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LOST—On the 15th inst., between St. Peter's church and Steel Street, a gentleman's buckskin glove. Finder will be rewarded by leaving same at the STAR OFFICE.

BLAIN MAN'S SISTER HER OWN DETECTIVE.

Harry Edmunds, of Cincinnati, and John Hoffman, of Bayonne, N. J., were arrested in that city on Thursday, being suspected of robbing a clothing store in East Twenty-second street.

Edmunds is wanted in Cincinnati for the murder of Thomas Hill in a saloon fight a year ago. He escaped at the time, but Hill's sister kept up the search by writing to police authorities throughout the country. Her activity, coupled with remarks made by Hoffman to Chief of Police Magner, resulted in a telegram being sent to Chief Milliken, of Cincinnati, asking that Edmunds be held.

"I have been troubled with insomnia for nearly a week," said the weary-looking man.

"Oh, well, it isn't dangerous," replied the absent-minded doctor. "There's no occasion for you to lose any sleep over a little thing like that."

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EXIT MR. BLAIR.

The statement from Ottawa that Mr. Blair has finally accepted a government office in return for his silence on the Grand Trunk Pacific railway policy will cause no surprise. It has long been believed that this would be the result of his remarkable action last summer.

But to those who have given Mr. Blair their faith as his followers and to those who have respected him as a hard-hitting opponent, this confirmation of the general belief will come as a great disappointment. It marks the disastrous ending of what came very near being a great career.

Mr. Blair's opposition to the government's policy, his resignation of high office on account of his disagreement, and his masterly speech which has been more freely quoted than any made in Canada during recent years, convinced the majority of the people that they had in him a statesman of honor and high principle. The Star at the time hesitated to accept this view, and being inclined to wonder what there was in it for Blair, was reviled as a bitter and narrow-minded journal on that account.

Mr. Blair at that time had the ear and the confidence of Canada to an almost unprecedented degree. Had he persisted in his course; had he fought that bill with the vigor and force with which he first opposed it, he could have defeated that monstrous measure with which the country is now saddled, or at least could have had it radically amended so as to come within the bounds of business sense and at the same time could have placed himself in a firmer position than any public man in Canada.

But when he saw his opportunist friends dropping away from him; when he felt that he would have to fight without the old time help at his back, his courage failed him. Then, it is said, came the emissaries of the government with tempting offers if he would only just keep quiet while they engineered the rest of the deal, and he fell. For weeks he sat dumb while the bill, which he had so strongly condemned, was worked through parliament. Not one amendment did he have to offer to that which he had declared was foolish and criminal. The country, amazed, began to doubt his integrity. Now the doubt is confirmed.

This man could have saved Canada millions of dollars of useless debt; could have exposed the corruption back of this monumental deal and punished the offenders; could have set an example of honor in public life that would have lasted while the country did. Instead, he has degraded Canadian politics, has lost the love of his friends and the respect of his opponents, has dropped from the public life he might have dignified, and left only an unsavory memory and the growing force of a bad example.

But he will get \$50 a day.

THE FAILURE OF THE MACHINE.

The lesson of the North Renfrew election is the ultimate weakness of the machine.

In Gangey's vindication and Stratton's condemnation, in Whitney's triumph and the bitter defeat of Ross, in the probable recapture of Ontario's government from the grasp of the liberals, is matter of much interest to politicians; but the central feature of this memorable contest is its proof of the impotence of machine politics in the face of an aroused and alert electorate.

To the liberal party belongs chiefly the discredit of organizing Canadian politics along so-called "machine" lines. In the old days the routine work of elections was done by the candidates themselves, their friends and devoted adherents of the party who went into the work for the love of it and of the party. Of late years the tendency has been to have all campaign business conducted by a paid organization, created and maintained by the party. Though in the beginning these organizations may not have been corrupt the natural tendency was that they should become so. Being impersonal they could do things an individual would not dare to do, and having under irresponsible control large amounts of money they naturally attracted to themselves those men who are in politics for their pockets' sake and who, knowing the necessity of winning elections for the holding of their jobs, were not particular how they won.

In Ontario especially the machine reached its highest development, and to its perfection in local politics the liberals owe their long tenure of power. The last general election, notably, was won for the Ross government solely by the work of the expert corruptors who manage the machine there and who, by their knowledge of campaign tricks and their unscrupulousness in putting them into execution were able to extract from a minority of the votes cast the election of five or six more liberals than conservatives.

This feat redoubled the confidence of the government in its machine and of the machine in itself. There seemed nothing that it could not do. In other provinces the party strove to develop its organization to the same extent as the sure way of securing and holding power. But now an element not taken into consideration, has entered the field and smashed the whole business.

