danes are the best body of men in the world on Arctic matters," he said. "The constatory of the University of Copenhagen should be given the opportunity to examine the Peary proofs, for in that way they would be submitted to the same standard that was applied to those of Cook. The constatory, which was regarded by the civilized world as more than justly allowed by its action in turning down the explorer that it holds the scales of justice, as it sees them, evenly and honestly."

Admiral Schley declined to say on what grounds he took exception to the findings of the University of Copenhagen. He merely reaffirmed his belief in the explorer, adding that he believed that Peary, too, had gained the top of the earth.

The admiral has had wide experience in the far north. Members of the National Geographic Society declined to discuss Admiral Schley's suggestion.

Employees of A. E. Hamilton gathered in the office of the mill and Daniel T. Vincent, on behalf of the men read an address, at the conclusion of which George H. Brown, presented to Mr. Hamilton a handsome fur-lined coat.

Mrs. M. C. Hendry, matron of the King's Daughters' Guild, was presented with a pair of fur lined kid gloves and the assistant matron, Miss J. M. Currie, received a silver brooch from the ladies at the guild.

Friends of Policeman Jan. Gosline called at his home on Christmas night and on behalf of those present, Thomas McGovern presented him a handsome gold watch and chain and charm, on which were engraved his initials, and also the emblem of the I. O. F.

On Christmas morning Rev. C. R. Flanders was made the recipient of a purse containing \$155 from officials and members of the congregation of Centenary church.

Dangling jet tassels were used as a finish to some of the dressy shoes.

AMUSEMENTS FOR OURSELVES AND OTHERS

STAR'S NEW BILL TONIGHT.

The Star Theatre in North End broke all records on Christmas Day with the merriest, happiest, best-attended crowd of picture patrons that ever graced its cozy interior. Tonight it will commence the pre-New Year week with a programme of pictures as good as ever has been shown there, the striking feature of which will be Thomas A. Edison's gorgeous dramatic effort called "The Heart of a Clown," with some of the finest vaudeville and circus scenes ever thrown upon a curtain.

Next to this feature par excellence will come a comedy which is brimming with laughing material, labeled "A Lesson in Domestic Economy," followed in rapid succession by another farcical picture act "A Wonderful Magnet," one of Pathé's astounding trick photos, Miss A. L. Newington will sing a late ballad and the Stars' usual bright and breezy musical accompaniments will rule. All this week this theatre is to be supplied with holiday pictures and New Year's Day 1910 will be ushered in right grandly.

TWO SPLENDID ACTS AT THE ORPHEUM THIS WEEK.

Harry Jordan, the sensational trapeze performer, who was engaged for last week and disappointed, arrived in the city this morning, and will occupy a prominent place on the Orpheum bill this week. He will be associated with one of the best comedy sketch teams ever heard in the city, in the persons of Martine & Hardy, a lady and gentleman of pronounced abilities, who occupy a good position on the vaudeville stage.

The usual high standard of picture programme will be maintained during the week. The Orpheum is becoming weekly a more popular place of entertainment. The new management has ideas for radical improvements which will gradually place it on a much higher level.

RECORD CHOWDS AT THE OLD VICTORIA

Never did the popular old Vic. have a more auspiciously successful holiday than last Saturday, when the real skating season formally opened. Both afternoon and evening the big ice surface was crowded with delighted hundreds, who were led in their parties of the new management, for the various changes and improvements made for the betterment of conditions.

The 62nd Band gave the delightful programmes, and the only complaint from skaters was to the effect that the skis seemed so short. Tomorrow evening the skidding and competing skater intends going to the usual connection.

SPEAKING OF TIPS.

(From the Nebraska State Journal)
The light breaks fast on the tip business last month a Chicago jury commissioner held that a habitual receiver of tips is not morally competent for jury service.

Last week Collector Lock, who is making himself famous as a graft limiter, discharges a customs inspector for taking a tip. "Not a man shall remain in this service who accepts a tip from a passenger," says Mr. Lock. Why? Because a tip can mean nothing but pay for a special privilege, either preference of the tip giver over other passengers, or a lenient eye on the dutiable goods in his trunk.

The one involves injustice, the other crime, and both are intolerable in a public servant. But are justice and integrity to be entered only in public service, and is the receiver of a bribe to lose his job while the giver thereof escapes even censure?

