

TONIGHT'S ATTRACTIONS.

Dalley Stock Company at the Opera House, in "Tess of the Urbervilles." Hyde vaudeville show at York Theatre. Induction of Rev. A. A. Graham to pastorate of St. David's church.

Local News.

Court Log Cabin, I. O. F., will meet tonight in Foresters' Hall, Charlotte street, for election of officers.

Old-time watchnight meeting tomorrow evening in Exmouth street Methodist church, opening at 10.30 o'clock. Everybody invited. Offering will be made for Supernumerary Ministers' Fund.

A children's entertainment will be held in the Charlotte street Salvation Army barracks, on Monday, Jan. 3rd, at 8 p. m. A very interesting programme has been arranged. A Christmas tree will be a feature.

Last evening in the Victoria rink a young lady from the north end, while skating, had the misfortune to fall and severely wrench her right arm. At first it was thought the member was broken, but such was luckily not the case.

In connection with the exercises at Exmouth St., church Sunday morning, the annual "Covenant Service" will be conducted, and in the evening the Lord's Supper will be administered. The pastor will preach on each occasion. Strangers and all will be made welcome.

At a surprise party held last night at the home of S. Wilson, corner Waterloo and Brindley streets, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, on behalf of the members of the Tabernacle church, presented Miss Margie Wilson with a purse containing \$25, as an expression of their appreciation of her valuable services as organist of the church.

MONCTON HAS \$10,000 FIRE.

And the Merchants Cannot Get New Premises on Main Street.

A bad fire broke out at Moncton shortly before 8 o'clock last night and raged for four hours destroying \$10,000 worth of property in the business centre of the city. It started from the explosion of a lamp in the rear of Brook Peter's music store in the two story wooden building owned by C. A. Steeves near the corner of Westmorland street. The building was occupied on the first floor by B. C. Peters, music store; George Young, dry goods, and Strathcona Coal Co., offices, and the second floor by C. A. Steeves, law office; A. D. Wilband, residence. The structure was totally destroyed, and the flames spread with such rapidity that very little of the contents of the building was saved. The W. C. T. U. hall adjoining was also badly gutted. J. W. Whitehead, tailor and Frank L. Thompson, jeweler, occupied shops in W. C. T. U. building, but both got their stock out with little damage. The heaviest loss by far is C. A. Steeves, owner of the building where the fire started. The building was worth \$4,000, insured for \$1,500 in Canadian fire. The other losers were only about half insured. Moncton, Dec. 30.—(Special)—One of the worst fires of last night's fire is the inability of the merchants burned out to find shops to resume business. Messrs Younger, Peters, Thompson and Whitehead, are all unable to find stores. Main street buildings being fully occupied. Mr. Steeves intends repairing the building at once, but it is so badly gutted that it will be at least a month or more before any shops are ready for occupation. The heaviest losers are Steeves, three or four thousand, building and stock; Peters, about \$800, stock; and Wilband, \$300 on furniture. Other losses are covered by insurance. The total loss is about ten thousand dollars.

FIRE DAMAGED CALAIS SHOE STORE.

It Was Owned by H. B. McAllister of St. Stephen.

St. Stephen, Dec. 30.—(Special)—Murchie & Lowe's Shoe store, Calais was badly damaged by fire last night. The store was owned by H. B. McAllister of St. Stephen. The cause of the fire is unknown. The stock was nearly a total loss. Insurance on building and stock will cover the loss.

POLICE COURT.

Three prisoners graced the bench at the police court this morning. James Lockhart, charged with drunkenness, was fined \$4 or ten days hard labor. James O'Neil, who resides on the Marsh Road, was found by officer Hamlin, lying on Adelaide street yesterday afternoon. Blood was flowing from his nostrils and his face was severely bruised where he had come violently in contact with the ice. The patrolman procured a team and drove the wounded man to the North end police station. The officer then hastened to Dr. Christie's office but the physician was not to be found. As there was no sign of abatement of the bleeding an officer decided upon heroic treatment. He filled a bucket with water, loosened the young man's clothing and poured the water down his back. The bleeding ceased and he was placed in one of the cells. O'Neil was in court this morning, charged with drunkenness and was fined \$4 or ten days' hard labor.