The machine is not to be blamed for overlooking in its calculations the sense of decency and honesty of the mass of the Canadian people. The electorate, heaven knows, has by its prolonged in-

ference to the methods of professional politicians justified the belief that it would wink at anything. But that sense is there and though the people will view with comparative unconcern a conspiracy far more than their conscience should let them, there is a limit beyond which none may pass.

The machine of the Ross government passed that limit and the machine was smashed. The recent revelations of government corruption in Ontario aroused the latent political honesty of the honest men of that province and Muskoka and North Renfrew fell the result. These defeats are the death knell of the machine as at present constituted. Organized corruption has failed to pass the test and the party which leans upon it will soon have an opportunity in Ontario and all over Canada, to mourn, in opposition, its attempt to rule an honest people by dishonest means.

If the report from Ottawa be true, St. John city is now without a representative and the liberal party in the province is without a leader. In the selection of that leader and that representative there is liable to be some fun—for the other side.

Mr. Blair has stepped down and out of politics, federal and local. Each step has a \$50 bill on it, seven steps to the week—Sun.

A LITTLE WHILE.

(By E. H. Sothers.) A little while, a week, a month, a day, Or bright, or shadowed years, Made glad with love, dear love, or fraught with tears; And we shall learn the secret, find the way To crown our hopes, or justify our fears; For aye—for aye.

A little while, dear love, and you and I Our waning day will close— Then will the spirit whisper where it goes, Its dwelling perished; bid the world good-bye, And vanish—as the perfume of the rose, Or as a sigh.

A little while, a very little while! The days—the days fly fast— Then, portion of the sunlight or the blast, How shall we know with nether word nor smile To tell us, we have met again—and passed— Unseen—the while.

Oh, such a little while, sweetheart, have we To gentle be and kind! Ere we shall blend into the vagrant wind, Shall mingle with the never-sleeping sea. Then, ever-seeking—shall we ever find? I—you—you—me?

—From the January Metropolitan.

JANUARY MAGAZINES.

Lippincott's. Edgar Fawcett's many warm admirers will gladly welcome a new novel from his pen in the New Year's number of Lippincott's Magazine.

The title is "Doreen" in honor of his heroine, a young English girl whose destiny is fixed by chance resemblance which she bears to a girl who has died, lamented by parents and loved—though from far different motives. The plot is woven with infinite skill and covers a wide range of the possible romances, lies a subtle love-interest which works along to a triumphant finish.

The author of "The Woman Who Toils," Marie Van Vorst, contributes a short but masterly tale called "The Lady and the Property." This is a love story in which there is involved an estate and grasping parent as well. Virginia Tatum Peacock's child-story, called "A Little Girl's Kingdom," is sweet and appealing to grown-up hearts.

A truly humorous contribution comes from the pen of John Swain under the title, "A Matrimonial Lottery." In this the "race question" is shown up in an original and very amusing light. George Moore's "Avoyals" are continued this month by a paper discussing the relative characteristics of Loti and Rudyard Kipling. Of the former he says, "His phrases flow like water-courses over the hills of his native land; the latter that 'he knows nothing of the heart, for he can only observe, and the heart cannot be observed.'"

REVIEW OF REVIEWS.

The country's business outlook is a subject of compelling interest at the beginning of the new year. This fact is recognized by the Review of Reviews, which devotes a large part of its January number to a survey of the situation. "The New Year, Prosperity or Depression" is the title of a group of articles in which C. Kirchoff, editor of the Iron Age, treats of "The Outlook of Steel and Iron," R. W. Martin of "The Prospect of Railway Earnings," Charles M. Harger of "Good Crops and Good Times in the West," and F. W. Hawthorne of "The Promise of 1904 for Trade in General."

The same number has an illustrated article on "The Status of the Southwestern Oil Industry" by Day Allen Willey; an account of the long and successful fight waged by science against the Texas cattle fever, by Professor Chas. S. Potts; and the story of English walnut culture in southern California, by Elizabeth A. Ward. The magazine is also unusually strong in its biographical articles; the character sketch of Ellihu Root, the retiring secretary of war, by Walter Wellman, is especially noteworthy, while the career of Fourth Assistant Postmaster-General Bristol, the investigator of the postal frauds, is attractively presented by Clarence H. Matson, and the life and work of the late Herbert Spencer, the great English philosopher, are sketched by Professor F. E. Woodbridge. The threatened war between Japan and Russia claims attention in the editorial department, as does the Panama situation, while the cartoon department ably supplements the editor's paragraphs on current American politics.

AN EYE-WITNESS.