HE'S OFFERED TO MAKE CARRIE NATION HIS BRIDE

Hats Off to Slatter, The Bold Virginian Who Would Wed the Bar Smasher

(From the Baltimore Sun)
Let the name of a "Virginian named Slatter" be scratched over the main entrance to the Hall of Fame, between those of Roscoe the Snake Eater and "my friend Carl Akney of Chicago," who choked a lion to death with his bare hands and crushed a leopard's lungs with his bare hands. The Washington correspondents—being busy, no doubt, with their Christmas shopping—have neglected to send out the given name of Mr. Slatter, but regarding his valor they are opinionally eloquent. He is no common hero of the genre variety—no cheap purveyor of ruse, racy houses or rescuer of boat rockers at Sunday school picnics or slayer of senile hippopotami—but a veritable Olympian, heaven-kissing, untrivial, ungraceful, more to the point at once, Mr. Slatter has offered to marry Carrie Nation.

The true quality of this remarkable offer, we fear, will not be apparent at once. On its face, indeed, it appears to be nothing more than an act of reckless bravado—a symptom of an arrogant spirit, more picturesquely than brave. But a careful examination of the nature of human marriage, and particularly of marriage with an elderly widow armed to the teeth, invests it with colossal daring.

Even under circumstances the most favorable the ordinary man turns pale at the altar. Elaborate precautions are taken to divert his mind from the future, but with all that he still trembles. It were not for the fact that his faculties are benumbed by the loud music, the rattling of bangles and artificial palms, and the ecstatic hurrying of the unmarried ladies in the audience, and the further fact that his mistrust is allayed by the appearance of the bride, who is carefully schooled in shrinking gentleness, he would jump out of the window.

But the man who marries Carrie will be met by no such benign deities and anodynes. If there is any music at all it will be the alarming cacophony of fife and snare drums. And Carrie herself will wear no mask of tulle and tulle. Upon her face will be that same stern frown which bartenders see in the silent watches of the night; upon her head will be that same black bonnet which has long breathed such eloquent threats, and in her hand will be the ancient symbol and instrument of her grim calling—her glittering hatchet with its sinister hippurid handle.

Fancy the agitation of the bridegroom when her glance fixes him! Fancy it—and then fall on your face before that Virginian named Slatter. He belongs to the old race of giants. Of such were the men who braved the demons beyond Jehol-al-Tarik and rid the earth of goblins, tyrants and necromancers.

Rev. W. O. Raymond addressed a large gathering at a meeting of Thornie Lodge yesterday afternoon, speaking on the habit of beer drinking in Germany. He commended the efforts of Thornie Lodge and fraternal societies in the interests of temperance.

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CIRCULATION

Table showing circulation figures for the Times for the last eleven months: January 6,716; February 6,978; March 7,165; April 7,189; May 7,003; June 7,029; July 7,028; August 7,022; September 7,029; October 7,018; November 7,063.

The Times does not get its largest sale through newsboys. It is delivered at the homes. That is the kind of circulation which is of value to advertisers.

THIS EVENING

N. W. Brown, at Every Day Club, will discuss government annuities. Moving pictures, Master Charles Packer and other features at the Nickel. Motion pictures and illustrated songs at the Star, North End. Skating at Victoria Rink. Skating at Queen's Rink. Good programme at the Orpheum. Moving pictures and special features at the Gem, Waterloo street. Robinson Opera Co. present "Mikado" in the Opera House. St. Joseph's society will meet in their rooms, St. Malachi's Hall to elect officers.

LOCAL NEWS

The members of the Methodist Sunday school, Fairville, will have their annual Xmas treat on Thursday evening.

British steamship Bonaventure, Captain Cross, arrived in port last Saturday from Port Hood, N. S., with 1100 tons of coal for the City Fuel Co.

The Donaldson line steamer Athenia, which sailed on Christmas morning for Glasgow, via Liverpool, took away 600 head of cattle.

The funeral of John Stewart will be held from his late home, 12 Cannon street, tomorrow at 2.30. Service will be conducted at 2 o'clock.