THAT STRAY LETTER

Belongs to the Woman's Auxiliary of Christ Church, St. Stephen.

The Times a few days ago stated that a letter addressed to "St. Stephen's church, Fredericton, Quebec, Canada," and written from "The Olives, Foo Chow, China," telling of a remittance and of a blind girl whose photo was enclosed, had been brought to this office in the hope of learning its real destination. This morning the Times received a letter from Rev. Canon Newnam of St. Stephen, in which he says:—"No doubt the letter referred to is intended for the Woman's Auxiliary of the M. S. C. A., of this parish, Christ Church, St. Stephen. Some few months ago our auxiliary sent \$20 to the address mentioned in the letter in the support of a blind girl in that institution, and this letter is evidently an acknowledgement of that contribution." The letter and photograph will be at once forwarded to Rev. Canon Newnam. The letter came from Quebec to this city and was sent to St. Stephen's Presbyterian church, and a member of that church brought it to the Times.

A RUSSIAN FINN

Is Going Home to Bring His Bride to Canada---Likes this Country.

There arrived in the city yesterday two Russian Finlanders named Jacob Maki and Cati Natialia. They are from Fort William where for the past two years and a half they have been employed in the C. P. R. car-penter shops. They are registered at the Grand Union. Jacob Maki is on a very pleasant mission. In conversation with a Times reporter this morning he stated that he belonged to Helsingford, Finland, and since coming to Canada has been located at Fort William. The object of his visit to his old home is for the purpose of taking out himself for better or for worse a little blue-eyed girl, who when he left his native home pledged herself to be faithful. Now he is going back to have that pledge redeemed. Maki, in reply to the inquiry of what he thought of Canada said:—"It is all right. I am not going home for good, but will return with my wife next summer. I like Fort William and western points which I have visited. A man has no opportunity for promotion or advancement in Finland. The Russians are tyrannical and keep the Finlanders under a pall of subserviency. I would not go back there to live, under any consideration. I have done fairly well financially in my adopted home and will return and live in Canada. Many others of my race also intend locating in this country." Natialia was not such a willing conversationalist. He, however, was satisfied with Canada, and said that he was going home merely on a visit to his old folks. He also intends returning next summer, and while in Finland will speak a good word for Canada, and her great advantages. The two gentlemen will sail on the Ionian.

COUNTRY MARKET.

A Good Supply For the New Year's Dinner---The Prices.

The country market is well supplied with produce for the New Year's trade. There is an abundance of good beef, the price of which is reasonable. Turkeys also are plentiful, and can be secured in all sizes. Chickens, geese and ducks are scarce, but there may be more of these tomorrow.

Now that the roads are in good condition the farmers will probably take advantage of it, and bring in the produce they have been holding back.

The retail prices this morning were as follows:—Turkeys, 22 to 24 cents a lb.; ducks \$1.50 to \$2 a pr.; chickens, 50c to \$1.50; fowl, 50c to \$1; geese, \$1.40 to \$1.75 each; black ducks, \$1.25 pr. whistlers, 90c.; quail, \$1; brant, \$1.50; wild geese, \$1 to \$1.50 each; teal, 80c. to 90c.; moose 20c. lb.; venison, 16c. to 18c.; western beef, 18c. lb. for choice cuts; lamb and mutton, 7c to 14c.; pork, 12c.; dried beef, 20c.; corned beef, 10c.; hams and bacon, 16c. to 18c. In vegetables there is a good variety at all prices, carrots, beets and parsnips 30c. pk.; potatoes, 20c. to 25c.; cabbage, 6c. to 15c. each; squash, 5c. lb.; celery 12c.; lettuce, 6c.; parsley, 5c.; tomatoes, 30c. lb. canners, 20c. each; mushrooms, 48 cents can. Butter in tubs, 18c. to 20c.; roll do. 20c. to 23c.; case eggs, 20c. to 23; henry do., 35c.

A GOOD PERFORMANCE.

The Dalley Stock Company presented "Tess of the D'Urbervilles" at the Opera House last evening. The play is by far the best this company has yet played in St. John.