Bessie, six years of age, was having a discussion with her playmate, Harold, who was about five months her senior, as to which was the older.

At last he exclaimed defiantly, "I know I'm the oldest, because my birthday comes first."

But Bessie was not to be outdone. "Oh, I know you came down first," she said, "but I was made first, because I remember watching the angels when they were making you."

LOCAL NEWS.

The heavier company will meet in their usual quarters on January 4th. Andrew Day, the night watchman on the street railway sheds, had one of his thumbs cut off the other night at his home while cutting wood.

The demolition government is building another light ship where the Larcher vessel was constructed. It will soon be completed and will be located at Antigonish.

Theodore H. Estabrooks has issued to wholesalers and retail grocers and commercial travellers an invitation to inspect his new quarters on Wednesday between 2:30 and 5 p. m.

Calvin S. Phipps, who dropped dead on Adelaide street Christmas Day, was buried yesterday at Bellefleur. About thirteen years ago Mrs. Phipps, wife of the deceased, dropped dead in Victoria street Baptist church.

Ira Smith of Hillsboro, who was released from the Provincial Lunatic Asylum some time ago, was brought to the city yesterday and again placed in confinement at the asylum. Yesterday morning Mr. Smith attempted to cut his throat with a razor and succeeded in giving himself a bad gash before he was overpowered.

Charles H. Quinton, who has spent some years at Eureka, California, in charge of a large hotel, is now in St. John, the guest of his brother, W. A. Quinton of Lancaster. Mr. Quinton has been in poor health for some time and now that he has sufficiently recovered to take the long journey to this side of the continent, he has come to endeavor to recuperate more thoroughly at his old home.

WASHERWOMEN HAVE A UNION.

Washerwomen of Missouri Towns Form an Organization and Raise Their Rates.

ST. LOUIS, Mo., Dec. 25.—Washerwomen of Kirkwood, Webster Groves and the neighborhood that lies between have organized a union. They have officers, a walking delegate, rules, requirements and dues. The membership is exclusively colored.

As one result of the organization of the union the scale of wages has been increased from an average of \$1 a day, soap, starch and bluing furnished, to \$1.50 a day, while the hours have been shortened from ten to six.

Washerwomen from the city are not desired as members of the union, and if they invade the territory of the Washerwomen's Union non-union washers are warned away.

The names of the officers are guarded as a secret by working members of the union. But all the residents of the suburbs can testify as to the increase of wages by degrees to \$1.50 a day, where it rules firm, with small supply and heavy buying orders.

That there is a walking delegate is vouched for by W. J. Parker, of Kirkwood, who deposes that his washerwoman was severely reprimanded by said walking delegate for putting the clothes in the tub before nine o'clock in the morning. The offence was not repeated.

Ed Curtis, of Glendale, is a witness as to the truth of the report that washerwomen from the city are not wanted. He says he had a treasured queen of the laundry, and that she quit suddenly, without warning or explanation. He has since learned that she was told that there ought to be enough work for her in St. Louis.

The hours of the washerwomen were formerly from seven o'clock in the morning to six in the evening, with extra pay if the washing is done in the basement and no assistance furnished, and with no waiving of rights to Christmas gifts and old clothes.

RECTOR ATTACKS CHURCH FAIRS.

Maine Clergyman Says Sharp Words about the Competition with Business Men.

AUGUSTA, Me., Dec. 25.—A stir was caused in religious circles by an attack made by the Rev. George F. Degen, rector of St. Mark's Episcopal church, on church fairs and sales.

"As usual at this season of the year," Mr. Degen said, "the papers are full of announcements of gift sales and bazaars of one sort or another, held by the denominational societies, by means of which they hope to take advantage of the Christmas shopping fever, to gain a few dollars for their respective treasuries. In this way they trench upon the rights of business men, who have to pay rent, clerk hire and commercial tax to enable them to do business at all, and who rely upon the extra trade at Christmas to recoup them for their losses during the dull season."

"This may afford one of the much sought for reasons why men do not go to church—because they find the Christian rule of doing as they would be done by. A church that has to pay its running expenses has no excuse for being."

TOOK HIS MEDICINE.

Serap formed an acquaintance with the baker's small daughter, Sophie, not quite so neat and agreeable a young person as she might be supposed to be. He absolutely forbade him to go over to the bakery or invite Sophie to our house. Time and again the attractions across the street proved to great and Serap disobeyed. At last the mandate went forth: Serap was to be whipped if he went again. This was too terrible, so days passed and Serap contented himself with only watching Sophie from the parlor window. At last one afternoon he burst into his mother's room with despair on his small face. "Mamma," he exclaimed, "whip me now, please, hard, quick as you can, for I must go to see Sophie!"