Tug C. M. Winch, Captain Petrie, arrived in port Saturday from Port Hastings, N. S., via Yarmouth. She is owned by the Dominion Coal Company, and will do their towing in this harbor.

The following additional Christmas subscriptions are gratefully acknowledged by the St. John Protestant Orphan's Home: Miss Ritchie, for Xmas tree, \$12.50; friend, \$2; C. W. Hope Grant, \$20; Alderman Frink, \$10.

The Christmas season and his birthday came together to R. S. Edgcombe, and the Every Day Club orchestra presented to him a token of their regard in the form of a handsome pipe. The presentation was made on their behalf by Mr. Stokes.

The special meeting of the water and sewerage board, which was announced for this afternoon, has been postponed until tomorrow afternoon at 3 o'clock, when F. A. Barbour, C. E., will be heard with reference to his account against the city.

The American schooner Helen Montague, Captain Ingalls, arrived in port on Saturday from Port Wadley, N. S., where she landed creosoted piling from Brunswick, Ga. She has 167,191 feet of pitch pine lumber for Thomas Ball & Co., and is discharging at the Ballast wharf.

The mechanics' lien case of Hamilton vs. Whitcomb was heard before his honor Judge Forbes in county court chambers this morning. A. A. Wilson, K. C., and S. B. Busin, appeared for the plaintiff and G. H. V. Belyea for the defendant. The evidence of Mr. Hamilton was taken this morning and he was under cross-examination when adjournment was made until Jan. 3 at 11 a. m.

N. W. BROWN WILL DISCUSS OLD AGE ANNUITIES TONIGHT

What is the Canadian system of old age annuities? Of what benefit is it to the working man—or to any citizen? What steps are necessary in order to take advantage of it? These and other questions will be fully answered at the Every Day Club, Union street, this evening, by N. W. Brown, government lecturer, who has been going through the province on this mission for months past. Mr. Brown is a very interesting speaker, and all who hear him will gain a clear knowledge of the old age annuities system. The chair will be taken at 8 o'clock. Free will be most. All will be welcome, and ladies are especially invited.

GOSTS McDONALD \$20

Struck Mrs. McLaughlin Who Keeps "Do Drop in" Restaurant

The police received the benefit of the "Xmas rush," and were kept quite busy during the past couple of days. The S. R. O. sign was in evidence this morning on the long bench and several of the prisoners were compelled to seek chairs elsewhere. Most of the charges were for drunkenness, but charges of assault also figured.

James Holmes and William Sheelan were remanded on a charge of drunkenness in Water street.

A fine of \$8 was imposed on the following on similar charges: Thomas Donovan, Joseph Dixon, Thomas Cady, Michael Fitzmaurice, Daniel O'Leary, Michael Donovan, Edward O'Regan, Charles Patterson, Charles Smith, John Connolly, Charles Patey, Leonard Knell and Maud Nixon.

William McDonald pleaded not guilty to assaulting Mary McLaughlin in the "Do Drop in" restaurant on Christmas eve. Mrs. McLaughlin this morning said that the prisoner came into the shop on Friday night and called a man named Riley a "dirty seah." Then he got in a clench with another man and used some vulgar and obscene language. McDonald offered to go outside with Riley and "light it out," but when Riley accepted the challenge the prisoner declined to participate.

Hedley Curry said that he had gone into the restaurant to buy a cigar and hear the defendant using dirty language to Mrs. McLaughlin and saw him strike her in the chest with his fist. McDonald was fined \$20. Mary Rombley, charged with cutting and wounding Joseph Diggs was again remanded this morning.

SANTA CLAUS DISCOVERER OF THE NORTH POLE

Fine Christmas Trees and Display Arranged by A. O. Skinner This Year for His Grandsons—Cook and Peary Both Too Late

A new phase of the north pole discovery controversy is shown at the home of A. O. Skinner, Colburn street, where Santa Claus is depicted as the real discoverer of the "top of the earth."

Every Christmas Mr. Skinner arranges a unique scenic representation, to commemorate the great annual festival for his grandsons—Eric Thomson and Errol Skinner. This year the decorative feature is a huge canvas scene in which Santa Claus is shown "discovering" the pole.