Miss Helen Ray, as Tess, was exceedingly good, and although she did not altogether look the part, her conception of it entitles her to the highest praise. Charles Booth, gave a careful rendering of the part of Angel Clare, although a little cutting in depth of feeling at times. Chas. Barringer, was seen to great advantage in the character of Alex. D'Urberville. The part offers many opportunities for emotional work and Mr. Barringer embraced them all. Richard Tabor was good as Abraham D'Urberville, as was George Robinson as John D'Urberville.

Miss Carr, Miss Hartley, Miss Blake, and Miss Gleason gave adequate support. The scenery, which was painted by the company's artist, was handsome, especially the representation of Druidical stones at Stonehenge.

Tess of the D'Urbervilles will be played for the remainder of the week.

PROVINCIAL ACCOUNTS

Hon. Dr. Pugsley Says There Is a Genuine Surplus of Over \$5,000.

In another portion of this issue will be found a statement of the provincial accounts for the past year. The Telegraph in commenting on the report claims that the showing is the most favorable in many years, and that a balance of \$5,000 is shown.

The Sun says:—"The financial statement for the provincial fiscal year ending with October last shows an apparent deficit of \$3,804. That is to say a deposit of \$10,000 has been made with the receiver general, and \$2,901 was carried over from the previous year, while a deposit of \$4,000 has been repaid, and a balance of \$5,097 remains on hand. Until the house meets there is no way of knowing how many bills remain unpaid, or have been met with drafts that were not taken into the year's account."

Thus it will be seen that the two papers are widely different in their comments.

A Times reporter called on Hon. Dr. Pugsley this morning in reference to the conflicting statements. Dr. Pugsley replied, that the Telegraph's statement of over \$5,000 surplus was quite correct, and he furthermore said, that if the bonds of the Baker Brook property, amounting to \$5,500, had been issued, as the legislature authorized, there would be a surplus of over \$10,000. This property is at present leased by the government to Donald Fraser & Sons.

A QUIET ELECTION.

It is Believed a Very Small Vote Will Be Polled Today.

Except for the fact that the saloons are closed, and that small knots of men and sleighs are standing around the polling booths, one would scarcely know that an election was being held in St. John today. Outside of the workers in the various wards, very little interest is being taken in the election, and the indications are that not much more than half of those qualified will vote. The general opinion seems to be that Mr. Lowell will have no trouble in carrying the county, but there seems to be considerable doubt as to the result in the city. Some few bets were made this morning of two to one on Maxwell.

Owing to the fact that the ballots at this election are inclosed in envelopes it will probably be later than usual when the returns are made known, as it will take a longer time to count them.

A second edition of the Times will be issued as soon as the returns can be obtained, which it is expected will be about 5.30 or 6 o'clock this afternoon.

AN INDUCTION SERVICE.

Rev. A. E. Wicher the new pastor of St. Stephen's Presbyterian church was inducted last night in the presence of a large congregation.

The following ministers were present: Rev. A. H. Foster, clerk of the St. John Presbytery; Rev. Dr. Fotheringham, Rev. H. R. Reid, the new pastor of the Carleton Presbyterian church, Rev. J. W. A. Nicholson, Rev. David Lang, Rev. James Ross and Rev. Dr. Fraser, the former pastor. Dr. Fraser opened the service with prayer, and Rev. A. H. Foster spoke of the steps taken to secure a new pastor. Rev. Dr. Fotheringham addressed the new minister after which Rev. Mr. Reid addressed the congregation.

At the close of the service members of the congregation were presented to their new pastor, after which all adjourned to the school room where refreshments were served and the remainder of the evening was spent in a social way.

There is a real treat in store for St. John people on Jan. 16th and 17th, in the Congregational church, when Major G. H. Schoof will tell of his experiences on the ranches of the western states, and with the mounted police in South Africa. The Truro News, says:—"There was not a dull moment during his whole address, and there were many expressions of favor at the close." Major Schoof also has a large number of curios, quite out of the ordinary, and well worth seeing.

PERSONAL INTELLIGENCE.

E. E. Coleman, business manager of the Sydney Printing Co., at Sydney, is spending a few days at his home in St. John.

John McLeod and bride, who spent Christmas week in this city at the residence of Beverly Vincent, Millidgeville Avenue, left on the noon train yesterday for their home in Sackville. They were on their bridal trip.