KILLED BY SANTA CLAUS.

BESSEMER, Ala., Dec. 25.—Information has reached here from Cedar Bluff of the killing of John Parsons by F. E. Woodbridge at Christmas tree celebration at a church.

Lockhart, who is a peace officer, was acting as Santa Claus. It is alleged that Parsons became disorderly while the exercises were in progress, and Lockhart ejected him. Later, Parsons attacked Lockhart with a knife. Lockhart drew a pistol and shot Parsons to death.

DEATHS.

FRASER.—At Salamanca, New York, on Sunday, Dec. 27th, in the 30th year of her age, Agnes, the second daughter of William J. Fraser of this city.

Interment at Jamestown, N. Y., on Dec. 28th.

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The Social Whirl!

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Happy gatherings of winter time commence during the Christmas-New Year's week, and several invitation events are already upon the carpet. Prosperity in dress at these functions is becoming a matter of consideration more and more each season, and what a few years ago would be termed stiff conventionalities is now accepted with widespread satisfaction as the correct thing. Read the following lines about our "dress affairs" appeals:

Well-Dressed Men! The Unfinished Worsted Dress Suit, silk lined throughout. A very dresy effect. The Tuxedo Dress Suit—Not so conventional, but still proper. Coats separate. White Kid Gloves, one and two clasps. White Cambric and Black Neckties. White Pique Vests—For dress suits. Full Dress White Shirts. Cuffs attached and unattached. Full Dress Shirt Protectors. Black satin, silk lined. Black Cashmere Socks—Silk embroidered. Spun Silk Socks—Colored embroidery.

Well-Dressed Women! Dresses and Waists, in Wool Voile, Wool Edmore, Silk and Wool Cupelle, Cashmeres, Henriettes, Serges, Glorias, Crepe De Chine, Poplin de Soie, Brocaded Satin and Silks, Duchesse Satin, Silk Voile, Grenadines. Fine Silk Underskirts—in pink, light blue, coffee, pearl grey. Tucked inserted and frilled. Long Silk Gloves and Gausy Fans. Silk Stockings, in white, black; some with embroidered fronts. Lisle Stockings. Dainty Silk Shawls and Feather Boas. Full Lines of Fine Handkerchiefs, in silk and linen.

Jack Frost Every Defied! Overcoat! Walking Skirts \$1.90

These days of snow, sometimes rain, and in a short while slush a Walking Skirt is a necessity. Real good value at the above figure. (Cloak Department).

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A Happy and Prosperous New Year to All.

A. POYAS, Watchmaker and Jeweler, 545 Main St., North End.

HAMM'S LIVERY STABLE 34 Union Street. Telephone 11 HORSES BOARDED—Clean and Warm Stables, best care and attention. DRIVING OUTFITS and COACHES on hand at any hour.

ADVERTISE IN THE STAR.

Up he jumped. "I know," he cried, "they would be—they would be steers."

COURT LOG CABIN OFFICERS.

At a meeting of Court Log Cabin the following officers were elected: J. C. Henderson, C. R. J. E. Arthur, V. C. R. E. W. Paul, R. S. F. W. Jenkins, F. S. J. V. Russell, Treasurer. A. M. Storms, orator. G. F. Weatherhead, S. W. A. Cochrane, J. W. James Weatherall, S. B. W. E. J. B. T. Jenkins and D. Melvin, trustees. C. Klein, A. Cochrane, finance and audit committee. Dr. Melvin, J. V. Russell and Thos. Jenkins, representatives to central committee.

CONCERT AT THE ASYLUM. The regular Christmas concert was held last night at the Provincial Lunatic Asylum, and a most enjoyable affair it was. Every seat in the spacious hall was occupied, among those present being Solicitor General McKeown. Among those who took part in the entertaining programme were Miss Frances Travers, who sang in her usual good style, and Miss DeBury, who also added much to the enjoyment of the occasion. Miss Travers was the accompanist. Messrs. Cairns, Dwyer and E. A. Smith contributed greatly in their respective lines. The declaration of all was that it was the finest musical performance ever given at the institution.

Wm. T. McNeil, formerly of this city but now of Boston, is home visiting his parents on a brief vacation.

DYKEMAN'S

SHOE AND HAT
STANDARD LINE

A Clean Sweep of Ladies' and Children's Jackets.