As usual hundreds of tiny electric lamps are used in the display. Together with streamers of snow-white bunting and greenery and great quantities of brilliant glass ornaments in the form of airships, flowers, etc. Across the full width of the spacious drawing room, in the rear, is stretched a canvas enclosed in a frame of white. The painting shows a line of immense icebergs sparkling in the light and on the highest one in the centre is Santa Claus grasping a flagstaff from which floats the Canadian ensign, while he announces "Cook and Peary both too late."

In the foreground, between jagged edges of ice, the water is seen, and at one side three large vessels are frozen in. A sledge drawn by dogs, accompanied by two Eskimos, is shown awaiting Santa Claus' pleasure and two comical dressed snow-bunnies also are there. The painting reflects great credit on the artist, William Nell, of Kingsville.

At the right of the picture two Christmas trees, one marked Eric and the other Errol, are very handsomely trimmed with ornaments, tinsel and popcorn, together with tiny electric lights that flash on and off intermittently.

On the left of the room a temporary fire place is built with a cheery fire burning and Christmas greetings above. From the chandelier in the centre of the room streamers of white bunting edged with greenery, run to the sides and corners of the room, and here again tiny lamps send their glow from glass shades in the form of flowers. By arrangement of switching, certain of the lights on or off, different effects are produced—the cold, dreary moonlight effect of the warm, bright sunlight.

The display is one of the finest of the many fine ones that Mr. Skinner has arranged, and needless to say has been much enjoyed by the little grandsons and their friends, to say nothing of the older folk.

NEARLY TRAGEDY XMAS DAY ON KENNEBECASIS

Ford Dykeman of North End Skates into Air Hole and is Rescued With Difficulty

Ford Dykeman, of 274 Main street, north end, went through the ice on the Kennebecasis while skating on Christmas day and had a narrow escape from drowning. Mr. Dykeman and a friend skated across from Millidgeville to Baywater early in the day and it was about noon, while returning, that the affair happened.

The ice is but fairly strong and there was a large number of air holes and it was into one of those that Mr. Dykeman skated. For some little time he struggled desperately in the icy water, the ice giving away at his every effort to grasp it. His companion did all possible for him but it was not until the timely arrival of Archie Sealey, of Land End, that the benumbed man was taken out of the water, and then only after the hardest kind of work.

The accident was all the more serious as it occurred about two miles from shore. At Trivins' store, in Millidgeville, Mr. Dykeman was cared for, and, while in a much exhausted state, he was made comfortable and was after an time able to make his way home.

MANTLE OF SNOW SPREAD OVER NEW BRUNSWICK

Reports to Mr. Hutchinson Tell of General Sunday Storm—Four Inches Here

St. John got its first real touch of winter yesterday when a snowstorm of fairly generous proportions paid a visit accompanied by high winds that reached a velocity at times, of thirty-six miles an hour. About four inches of snow fell on the level but in some places drifted to a depth of as many feet. The lowest temperature recorded was 12 above the cipher, and the highest was 29 above. The lowest since 9 o'clock last night was 15 above.

Reports received this morning by D. L. Hutchinson, director of the meteorological bureau, indicate that the storm was general all over the province and a mantle of snow is spread over the entire area.

Up to the present the weather has been much milder than last year. The lowest temperature recorded this season is 10 above zero, whereas up to this time last year there was quite a bit of zero weather. The day before Christmas last year saw the thermometer at zero but on Christmas day there was rain. This year Christmas was a bright, mild day and though many regretted the absence of snow, the skaters were pleased to enjoy the sport on the lakes where the ice was excellent.

MR. THORNE TO PRESIDE

W. H. Thorne will preside at the annual Christmas treat to be given in the Seaman's Institute tomorrow evening. Rev. G. M. Campbell will deliver an address and a programme of musical and literary numbers will be provided by local talent. Comfort bags will be distributed to the sailors and they will also be given their presents from two large Christmas trees placed on the platform. All members of the Seaman's Mission Society and contributing to the funds are invited to attend. Owing to the large number likely to attend there will be no room for children.

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Fans in gauze or feather, black and evening tints, each 50c. to \$3.00
Neckwear in lace and chiffon, stock collars, jabots, plastrons, fichus, etc., each 25c. to \$8.00
Empire Scarfs in silk or crepe de chene, black, white or Dresden, each \$1.00 to \$15.00
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