Rev. Dr. W. O. Raymond is progressing well after his severe illness, and expects to be able to attend divine service Sunday next, though not to officiate.

W. E. Skilton, of St. Martins, is at the Royal.

F. L. Jones, of Ottawa, chief preventive officer, is at the Royal.

W. E. Mallory and J. L. Mallory, of St. Andrews, are registered at the Dufferin.

Prof. Murray Macneil and bride arrived from Halifax yesterday and registered at the Royal.

Thos. J. Gallagher, of Moncton, is at the Royal.

Miss Nellie McInerney, daughter of G. V. McInerney, left yesterday for Moncton to spend some days, the guest of Miss Susie Sutton.

Principal Palmer, of Mount Allison Academy, Sackville, passed through today from Fredericton where he has been spending a few days.

CHRISTMAS PARTIES.

Santa Claus Made Many Youngsters Happy Last Evening.

The annual Christmas festival was enjoyed by the boys of the Wiggins' Orphan Asylum last night. Among those present were G. S. Smith, president of the institution, Col. Markham, Dr. Bridges, Miss F. Smith, Capt. Taylor and Miss Taylor.

A number of boys recited, and Dr. Bridges, Mr. Smith, and Col. Markham, delivered addresses.

A large Christmas tree was in the alcove at the end of the lobby, and G. S. Smith distributed the presents to the boys.

The annual Christmas entertainment for the Sunday school was held in the Trinity school house last night. A programme of music and recitations was carried out. The entertainment closed with the distribution of presents from the Christmas tree.

There was a large gathering in St. Andrew's church school room last evening. It was the annual Christmas treat, and an excellent programme was carried out.

A Christmas party, for the poor of the parish, was held in St. John's Church school house, last evening. About 100 sat down to supper, including a party of little ones from the Protestant Orphan Asylum. Proceedings closed with Santa Claus distributing the presents from a large Christmas tree.

A Christmas entertainment was held in St. Luke's church school room last evening, consisting of solos, recitations, choruses, and tableaux. One of the happy features of the entertainment was the appearance of Santa Claus who distributed confections and fruit to the scholars.

In the Salvation Army barracks, Mill St., last evening, a Christmas concert was held. A large tree had been placed on the platform, and at the conclusion of the programme its gift-laden branches were lightened, much to the satisfaction of the children present.

OBITUARY.

Miss Jane McGarrigle.

Miss Jane McGarrigle died suddenly last evening at the residence of her niece, Mrs. Finley, Brussels street. She had been out walking with another niece during the afternoon, but about 8.30 o'clock she took a weak turn and within an hour she was dead. Dr. E. J. Broderick had been summoned, but his efforts could not avail. Miss McGarrigle was 63 years of age, daughter of the late John and Bridget McGarrigle. A sister is Mrs. Henry Duffell, of this city. The funeral will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2.30 o'clock, from the residence of Frank J. Downey, No. 97 Brussels street.

Daniel S. Quinlan.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Quinlan, of Carleton, are again called on to mourn the death of a son, their boy Daniel S., having died yesterday in his eleventh year, after a short illness. Only a short time ago another son died. There will be much sympathy for Mr. and Mrs. Quinlan in their bereavement.

Add Obit.—Daniel S. Quinlan. The funeral took place today from his father's residence at 2.30 o'clock to Sand Cove cemetery.

Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoney.

The death of Mrs. Elizabeth O'Mahoney, widow of ex-Alderman O'Mahoney, occurred yesterday at the home of her niece, Miss Moriarty, 45 Douglas avenue. One brother, John Ferriter, of this city, survives.

SHOULD BE REMEDIED.

The conditions at Sand Point are about the same as last reported, in regard to the amount of rubbish allowed to be left on the wharves there.

In addition to this refuse, the wharves at some places are completely blocked up with large casks and barrels that should be placed in the warehouses, as it is almost impossible under the present condition of affairs for one to move along the wharves at all. Got long ago these men were injured by falling over this rubbish in the dark, and unless something is done in regard to the matter, more accidents will certainly follow.

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