We are bound to clear out everything in its season. We have just 64 Ladies' Coats left. 37 of these are on one rack, and you may have your choice of the lot for \$3.00. There are some Coats in this lot that were as high as \$12.00. On the other rack there are 27 Coats. They are priced from \$3.00 to \$7.50, and in many instances the prices marked on them now is less than half what they were. There are some splendid Coats with Capes, Coats with Stole fronts, Coats made from Zibilene Cloths, Coats made from Beaver, all sorts of Coats and all sizes. This is a rare opportunity to get a Coat at an exceptionally low price.

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YOU CAN BUY THEM CHEAPER AT ARNOLD'S.

Dolls, all kinds, 1c. to \$2.00 each.
Toys, 5c. to \$1.00 each.
Hundreds of Calendars and Books.
Calendars 5c. to \$1.00 each.
Christmas Cards and Booklets.
Juvenile Picture Books from 1c. to 70c. each.
Fancy Articles in great variety.
Cups and Saucers from 5c. to 50c. ea.
Vases and China Ornaments, 5c. to \$3.00 each.
Gloves, Handkerchiefs and Underwear cheapest.
Stores open every evening until Xmas.

Arnold's Department Store, 11 and 15 Charlotte St.

A SMALL QUANTITY OF Hard Wood, SOUND AND DRY, Only \$1.60 per load DELIVERED. CHEAPEST SOFT COAL IN CITY CASH ONLY.

J.S. FROST, 53 and 55 Smythe Street

THE KLONDIKE Kandy Kitchen

New stock arrived today.
5,000 Lbs. Candy to be sold before New Year.
3 Lbs. Soft Creams for 25c.
Chocolates from 10c. up.

J. & P. SPERDAKES 33 CHARLOTTE STREET. Telephone 1039.

PORT OF ST. JOHN.

Arrived.
Str Florence, 1608, Williams, from London via Halifax, general cargo.
Str Monmouth, 2569, Birchmas, from London, general cargo.
Sch Suse Prescott, 98, Daly, from Boston, ballast.
Schwise—Sch Oronhyatka, Phinney, fro Coastwise—Sch Oronhyatka, Phinney, from Campbell; str Aurora, Ingerson, from Campbell.
Cleared.
Str Tritonia, 2790, Steel, for Glasgow, general cargo and live stock.
Coastwise—Sch Thelma, Apt, for Annapolis.

Fancy China, Dolls, Crockery Silverware.

Xmas Goods arriving daily. Auction sale every night. Come for bargains to the Central Auction Rooms, 14 Charlotte Street.
Walter S. Potts Auctioneer.

LOCAL NEWS.

There will be a band on the Carleton open air rink tonight, and every night this week.

Celebrated Broad Cove coal, \$7.00 per chaldron delivered, at Watters', Walker's wharf. Tel. 612.

The Boston express was thirty minutes late today. Travelling from the United States has fallen off to almost nothing.

Mr. and Mrs. Francis Spittel wish to return thanks to their many friends for their kindness during their sad bereavement.

The North End Rink has opened for the season. Band Tuesday night. Good skating at popular prices. 10 and 15c. Season tickets at Durick's Drug Store, H. H. Belyea, manager.

Between the first and second parts of the Cantata "Under the Palms," at the Carleton Hall tonight, Gershon S. Mayes will sing and Arnold Fox will play a piano solo.

A special meeting of Court La Tour, No. 125, I. O. F., will be held in Foresters' hall on Wednesday, Dec. 30, at 8 o'clock for initiation of new members and other important business of the court.

A rehearsal of the Yeomen of the Guard will be held this evening in the Church of England Institute hall at eight o'clock. All members of the chorus are requested to attend.

We will still give away the large 8x10 photo with every dozen, from \$3.00 per dozen and up until New Year's Day. Studio open all day Christmas and New Year's. ISAAC ERB & SON, Photographers, 13 Charlotte street.

"Johnny" McIntyre, of this city, who is to box Taylor, of St. John, on New Year's Eve, will leave for Sydney tomorrow morning. It is stated that the bout will be pulled off in Glace Bay—Halifax Echo.

Dr. Carter, who has for the past few weeks been acting as American immigration medical inspector at Sand Point, left last evening on return to Ellis Island, N. Y. Dr. Billings, who has been in Washington, returned to St. John yesterday.

Although some of the detained immigrants are being sent forward from Sand Point every day, there are still fifty-two held over. Most of these are undergoing medical treatment, trachoma being the most common affliction.

Some attention should be given by the manager of the Dalley company to the programme, as during the engagement of the Harkins Company it was simply an annoyance, and last night it stated that "Mr. Vachel, a lawyer country," was taken by Harry Dorton and Gilbert Trentum.

A man by the name of William Moore, fifty-five years of age, died yesterday morning at the hospital. Nothing further is known of him, as he was not in a condition to tell much about himself when admitted to the hospital. He has no friends in St. John, and it is not known where he belongs.

M. L. Fernald, of Boston, is spending a few days in the city making a special examination of New Brunswick plants in the Natural History Society's herbarium. He has kindly consented to give an informal talk on the coast plants of the province at eight o'clock tomorrow (Wednesday) evening in the society's rooms. All interested in the subject are cordially invited to attend.

Bread of Golden Eagle Flour Keeps moist and white six days.

HIGHWAY ROBBERY.

Serious Charge Against David Hennessey—Assaulted Ambrose Pelkey and Stole Parcels.

David Hennessey, of Mill street, who has frequently appeared in court on various charges is now in trouble for highway robbery and assault. The incident occurred on Christmas eve and the victim was Ambrose Pelkey.

Pelkey had been doing some shopping and was on his way home with several parcels of candy. He went into Whitaker's restaurant for oysters and Hennessey who was there had just asked for a clam chowder and had been told there were neither clams nor oysters to be had. Hennessey had a pitcher in his hand and asked Pelkey, who was going out, to give him some candy.

On the street Pelkey went one way and Hennessey another. A moment later Hennessey turned and followed Pelkey. The latter tried to avoid him and was struck on the head by the pitcher. He received two bad cuts, was knocked down dazed, and the pitcher was broken. On getting up he saw Hennessey going off with three of the parcels which he had stolen. Pelkey followed but did not catch Hennessey who went to his own house. After washing his head Pelkey reported the matter to the police and later Hennessey was arrested.

The hearing this morning was in the nature of a preliminary examination and was postponed till other witnesses could be secured.

CITY AID WANTED.

Grant of \$1,000 Asked For Victorian Order of Nurses.

This forenoon a committee composed of Mrs. David McLellan, Mrs. John H. Thomson and Mrs. Dever waited on Mayor White and a number of aldermen at the city hall. They wished to ask from the city an annual grant of one thousand dollars towards the support of the Victorian Order of Nurses.

The ladies explained the system under which the work of this order is carried on, how poor persons are attended free of charge and how those who are better off are asked to contribute what they can.

If assistance were granted by the city the order could employ three nurses and undertake night duty in addition to the day work which is now carried on. This would greatly increase the sphere of usefulness of the nurses.

Mayor White and those aldermen who were at city hall, were favorably impressed with the claims put forth by the delegation and the matter will be dealt with by the city council at the meeting the ladies will interview all the other aldermen on the subject.

BAND EACH NIGHT.

The Victoria Rink was the scene of much enjoyment to lovers of ice skating all day yesterday. In the afternoon a large number of ladies and gentlemen were present and the evening crowd was even larger. As the season is now just at its best, and as the ice was never in better condition, the management have decided to have the Vic's band present every evening during the present week. This will include New Year's day, afternoon and evening. On New Year's night there will be an exciting handicap race in which many of last year's record breakers will participate.

January 11th will be the Vic's big night, as the police sports has been fixed for that date. Dan will reign supreme and a big time is promised all who attend.

IMMIGRANTS FIND WORK.

This morning a family of German immigrants, comprising the parents and seven children, the oldest of the latter being nineteen, were sent by Surveyor General Dunn to Dalhousie, where work has been secured for some of them in Hilyard's mill. These people came here on the Lake Manitoba and have been at the West Side since that steamer arrived.

THIS EVENING.

Meeting of N. B. Historical Society, Dalley company at Opera House in the Middleman.
Cantata in Carleton City Hall.

Manifests were received at the Customs House today for the following American goods in transit: Nineteen cases of meats, fourteen cases of lard, four cases of lumber, twenty-seven cases of cattle, two cases of glucose, one car of tallow, one car of lard oil and four cars of corn.

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HELD ON A HOT STOVE.

Swedish Sailor Badly Burned a Shipmate—Case is Now on in Police Court.

Two young men, named Coleman Flaherty and William Fawcett were reported by Officer Sample for fighting on the Vancouver Road on Christmas afternoon. Upon appearing in police court today they were put under arrest. One of the men denied the charge, and the other admitted it. As they are persons who have never been in court before and as the matter was not at all serious, they were allowed to go, after being given some good advice.

The hearing of the charge against Viktor Svensen, a fireman on the steamer Saiermo, for cutting and wounding with a razor Hason Sander, and for assaulting Marvel Neira, was continued this forenoon. The prisoner told that ever since he joined the ship some of the other men have annoyed him by calling names and there was talk of fighting among them. On Saturday a number were ashore drinking and on going back the trouble began. Svensen could not remember what happened.

Several witnesses against the prisoner told that Svensen and Neira got into a fight and Svensen held the other man on a hot stove. Neira was quite badly burned on the leg, side and arm, and is now in the hospital. Sander, who interfered, was attacked by Svensen with a razor and only by chance escaped serious injury. The prisoner was remanded.

HARBOR IMPROVEMENTS.

Matter at a Standstill Awaiting Government's Action.

The special committee on harbor improvements, strengthened by the addition of Mayor White, met at City Hall this morning for further discussion. No heavy business was done, but as yet this information has not been received.

The agreement between the city and the C. P. R. has been repeatedly discussed and is about ready for presentation to the common council whenever a final word is received as to the dredging.

At this morning's meeting Ald. Robinson was appointed to see Col. Tucker, who is supposed to be in the city, for the purpose of having the government take prompt action.

AT PINEY RIDGE.

Theatre patrons who have witnessed the productions of the Dalley Stock Company agree that they are fully the equal of any company ever seen here, and many say the superior. On one point they all agree and that is that the stage settings are far superior to any ever seen here. The management have announced that each piece will have special scenery, and they will keep their word. The play chosen for New Year's is a stirring southern melodrama, At Piney Ridge. It has been one of the greatest successes on the American stage, and dramatically superior to The Fatal Wedding. The piece will give every member of the company a splendid chance to show his or her ability. Hundreds of people were turned away on Christmas Day, as the house had been sold out two days before. Judging by the advance company for New Year's, there will be hundreds turned away again. Those who intend going on that day had better apply for seats at once, so as to avoid disappointment.

MISSIONARY SERVICE.

There will be a joint missionary meeting in the Germain street church on Thursday afternoon at three o'clock, under the auspices of the W. M. A. societies of the Baptist churches of St. John and Fairville, at which an address will be given by Mrs. Dr. Boggs. A tea will be served at the close of the meeting by the ladies of the Germain street church. In the evening at eight o'clock there will be a lecture by Rev. Dr. Boggs, with time light views of Indian scenes. These are very fine, and with Dr. Boggs as interpreter they will be intensely interesting. A treat is in store for those who will attend.

CHRISTMAS SHOPLIFTING.

During the holiday trade merchants were not troubled to any great extent by shoplifters, but some few cases were reported. An evening or two ago a man went into Hall's bookstore and a few minutes later was seen to be stowing away various articles. He was taken aside and compelled to discharge his cargo. In this operation it was found that his pockets were well filled with numerous other pieces of stuff which, from their appearance had evidently been picked up in visits to other stores.

KING EDWARD LODGE OFFICERS.

King Edward Lodge, No. 30, P. A. P. B., held their annual election of officers last evening. The following officers were elected: Wm. Davis, W. M.; S. Carvill, D. M.; E. McLeod, Chap.; I. McLeod, Treas.; Wm. Smith, Fin. Sec.; S. Sewell, R. Sec.; G. Smith, A. Sec.; S. Sweet, D. O. C.; Wm. Price, 1st Lect.; A. Belyea, 2nd Lect.; A. McLeod, 1st Tyler; T. Woodland, O. Tyler; Edwin Thomas, P. M.; F. Lanyon, J. Carson; R. Melvin, P. Lord; A. Nice, P. O. C.; E. McLeod, E. Thomas, F. Clark, Fin. Audit Com.

COUNTY COURT.

In the county court chambers this morning, the examination of Eldridge G. D. Pidgeon, of Sussex, for the disclosure of the actual state of his affairs was commenced. F. E. L. Tuffa, of this city are the judgment creditors, the amount of their claim being \$150. The examination was adjourned to Saturday, January 2nd. G. H. V. Belyea appeared for Eldridge G. D. Pidgeon, and E. T. G. Knowles for the Messrs. Tuffa.

MAYER WON.

In the article referring to the arithmetic contest at the Currie Business University, published in Star of 24th inst., it was stated that Marcus took the gold prize. This was an error, as Rubin Mayer was the winner.

PERSONALS.

Miss Eteldie Tuffa, of St. John, left on last evening's train for New York, where she will study nursing.

Miss Lou Robbins, who has been spending the holidays at her home in St. John, returned to Fredericton yesterday.

Rev. Mr. Grunland and Mrs. Grunland of Calgary are in the city visiting Mrs. Grunland's mother, Mrs. Job Shenton.

Rev. A. B. Cohen, pastor of Brussels street Baptist church, left last evening for Montreal, where he will be married today to Miss Bailey, an Ontario lady. The ceremony will be performed by Rev. Dr. Gilmour, of Olive Baptist church.

Mrs. Clinton A. Killiam will receive on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons and evenings at 138 Carmarthen street.

Geo. A. Henderson, clerk of the police court, is confined to his home through illness.

Mrs. E. F. Maine and daughter, of Dorchester, Mass., are home on a visit to her mother, Mrs. Cunard, Paradise row.

Miss Hart, of St. John, is in Moncton, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Irving.

Miss Maude Delay, of Moncton, has returned home after visiting friends at St. John, Bangor and Boston.—Transcript.

Word reached the city this morning of the serious illness of Rev. T. C. McGoldrick, of Dorchester, Mass. Rev. Mr. McGoldrick is a brother of Deputy Mayor McGoldrick.

James Lannen is seriously ill at his home.

Mrs. H. H. James and daughter are spending a few days with friends in Annapolis.

Rogers Pepper of Mt. Allison University and his brother Arthur H., of St. John, N. B., crossed by Stanley on Wednesday and went west to spend Xmas holidays with their parents at Maddock.—Charlottetown Guardian.

Ernest Whitehouse and John London, gunners in No. 1 Co. R. C. A., will take a short course in artillery at Quebec, commencing the first of January.

ANOTHER KICK.

To the Editor of the St. John Star: Dear Sir,—This morning, between 7 and 9 o'clock, was fully as frosty, if not more so, than any day this winter, and hundreds of working people who were forced to walk from various parts of the city to their labors will have to use to remember the chilly snap through such momentous as frost-bitten ears and cheeks, flagrant tardiness and aching limbs. To be brief, the street cars did not make their appearance until considerable after 8 o'clock, just too late for the 8 o'clock working crowd, and by long odds too far behindhand for the men, women and children forced to duty before that hour.

Just why the service was suspended nobody seems to know, and it is doubtful if any more satisfactory information on the matter will be forthcoming than there was when the whole of the business community was cast into gloom by poor lighting service during the heat of the Christmas rush. But whether the cause of the hang-up becomes public knowledge or not, Fairville folks, including 16 or 18 ladies, have vivid recollections of their patient wait in the Douglas avenue "refrigerator," and their two-mile walk to the foot of Portland. They suffered intensely from the cold, as did numerous people living in distant sections of the town, most of whom hail from the Indian town district.

The St. John Railway Co. cannot be blamed for the cold weather, but they are certainly open to criticism with regard to the mechanical arrangements or disarrangements, whereby the waiting, dependent public is greatly inconvenienced. Are there to be subjected to these electrical "flukes" any cold or disagreeable day? If so the old-time "busmen may bring forth their Noah's Ark again, and the people wont see by shivering, but some few cases were reported. An evening or two ago a man went into Hall's bookstore and a few minutes later was seen to be stowing away various articles. He was taken aside and compelled to discharge his cargo. In this operation it was found that his pockets were well filled with numerous other pieces of stuff which, from their appearance had evidently been picked up in visits to other stores.

ONE WHO WALKED TODAY.

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SAFETY BOARD.

At the meeting of the safety board yesterday it was decided that no damage should be given Mrs. G. Brown and Mrs. Wm. Oram for injury to their houses in the Murray & Gregory fire. Steamship and railway companies will be notified to look after stranded cattlemen.

LEASES OF LOTS ON THE WEST SIDE.

Leases of lots on the West Side were given to Mary Jane Wilson, J. A. King, and R. W. Carstairs, by the City Council. It was reported that no tenders had been received for the lot Landers house. It was decided to recommend that a new fire alarm bell be bought for the North End.

DATE-WETMORE.

Yesterday afternoon the wedding of Miss Laura M. Wetmore, only daughter of A. B. Wetmore, dry goods merchant, and Percy M. Daye, of the wholesale staff of Manchester, Robertson, Allison Ltd., took place at 5:15 o'clock in St. John's (stone) church. Only the immediate relatives of the contracting parties were present. The bride was unattended and wore a traveling suit of grey with old rose hat and mink stole. They left by the C. P. R. for a short tour of the leading American cities, and on their return will reside at 175 Duke street for the winter.

A NOTABLE REFORM.

In anticipation of future trouble when the crusade against cigarette smoking reaches St. John, quite a number of small boys are giving up the habit. Five or six who formerly smoked many cigarettes were seen on the street yesterday without them and declared that they had stopped for good. They were all smoking pipes, which they sold were equally satisfying, but rather too strong at the start.

PROBATE COURT.

Before Judge Trueman, in the probate court this morning, the passing of the accounts of the estate of the late John Simpson was continued. Stewart Fairweather appeared for the executors, A. F. Barnhill for David W. Simpson, Sr., and J. H. A. L. Fairweather for David W. Simpson, Jr.

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